

The Messenger

2019



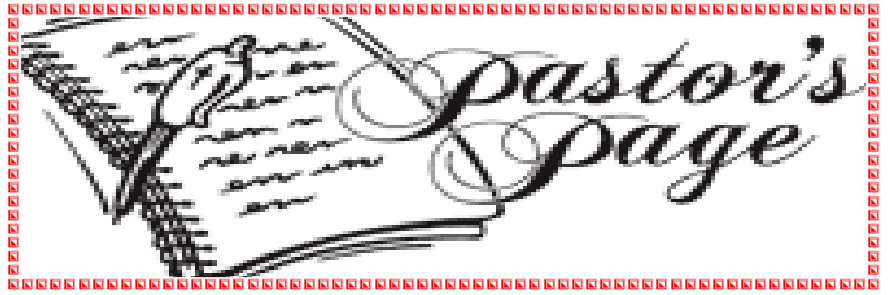
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September 2019

Autumn Has Arrived!



Dear Friends,

I read recently that researchers have estimated that each individual has more than 50,000 thoughts each day. That's a lot of mental activity!

So, that little bit got me thinking...How many of those thoughts are positive? How many of those thoughts are negative? How many of those thoughts are Godly? How many are not?

As we head toward the end of summer, I want to help us do some "mental cleaning" in preparation for Fall. You've heard of "Spring Cleaning", well, think of this as "Fall Cleaning." My prayer is that through this activity the Holy Spirit will start to clean out those negative – thoughts in each one of us. They are the thoughts that easily become, and lead to, bad habits in our daily lives.

One writer has said, "Among the most effective ways to [conquer negative thoughts] are visualizations and affirmations. Affirmations are positive statements about yourself that you repeat over and over in your head until they're programmed into your subconscious. Visualization is mentally picturing yourself the way you want to be." On the surface, that might sound kind of iffy. And if we attempt to do that apart from our life of faith – apart from our Lord, who is the Word of Life – we will easily run off-course into self-centeredness. But I believe that we have been given a gift towards this kind of activity, as we are given Christ-centeredness.

Here's what I mean: As we are immersed in the life of worship, we are told and repeat over and over again that we are forgiven children of God (Colossians 1:13-14). We are told and we repeat over and over again that feeling guilty over the forgiven past is false guilt (Psalm 32:5). We are told and we repeat over and over again that 'God loves us – each one of us!' (John 3:16). We are told and we repeat over and over again that Christ gives us peace (Romans 5:1). We are told and we repeat over and over again that we need not worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will take care of itself (Matthew 6:34).

Those Godly, positive truths can help replace the negative thoughts that so easily entangle us. Those positive thoughts are truths that set us free from guilt and worry (John 8:32).

We also have been given a gift when it comes to visualizations. We have the servant-king who knelt down to wash His disciples' feet and the flawless display of service (John 13). We have the image of Christ praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and the example of faithful and sincere devotion (Luke 22:39 -45). We have the cross and the Savior with His arms out-stretched (Luke 23:32-49). We have the empty tomb and the assurance that we too will live forever, even though our bodies will die (1 Corinthians 15).

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Those visualizations are advantageous because they are perfect – they are about Christ our Savior. Even more, they are not what we think is perfect; they are what God thinks is perfect! We are asked by God to “Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy” (Leviticus 19:2). This “mental cleaning” is, in essence, a healthy step in living a holy life. Let’s put that into practice through: 1.) the Holy Spirit’s activity during worship as He works through His Word and Sacraments, 2.) constantly affirming God’s forgiving, peace-filled presence in your life, and 3.) visualizing yourself acting and living as Jesus did.

St. Paul wrote similar words in Philippians 4:8-9, “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things!...And the God of peace will be with you.”

God be with you all as you live your life unto the Lord.

