

The Messenger



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD,
ESSEX MD 21221**

Trunk or Treat: Tuesday, October 29th 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Parking lot of Christian Education Building/All Stars Learning Center



****For children ages 12
and under****

"Trunk or Treat" provides a *safe and fun* way for families to enjoy Halloween! During a Trunk or Treat children go from car to car "trunk or treating".

Calling all creative car owners...at least 10! We need your help to make this event successful! All you have to do is decorate your car trunk, dress in costume (optional), and hand out candy to the children.

This **FREE** event provides a *safe environment* for children and their families who wish to trick or treat. Because the event is held in one central location, children are not forced to cross streets and climb stairs.



Cookies and Candy donations NEEDED: If you would like to donate cookies or candy for this event, the candy must be sealed in the original wrapper and brought to the Church or Learning Center by **Monday, October 21st**.

There will be games and activities for the children! Apple cider and cookies will be served. Call Linda Moler at 410-686-3324 or Brandi Miner at 410-491-8278 to reserve your vehicle by **Monday, October 21st**.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Ongoing Reformation

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:1

Is God angry? That may seem like an odd question but consider it for a moment. Is God angry? Some other religions and even some Christian denominations have a tendency to view God as an angry judge, sitting on a throne, and frowning all the time. They portray God as if He is eternally grumpy, uncomfortable and mad. Why could God be angry? When we get angry, there is usually a reason. We usually aren't grumpy, mad, or angry for no reason. God is the same way.

Every Sunday during worship at both services we say words during the confession of sins. Because we say these words and confess our sins every week, we may overlook exactly how significant they really are.

Is God "mad"? Yes. God is. He is mad at all the "sins and iniquities" we have offended Him with. He is mad at the "sins and iniquities" that we KEEP offending Him with time and time again.

What is fascinating about God though is this: He doesn't just sit around on a throne being mad and grumpy. God is indeed mad at our sins . . . and He is so mad that He did something about it! God the Father sent Jesus Christ to suffer and die in our place, for all our sins. He sent Jesus to be sacrificed for every single one of those "sins and iniquities" we have ever done so that God will NEVER have to be mad at any of us ever again.

Our passage above from Romans 5:1 says, *"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* We have peace with God because of Jesus Christ. We don't have peace with God because we tried really hard not to sin (and still sinned anyway), we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We do NOT have peace with God because we somehow suffered and were punished enough to make up for our sins and iniquities we have done (we could never suffer enough) instead, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we prepare to celebrate the 502nd Anniversary of the Reformation this month, I pray we will ALWAYS remember that we only have peace with God because of our Lord Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us on a cross. Jesus has made peace between you and God the Father. Never let anyone take this eternal treasure away from you. Don't let other religions sweet talk this heavenly teaching away from you. Don't let other Christian denominations try to seduce you into believing another teaching. And never allow your own sinful nature to deceive you into believing that Jesus somehow failed to cover all of your sins; His blood covers ALL sins. By God's great mercy, love, and favor you do have peace with God. You have peace with God the Father thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone.

God's Peace,

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.

**COME
WORSHIP**
with us!



Thank You God For All Your Blessings

As we consider God's blessings, we are in awe of His immense goodness toward us. The greatest gifts to us are His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and the constant presence of His Holy Spirit working in the Church and in our lives.



God endows each of us with personal gifts, talents, and material possessions. Stewardship is acknowledging that God is the source of each gift that has been received. Stewardship reminds us that these gifts are not our own, but that we have a trusteeship over them and not an ownership. Stewardship means to give a portion back to God as a direct way of expressing our thanksgiving to Him for all the gifts he has given us, our community, and the world.

Hope Lutheran Church meets the financial needs of its annual ministries and operating budget by way of its stewardship program. Without the support of our members and friends, we are unable to fulfill our mission to reach out and serve our community.

Stewardship is not just about finances. There is much more to Hope than what you see on Sunday morning. Our members are involved in many ministries which are planned and prepared by the leadership and staff who are deeply committed to Hope's missions and outreach. This takes place because of the time, talents, and financial gifts our members and friends choose to offer.

