

# The Messenger

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



**Revelation 21:5 (ESV) “And he who was seated on  
the throne said,  
‘Behold, I am making all things new.’”**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



# Bishop Gohl's Christmas Message

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*...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. –Romans 12:21*

On Election Day 2019, I was on my way to a regional retreat with our pastors and deacons serving in the first three years of their ordained ministries. As I came through downtown Taneytown headed towards the retreat center in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, by way of Emmitsburg, I lost my radio station and began to pick up two others. As the radio cut in and out, I was bombarded by live election coverage on one station and serenaded by an all Christmas music station on the other (really, all Christmas music on November 5!). The juxtaposition was not lost on me in those moments. In Jesus Christ, God gives us the power to overcome evil with good. Christmas marks the birth of such a promise, such a hope.

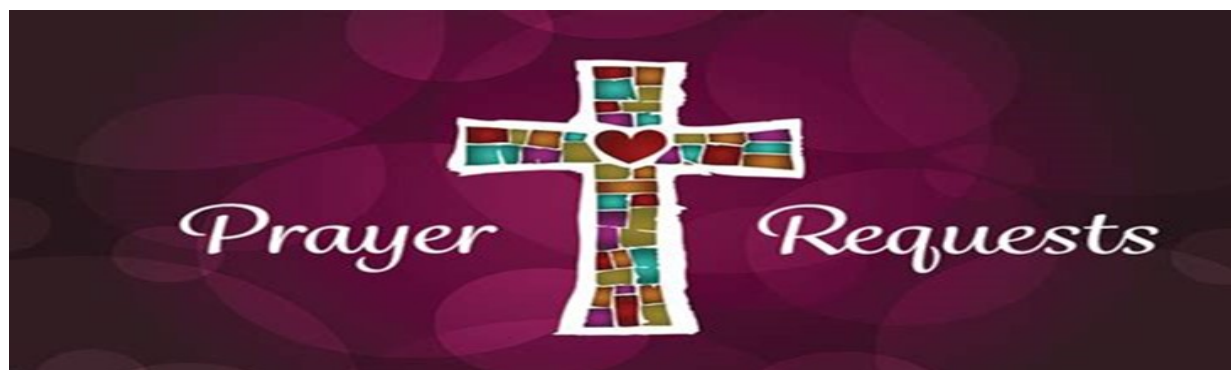
In what promises to be one of the most bruising election cycles in modernity, in a time when households and families are set against each other, in this world where the divide between justice and mercy seems most fragile, in a church that feels like we teeter between death and resurrection, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and cling to the hope such a gift brings. Again. For this world God still so loves.

How that power manifests is a rich tapestry. Loving genuinely. Telling the truth – sometimes hard truths – out of love for God and neighbor. Persevering in prayer. Showing up. Being intentional. Seeing someone whom others don't see. Clothing the cold. Listening to someone who goes unheard. Passing the proverbial microphone and amplifying the voices of others. Feeding the hungry. Supporting those who mourn. Visiting the sick and imprisoned. Encouraging one another. Being Christ for one another.

At Christmas, God's love in Jesus Christ gives us power anew, overcoming evil with good.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Gohl".

