

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

We encourage everyone to consider using “automatic giving” options when choosing how to offer their financial support of Hope. Our website has a “Share God’s Mission” tab that can be used for one-time or ongoing donations using personal bank accounts or Paypal. Others prefer to use the online bill-paying option their banks provide for free. Regular, generous financial support helps us to carry our God’s work consistently. Please consider using such an option for giving.

LIVESTREAMING SERVICES UPDATE

It’s more than a year now since we started livestreaming our worship services, and we are pleased with the “worship attendance” we see on Facebook. We cannot tell who is joining us online, and there has been no noticeable effect on the online giving totals, but we are grateful for those who do join us from afar. We also see many using the “sermon option” we provide.

We would still like to have a person or team who would manage the livestreaming app during our services so people can get a more varied view of what is happening. If you have an interest in learning how to do this or already know how to do it, your help will be appreciated. Please speak with Pastor Hill if you can help in some way. If you wish to watch the services online, you need to belong to Facebook and send a “friend request” to Pastor Hill. By doing this, you will get the notice that we are “going live.”

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WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAYS AT 5 P.M. RESUME SEPTEMBER 7TH

SUNDAYS AT 8, 9:30 AND 11 A.M. THROUGH JUNE 9

SUMMER SERVICES THROUGH LABOR DAY AT 8:30 AND 10:30 A.M.

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MOVING AHEAD INTO THE SUMMER

This year’s Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, May 19, with nearly 60 members attending. We reviewed the Pastor’s Report, approved a budget beginning July 1, and elected five new council members: Melissa Itara, Michael Johnson, Tom Reeve, Sue Soper, and Andy Steck. Phil Millwater was elected to serve a full term as well.

One of the main focal points for the coming year as Hope will be the task of building community. We have a diverse congregation that is divided also by the fact that we worship at four separate times during the non-summer months. A special effort is needed to improve our communications and develop deeper relationships among our members. We will be working on this as part of a special Stewardship emphasis this fall.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

Because our Parish Secretary Barbara Nugent is retiring on June 30th, we are reviewing the work of the Parish Secretary. We would like to hire someone who could be trained in June, before she leaves her post. Computer skills are required, of course, and the church office hours are on Monday-Thursday, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Resume’s for this part-time position can be submitted to Carol Bottstein.

OUR NEW BISHOP

On May 17th, our Synod Assembly elected Pastor Paul Egensteiner to serve as the bishop of the Metro NY Synod for a six-year term. He is now serving as the pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville, NY. He is a graduate of Wagner College and the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He formerly served Immanuel Lutheran Church in Staten Island.

Bishop Egensteiner will assume his office this August and will be installed at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine on November 18th.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Earlier this year we voted to accept an intern who will serve for a whole year beginning this fall. Internship in a local congregation is a requirement for every person preparing to become an ordained pastor in the church. See the “*Vision of Hope*” article on page two for more details.

One of the benefits of having an intern this year is that it will give us a year to work on building up our membership and stewardship so we can be in a better situation when we attempt to call a pastor to serve as an Associate Pastor who could enable us to have a more positive transition when our current pastor retires from active ministry.

This intern is not a “candidate” for such a role, but having an intern will give us a better idea of what another pastor can bring to our ministry.



VISION OF HOPE A NEW VICAR

One of the important parts of the process of preparing people to serve as pastors in the church is having them serve a full year working in a parish as a vicar. Over the past 30 years Hope has been blessed by having four interns, all of whom became pastors.

This September we will welcome another vicar, Eric Faret, who has completed two years of study at our United Lutheran Seminary. A member of Ascension Lutheran Church, Vicar Eric lives in Deer Park with his wife Lisa. He retired after 35 years working for Nabisco and responded to God's call to prepare to serve as a pastor. He brings a level of experience in sales management that will be helpful in carrying out our mission here, but he will be involved in the full gamut of activities that are part of the everyday work of a pastor: leading worship services and preaching, teaching children, youth, and adults, and visiting the homebound, the sick and the hospitalized as well.