Please consider how you might be able to share your time and special talents in promoting these special ministries. Obviously, your financial contributions enable Hope Lutheran Church to continue its mission and outreach programs. Over the last year we have made a commitment to repay a \$15,000 loan to the All Stars Learning center. We would like you to consider making an additional monthly or one time donation to help repay this loan. HELC members have a responsibility to support the church and its buildings so we can continue our mission to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. To that end we are asking you to pray about how you want to answer the challenge to grow. Our stewardship drive will begin very shortly and we need your support, your time, and your talents. If you have not pledged in the past, perhaps you will consider doing so for this coming year. If you have pledged previously perhaps you will consider taking a step up by increasing your financial gift. If you have the talent and time to help with any of our ministries please contact Pastor Meheret or any member of the worship team (Joan and Bob Schweitzer, Colan Kahl, Colin Eversley, or Peggy Talbott).

We have been given God's most precious gift, his son, Jesus Christ, and we are invited to respond to what God has given us with generosity of our own. There is a joy to be found in practicing generosity and it begins with a simple step of personal commitment of our time, our special talents and of our finances. Please give the matter of your stewardship commitment for next year your most serious and prayerful consideration.

God's Blessings,

Joan Schweitzer, Financial Recording Secretary/Member of the Stewardship Committee



Sunday Worship Services with Communion:

9 AM - Traditional Worship Service

&

10:30 AM - Family Worship Service,

which is more contemporary service, with a children's message
and Children's Church/Sunday School.

Our Mission:

Celebrate our faith + Grow in faith + Reach out in service to our
community.



Music Ministry News

Colin R.A. Eversley, Minister of Music

The choir has made great musical strides this past year. During that time, choir membership was at an all-time high of 13. Unfortunately, we lost some members for various reasons, including health and geographical relocation. However, the 7 core members have remained faithful and steadfast. Each year, the choir strives to increase its diversity through music. During 2018-19, more solos were performed, highlighting the individual talents of our members, including; our most challenging accomplishment, Christmas excerpts from Handel's Messiah. Our most enjoyable experience was combining our voices with the children to sing "All the Way to Calvary" on Palm Sunday.

In contrast to past years, I have chosen all the music for both services which has resulted in increased congregational participation. I will slowly continue to incorporate unknown or unfamiliar hymns to both services, thus increasing the congregation's musical repertoire that should be known to all Lutherans. The hymns are taken directly from Lutheran hymnals: Lutheran Book of Worship [Green Book], With One Voice [WOV-Blue Book], This Far By Faith [TFBF-Red Book], The Best of the Best [BOB], and the occasional CCLI choices, a licensing music source.

For the remainder of 2019, and looking forward to 2020, the choir will endeavor to lead the congregation through music while enhancing worship service through song. The past season of music at Hope was filled with change and a bright glimpse towards future growth. The introduction of ONE service was well received. The "Order of Worship" was alternated between traditional and contemporary formats. Most noticeable, was the increased congregational attendance. Hopefully, the attendance will continue to grow as God leads us in that direction.

I am very proud of the choir's accomplishments. This year our goal is service. We want to serve and sponsor events, as well as increase membership. Beginning on October 20, 2019, the choir will host the after-service Coffee Hour. We have some other ideas in the planning stages, including visiting choirs, guest soloists, and guest musicians.

Working with Pastor Meheret has truly been a blessing. She has allowed me to grow as a musician and church leader. As this year comes to completion, we cannot be stagnating, but continue to spread the Gospel through word and voice. The choir will continue to spread its mission of "Singing to the glory of God". It will take ALL of us to continue to grow the church through stewardship and worship.


Let us continue to give God the glory for the great things he has done!



MIDDLEBOROUGH COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2019 @ 7PM
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD

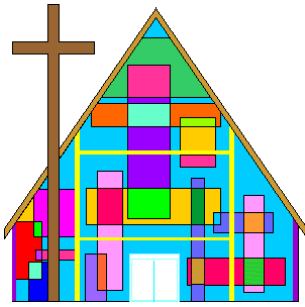
**PLEASE COME OUT AND BE A
VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY.**

	October	
Date/Day	Scripture texts	Theme
October 6	Habakuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wicked surround the righteous; wait for the Lord. Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord. Guard the treasure entrusted to you; faith and love in Christ. Faith the size of a mustard seed.
October 13	2Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naaman washed in the Jordan and is cleansed. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God.
October 20	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me. My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message. The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him.
October 27 Reformation Sunday 	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerusalem will be defeated. Happy are the people whose strength is in you. The good fight of faith. A Pharisee and tax collector pray together.



