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SERVING OUR LORD AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVICES AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPT. 12, 2021 TO MAY, 2022

10:30 AM

Bulletins and Service also available on-line at hopetatamy.org and you can search Hope Lutheran Church on Facebook

OFFICE HOURS: SECRETARY

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DOLICH:

On Sunday September 19, 2021, I preached on greatness, goodness, wanting to be number one and ultimately, surrender. God tells us to surrender our lives to Him. This is no small task. All our plans, every desire we feel, each entitlement that once seemed our right—everything is put aside in order to make way for our King’s will. But perhaps you have wondered why God can ask this of us.

The Lord has every right to demand that we give Him our all. First, Scripture teaches us that He is sovereign—the King and Ruler over the entire universe. As a result, we are under His authority, whether we choose to submit or not. Next, through His death and resurrection, Jesus saved us from our sin and its consequences. Therefore, we are indebted to Him more than we could ever repay. And finally, He sustains us; we should consider each breath and heartbeat a gift from Him.

Undoubtedly, God is entitled to ask that we yield our life to Him. At the same time, surrender is in our best interest. The Father promises that following Him leads to hope and an established future. [Psalm 31:19](#) states, “How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You . . .” So, while He is the Almighty One with all authority to demand our life, He promises to care for us and to do what will benefit us most.

Are you willing to put yourself aside in order to follow Jesus? His way is best, and it offers hope, joy, and peace. We will not always like everything He chooses at the moment, but He promises to work all things for good. Will you trust God enough to hand the reins over to Him?

In Christ,
Pastor



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, October 31st	Reformation Sunday
Sunday, November 7th	All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 21st	Christ the King / Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 28th	Advent 1
Sunday, December 19th	Choir's Cantata
Friday, December 24th	Christmas Eve Services 6:00 p.m. – Family Service 8:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 26th	Lessons & Carols

WE REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WELCOMED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM:

Emilia Rae Davis

Daughter of Jessica (Frace) and Sean Davis

Born: 05/06/2021

Baptized: 07/17/2021

Eloise Quinn Woodring

Daughter of Kellie (Meyers) and Jeremiah Woodring

Born: 07/07/2021

Baptized: 08/29/2021

Grant William Schardt

Son of Rebekah (Smith) and Casey Schardt

Born: 12/24/2020

Baptized: 08/15/2021

Ace Monroe Johnson

Son of Shannon (Werkheiser) Wilson and Christopher Johnson

Born: 01/21/2020

Baptized: 10/03/2021

GRADUATION

Omitted from the last Anchor – Blaise Wagner graduated from  Northampton High School in June with a 4.0 GPA. He will be attending Stephens Institute of Technology

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations go out to Matthew and Kama Mengel on their marriage on September 25, 2021.

“Love is Patient, love is kind....love never fails”

Corinthians 13:4-13





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2021

VBS was a great success! Twenty-eight children participated – it was a good group of children, and we had a wonderful volunteer staff. A huge thank you to all who volunteered their time before, during and after the event.

During the week the children learned how:

- Jesus' power helps us do hard things
- Jesus' power gives us hope
- Jesus' power helps us be bold
- Jesus' power lets us live forever
- Jesus' power helps us be good friends

We collected \$238 for Operation Kid to Kid. This donation goes toward providing alpacas for families in need in Ecuador. Alpacas help in the garden, provides warm clothes, and is a critical source of income.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT, MARISSA REED

Sunday School classes are in full swing! Come join us for fun lessons and activities connecting us to the heart of God! We meet each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the downstairs Sunday School rooms. All children ages 3 to 18 are welcome to attend.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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GREG DRENNAN, PRES.	2021
JULIE KNOWLES	2021
ALEXIS WARREN	2021
TINA KRUG, SEC.	2022
DARREL MENGEL	2022
DAVE MEREDITH	2022
BILL KEIFER, VICE PRES.	2023
BRENDA KNOWLES	2023
RICHARD PETERSON	2023
TIM WARREN	2023

