

The Messenger



2025



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



Join us as we celebrate and explore all that Pentecost means for us, on
Sunday, June 8, 2025 and beyond.

What does Pentecost mean to you?

“The Christian holiday of Pentecost is rooted in this historical event – an event sometimes called the “birthday of the church” because it marks the day that Jesus’ disciples began to share the story of Jesus and invite others to share in their faith in Jesus as the Son of God.

But Pentecost is more than just remembering a historical event. On Pentecost, we invite the same Spirit that filled the disciples that day to transform our lives. Even more important than looking backward and remembering what God did two thousand years ago, we look forward and invite the Spirit to pull us into the future. The Holy Spirit has a way of turning things upside down. The story of Acts is all about how the lives of the disciples got turned upside down – and by extension, how the world turned upside down by this new, Spirit-filled faith.

On Pentecost we invite this disruptive presence of God into our own lives. The fruit of the Spirit, says Paul, is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are what we seek to live into, how we seek to transform the world, and the evidence of the Spirit at work in our lives and in the world.”

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. – Ephesians 1:2

Hello! My name is Vicar Adam Fairchild, and I have the privilege of joining Hope Lutheran Church in this upcoming season as your Interim Minister.

As your Interim Minister, I am so excited to get to know you and to serve God together. I'm especially looking forward to the time we'll spend together each week in worship, where we'll hear of and sing about and even feast on the good news that God is with us and for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who has come to us to give us his grace and peace. In our scriptures over the coming weeks – especially on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th! – we'll hear of the Holy Spirit, who gathers, sustains, and sends us to be the church for the sake of God's beloved world. I cannot wait to witness the Holy Spirit already active in the community of Hope as I get to know you better in times of fellowship, pastoral care, Bible study, service, and more.



I come to Hope having graduated last year from Princeton Theological Seminary with my Master's in Divinity and with a concentration in Lutheran Studies. While in seminary, I gained invaluable experience in pastoral care and congregational ministry while serving as a pastoral associate at a local Lutheran congregation and as a student chaplain at Penn Medicine Princeton Health. I am a 2020 graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, and I have a B.A. in History and a minor in Spanish. I am an approved candidate for Ordination in the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the ELCA.

I look forward to getting to know the communities of Middleborough, Essex, and all the towns and communities which neighbor our church. I make my home in Rosedale with my wife, Miriam Hanson Fairchild, and our rescue greyhound, Ranger. An ordained ELCA Pastor, Miriam works as the inpatient Oncology Chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital and serves in a part-time capacity at New Light Lutheran Church in Dundalk. In our free time, Miriam and I enjoy hiking, reading, cooking, and cheering on the Orioles and the Ravens.

When I'm not at church, the best and easiest ways to reach me are over the phone (text or call) at 443-974-1542 or over email at adammfairchild@gmail.com. Please do not hesitate to reach out! I want to hear from you, and I don't take the privilege of serving as your Interim Minister for granted. Except in cases of pastoral emergency, I take a sabbath from email on Fridays and Saturdays.

Yours In Christ,
Vicar Adam Fairchild
Interim Minister

The Flicker of a Candle

The flicker of a candle's flame;
The shapeless energy that it exudes...
Racing here and there, seeking a pathway and dark corners... But
never stepping away from its base.

This flame starts as a spark of life,
The glowing ember that **leaves** the safe bed of coals.
It floats without direction... or cause,
And is only guided by the freedom of the wind.

As it finds its new home and takes hold...
This tiny ember forges its roots in the unsettled environment.
The spark finds fuel for its cause and it grows...
Until it secures its footing, and spreads its new light into the darkness

And like a Pastor to a new Calling...
This flicker of light shown to a new community...
Seeking her pathway, and spreading strength to the dark corners, Securing a
new footing and growing the flame.

But like the candle flame she never truly leaves her base. Her
newly found flame only further brightens the darkness as her light
continues to enlarge the room...
And we are safer and stronger because of this.

