

THE ANCHOR

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SUMMER IS HERE!

We've been waiting for summer to arrive, and as the month of June ends, we're finally getting a feel for what summer can be like here on Long Island.

We've shifted our worship schedule for the summer months, with two Sunday morning services starting at 8:30 and 10:30, with an adult discussion group at 9:30 between services featuring a DVD program: "A Man Named Martin" led by Pastor Hill.

We also launched our Friday Family Movie Night with a crowd of 40+ children and adults out back behind the church. It was a late start because of sunset time, but a great night for chasing fireflies and eating watermelon and tortilla chips with salsa from New Mexico.

STAY CLOSE

Enjoy your vacations, but stay close to the Lord and worship often this summer.



SUMMER WEEKDAYS

Although we focus on Sundays during the summer months, here at Hope the weekdays are becoming more important as well. This summer we are experimenting with a 6-week series of camps and programs for children starting on Monday, July 16th.

Registrations are coming in daily via the enrollment form on our Church's website, and many of them are from "newcomers" to our church's ministries. Find the form at www.hopeluth.com.

Preparing for the Fall

We are preparing to send out enrollment forms for our fall programs for children and teens. Please return them as soon as you are able so we can make plans and staff properly.





MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULE

- **Friday, July 13** Moana
- **Friday, July 27**
The Polar Express
- **Friday, August 10**
Star Wars

After our first Movie Night we've been thinking about things we can do to enhance the fun of the event. For example, we may try setting up a charcoal grill and invite families to bring along items to grill and start out a little later with special activities for children and adults.

Watch the **Anchor Lines** and our **Anchor Notes** e-letter details.

Watch Sunday Worship on Facebook

On Sundays we are streaming our worship services on Facebook to all who are signed up for the "Friends of Hope Lutheran Church" group or "friends" of Pastor Hill.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION SUNDAY JULY 1ST

"Ministry with families with young children" is the topic for conversation this Sunday when people gather at 4:30 p.m. at the church. We invite all members, younger and older, to take their place at the table for the beginning of this important conversation.

We're aware of the fact that this is the start of a big vacation week for many families, so we are starting out the conversation now, expecting that as summer goes along the conversation will include more people.

Like many other things we are doing at Hope, this is an experimental approach to engaging a larger number of people in the shaping of our ministry here in the Middle Country Lutheran parish. We realize that it is a change from the past to invite greater numbers of people in this type of process, but we believe that the Spirit of God is working among all of us and we want to open up new avenues for thinking and planning for our church's future.

We will provide a simple meal for children in the nursery school room (which is air-conditioned) and a simple meal for adults in All Saints' Hall (with fans running overhead.)

Please sign up on Sunday morning for this afternoon event if you plan to attend.

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