

The Messenger



2020



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD,
ESSEX MD 21221



Hello October





Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ!

Recently I have been looking at the phrase, “Priesthood of all believers.” Looking at 1 Peter 2:9 we read, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” And Luther writes about this verse,

“A shoemaker, a smith, a farmer, each has his manual occupation and work; and yet, at the same time, all are eligible to act as priests.... Every one of them in his occupation or handicraft ought to be useful to his fellows...”

According to Luther, all believers have equally received the treasures which God has given, from the shoemaker to the farmer to the CEO. No vocation stands over and above the rest. No vocation is more "sacred" than any other. No vocation is better than another. God has called all believers, without exception, to be His royal priests - - from the cashier to the doctor, from the messenger to the manager, from the educator to the executive. No legitimate vocation is too lowly to be the vehicle through which God will do His work.

In other words, no person is better than the other in the eyes of the Kingdom of God. No matter who you are, you are a priest for the work of God. You are a witness showing the love of Christ to others. The fundamental problem, though, is that many believers fail to understand that they are priests in their daily vocations. Most will leave their Godly calling to be a priest solely to the pastor. They fail to see that their life is a vehicle through which God will do His work.

As priests, believers are endowed with the incredible privilege of ministering for God daily. But because many believers lose sight of their priestly calling, they slosh through their tasks day after day, without seizing valuable opportunities to serve God as priests.

During this next month there will be multiple opportunities to change this mentality around and start serving God in a renewed role. Some opportunities will be those in your neighborhood. Some will be at the grocery store. Others will be at work when your co-worker needs to hear a word from Jesus. Every day of the week you have an opportunity to volunteer to share Christ at our church. Certainly, every day of the week you can be a priest! Serving Christ everywhere you are, this is the priesthood of all believers. Let us be priests!

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God's blessings,

Pastor Meheret



Please join us for in-person Worship Service and Holy Communion in our sanctuary on Sundays at 10 AM.

For those who prefer not to gather in-person at this time,

we will record our 10 AM Worship Service and the filmed worship will be uploaded & posted on our

Facebook page and YouTube Channel by early afternoon on Sundays.



PRAYER CONCERNS: Edgar Amos, Jr., Gail Anuszewski, Connie Baker, Dennis & Gail Berry, Mary Bodenschatz, Debbie Bryant, Debbie Button, Margaret Cain, Debbie Cannon, Blanche Cardarelli, Sharyl Clark, Shirley Cosgrove, Ed Cornelius, Beulah Craig, Patrick J. Curran, Pearline & Chuck DeWit, Freddie Ditmar, Gloria Eckles, Fred Eszes, Lois Farber, Cassandra Fleckenstein, Bobbi Floyd, Matthew Floyd, Marina Ford, Sara Garrett & Family, Betty Genco, Chris Genco, Mike Gerald, Pierre Gibbons, Cassidy Gore, Daniel Hanke, Sharon Harris, Shirley Harrison, Juliana Hasson, Beverly Hoffman, Karen Hoffman, Karen Holzopf, Scott Hower, Leondra Jefferson, Michelle Kincaid, Ed Klingenstein, Sharon LaBelle, Leah Lane, Michael McCoy, Ellen McKenna, Brian Miller, Jim Nemec, Laurie Nemec, Frank Neukam, Hannah Noack, Harvey Nockowitz's Family & Friends, Terry Novak, Rick O'Dea, Pat Owens, Francesca Prado, Mike Porter, Inez Rasinski, Cass Rayman, Cliff Rodney, Eddie Sabol's Family & Friends, Jeff Sanders, Connie Sanders, Jeanine Schenning, Barbara Shelly, Kevin Shields, Vivian Smith, John Stiemly, Lucille Watson, Richard Wrobel, Susan Yelton,

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

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED: If you are scheduled for surgery, or will be hospitalized, or have an emergency health care issue, please be sure to inform the church office (410-686-7587) so that pastoral care can be offered. It is extremely important to us that we can be there for you!

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



**“Dear Lord, be with all those who
are devastated by the fires”.**



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.

No Monday Morning Pastor's Class until further notice.

meets Mondays 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM in the church office.

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

Zoom meetings every Wednesday at 7 PM. The theme for this Fall season is "Love for One Another" from Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series. Please Join Us!