Pastor Meheret



PRAYER CONCERNS: Edgar Amos, Jr., **Louise Amoss**, Gail Anuszewski, Connie Baker, Robin Benny, Dennis & Gail Berry, Evelyn Blazek, Mary Bodenschatz, Debbie Bryant, Debbie Button, Margaret Cain, Blanche Cardarelli, Julie Carl, Sharyl Clark, Shirley Cosgrove, Beulah Craig, Patrick J. Curran, Freddie Ditmar, Gloria Eckles, Lois Farber, Cassandra Fleckenstein, Bobbi Floyd, Matthew Floyd, Sara Garrett & Family, Cassidy Gore, Ruth Gunn, Daniel Hanke, Sharon Harris, Juliana Hasson, The Hays Family, Beverly Hoffman, Karen Hoffman, Karen Holzopfel, Timothy Hostetler, Loretta Jefferson, Leondra Jefferson, Jack Kincaid, Jr., Jack Kincaid, Sr., Michelle Kincaid, Irene Klingenstein, Mickey Koontz, Joshua Kraeger, Lynne Lake, Michael McCoy, John Micklos, Jim Nemec, Laurie Nemec, Frank Neukam, Rick O’Dea, LeRoy (Jim) Ogle, Pat Owens, Francesca Prado, Mike Porter, The Protani Family, Inez

Rasinski, Cliff Rodney, Reiva Robinson, Lucille Rose, Jeff Sanders, Connie Sanders, Jeanine Schenning, The Schepers Family, Debbie Schmidt, Steve Schweitzer, Barbara Shelly, Kevin Shields, Robin Smith, Vivian Smith, Eloise Somogyi, John Stiemly, Bill Talbot, Penny Wallace, Lucille Watson, Richard Wrobel., Susan Yelton, Our Congregation, all First Responders and all active and reserve members of our armed forces.

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

Worship Readings for September 2019

	September	
Date/Day	Scripture texts	
September 1	Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not put yourself forward . - The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. - God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue. - An image of God's reign: invite the poor, crippled to your banquet.
September 8	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God. - They are like trees planted by streams of water. - Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker. - Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross.
September 15	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moses begs the LORD to turn from anger against the Hebrews. - Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1) - Christ Jesus came for sinners. - Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners.
September 22	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor. - The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. - One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people. - A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God/wealth.
September 29	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy. - The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. - Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice? - Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man.

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 and other discipleship groups and classes. To register for any class or seminar, call (410) 686-7587 or email info@hopeelca.org.

Monday Morning Pastor's Class

meets Mondays 10 AM – 11:30 AM in the church office. We are currently studying the Gospel of John. All are welcome!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Meets 7 PM—8:30 PM in the choir room. We are studying "Responding to God's Grace" from Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series during the Fall season. Please Join Us!

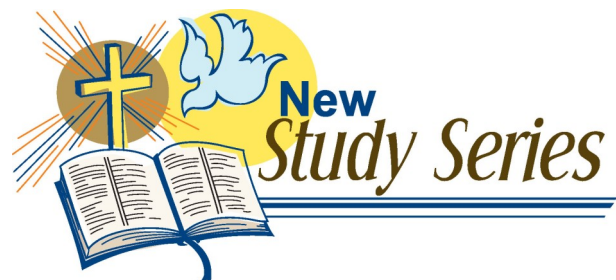
Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study

Meets 8 AM - 9:30 AM at Alice's Restaurant on Eastern Blvd. every Saturday. Follows the same curriculum as the Wednesday Night bible study group. Please Join Us!

Holy God, write your Word on our hearts so that we might move with gracefulness through the world, balanced and whole. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bethel Series Bible Study

We will begin a new Bethel Series Class this fall. Hopefully, we can start in October, 2018. For those who are not acquainted with The Bethel Series, it teaches an overview of the whole Bible. The Bible is a great story and it has a beginning, a middle, and an end. The class emphasizes the major themes of the Bible and is accompanied with beautiful visual pictures and videos from the Holy Land. Ellen Gollhardt has been trained as a teacher of the Bethel Series in Madison, Wisconsin (home of the Bethel Series) and has taught the class for many years. Bethel Series is taught world wide and has proven its authority and effectiveness. The cost is minimal, only a donation of whatever you wish, to provide materials. A donation is not required. Please talk to, call, or e-mail Ellen if you think you would like to participate. It is well worth your time. Call 410-238-1716, or email egollhardt@gmail.com



2019-2020 School Year

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 25 a special blessings were bestowed upon our students backpacks, lunchboxes, school supplies, students, school administrators and academic support staff during our worship service in preparation for the start of the new school year!