We have become better people for having been exposed to this candle
flame....even if it was just for a little while.

Jeffry M. Patten
4/28/2025





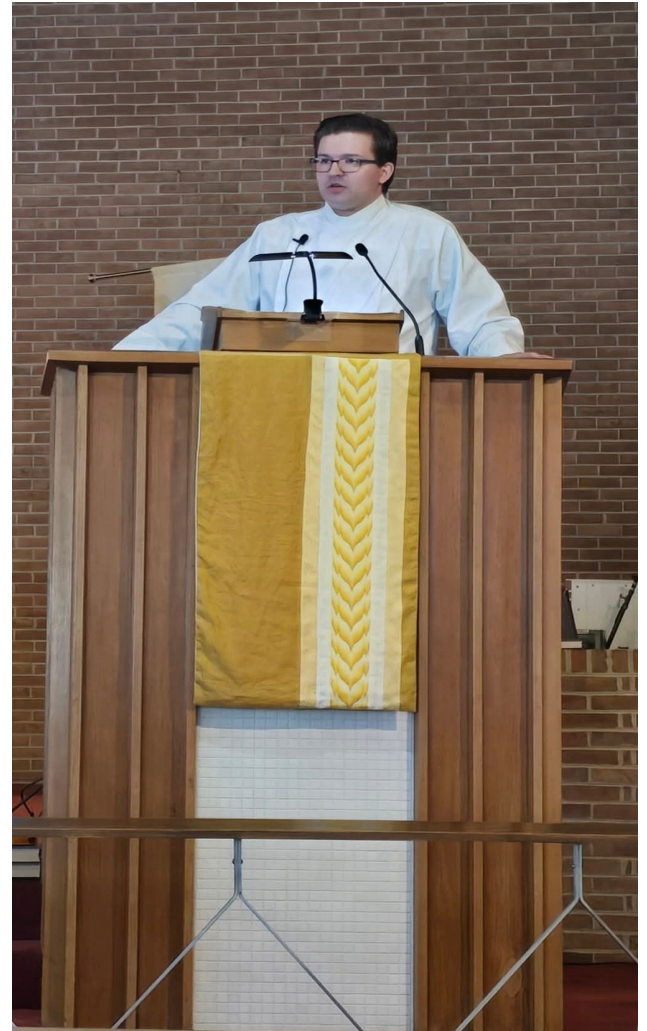
FAREWELL AND GOD SPEED!:

We wish Pastor Meheret and her family God Speed and Many Blessings in her new job and their new church!



Welcome to Hope, Vicar Adam Fairchild! Vicar Adam will be our Interim Minister throughout our transition as we seek to call a new Pastor. In this morning's Message, Vicar Adam reminded us of God's promises to us and God's promises to the world.

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10am to meet Vicar Adam and walk with us on our new spiritual journey!

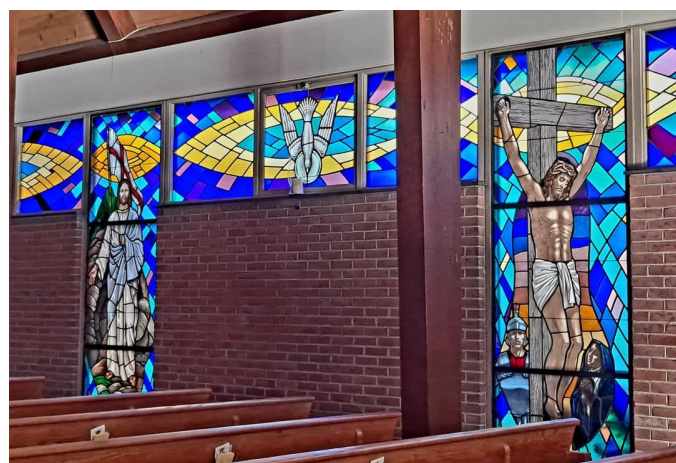




**One of Judy's center pieces for
Memorial Day!
Thank you Judy!**

From Bishop Bill Gohl:

A privilege to meet with the Leaders of Hope Lutheran Church (Middleborough) as we enter into a time of transition. Grateful for all that has been and grateful for all that is still to come!