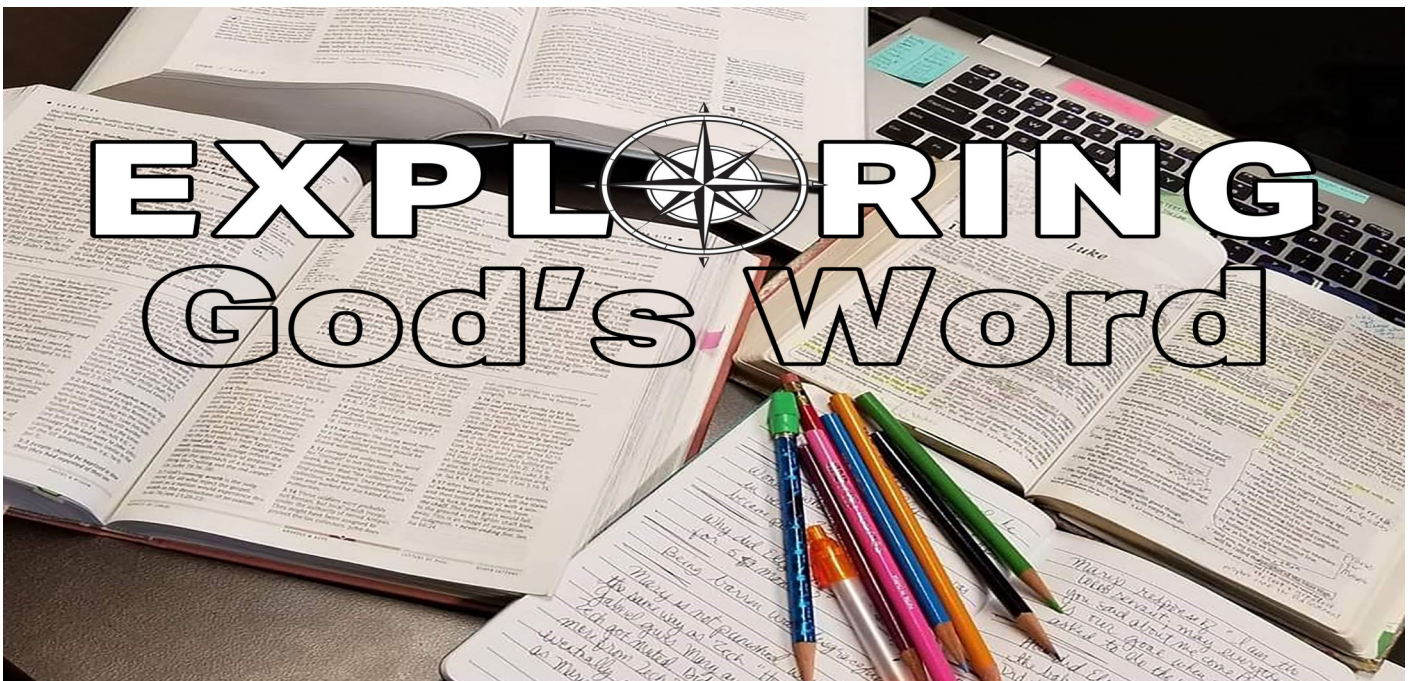
Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study:


meets 9:00 AM-10:00 AM every Saturday. We will be studying "Love for One Another", same as the Wednesday Bible Study Group from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies, by Susie Gamelin.

*****If you would like to join any of the Bible Studies, please let Pastor Meheret know and she will share links, phone number, meeting ID and more information with you.**

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The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. - Isaiah 40:8



	October	2020
Date/Day	Scripture texts	Theme
October 4	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The song of the vineyard • Look down from heaven, O God, behold and tend this vine • Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ. • The parable of the vineyard owner's son.
October 11	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The feast of victory • You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over • Rejoice in the Lord always • The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast.
October 18	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-13 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will • Ascribe to the Lord honor and power • Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica • A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God
October 25 Reformation Sunday 	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiness revealed in acts of justice • Their delight is in the law of the Lord • The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians • Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor





Food for Thought Update



We are happily renewing our partnership with Middleborough Elementary School to address the need of food insecurity among families in our area. Food Lion gift cards will be provided to the school to be given to parents of students identified by the school counselor as being able to benefit from this nutritional support. In January the situation will be reevaluated and we will determine whether to resume back pack delivery or continue gift cards.

We appreciate the continued support of church members and the funds received from Lutheran Home and Hospital Foundation which together make this ministry possible. Thank you!



Reformation Sunday is October 25: We will observe the 503rd anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Thesis with festive Reformation Worship Service! Please join us!

Reformation Festival



This Is My Father's World

By Bill Dagle

The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season." In Ecclesiastes 3:11, Solmon adds, "He hath made everything beautiful in His time." The Lord also reminds us that the world is His and the fullness thereof in Psalm 52:12. Apparently, this was what Maltbie L. Babcock had in mind when he wrote the hymn, "This Is My Father's World."

Born in Syracuse, New York, on August 3, 1858, into a socially prominent family, Maltbie was given many opportunities to succeed, which he did not waste. At Syracuse University, he was a champion baseball pitcher and an outstanding varsity swimmer. His friendliness, coupled with a magnetic personality, made him a natural leader. In the years that followed, he was ordained into the Presbyterian Church and had a distinguished ministry in Baltimore and New York City's Brick Presbyterian Church. His life would be cut short at the age of 43, while on a Mediterranean tour to Naples, Italy. Rev. Maltbie Babcock would, by now, be totally forgotten except for one thing: he penned a song, thus preserving his story for us who love the hymns.

The pastor was a skilled musician and a great lover of nature. He enjoyed the "great out of doors." While pastoring a church in Lockport, New York, the inspiration for writing "This Is My Father's World" came to him. Rev. Babcock was in the habit of taking morning walks to the top of a hill north of Lockport where he had a full view of Lake Ontario and the surrounding countryside. He would say to his wife, "I'm going out to see my Father's world." It was on one of these early morning walks that he was inspired to write these words:

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.