RALLY DAY!

KIDZ BIBLE ZONE

***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 * HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH * TIME: 10:30AM**

WE INVITE CHILDREN TO JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY!

COME AND EXPLORE BIBLE STORIES WITH US!

STORIES, PRAYERS, SONGS, CRAFTS & MORE!

EXPLORE GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS !



OUR YOUTH

Youth Ocean City Trip Speech.

By Jack Crout

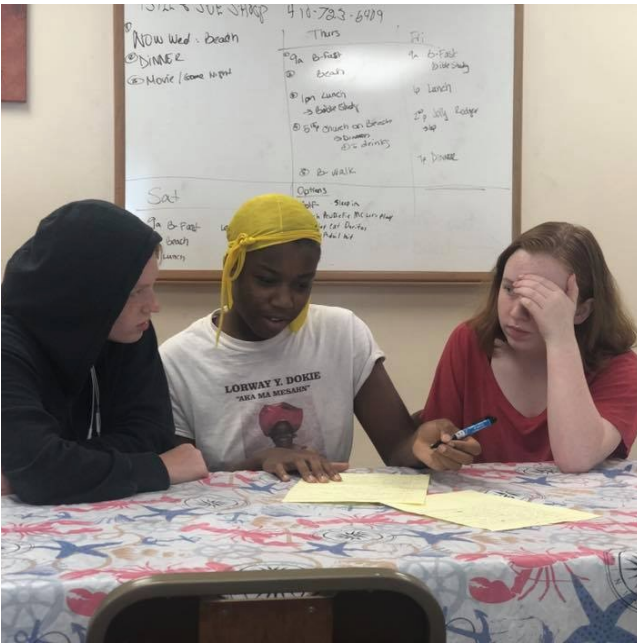


I would first like to thank everyone who donated to the trip because we had a lot of fun and it wouldn't have been possible without your contributions.

On our trip we did a lot of fun things. We went to the beach, held devotion, went to the board walk, played fun games together, played basketball, watched a movie, helped make food at the church for their community luncheon, and went to the Jolly Rogers Water Park and Rides. All of this helped me bond with my fellow youth group members, and we learned many new things about each other and God's word.

One of the major things we did was devotion and reflection. During devotion we learned a lot about how to be disciples in the church and share our faith with others. During devotion we discussed our many different gifts and talents and how we might use them in service to the church and the world. Some of the gift that I shared were that I am a people person, very creative, and devoted to a certain task that I set for myself and to never give up. Being a people person helps when I have to give speeches like this very one. Also, something else I learned was about how we have the privilege to vote in the church. I think that it is great because to have a say in what happens lets me know that my decision can have a big impact on what goes on in the church.

I would like to thank my grandmother, pastor, all the other adults who chaperoned on the trip, and again to all the people who donated to the trip. I can't wait to do this again next year.