Join Us IN Worship



**Join us on Sundays in the Sanctuary at
10:00 am. for worship.**

We are currently offering one worship service at 10:00 AM on Sundays. We are alternating between our Traditional and Family Worship Service format each Sunday, with a children's message, Holy Communion and Children's Church/KBZone.

Mission Statement

“Why are we here as a people of God? We are here to celebrate our faith, grow in faith and in God’s Word, and reach out in service to our community. Go in peace to celebrate, grow and serve”!



Yonas Amenu	Tim Flaherty	Margaret Linz	Barbara Shelly
Bob Baker	Al Fleischmann	Karen Loudon	Mike Short, Jr.
Connie Baker	Amy Folk	Phil Malpas	Charlene
Susan Baucon	Derrick Fowler	Mary-Kathryn	Simmons
Barbara Becker	Sam Freels	Ruth Massaroni	Lonny Smith
Gail Berry	Mike Gerald	John Micklos	Margaret Smith
Jessica Berry	Fred Getz	Marsha Millender	John Steiner
Pat Berry	Russ Getz	Matilda Miller	Phyllis Sult
Kathy Binas	Pierre Gibbons	Michelle Moore	Teresa
John Boblitz	Joyce Glover	Terry Novak	Sharon Thompson
Ken Brazeros	Cassidy Gore	Ryan O'Donnell	Dale Timmons
Debbie Bryant	Janet Ward Grant	Charmaine Ordak	Andrea Ulrich
Andres Buitrago	Trudy Grauer	Beth Patterson	Frank Walls
Wilford Buitrago	Cowyn Gustave	Judy Crockett	Trish White
Tony Bunk	Nicole Harden	Peddycord	Elvelta Williams
Ethel Burke	Juliana Hasson	Krista Pellegrini	Karen Williams
David Claggett	J & K	Evelyn Porter	Gail Wilson
Chris Coffey	Lillian Jones	Dorothy Prevost	Cass Wohlleben
Mary Jane Conrad	Kay	Cass Rayman	
Chuck DeWitt	Joan Kincaid	Dave Raynor	
Jami Edgar	Michelle Kincaid	Yvonne Ryan	
David Eicher	Matt Kretschmar	Frank Schmidt	
Belinda Emge	Christina Lacko	Sarah Schnept	
Susan Enclade	Lynne Lake	Geraldine Scott	
Jay Ferrell	Patty Baldwin	Nancy Scott	
Darlene Fisher	Linsolata	Tina Sharfe	



Prayers are also with the seafarers and our nation. We Pray for all active and reserve members of our armed forces



PRAISE & WORSHIP

Every Sunday beginning at 9:30-9:40 AM there will be an opportunity to shout, pray, sing, and give testimony & honor to God. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Colin Eversley, Music Minister



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Happy Summer! We want to start a Children's Choir at Hope Church! For more information and to sign-up see Colin Eversley, Music Minister. We would also need a director to lead and help organize children.

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 hopelsecretary@outlook.com.

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

There will be **NO** Wednesday Night Bible Study during the summer. Please join us in the Fall on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM, when we resume in the Fall!

Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study:

No Zoom 9:00 AM-10:00 AM every Saturday. In the Fallm we will be studying "Hope in the Lord", from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies. Pease 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.*





Join us for our Vacation Bible School adventure for 2025, True North, Trusting Jesus in a Wild World: a summer camp and adventure with God.

Date: July 21-24, 6:00pm—8:00pm.