1	Marlene Kahl
2	Bucky Bosch, Sr.
3	Irene Klingenstein
10	Marie Dunlap
10	Megan Talbott
10	Herbert Grace
13	Jimmy Eck, Jr.
17	James Eck, Sr.
21	Ginny Bosch
29	Jessica Kahl
30	Eric Carl, Sr.





Church News.....



Food for Thought Update

We are looking forward to our 2019-2020 school year partnership with Middleborough Elementary and by October will again be providing weekly backpacks of nutritious food to students' identified as being able to benefit from this program.

Several members of our team will be attending a Food for Thought "town hall" meeting on October 3 for updates on recommended nutritious foods to pack. Please watch for information on ideas for donations. Food or monetary donations are always welcome. Envelopes are available in your giving packet or in the narthex and hall.

Thank you!



Reformation Sunday is October 27:
We will observe the 502nd anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Thesis with festive Reformation worship. Please join us!

Reformation Festival

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.

All Stars Christian Learning Center is pleased to welcome our new director, Gina Privette who joined us on August 28. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences from Morgan State University. Ms. Privette has certifications in Early Childhood and School Age Education. She was previously a Pre-K Teacher in a large Christian daycare center and has worked in child care for more than 27 years. Her work schedule will be Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 11:00 am to 6:00 pm; Thursdays and Fridays 6:30 am to 2:30 pm.

We invite you to stop by the Learning Center to welcome Gina to our team.

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.





Get ready for Ice Cream & Family Movie Night—Friday, October 4, 2019. Sponsored by Hope Youth Group. Join us for some ice cream and as we watch “The Secret Life of Pets 2” together. Families join together at our Christian Education Building for Family Movie Night and enjoy ice cream and the movie. We hope you can join us! Cost is a freewill offering to support the youth group with upcoming trips and retreats. Ice cream will be served at 6:30 pm and the movie begins at 7:15 pm—8:45 pm. The Youth will be having a lock-in at 9:00 pm til 9:00 am Saturday. We can’t wait to see you there! For questions call Lynne Lake 443-854-0708. Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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Duty schedule for Month of October 2019

Thank you all for your ministry to God and God's people through Hope. God bless!

9:00	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27
Assist and lector	Bob Schweitzer	Colan Kahl Eric Carl	San Dee Koons Cary Koons	Joan Schweitzer
Server	Patty Horney	Carol Ogle	Thea Melton	Brandi Miner
Usher/greeter	Sue Alexander Frank Schmidt	Rick Calo Ed Klingenstein	Eric Eszes Carol Ogle	Thea Melton Ed Klingenstein

