

The Messenger



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**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Vacation Bible School

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Pastor Meheret's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we proclaimed in our worship, the call and challenge of our faith is to live as resurrection people—to live our daily lives with a mindfulness that the Lord is our Lord. Easter Monday, after all, is the world where we live. The strains of the triumphant hymns have faded, the Easter clothes are returned to the closet, we're back at work and school and about our ordinary routines. What's real about Easter on Easter Monday? What's real about Easter on any other day?

By grace, we pray that it may be very real. That the reign of our Lord would shape our relationships and interactions with schoolmates and coworkers, friends and acquaintances, strangers and passersby, as well as those dearest and nearest to us. That Jesus' lordship would give energy to our will to work for the glory of God and the common good, to show mercy, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

I have hopes for our Eastertide, for our worshiping together through these Sundays of the resurrection appearances. The appointed gospel for Easter evening was the Luke's story of two disciples, one named Cleopas, walking on the road to Emmaus. They discuss the scriptures and the marvel of recent events with a stranger who joins them, not realizing the stranger is Jesus. Cleopas and his companion tell the stranger that they have heard that others have seen Jesus, seen him alive! They press this stranger to remain with them ("Abide with me, fast falls the eventide..."). As Jesus' breaks bread with them, they recognize him. Then, as fast again, he is gone. And they remember how their hearts were stirred as they talked on the road. (In the stories of the resurrection appearances we see the constant dynamic that Jesus is the same but not the same; that the disciples don't recognize him, but then they do.) They lose no time in hurrying back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples.

So, it is with much of our experience. In one moment, amid all the ordinary moments, the truth is real for us: God loves us, Jesus is with us, and we feel inspired for courageous, abundant and faithful living. And then, all is ordinary again. Our maturing faith enables us to draw strength from those moments for the stretches of times after. To have in our hearts, on any random day, more resolve to live as we would choose to live in those moments of clarity. Come, like Cleopas and his companion, let's take this walk and let's gather 'round the table together with our risen Lord.

Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Pastor Meheret

YOUR POWERFUL *Prayers*

Edgar Amos, Jr.	Gloria Eckles	Irene Klingenstein	Jeanine Schenning
Gail Anuszewski	Lois Farber	Mickey Koontz	The Schepers Family
Connie Baker	Cassandra Fleckenstein	Joshua Kraeger	Debbie Schmidt
Robin Benny	Bobbi Floyd	Mary Lindsay	Joan Schweitzer
Dennis Berry	Matthew Floyd	Lainey Loftus	Steve Schweitzer
Gail Berry	The Frueh Family	Ruth Massaroni	Barbara Shelly
Mary Bodenschatz	Sara Garrett & Family	Michael McCoy	Kevin Shields
Tommy Bower	Cassidy Gore	Jim Nemec	Donna Smith
Debbie Bryant	Ruth Gunn	Laurie Nemec	Vivian Smith
Debbie Button	Daniel Hanke	Frank Neukam	Eloise Somogyi
Margaret Cain	Sharon Harris	Rick O'Dea	John Stiemly
Blanche Cardarelli	Juliana Hasson	Jim Ogle	Penny Wallace
Julie Carl	The Hays Family	Pat Owens	Lucille Watson
Sharyl Clark	Beverly Hoffman	Francesca Prado	Paul Wiley
Shirley Cosgrove	Karen Hoffman	Mike Porter	Bob Williams
Philip Coyle	Karen Holzopfel	Inez Rasinski	Bobby Williams
Beulah Craig	Timothy Hostetler	Cliff Rodney	Danna Williams
Patrick J. Curran	Loretta Jefferson	Reiva Robinson	Kiersten Williams
Harlan DeHart	Leondra Jefferson	Lucille Rose	Richard Wrobel
Marlene DiPino	Michelle Kincaid	Jeff Sanders	Susan Yelton
Freddie Ditmar	Jack Kincaid	Connie Sanders	

Our Congregation, All First Responders and all active and reserve members of our armed forces.