Dinner option: 5:30pm—5:55pm

This is always an awesome week of singing, dancing, bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and interactive “true north” sessions, our Campers will explore timeless bible stories that show how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and learned to trust that God will go with us, lead the way, share wisdom, give us peace, and spark joy in our lives and the lives of people around us.

Come join us!



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

July 21-24, 2025, 6pm - 8pm

DINNER OPTION: 5:30pm - 5:50pm

AGES: 4 - 12, must be potty trained.

Child's Name

Child's Age

Last Grade Attended

Home Church

Parent/Guardian Name

Address

E-mail



Emergency Contact - 1) Name and Phone #

Emergency Contact - 2) Name and Phone

ALLERGIES:

VBS Donation:

1st Child \$15.00

2nd Child \$10.00

Dinner plan option will be provided 5:30pm - 5:50pm at an additional fee of \$5.00/child/week.

Yes ____ No ____

Please complete the online registration form above and submit payment:

Pay with Venmo @Denise-McLaughlin-48 or you can mail donation or drop it off in our secured mailbox outside

**Hope Lutheran Church VBS, 1901 Middleborough Rd. Essex,
21221 Please include your child's name in memo.**

***Any Family needing full or partial financial assistance, please email your request to vbsathope@gmail.com

Dinner plan option that will be provided from 5:30 - 5:50pm

Monday - Pizza, Veggie straws & Juice or water

Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets, Applesauce & Juice or Water

Wednesday - Hot Dogs & Macaroni & Cheese & Juice or Water

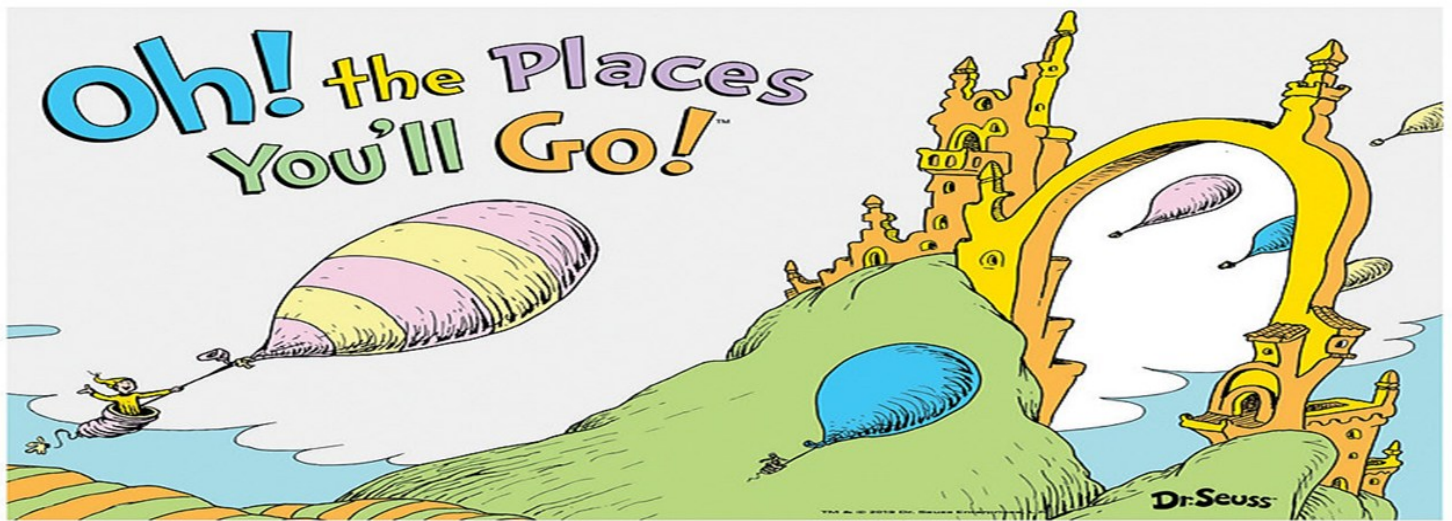
Thursday - PBJ or Ham & Cheese Crustables, Fruit cup & Juice or water.