Maltbie Babcock understood that nature reflects God's creative ownership of the world, but he also understood that the Lord also controls human' destiny:

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft
so strong God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world!
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied.
And earth and heaven be one.



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Enrollment is now open for the fall at
great prices!

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virtual learning!

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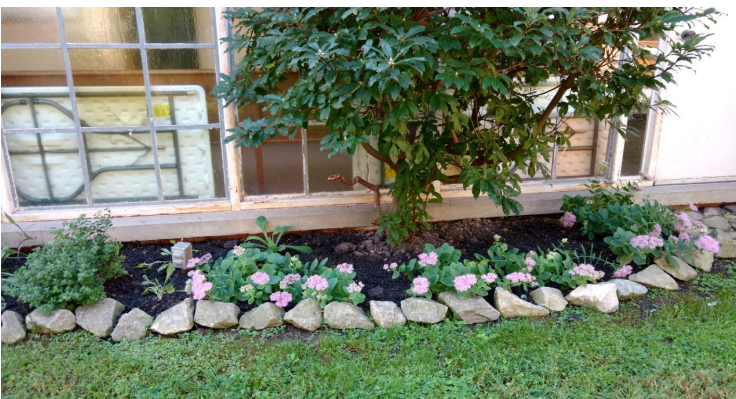
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School Supply List for 2020-2021

patience	encouragement
flexibility	positivity
deep breaths	understanding
calmness	compassion
humor	respect
cooperation	kindness

raising
kind
kids

*The Courtyard is looking beautiful! Thank you
Thea Coker and Thea Melton! God Bless!*

























Duty schedule for October 2020

Thank you to all of you who have been instrumental in keeping our in-person worship running smoothly. God bless!

10:00	October 4 (Traditional)	October 11 (Contemporary)	October 18 (Traditional)	October 25 (Contemporary & Reformation)	
Assist	Joan Schweitzer	John Kelly	Robin Palmer	Brandi Miner	
Lector	Bob Schweitzer	Brandi Miner	Thea Coker	Sharyn Kahl	
Ushers	Carol Ogle Linda Moler	Denise McLaughlin Peggy Talbott	Rick Calo Thea Melton	Donna Smith Sandy Cincinnati	
Counters	Bob Schweitzer Linda Moler	Colan Kahl Joan Schweit- zer	Linda Moler Donna Smith	Donna Smith S/S Kahl	
Flowers	S Kahl Open	Calo Julie Carl	Comotto Open	Miner S Kahl	
Unavailable	Lynne Lake Thea Melton	Carolee and Rick Lynne	Joan and Bob S. Peggy Talbott Marge Carl Lynne	Carolee and Rick Lynne	



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:30 AM Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Practice TBA 	2	3 8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion via Zoom  STUDY GROUP
4 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary	5 9:00 AM Quilters  QUILTING GROUP	6	7 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom 	8 10:30 AM Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Practice TBA 	9	10 8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion via Zoom  STUDY GROUP
11 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary	12 9:00 AM Quilters  QUILTING GROUP	13	14 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom 	15 10:30 AM Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Practice TBA 	16	17 8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion via Zoom  STUDY GROUP
18 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary 	19 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting  QUILTING GROUP	20	21 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom 	22 10:30 AM Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Practice TBA 	23	24 8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion via Zoom  STUDY GROUP
25 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary  REFORMATION SUNDAY	26 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Council Meeting  QUILTING GROUP COUNCIL MEETING	27	28 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom 	29 10:30 AM Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Practice TBA 	30	31  8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion via Zoom  STUDY GROUP



We all say Good Morning to others.

Do you know the new meaning of "GOOD MORNING" ?

G Get up.
O Open your heart.
O Open your mind.
D Dedicate your day to God.

M Meditate on God's Word.
O Optimise your faith & hope.
R Rebuke all evils.
N Never doubt God's love.
I Inspire someone.
N Nothing should scare you .
G Go out with joy.

So, I say GOOD MORNING & have a blessed day!

We are
marching
in the
light
of
God



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DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
- Psalm 117, before Psalm 118 is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
- Psalm 119, after Psalm 118 is the longest chapter in the Bible?
- The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?
- If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters.
- 1188 or Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible?
- Should the central verse not have an important message? *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man."* Psalm 118:8.

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Today you could be
standing next to
someone who is
trying their best
not to fall apart.
whatever you do
today, do it with
kindness
in your heart.





**We are sorry to say that
“Trunk or Treat” will be
cancelled this year for safety
concerns. We look forward
to having it next year in
2021.**



HOPE



anchors the soul

GOD
is Listening



**Reminder! Don't forget to turn your
clocks back one hour on Sunday,
November 1st at 2 :00 AM**



October

BIRTHDAYS



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

Happy Birthday!



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Articles for the November Messenger
must be submitted to the
church secretary by Monday October
19, 2020. Thank you.