

PASTOR'S CORNER CONFIRMATION DAY

One of the most important days for any Christian is the day they participate in the Rite of Affirmation of Holy Baptism, the day we call **"Confirmation Day."** At Hope this day marks the end of a very special three-year long process of spiritual formation that we provide for our young people beginning in 6th grade. Each year we have 18-20 **Teen Ministry** learning events that teach them about some of the most basic parts of the Christian life. They get a chance to hear about what we believe, read the Bible, share their personal faith, and pray together, and over the years they grow, not just physically, but spiritually with the support of the pastor and a dedicated team of adult leaders.

Roman Catholics consider Confirmation as one of the seven sacraments of the Church, but Lutherans see it as an extension of one of the two sacraments practiced by Lutherans, the sacrament of Holy Baptism. In both traditions, however, it is a very important event because it is not simply an end of something, but also the beginning of a continuing process of growth as maturing disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At Hope there is a special significance to the rite of confirmation in that we use this as an opportunity to invite the confirmands to take on greater responsibility as members of the congregation by serving, for example, as Assisting Ministers, members of our ministry teams, Sunday School teachers and Summer program counselors. Some are also asked to serve as members of the Congregation Council.

We encourage parents to support these confirmands, and we encourage all members to pray for them and invite them to take an active part in the life and mission we share.

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN HOPE'S PRAYER CHAINS

At Hope we have two very active prayer chains that support people in times of special need. The **Telephone Prayer Chain** is overseen by **Kathy Browning** (631-928-5608) and **Carol Mauro** (631-205-0158). The **Internet Prayer Chain** is overseen by the Pastoral Care Team by **Sue Soper** and our **Deacon Dee Hecker**. **Send your prayer requests to them at prayers@hopeluth.com.** Please include a phone number so someone from the Pastoral Care Team can contact you for more details and information for follow-up on requests when deemed appropriate to do so.

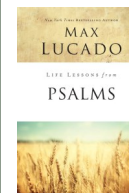
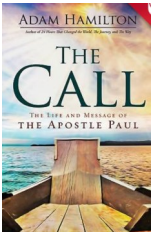
THE WEEKS AHEAD AT HOPE

FELLOWSHIP HOURS between and after services are now underway. You are invited to take advantage of these opportunities to renew and deepen friendships.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES THIS FALL at 9 and 10:30 a.m. and every Saturday at 5 p.m. The Saturday service will have a special focus on youth.

ADULT STUDY GROUPS are held every Tuesday and Thursday in person at the church and also on **Zoom ID 388-768-1338**.

- ♦ **THE CALL— THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE APOSTLE PAUL** led by Vicar Dale on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Books have been ordered and cost just \$6 each. See Deacon Dee to obtain a copy.
- ♦ **"One in the Word"** 90-minute conversation group led by Vicar Dale on Thursday at 1 p.m.



STUDY THE BOOK OF PSALMS ON THURSDAYS AT 10 AM —

Join us at 10 am on Thursdays for a group Bible study on Psalms and their variety: praise, lament, prayer. This group is led by our Director of Music, Joyce Stahl.

HOPE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, KIDS' CLUB, AND TEEN MINISTRY programs are underway now. Kids' Club is open to all children ages 4-10. You can enroll your children for this fun program now.

HOPE'S BOWLING LEAGUE is underway now. We encourage our members to take part in this activity and invite others to share in the fellowship that develops as people meet and play with one another in a wholesome way.

COVID CONSCIOUSNESS

We welcome all worshippers here at Hope. During the pandemic, people who have not been vaccinated may be at greater risk of infection risk from the Coronavirus. We will respect those who use face coverings, and if a fellow worshipper wishes to maintain a social distance, we ask that you respect their wishes. We also encourage those who have not yet been vaccinated to speak with a trusted physician about the vaccine.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

(Sept 26-Oct. 3, 2021)

SUN	9 & 10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
MON	7:00 p.m.	Bells
TUE	1:00 p.m.	The Call—Bible Study (Live & Zoom)
WED	4:00 p.m.	Kids' Club
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting
THU	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	One in the Word (Live & Zoom)
FRI	6:30 p.m.	Bowling League
SAT	3:00 p.m.	Teen Ministry Session 4
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Service
SUN	9:& 10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion Service
	12:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR LIVES BIRTHDAYS

(T) Edythe Budke, Lauren Roma, (SA) Chase Nasca

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Sign up today to take part in our service for the blessing of animals will be **NEXT Sunday, October 3** at noon at our Garden Chapel.

AFTERNOON NURSERY SCHOOL

Anchor Nursery School started a new three afternoon program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and-Thursdays from 12:30-3:30 p.m. for children ages 3 or 4.

Call the church to enroll children and tell other families who have children who will benefit from this great program.

METRO NEW YORK DIAKONIA PROGRAM

The Metro NY diakonia Program is a 2-year process of spiritual formation in our faith and developing new skills for service to God. It includes worship, retreats, and a creates a supportive community of students, mentors, and instructors. Classes start Tuesday, October 19 at Trinity Lutheran in Rocky Point. Contact Location Manager, Liz Hoffmann at

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ANCHOR LINES

The weekly newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church Selden, NY September 25-26, 2021
Dr. Richard O. Hill, Pastor

WE WELCOME ALL WHO JOIN US TODAY.

We also welcome all who join us via Zoom and the internet. Our **Zoom ID number is 388-768-1338** for all services and for all church events. There are also links on our web page.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is normally celebrated every week at Hope, and when we receive the holy sacrament, we receive the body and blood of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine. All baptized believers are encouraged to take part in this sacrament. Communicants are asked to come forward in a line and make use of individual cups with the pouring chalice or the pre-filled cups with grape juice. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one.

TODAY'S MESSAGE: "Where God is at Work"

COMING UP THIS FALL:

Teen Ministry Sessions 10/2; 10/16; 10/23; 1/13; 11/27

Blessing of the Animals Service 10/3 noon

Global Mission Sunday 10/24

Trunk or Treat Saturday 10/30 1-3 p.m.

Reformation Weekend and Bible Sunday 10/30 & 10/31

All Saints' Remembrance Sunday 11/7

Veterans Recognition Sunday 11/14

Christ the King Sunday 11/21