

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

(July 17-24, 2022)

SUN	9 & 10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
MON-FRIDAY	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Camp Hope Session three
MON	7:00 p.m.	No Handbells—Beginners
WED		
THU	10:00 a.m.	No Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	One in the Word
SUN	9 & 10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR LIVES BIRTHDAYS

(S) Lori Bilinski, Elizabeth Gray, (M) John Dalrymple Jr., (W) Natalie DeNicola, (TH) Lawrence Harrington, Percival Rurup, (F) Erica Sattler

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

How can we further develop our ministry with children at Hope? Plans are underway for a very important workshop where parents will gather together to share their hopes and ideas for helping children grow spiritually.

We will come together to "think out of the box" about new and exciting ways we can share with children the good news of God's love while having fun with them, and we will start putting the pieces together to make new programs come about.

We're entering into uncharted territory, and we will seek develop new, fresh ways to express our faith in Jesus with our children and children of the community. Watch for details.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

I think we can all make a difference in everything we do but especially with THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS. Just having a Thrivent product enables you to designate the Choice Dollars you receive to an organization of your choice or...YOUR CHURCH. Your donation can be the difference there. If you haven't designated your Choice Dollars yet, Dee will be happy to show you how and you will be on your way to making a difference right away. Or contact Thrivent at 800-236-3736 for additional help.

ANCHOR NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, July 30th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. we will be hosting a family fun day for all of the Hope campers and their families. Then from 12:00 -2:00 p.m. Anchor will be holding an open house for potential students. If you know anyone with 3-4 year old's please spread the word.

OUR 2022-23 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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ANCHOR LINES

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO JOIN US TODAY

The season after Pentecost is a time when Christians focus on growing spiritually in their relationship with Christ. This summer Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians is the basis for Pastor Hill's preaching. Join us each week.

WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated every week at Hope. When we receive the sacrament, we receive the body and blood of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine.

We encourage every baptized believer to take part in this holy sacrament. When you come forward to receive, we ask each person to take one of individual cups to be filled by the pouring chalice or take a pre-filled cup with grape juice. If you want to receive a gluten-free wafer simply request one from the minister.

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Pastor Hill continues a series of messages on the theme, "The Gospel of Grace" based on lessons from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Special booklets are available with the lessons printed out for the entire series. You can obtain one from an usher.

We invite everyone to join us in exploring the powerful message of the apostle focusing on how God's grace sets all people free.

WELCOMING STATEMENT

Hope Lutheran Church is a diverse community of believers in Jesus Christ committed to reaching out to all people who seek to find God.

We welcome everyone without regard to their age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, language, national origin, political affiliation, mental, emotional, or physical challenges, learning or developmental differences, economic status, or personal history.

GALATIANS
THE GOSPEL OF GRACE



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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

"Freedom for What?"

"Freedom" is a word that the Apostle Paul uses in today's lesson from Galatians chapter 5. It is also a word we hear often in public discourse in America in a totally different context, so it is very helpful for us to explain what we mean when we are using the term.

First century Jews who became followers of Jesus experienced freedom as liberation from the strict requirements of the Law of Moses, a way of life that controlled virtually every aspect of their everyday lives and separated them from relationships with people who were not descendants of Abraham and Sarah. The freedom they experienced through faith in Jesus made it possible for them to live in harmony with the will of God and in community with others, including Gentiles.

For Gentiles who became followers of Jesus, the gift of freedom changed their whole outlook on life and set them free from the "works of the flesh," fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, bursts of rage, selfish ambition, factiousness, divisions, moods of envy, drunkenness, wild partying, and the like. Through their baptism they were now able to live as children of God, empowered by the indwelling Spirit of God and bearing the "fruit of the Spirit," a life of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

In simple terms, in Christ, both Jews and Gentiles alike were set free to live their lives as God intended them to live, in harmony with God, God's creation, and their neighbors.

That same freedom is God's gift to us as well today. We've been set free to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. What a gift God has given!

EXPLORE OUR LUTHERAN ROOTS

Beginning in September we will have an opportunity to explore our Lutheran heritage and discover what makes Martin Luther's message revolutionary today!



Justified by faith. We are accustomed to this theology today, but when Martin Luther shared his belief in this concept during the 16th century, it was anything but typical—it sparked the Reformation. Author Rob Fuquay says that although "justified by faith" is not a new idea. Luther's message is as revolutionary today as ever.

In *A New Reformation*, Fuquay helps you take a close look into the life of Martin Luther and teaches you how to embrace the spirit of the reformation in our church and in your life today.

Beginning the week of September 18, we will have study groups for members and new members of Hope to explore this theme. His book and the DVD (with segments filmed in Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Wittenberg, Erfurt, Eisleben, Worms, and Mainz), will provide us with a resource for at least a six-week group study.

This course of study is perfect for Christians at all stages of their spiritual journey. Plan now to take part in this exciting exploration of the life and work of the Reformer and its effects our lives and our world today!

LOOKING AHEAD WITH HOPE

CAMP HOPE SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAY

On **Saturday, July 30** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m Hope's Outreach Team will be hosting a special event for the Camp Hope children and their families, camp counselors, and all others who wish to enjoy food, fellowship, and fun together here at the church. We will have games, arts and crafts, races, and contests, and parents will be invited to take part in a conversation about how our church can expand ministry among families with children. The rain date for this event is the next day, Sunday, July 31 (12-4 p.m.) Watch for more details.

"SUMMER OF LOVE" PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING RETURNS TO HOPE

NYWC Professional Wrestling is coming back to Hope. On **Saturday, August 6th**, join us for our second annual Hope wrestling event. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. bell time is at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25, front row are \$30, please contact Donna Haller for tickets. A Concession Stand will be operated by Hope teens for fundraising to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2024.

ENROLL NOW FOR OUR FALL PROGRAMS

- ◆ **REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR ANCHOR NURSERY SCHOOL** for this fall's 5-day and 3-day a week programs. Monthly tuition for 5 days is \$425 and for 3 days is \$300. A \$75 registration fee and a \$75 activities fee are required for enrollment (both fees are non-refundable).
- ◆ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** For children ages 3-11 for Sunday School during the 9 a.m. service.
- ◆ **KIDS' CLUB** for children ages 4-11 on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ **TEEN MINISTRY** for teens 6th grade and older, a 3-year program on two Saturdays a month from 3-6 p.m. Each session includes a meal and a special teen communion service. (Family members are invited to worship with the teens, of course)

HOBBS FARMSTAND— Hobbs farm in Centereach generously donates their extra fresh vegetables to our food pantry every week. They have a farm stand that is open every Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 178 Oxhead Rd. If you get a chance stop by and get your fresh, organic vegetables, and support our local businesses.

THIS WEEK'S FOOD PANTRY NEEDS—Spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese and canned fruit.