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- A new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was installed in September and is located in the Social Hall. A training will be held for those interested in learning to operate it.
- The next street clean-up will be held on November 7th (weather permitting).
- Three Educational Grant applications were submitted and awarded to Trent Cressman, Zoe Mendonis and Andrew Warren.
- Quotes are being looked at to get the church's steeple cleaned and painted (the birds really seem to like the steeple 😊)
- Council is in the process of restarting various committees after a year long break due to COVID. Please consider joining one of the committees listed on the bulletin board.
- The Nominating Committee will be looking for four new council members. Council positions are a three-year term with meetings once a month on the 2nd Sunday after church services. If you have an interest in joining council, please see any council member.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

- Every first Saturday of the month Hope Lutheran Church needs volunteers to pick up food donations at Wegmans and deliver them to **Save Harbor in Easton**. Please see the sign-up sheet on bulletin board to see available dates in 2022. We do, however, need someone for this December.
- Prayers are an important ministry. If you know of someone who should be added to the **prayer list**, please let Pastor or Diane know. Typically, names are put on the list for one month, although sometimes there is a need for them to stay on the list for a longer time, just let us know.
- Please consider signing up to be a **Lector** on Sundays
- Reminder, we are still collecting canned and non-perishable items for the **Nazareth Area Food Bank**.

There is a box under the coat rack in the Narthex to place the items.

- If interested in purchasing **Giant Gift Cards**, see Stan Smith. The church receives 5% of the face value on gift card purchases. The gift cards come in \$100, \$50, \$25 or \$20.
- **Altar flower and bulletin dedications** are available – please consider signing up as an act of remembrance or celebration for someone you love.
- Don't forget to sign-up and sponsor donuts for **Donut Sunday's** on the first Sunday of the month.



The **Christmas Angel Tree** this year benefits the children of the Nazareth Area Food Bank (NAFB) clients. NAFB is asking for Target Gift Cards in the amounts of \$25 or \$15. Look for the tree mid-October. Gift cards are due to Diane by Dec 5th.

WELCA will be doing the “**Samaritan’s Purse**” – **Operation Christmas Child**. Shoe boxes will be available in October in the Narthex and are due back by October 31st.



MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

All birthdays and anniversaries are found in the weekly bulletins, the monthly calendars on the table in the narthex, and on the church's website at hopetatamy.org.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

June Smith	10/04	Carol Sprague	10/16
Dorothy Todora	10/08	Lauren Woolley	10/17
Kevin Correll	10/09	Suzanne Peterson	10/20
Gloria Riegel	10/09	Renee' Von Steuben	10/23
Susan Uelses	10/09	John Mendonis	10/26
Mike Riedinger	10/10	Tim Warren	10/27
Diane Haupt	10/14	Lisa Baur	10/29
Sherry Mengel	10/15	Joanne Werkheiser	10/30
Ronald Lugg	10/16		

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Norma Dutt	11/01	Matthew Mengel	11/14
Michael Reilly	11/01	Greg Drennan	11/15
Scott Baur	11/03	Ronette Mendonis	11/15
Dylan Houck	11/05	Kimberly Organetti	11/15
Pearson Uelses	11/06	Kathryn Raub	11/17
Gloria Kachline	11/07	Marissa Reed	11/17
Adam Vough	11/08	Leonard Nangel	11/23
Sara Vough	11/08	Josh Cressman	11/24
Virginia Siegfried	11/12	David Mengel	11/30
Dave Gleason	11/14	Emersyn Woodring	11/30

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ed Bandics	12/01	Kim Riffert	12/15
Earl Wagner	12/05	Linda Zellner	12/22
Thomas Riedy	12/07	Phyllis Engler	12/23
Brian Wade	12/07	William Dewey	12/29
Lily Mengel	12/08	Daniel Dewey	12/30
Patty Hager	12/11		



OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher & Kim Riffert	10/03	David & Sally Mengel	10/22
Ed & Janet Bandics	10/04	Robert & Sherry Meyers	10/22
Karen & Barry Woolley	10/11	William & Joanne Keifer	10/23
Tim & Alexis Warren	10/17	Cindy & Michael Reilly	10/26
Amy & Justin Ford	10/19	Clarence & Gloria Riegel	11/13
Kellie & Jeremiah Woodring	10/22	Kristen & Jarrett Wallace	12/16

We apologize if we missed a birthday or anniversary – please contact the office with any changes or additions. Thank you.