Please specify Sandwich preference.

Dinner will be served promptly at 5:30pm - 5:50pm

**We will have our VBS Closing Ceremony at Church during worship on
Sunday, July 27, 2024 at 10:00am**

All Families are invited and encouraged to attend to support the children.



Pre-K 3 and 4 Graduation and End-of-Year Celebration!!

Dear Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 Families,

Our ***Pre-K Graduation and End-of-Year Celebration*** will be held at All Stars Learning Center on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.!** All students and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend! Light refreshments will be served as part of our Graduation Celebration. **Please return the bottom portion of this form, indicating attendance, by Friday, May 30, 2025.** As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating a successful school year with you!

Sincerely,
All Stars Learning Center Staff Members

Pre-K Graduation and End-of-Year Celebration

Childcare will be available before and after our Graduation Celebration

My Child _____ :

_____ Will Attend

_____ Number of Additional
Guests (max 2)

_____ Will Not Attend



All Stars Learning Center



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410-686-6060
allstarscenter@yahoo.com



Do you want your child to have a sweet and fun filled Summer?

We invite your child to experience our
"Summer is Sweet" Summer Program!

Learn fun facts about Sweet Treats, Maryland, the USA,
and Wild Animals!

Other fun activities will include: STEM, water play,
biking obstacles, spirit week, and special visitors!

Outdoor Activities		Arts/Crafts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Organized Sports<ul style="list-style-type: none">Soccer, Basketball, BaseballSprinkler / Water Balloon DaysObstacle Courses		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Make Americana JewelryMake a CD DonutDecorate a Sun VisorMake a Picture FrameTie-Dye String BagsArrange Edible SnacksMake an Ornament	
Special Events		<u>Special Visits</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cook-OutCarnivalIce Cream Party		Kona Ice Santa Oriole Bird	

****Our Summer Program covers ten weeks¹ of care, beginning June 16, 2025, and ending August 22, 2025. We offer full time care and part-time care. Tuition ranges from \$75.00-\$250.00 per week, with an additional activities fee of \$10.00 per week. Our Center provides breakfast, morning snack, and afternoon snack. Lunch must be provided by parents. For more information and to register your child for our Summer Program, please contact Nicole at 410-686-6060. ****

¹ You do not have to sign up for all 10 weeks, but registration is 1st come, 1st served.

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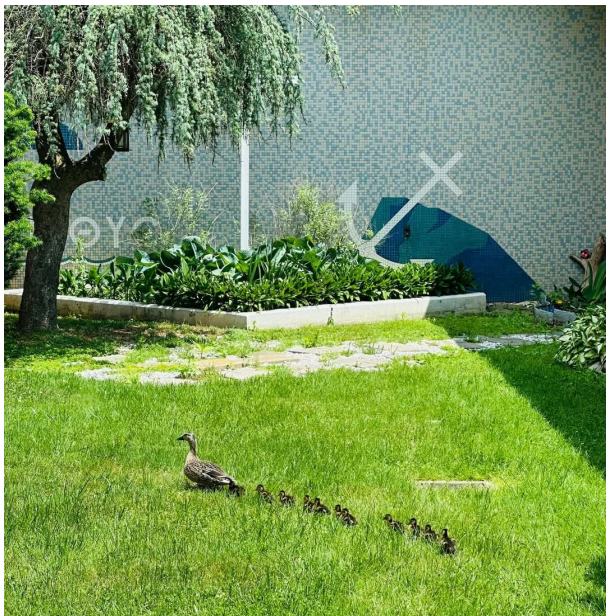
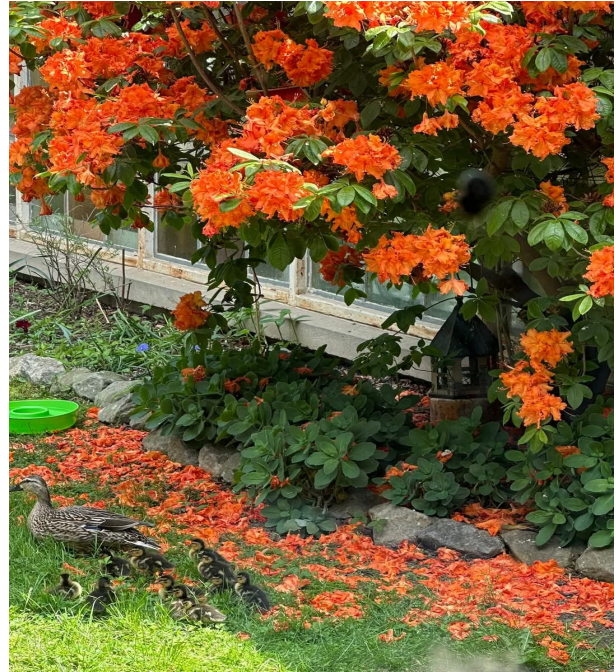
***“Hope Quilting Ministry Team”** meets every Monday at 10 AM in the Choir Room. No professional requirements necessary. You just need to be able to sew a straight line, cut, iron material and enjoy fellowship.*