The Rev. William (Bill) Gohl, Jr., Bishop



Edgar Amos, Jr.	Bobbi Floyd	Jim Nemec	Amber Wallace's
Louise Amoss	Matthew Floyd	Laurie Nemec	Family
Gail Anuszewski	Marina Ford	Frank Neukam	Penny Wallace
Bob Baker	Sara Garrett & Family	Terry Novak	Lucille Watson
Connie Baker	Chris Genco	Rick O'Dea	Bob Williams
Johnny Banack	Cassidy Gore	LeRoy (Jim) Ogle's	Richard Wrobel
Dennis Berry	Daniel Hanke	Family	Susan Yelton
Gail Berry	Sharon Harris	Pat Owens	
Mary Bodenschatz	Rocky Hartman	Francesca Prado	
Debbie Bryant	Juliana Hasson	Inez Rasinski	
Debbie Button	The Hays Family	Cass Rayman	
Margaret Cain	Beverly Hoffman	Cliff Rodney	
Blanche Cardarelli	Karen Hoffman	Reiva Robinson	
Julie Carl	Loretta Karen	Lucille Rose	
Sharyl Clark	Holzopfel	Jeff Sanders	
Ed Cornelius	Timothy Hostetler	Connie Sanders	
Shirley Cosgrove	Leondra Jefferson	Jeanine Schenning	
Beulah Craig	Loretta Jefferson	The Schenning Family	
Patrick J. Curran	Leondra Jefferson	Debbie Schmidt	
DeHart Family	Michelle Kincaid	Barbara Shelly	
Freddie Ditmar	Mickey Koontz	Kevin Shields	
Gloria Eckles	Joshua Kraeger	Vivian Smith	
Lois Farber	Lynne Lake	Eloise Somogyi	
Cassandra Fleckenstein	Michael McCoy	John Stiemly	
	Brian Miller		

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 in January 2020

Date/Day	Scripture texts	Theme
<b>January 5</b> <b>Second Sunday</b> <b>of Christmas</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. The will of God made known in Christ God with us: the incarnation of the Word.
<b>January 12</b> <b>Baptism of our</b> <b>Lord</b>	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	The servant of the Lord brings justice The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. Jesus' ministry after his baptism Revelation of Christ as God's servant
<b>January 19</b> <b>Second Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b>	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	The servant brings light to the nations I love to do your will, O my God Paul's greeting to the church at Corinth Revelation of Christ as the Lamb of God
<b>January 26</b> <b>Third Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b>	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	Light shines for those in darkness The Lord is my light and my salvation Appeal for unity in the gospel Revelation of Christ as a prophet

For more Bible Study  
join us on Monday Mornings,  
Wednesday Evenings and/or  
Saturday morning breakfast.



## Worship Themes in February 2020

Date/Day	Scripture Text	Theme
<b>February 2</b> <b>Fourth Sunday</b> <b>after the</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	The offering of justice, kindness, humility Lord, who may abide upon holy hill? Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes
<b>February 9</b> <b>Fifth Sunday</b> <b>after the</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] Psalm 112:1-9 [10] I Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] Matthew 5:13-20	The fast God chooses Light shines in the darkness for the upright God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit  The teaching of Christ: salt and light
<b>February 16</b> <b>Sixth Sunday af-</b> <b>ter the</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 I Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Choose life Happy are they who follow the teaching of the Lord God gives the growth The teaching of Christ: forgiveness
<b>February 23</b> <b>Transfiguration</b> <b>of Our Lord</b>	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21  Matthew 17:1-9	Moses enters the cloud of God's glory on Mount Sinai You are my son, this day have I begotten you The apostle's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration Revelation of Christ as God's beloved son



# **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. Please join us!

To register, call 410-686-7587 or email [hopesecretary@outlook.com](mailto:hopesecretary@outlook.com).

## **Monday Morning Pastor's Class**

Meets Mondays 10 – 11:30 AM in the church office. We are currently studying the Books of James. All are welcome!

## **Wednesday Night Bible Study**

Meets Wednesdays 7 PM—8:30 PM in the choir room. We will be studying from a Bible study resource provided by Gather Magazine for Faith and Action, January/February 2020 edition, titled "We are Called".

## **Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study**

Meets 8-9:30 AM at JP's Restaurant on Back River Neck Road every Saturday. We are currently studying "Honoring God", from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies. This series provides terrific insights into scripture thru questions, prayer, suggestive memorizations and daily readings.

## **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](mailto: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!