Please notify our church office if you want to add or remove any names from the Prayer List.

Worship Themes for May 2019

Date	Scripture texts	Theme
May 5	Acts 9:1-6 <u>[7-20]</u> Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	<i>Paul's conversion, baptism, and preaching</i> You have turned my wailing into dancing. <i>The song of the living creatures to the Lamb</i> <i>Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias</i>
May 12	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	<i>Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead</i> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. <i>A white-robed multitude sings before the Lamb</i> <i>Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep</i>
May 19	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	<i>Peter's vision: God give the Gentiles repentance that leads to life</i> The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. <i>New heaven, new earth: springs of living water in the new Jerusalem</i> <i>Jesus gives a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you</i>
May 26	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22:5 John 5:1-9	<i>Lydia and her household are baptized by Paul</i> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. <i>The Lamb is the light of the city of God</i> <i>The Father will send the Holy Spirit</i>

GRADUATING SENIORS Please let Shirley know if you have a graduating High School or College senior this year. You can email her at hopesecretary@outlook.com. We'd like to honor our grads by, offering a special prayer for them and placing their names in the June newsletter.

Bible Study and Small Groups

At Hope Church we take seriously the Great Commission of the Risen Jesus to "go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them..." We offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith through small group Bible study.

To register, call 410-686-7587 or email hopesecretary@outlook.com.

Monday Morning Pastor's Class

Meets Mondays 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM in the church office. We are currently watching a documentary titled: PROMISED LAND— The Faith Lessons Series with Roy Vander Laam. All are welcome!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

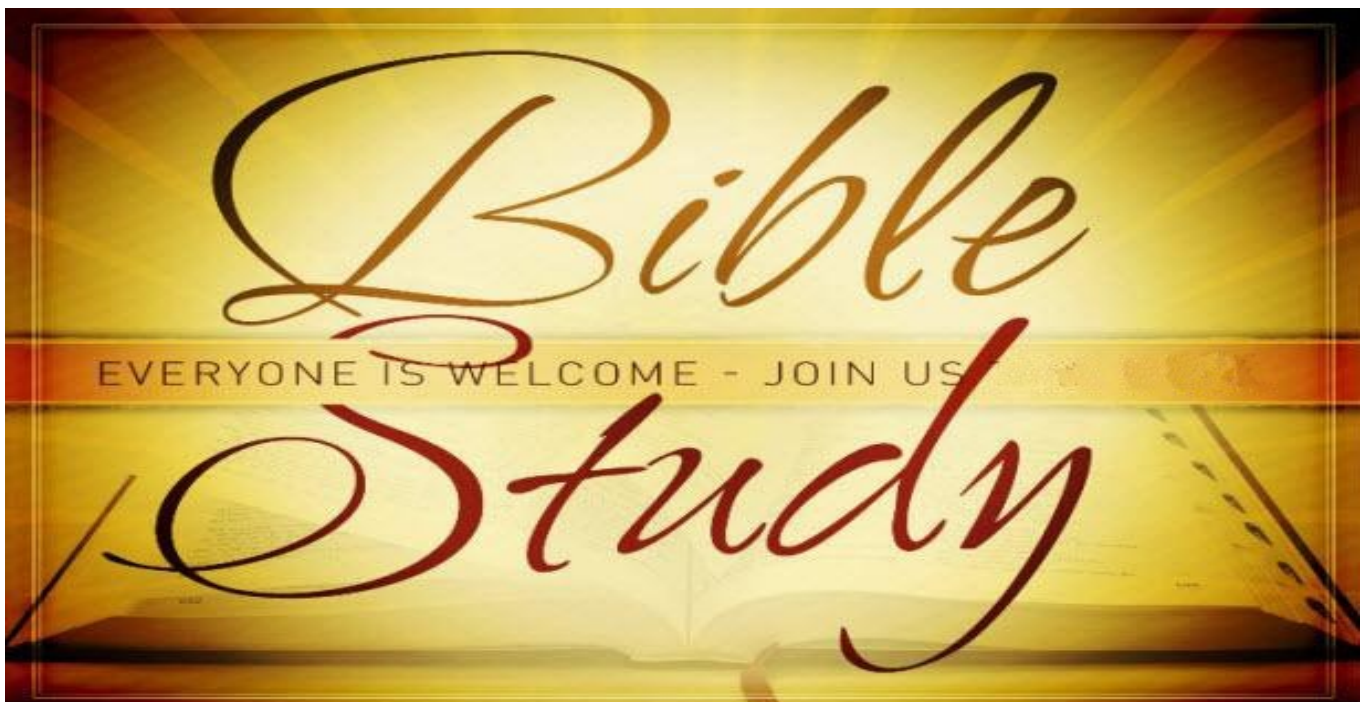
Meets 7 PM—8:30 PM in the choir room. We are studying "Discipleship and Mission" from Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series. Our Wednesday Night Bible Study has been moved to Tuesday for the Celebration of Lent. Please Join Us!

Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study

Meets 8 AM—9:30 AM at JP's Restaurant on Back River Neck Road every Saturday. Follows the same curriculum as the Tuesday Night bible study group. Please Join Us!

Bethel Series Bible Study

Is a two-year visually based overview of the central message of the Old and New Testaments. We are looking for people to form a new first year Old Testament group. Please contact Ellen Gollhardt (elgollhardt@gmail.com) or the church office if you are interested. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to grow deeply in God's Word!



Easter





Our Graduation and "Moving Up" Ceremony will be in the Hope Sanctuary on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. Our 3, 4 and 5 year old children would like to share this special event with you!



Everyone is Welcome!

Congratulations to All Stars Learning Center's 2019 Preschool Graduates!

The following children will be moving
on to Kindergarten in the fall:

Gabriel Baker	Hailey Ballerstadt
Max Boyd	Noah Diaz
Naiyana Ford	Jasmine Fries
Lucus Gilliland	Parker Mabry
Duke Shaffer	



Registration is now open for the summer care program and the fall Pre-K and Before/After School programs.

Call Tina Medina at 410-686-6060 for more information.

ANNUAL NOISY CHANGE OFFERING!

The Delaware-Maryland Synod's Hunger Task force will host a "Noisy Change Offering" at the Synod Assembly, May 30th—June 1st in Hunt Valley, MD. This year, Hope will participate in the effort. All are encouraged to participate.

Our Noisy Change Offering Sundays will be May 19th and May 26th. Here is how it works. You are invited to save up your loose change in the weeks leading up to May 19th and May 26th. On the 19th and 26th, the loose change will be collected in metal



cans. We will want to make as much noise as possible depositing our saved-up coins! Our delegates to the Assembly will then take some of the coins with them to the Assembly where the offerings will be collected in a large metal contraption, again making as much noise as possible. This year the offering will benefit ELCA World Hunger. Together we can help eliminate hunger here in our neighborhoods and across the world!

Remember-save that change!

Church Trivia

How many can you get right? Answers will be published in the June Messenger.

Do you know the awesome moms in the Bible?

Here are 10 questions to test your knowledge and to help you celebrate this Mother's Day.