10:30				
Assist	Eric Eszes	Colan Kahl	Lori Comotto	Lynda Frueh
Lector	Lynne Lake/ Jack Crout	John Kelly	Sharyn Kahl	Brian Frueh
Server	Denise McLaughlin	Jess Kahl	Donna Smith	Peggy Talbott
Usher/ Greeter	Linda Moler Lynne Lake	Mary Emge Jeanne Faust	Linda Moler Denise McLaughlin	Trish and Hayley Hays Debbie Cannon
Altar Set Up	Schweitzer	C. Kahl	Schweitzer	Schweitzer
Children's Church	Marge Carl	Ruth Kraeger	Lynne Lake	Carolee Calo
KBZ	Carolee Calo	Brandi Miner	Lynda Frueh	Denise McLaughlin
Counters	Bob Schweitzer Trudy Grauer	Colan Kahl Jeanne Faust	Linda Moler Deloris Phillips	Donna Smith S/S Kahl
Altar Flowers (signed up)	S. Kahl	C. Calo L. Comotto		B. Miner S. Kahl
Unavailable FFT=packing Bags Robin S. all month	Sandy C. C./J. Kahl Debbie C. Thea Melton Brandi-FFT Marge-FFT Jess- FFT	Sandy, Linda, Donna, Joan, Sue, Debbie, Marge, Lynne, Denise, Peggy	Sandy ? Patty Sue	Sandy C C/J Kahl Sue A. Marge C San Dee K.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 AM Traditional Communion 10:30 AM Family Contemporary Communion 10:30 AM Kidz Bible Zone	30 10:00 AM Bible Study	1 5:30 PM No Confirmation Class In the Summer	2 7:00 PM No Evening Bible Study in the Summer	3 7:00 PM No Choir Practice in the Summer	4 6:45 PM Ice Cream 7:15-8:45 PM Family Movie Night Sponsored by the Youth. 9:00 PM—9:00 AM Sat.- Youth Lock In.	5 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant
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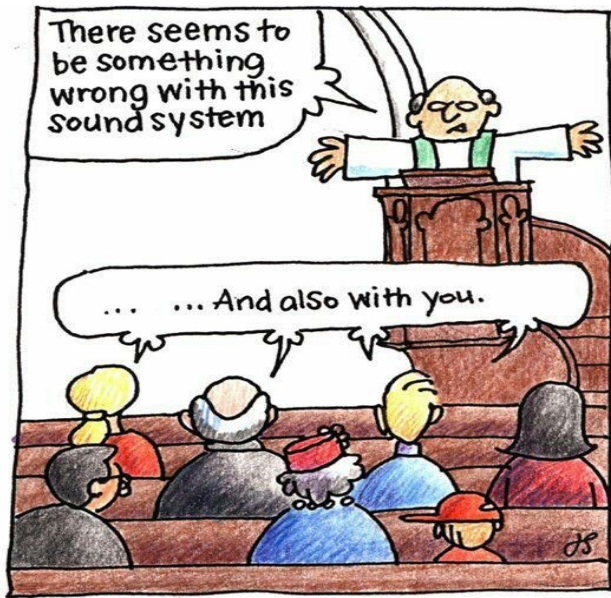
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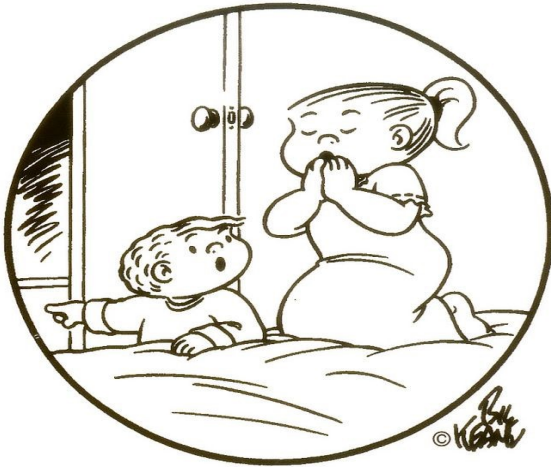
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"Church Humor"



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

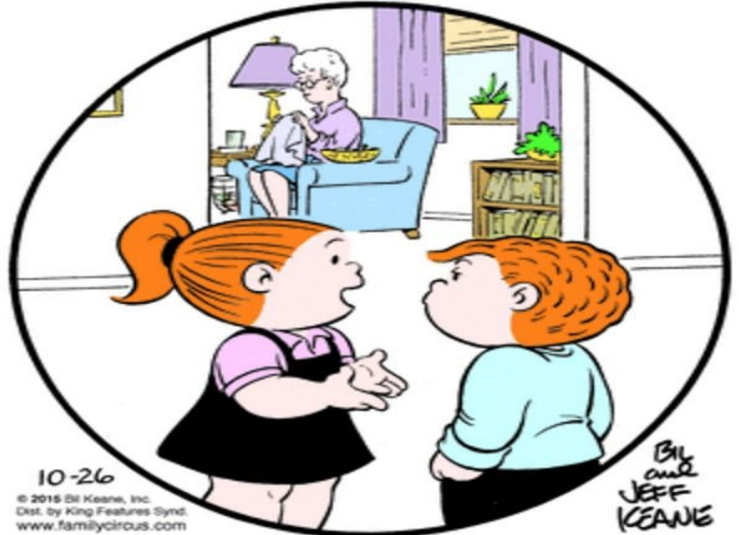


"No, Dolly, our father art downstairs watching TV."

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"You're doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax."



"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."

NewsLetter DEADLine

Articles for the November Messenger must be submitted to church secretary by Monday October 21, 2019. Thank you.