Vicars are not ordained ministers. They are simply

"pastors-in-training," so they do not consecrate at the altar or perform weddings. They can assist or even lead funeral services., and they attend meetings.

Eric is a trained Stephen Leader, so he will serve on our Stephen Ministry Leadership Team, and he will provide pastoral care and support as needed.

We are forming a Support Team that will meet each month to review his work and provide some feedback as part of his learning process. If you have a special interest in serving on this, please share that with our Council President, Carol Bottstein or Pastor.

Interns receive a stipend from the congregation, so we will be asking members to give to the Internship Fund beginning in June.

His internship begins on September 1, and we will have an induction ceremony as part of the 9:30 a.m. service on our "Welcome Sunday," September 8th. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins this very important part of his learning process.

A LIVELY SUMMER AHEAD

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 25th—Last Saturday Evening

**June 16th—Summer Worship Schedule
8:30 & 10:30 am**

May 25th will be the last Saturday evening service until after Labor Day weekend, and on Father's Day Sunday, June 16 we will begin our summer worship services schedule with two services each Sunday, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The three service schedule resumes on "Welcome Back Sunday," September 8th.

HOPE'S LIBRARY

Hope's library has been redesigned — everyone is welcome to borrow books from it. There are areas for Novels/Biographies, Evangelism, Grief & Comfort, Caring, Bible Studies, Bible Commentaries & Research, Children's books and parenting resources. Please feel free to borrow and share them with others.

SPRING FAIR JUNE 15TH

Plans are coming along well for this year's Spring Fair. There will be a variety of vendors, fun activities for children, entertainment, and food.

Volunteers are needed, so if you can serve for a couple of hours, please send email to Melissa Itara: jazmomma05@aol.com.

FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

This summer we will again host four Outdoor Family Movie Nights beginning in July. Watch for more information and sign up sheets.

A survey is underway to determine which movies we should show. Refreshments will be available.

We will be spraying the church grounds to control mosquitoes.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Kids really matter to us at Hope, and one way we want to show that is by offering for the first time, six weeks of children's activities beginning in July.

Camp Hope will be held from July 15-August 9. VBS will be the following week (half days), or VBS Plus (full day) and Drama Camp will be held August 19-23. The six camp weeks will run from 9 am to 3 pm.

Brochures and registration forms are available at the church

CAMP HOPE

All children 3 years old to 5th Grade are invited to attend a summer day camp, the weeks of July 1, July 23, July 30 and August 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July 15—19 "God's Galaxy!"

July 22—26 "Under the Sea"

July 29—August 2 "Wild Safari"

August 5—9 "Superheroes of Faith"



The children will be participating in various activities including arts and crafts, sports, music, Bible stories and games. All activities will be age appropriate and are planned so all have fun.

Vacation Bible School Miraculous Mission August 12-16

All children 3 years old to 5th Grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School, held during the week of **August 12-16th** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Vacation Bible School Plus** will be from 9 am to 3 pm with fun time in afternoon. The children will be led on an exciting adventure of how God saved the world through his Son, Jesus Christ. God created our vast, amazing universe and loves each of us with a vast, amazing love.

The week will include story telling, singing, snack, fun games and crafts.

DRAMA CAMP SPEND AWHILE ON THE NILE August 19—23

All children 4 years old to 5th Grade are invited to attend a summer Drama Camp, the week of **August 19-23rd** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The children will be rehearsing the *play, Spend Awhile on the Nile*, The Mighty Ancient Hero Cruise telling Bible Stories of Joseph, Moses, Abraham. Children will go on a cruise of the Nile learning the stories of God's ancient superheroes.

The week will include story telling, singing, acting, dancing, set and costume designing, snack, lunch, fun games and crafts. All the activities are geared towards teaching the children how much fun it can be to put on a musical drama. Mornings will focus on rehearsal time with the afternoons having some fun time such as water balloons, sprinklers, swimming, etc. Lunch will be provided.