# VBS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

**VBS volunteers are needed in all rotations to  
assure we can guide the students safely.**

**Please contact Lori Comotto 443-983-2689.**

**VBS 2020 is June 22nd-26th, 9am to Noon.**

## *Church Humor for the New Year*





# *Hope Lutheran Ladies Christmas Dinner, 2019*



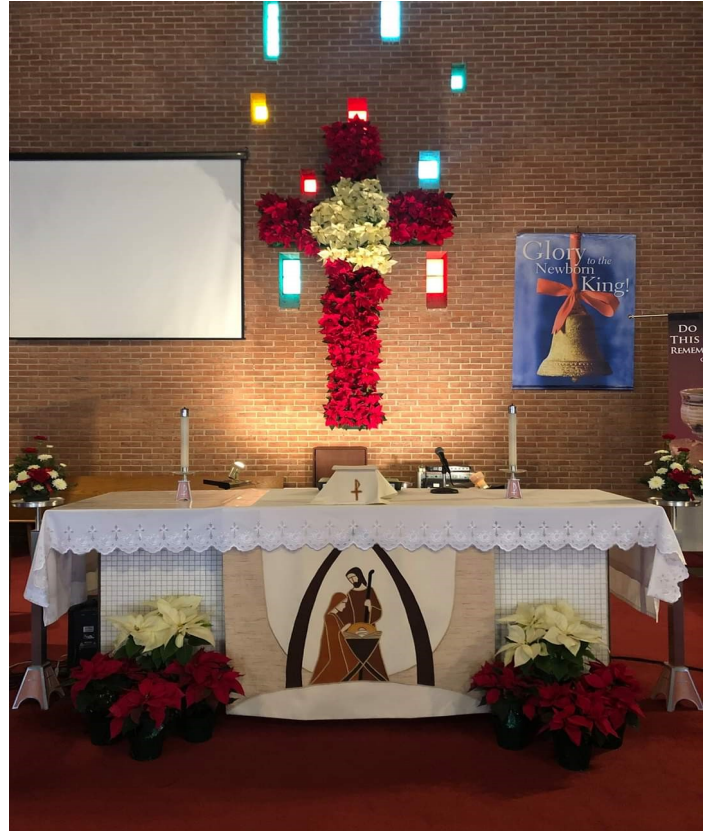


Middleborough Community Meeting  
Monday, January 6th at 7 PM  
in the Sanctuary of Hope Lutheran Church  
1901 Middleborough Road  
Essex, MD 21221



**Community**  
*Dialogue*

# Christmas at Hope



# JANUARY

## BIRTHDAYS

5	Tiffany Klingenstein	19	Lilah Crout
5	Jessica Cook	20	Jack Crout
7	Elouise Norman	23	Nancy Loeffler
8	Austin Faust	25	Trudy Grauer
10	Mike Carl	25	Mary Neewary
10	Cathy Bell	27	Mary Emge
12	Andres Buitrago	29	Brett Kroner
13	Frederick Neewary	29	Evelyn Frueh
17	Amanda Scanlon	31	Denise Dotterweich

Happy  
Birthday



# February

## BIRTHDAYS

06	Debbie Cannon
09	Michelle Kroner
09	Charlotte Quante
09	Jaycie Ruggiero
11	Steve Kahl
12	Francis Kpadeh
18	Heather O'Donnell
18	Brianna Floystad
19	Carole Micklos
22	Mark Floyd
23	Gracie-Ann Smith
24	Queen Sackor

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

Happy  
Birthday

## Duty Schedule for: January 2020

9:00	5	12	19	26
<b>Assist and Lector</b>	Bob Schweitzer Bob Schweitzer	Colan Kahl Colan Kahl	Brandi Miner Eric Carl	Joan Schweitzer Joan Schweitzer
<b>Server</b>	Patty Horney	Joan Schweitzer	Patty Horney	Carol Ogle
<b>Usher/greeter</b>	Rick Calo Frank Schmidt	Ed Klingenstein Jess Kahl	Thea Melton Carol Ogle	Eric Eszes Ed Klingenstein