Worship on The Beach

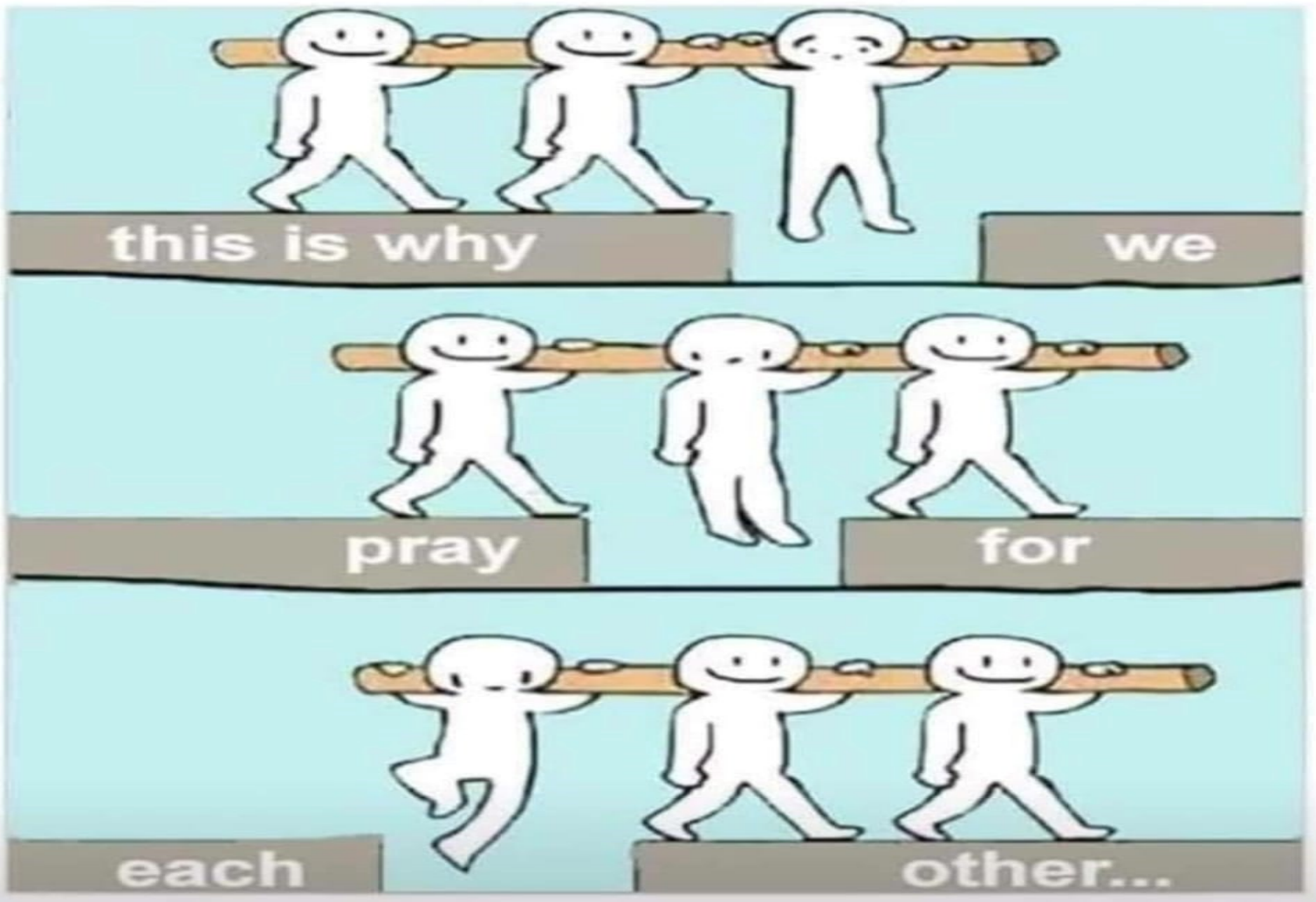




from the front
of the choir

CHOIR REHEARSAL will resume their regular schedule beginning on Thursday, September 12, 2019 @ 7:00 PM. **Any-one can join the choir, no auditions necessary, all are welcome.**

POWER OF PRAYER...





All Stars Christian Learning Center will begin our 10th year on September 3rd. Please spread the word that we are currently enrolling for Pre-K ages 3 and 4 and the Before and After School Care Program. Please email allstarscenter@yahoo.com or contact Linda Moler at 410-686-3324 for further information. Space is limited so please contact us asap.

ALL STARS Christian Learning Center

A ministry of
Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
**IS NOW ENROLLING FOR OUR
FALL PRE-K AND BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS**

MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:30AM - 6PM
AGES 3 - 11

FALL PRE-K STARTS SEPT. 4TH

Contact 410-686-6060

or email allstarscenter@yahoo.com

We provide programs with a strong Christian emphasis.