- 1. Who was the mother of Seth and the grandmother of Enos?**
a. Sarah b. Rachel c. Eve
- 2. This Old Testament mother of Samuel prayed so earnestly for a child that when the priest Eli saw her in the temple he accused her of being drunk. After sorting out the false accusation, Eli blessed her (1 Samuel 1:19) and she dedicated her son to God.**
a. Judith b. Hannah c. Elizabeth
- 3. This woman, who laughed at three angels when she heard she was going to have a child, is the only woman in the Old Testament whose age is given — she died when she was 127.**
a. Veronica b. Jezebel c. Sarah
- 4. This mother urged her daughters-in-law to return to Moab after both of her sons (Mahlon and Chilion) died.**
a. Dorcas b. Lucrezia c. Naomi
- 5. The first direct mention of angels in the Bible can be found in the book of Genesis when this mother and her son were stranded in the desert of Beersheba and dying of thirst.**
a. Hagar b. Sarai c. Lydia
- 6. Joseph with the coat of many colors was the 11th son of Jacob but the firstborn child of this woman.**
a. Rachel b. Gomer c. Deborah
- 7. His mom, Jochebed, saved his life by placing him in a basket of bulrushes that was coated in pitch and set him adrift down the river.**
a. John the Baptist b. Matthias c. Moses
- 8. This cousin of Mary the mother of Jesus was the mother of John the Baptist.**
a. Elizabeth b. Joan c. Martha
- 9. The mother of these two boys came to Jesus asking him to “Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on your right hand and other on the left, in your kingdom.”**
a. Philip and Andrew b. Bartholomew and Ethan c. James and John
- 10. While first-born son Esau was out preparing a meal, this woman helped her son Jacob deceive his father, Isaac, into promising him the inheritance of God's covenant.**
a. Rebekah b. Bathsheba c. Mary

Here are April's Trivia Answers

- 1. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt? Pretzels**
- 2. What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent Begins? Hot Cross Buns**
- 3. What Irish saint's feast day takes place during Lent? St. Patrick**
- 4. On What Sunday during Lent does the priest bless palms? Palm Sunday**
- 5. What event in the life of Jesus do the palms recall for us? The entrance into Jerusalem**
- 6. On what day during Lent does the Bishop bless holy oils for the year? Tuesday of Holy Week**
- 7. How many Station of the Cross are there? 14**
- 8. How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations? 3**
- 9. Who helped Jesus carry his Cross? Simon of Cyrene**
- 10. When does Lent Officially end? At sundown on Holy Thursday before the beginning of the Mass of the Last Supper**
- 11. What is the Triduum? “Triduum” comes from the Latin word for three, and it includes the three holiest days of the Church year from sundown on Holy Thursday, through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to sundown on Easter Sunday.**

SYNOD Youth Group Event

Mar-Lu-Ridge, Jefferson, MD

The Youth would like to thank everyone for their support. This weekend would not be possible without all of you. It is amazing to see all the youth open their hearts and soul to praise our God. The theme for the youth this year is "Gods in HERE and NOW." This is such a strong message. There was a good time for everyone with a night hike to morning blessing. Prior to every meal they would gather outside to praise and thank God. The sermon that was given was powerful. I did record it and would love to share it in the future.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 24th - 28th, 2019



Closing Celebration Friday June 28th @ Noon

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

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410-686-7585, www.hopeelca.org

Contact Lori Comotto @ 443-983-2689 with any questions

Dear Families,

Welcome! We're thrilled you have chosen this exciting week filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that help faith flow into real life. Everything is hands on and kids get a little messy. Please send in **play clothes and safe shoes**.

We help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life. We call this God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

OPERATION KID-to-KID is a MISSION PROJECT we participate in every year. The children are welcome to bring an offering each day and during our daily Opening.

PLEASE BE ON TIME EACH DAY. We meet in our church each morning and you can pick up your child at noon each day in the same location. You will need to sign out your child every day. There are forms to be filled out if someone other than parents are picking up. Photo ID is needed by this person as well.

Allergy Information needs to be filled out on the Registration Form. If your child does not have any allergies, place none please. Each day they will enjoy a snack after making their crafts and then an ice pop after playing games.

REGISTRATION NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th. PRE-REGISTRATION is preferred to assure we have enough crafts for everyone. This will be held in the church entryway from 6-7 PM. You can mail your registration and check if you prefer but the sooner the better!! **Registration fee is \$15 per child.** Each child will receive a music CD. The children love singing and dancing as they worship God. See you soon! God's Blessings, your VBS Team.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM: \$15.00 per child

JUNE 24th-28th 2019, 9:00 AM to 1200 Noon daily

REGISTRATION NIGHT— June 5th 6-7 p.m.