GIFTING QUALIFIED ASSETS TO HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 nearly doubled the federal tax standard deduction. As a result, almost 90% of those paying federal income tax now take the standard deduction as opposed to itemizing deductions. For most, that means one can no longer deduct giving to Hope Lutheran and other charitable organizations. For example, in the past, for every \$1,000 a member gave to our church (assuming a 25% federal tax bracket) he/she would reduce their taxes by \$250. That's \$250 back in your pocket! While the congregation continues to give, the change

in the federal tax law has resulted in givers losing the tax break. Due to the changes in the federal tax laws, those required to withdraw from their IRA's/401k's, etc. might consider making a change in how they contribute to Hope Lutheran – particularly those age 72 and above. (As of January 1, 2020, the triggering age for having to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) was raised from 70½ to 72). Here's how that change would affect eligible members.

Directing your IRA custodian to send a portion of your withdrawal directly to Hope Lutheran serves the following purpose. While your withdrawal is taxable, the amount contributed to the church is considered a tax deduction. In other words, the tax paid on a \$1,000 withdrawal (again assuming a 25% tax bracket) would be \$250. If the contribution was deposited directly from the IRA into the church's account you would receive a tax deduction of \$250, in effect putting \$250 back in your pocket. Now the question becomes, what would you like to do with the additional tax savings? Well, one might consider gifting it to Hope Lutheran. While gifting should come from the heart and not because of tax considerations, God would want us to be good stewards of our gifts, and this is one way to accomplish that. Just a thought, but one worth considering. It is always a good idea to check with your financial advisor before implementing any new plan.

Submitted by Richard Peterson

JOYFUL NOISES

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Martin Luther once wrote: “Next to the Word of God, the noble Art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It seeps into our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits.

We think of Martin Luther as a great reformer, Bible translator, political leader, and theologian, but he was also a trained musician. As a youngster, he learned the recorder (flute),

and sang in a boys' choir. As an adult, and priest, he was determined to bring German music to the German church. He worked with other musicians to create new music, thus creating hymns for the congregation to sing in their own language.

Luther's most famous hymn is based upon Psalm 46. "Ein' feste Burg is unser Gott" – A Mighty Fortress Is our God." In difficult and dangerous times, Luther would often sing this hymn. He was keenly aware of our daily human intense struggles with Satan.

This year, as we honor the tradition of singing "A Mighty Fortress" on Reformation Sunday, I encourage you to really look at, and study the words. They are as appropriate for us today as they were for Martin in 1529.

4th Verse: last lines

"Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also -
the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever!"

Sing on!

Submitted by Lenna Harris



NOTE: If anyone has information that you would like to see in the next Anchor, which will come out in January, please submit it to Diane in the office. Thank you.

Hope Lutheran Church Member Information Request

If you have not filled this out yet, please complete the following and return your responses to the office. Information needs to be updated in our Power Church computer program. Thank you for your time and patience.

Member Name (#1) _____

Name (#2) (i.e., spouse, etc.) Also note if member or non-member

Please check one:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Married	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single
<input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Widow / Widower
<input type="checkbox"/>	Separated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Member (#1) Email _____

Name (#2) Email _____

Current Address (Include Street, City, State, Zip)

Telephone Nos. (Please note if landline, cellphone, etc.)

Name (#1) _____

Name (#2) _____

Name (#1) & Birthdate (Include Year) _____

Name (#2) & Birthdate (Include Year) _____

Date of Marriage (Include Year) _____

List children (living with you) and their date of birth (including year)