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, disability, marital status, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. Reasonable accommodation will be provided for qualified children with disabilities upon request, as specified under the American with Disabilities Act. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tricia	Hays	September 05
Carolee	Calo	September 10
Khiri	Ford	September 12
San Dee	Koons	September 14
Eric	Eszes	September 16
Sarai	Ford	September 18
Joyce	Craft	September 20
Riley	Mason	September 25
Steven A	Horney	September 26
Laurie	Koontz	September 27
Karen	Hoffman	September 29
Meheret	Caruthers	September 29
Timothy	Leucht	September 20



Birthday Blessings



Happy Birthday To You





Food for Thought provided monthly boxes to three families this summer, serving 5 Food for Thought students. Boxes included nutritious meals and snacks similar to those provided weekly during the school year. We appreciate Middleborough Elementary School summer office staff's arranging pick up by families at the school in June, July, and August.

We are now looking forward to working with the school again this coming school year and will request a count of students who can benefit from this nutrition program after the school year begins.

A sincere “thank you” to all who have provided one or more donations to Food for Thought over the last several months:

To the Glory of God

By Trudy Grauer, Mary Emge, Steve and Sharyn Kahl, Rick and Carolee Calo, Leroy and Carol Ogle, Ron and Vicki Lesko, Reiva Robinson, Thea Melton, Bob Leap, Eric Eszes, Dora Price, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Porter, San Dee and Cary Koons, Bea Benda, Deloris Phillips, and Eloise Somogyi.

Memorials

By Deloris Phillips in memory of loved ones.



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Duty Schedule for September 2019

9:00	Sept.1 Single service at 9:30	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
Assist & Lector	Bob Schweitzer Or Deacon Robin	Colan Kahl Eric Carl	Bob Schweitzer	Joan Schweitzer	Brandi Miner
Server	Patty Horney	Carol Ogle	Patty Horney	Bob Schweitzer	Joan Schweitzer
Usher/greeter	Frank Schmidt Carol Ogle	Rick Calo Ed Klingenstein	Thea Melton Carol Ogle	Eric Eszes Ed Klingenstein	Sue Alexander Carol Ogle

10:30					
Assist	X	Colan Kahl	Eric Eszes	Lori Comotto	Colan Kahl
Lector	X	Debbie Cannon	Brian Frueh	John Kelly	Sharyn Kahl
Server	X	Peggy Talbott	Sandy Cincinnati	Donna Smith	Jess Kahl
Usher/Greeter	X	Mary Emge Jeanne Faust	Denise McLaughlin Linda Moler	Lynne Lake Mary Emge	Eric Eszes Linda Moler
Altar Set Up	Schweitzer	Colan Kahl	Schweitzer	Schweitzer	Colan Kahl
Children's Church	?	Carolee Calo	Carolee Calo	?	Marge Carl
KBZ	Brandi Miner	Marge Carl	Lynda Frueh	Denise McLaughlin	?
Counters	B. Schweitzer Trudy Grauer	Colan Kahl Jeanne Faust	Linda Moler Deloris Phillips	Donna Smith Steve/Sharyn Kahl	B. Schweitzer Trudy Grauer
Altar Flowers	Reiva Robinson 2 flowers	Vicki Lesko	Schweitzer S. Kahl	S. Kahl D. Alexander	B. Haught J. Carl?
Unavailable	Calo Hays Sue Alexander S. Kahl C. Kahl T. Melton Koons	P. Horney Sue Alexander Koons Hays	L. Comotto E/M Carl C. Kahl R. Smith? Koons Hays	S. Cincinnati T. Melton E/M Carl Koons Hays	L/B Frueh T. Melton Koons Hays

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 Food for Thought Program to Begin 9:00 AM Traditional Communion 10:30 AM Family Contemporary Communion 10:30 AM Kidz Bible Zone	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 5:30 PM No Confirmation Class In the Summer	4 7:00 PM No Evening Bible Study in the Summer	5 7:00 PM No Choir Practice in the Summer	6	7 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant
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We will be having a October issue of the Messenger, articles are due by September 15th, so plan ahead!

Welcome Hope's new Church Administrative Assistant, Shirley Edmonston. Stop by the Office and introduce yourself.



July 22, 2019

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
1901 Middleborough Rd
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Dear Friends at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation to Churches for Streets of Hope. Your gift of \$397.69 on 06/2/19 helps us to keep our cold weather shelter for men open all throughout the season. We have you to thank for helping our homeless neighbors stay warm and fed in the coldest part of the year.