Child's name_____

Child's age_____ **Last grade attended**_____

Home Church_____

**Name of parent/
guardian**_____

Address_____

Home email address_____

**Emergency Contacts / phone
#**_____

ALLERGIES_____





Pentecost is Sunday, June 9th

PENTECOST GERANIUMS:

We invite you to beautify our sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday. The cost is **\$5.00** and **the ordering deadline is Sunday, June 2nd**. Please submit payment with your order and place it in the offering plate. Checks should be payable to Hope Lutheran Church. *Please wait until after the late service on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th (approx. Noon), to claim your plants.** If you have questions, please contact Shirley Gregory @ 410-686-7587.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

No. of Geraniums _____ **x \$4.50 =** **Amount enclosed:** _____

Check # _____ **Cash** _____ **Date paid** _____

(check one please)

IN MEMORY OF _____ **IN HONOR OF** _____ **TO THE GLORY OF GOD** _____

***Plants not claimed by June 23rd will be planted around the church grounds.**

Happy 
Mother's
Day

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**Articles for the June
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Wednesday
May 22, 2019**

Duty Schedule for: May 2019

9:00 AM	May 5 One Worship Service at 9:30. Congregational Meeting following Service.	May 12 Mother's Day	May 19	May 26 Memorial Day Weekend
Assist	Colan Kahl	Bob Schweitzer	Colan Kahl	San Dee Koons
Lector	Beth Haught	Bob Schweitzer	Eric Carl	Cary Koons
Server	Patty Horney	Carol Ogle	Robin Smith	Patty Horney
Usher/ Greeter	Carol Ogle Frank Schmidt	Ed Klingenstein Eric Eszes	Rick Calo Sue Alexander	Carol Ogle Thea Melton

10:30 AM				
Assist		Lori Comotto	Lynda Frueh	John Kelly
Lector		Lynne Lake	Brian Frueh	Jess Kahl
Server		Sandy Cincinnati	Sharyn Kahl	Denise McLaughlin
Usher/ Greeter		Lynne Lake Jack Crout	Jeanne Faust John Kelly	Mary Emge Eric Eszes
Children Church	Lynne Lake Lilah Crout	Carolee Calo	Marge Carl	Marge Carl
KBZ	Carolee Calo	Brandi Miner	Denise McLaughlin	Lynda Frueh
Altar Set Up	Colan Kahl	Bob Schweitzer	Robin Smith	Bob Schweitzer
Counters	Bob Schweiter Trudy Grauer	Bob Schweitzer Jeanne Faust	Bob Schweitzer Deloris Phillips	Donna Smith Colan Kahl



Birthdays of the Month

02	Bev Hoffman
04	Edward Klingenstein
06	Bobbie Hershey
12	Bobbi Floyd
14	Mitchell Bigham
14	Evelyn Blazek
14	Zegbeh Kpadeh
19	Linda Neewary
19	Buddy McLaughlin
19	Brittany Ouimette
20	Dylan Talbott
21	Blanche Cardarelli
22	Sharyn Kahl
24	Sandra Cincinnati
28	Kiersten Williams
31	Robert Caruthers



Happy Birthday To You

Please contact the office if you would like to add or remove your name from our birthday list. Thank you!



2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	2 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3	4 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Jad's
5 Spring Congregation Meeting after Service 9:30 AM Kidz Bible Zone 9:30 AM One Worship Service Sunday	6 10:00 AM Bible Study	7 5:00 PM Confirmation Class	8 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	9 7:00 PM Choir Practice	10	11 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Jad's
12 Food for Thought Bag Packing after each Service 9:00 AM Traditional Communion 10:30 AM Family Contemporary Communion 10:30 AM Kidz Bible Zone	13 10:00 AM Bible Study Pastor Meheret on Vacation	14 5:00 PM Confirmation Class Pastor Meheret on Vacation	15 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study Pastor Meheret on Vacation	16 7:00 PM Choir Practice Pastor Meheret on Vacation	17 Pastor Meheret on Vacation	18 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Jad's Pastor Meheret on Vacation
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