10:30				
<b>Assist</b>	Robin Palmer	Colan Kahl	Eric Eszes	Lori Comotto
<b>Lector</b>	Sharyn Kahl	Debbie Cannon	John Kelly	Beth Haught
<b>Server</b>	Denise McLaughlin	Peggy Talbott	Sandy Cincinnati	John Kelly
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Linda Moler Eric Eszes	Mary Emge Jeanne Faust	Trish Hays Lynne Lake	Donna Smith Sandy Cincinnati
<b>Altar Set Up</b>	Schweitzer	C. Kahl	Thea Melton	C. Kahl
<b>Children's Church</b>	Ruth Kreager	Lynne Lake	Marge Carl	Brandi Miner
<b>KBZ</b>	Carolee Calo	Brandi Miner	Lynda Frueh	Denise McLaughlin
<b>Counters</b>	Bob Schweitzer Trudy Grauer	Colan Kahl Jeanne Faust	Linda Moler Deloris Phillips	Donna Smith Steve/Sharyn Kahl


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<b>Assist and lector</b>	Bob Schweitzer Bob Schweitzer	Colan Kahl Thea Coker	San Dee Koons Cary Koons	Joan Schweitzer Marge Carl
<b>Server</b>	Patty Horney	Carol Ogle	Thea Melton	Brandi Miner
<b>Usher/greeter</b>	Rick Calo Thea Melton	Ed Klingenstein Frank Schmidt	Eric Eszes Carol Ogle	Rick Calo Ed Klingenstein


10:30				
<b>Assist</b>	John Kelly	Colan Kahl	Robin Palmer	Lynda Frueh
<b>Lector</b>	John Kelly	Debbie Cannon	Sharyn Kahl	Brian Frueh
<b>Server</b>	Peggy Talbott	Jess Kahl	Denise McLaughlin	Donna Smith
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Linda Moler Denise McLaughlin	Jeanne Faust Mary Emge	Sandy Cincinnati Debbie Cannon	Mary Emge Eric Eszes
<b>Altar Set Up</b>	Bob and Joan Schweitzer	Colan Kahl	San Dee and Cary Koons	Bobbi Floyd
<b>Children's Church</b>	Ruth Kreager or Lynne Lake	Marge Carl	Lynne Lake	Carolee Calo
<b>KBZ</b>	Carolee Calo	Brandi Miner	Lynda Frueh	Denise McLaughlin
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			1	2 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3	4 8:00 AM Breakfast Bi- ble Discussion at Alice's Res- taurant
5 9:00 AM Traditional Communion 10:30 AM Family Con- temporary Communion 10:30 AM Kidz Bible Zone	6 9:00 AM Quilters 10:00 AM Bible Study	7	8 7:00 PM Bible Study	9 7:00 PM Choir Practice	10	11 8:00 AM Breakfast Bi- ble Discussion at Alice's Res- taurant
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						<b>1</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant
<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Family Contemporary Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Kidz Bible Zone	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant
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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We continue to provide weekend backpacks of nutritious foods to 14 students at Middleborough Elementary School. Responses to a recent survey about our program provided positive and helpful feedback from some of the recipients about the help we are providing.

We greatly appreciate recent donations provided "To the Glory of God" by Trudy Graur, Sharyn Kahl, Bob and Joan Schweitzer, Carolee and Rick Calo, Mr. and Mrs. M. Porter, Reiva Robinson, The Hays Family, SanDee and Cary Koons, Leroy and Carol Ogle, Deloris Phillips, and Eric Eszes, and "In Memory of Loved Ones" by Thea Melton.

We also are very appreciative of the donation made by the Essex Co-op Apartments residents in the amount of \$350.



*Hope's Staff would like to thank our Hope Church Family for our Christmas gift. It's a blessing to serve you all!*

*God's blessings*



We are currently enrolling new students for our Spring programs.  
Please spread the word.

# 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](mailto:allstarscenter@yahoo.com)

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February 17, 2020**