We are always blessed to have your support. This shelter, these people, are your ministry. God's work in caring for our fellow men on the streets is happening right now because of your prayers, your invaluable volunteer time, and your contributions throughout the year.

I thank you personally for your dedication, and I pray that the Lord blesses you for the many ways you continue to serve Him and His purposes

Sincerely,

Patrick Dickerson
Executive Director

In compliance with IRS Code section 170 (f) (8), this letter serves as verification that your gift of \$397.69 is tax-deductible since you have received no goods or services in connection with these gifts to our organization.



Dear Pastor Meheret and Members of Hope Lutheran Church,

As you may know I serve as Chair of the Hunger Task Force of the DE-MD Synod. We recently received a list of the churches in our synod who supported the ELCA World Hunger Program in 2018. Our synod raised a total \$ 300,076.00 last year for this ministry and your congregation gave towards that total.

For God, for the people who will be assisted by our World Hunger Program, and from our Task Force. . . we say "Thank you" for your generosity." God reminds us that when we feed others, " . . . our light will rise in the dark and our darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun." (Isaiah 58:10)

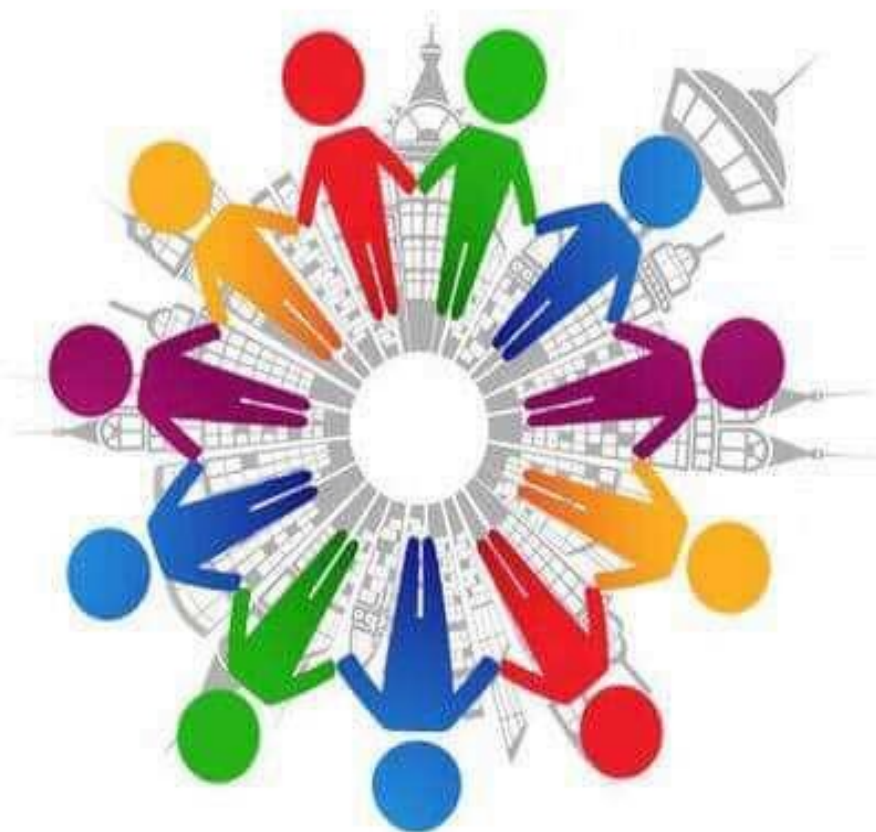
Thank you again for sharing God's light as it shines through you and our synod.

Feel free to contact me, (fmelton@comcast.net) or others if you'd like new ideas or support for your hunger ministries, locally or globally.


Pastor Fred Melton
302-494-7608

P.S. Our Synod appointed World Hunger Sunday is Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 24th. I hope you can participate.





Community **MEETING**

Monday September 9th @ 7 PM

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

*Reestablishing the Middleborough Community Association

*Crime in our neighborhood

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Before, during and after pictures of our church roof.

We thank God for providing for us.



Philippians 4:19.

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