A group of dedicated volunteers gathers every Monday at 10 AM, Fall through Spring, to sew, tie, knot, style quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The quilts are blessed in the Fall during worship and the team delivers it to LWR warehouse in New Windsor, MD. We also give thanks and recognize those who have shared in this ministry during the past year. This ministry donates quilts each year to LWR for distribution to people all over the world who are displaced because of natural disaster, political and civil unrest and famine.

Join this ministry to connect with a caring group who makes Christ known with beautifully sewn quilts, their creations spread the warmth of God’s love with each quilt and you also get to enjoy great fellowship at the same time.



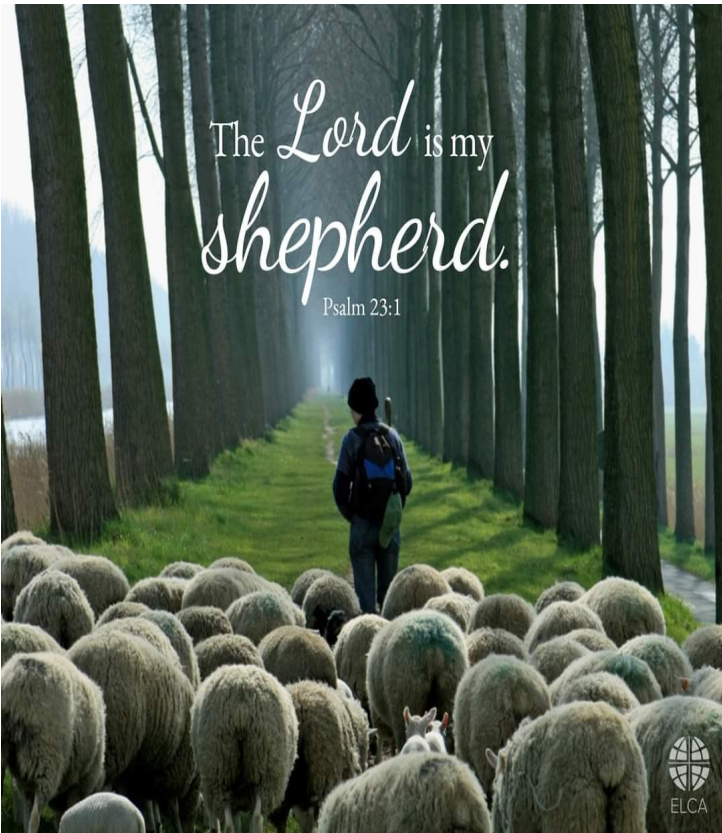
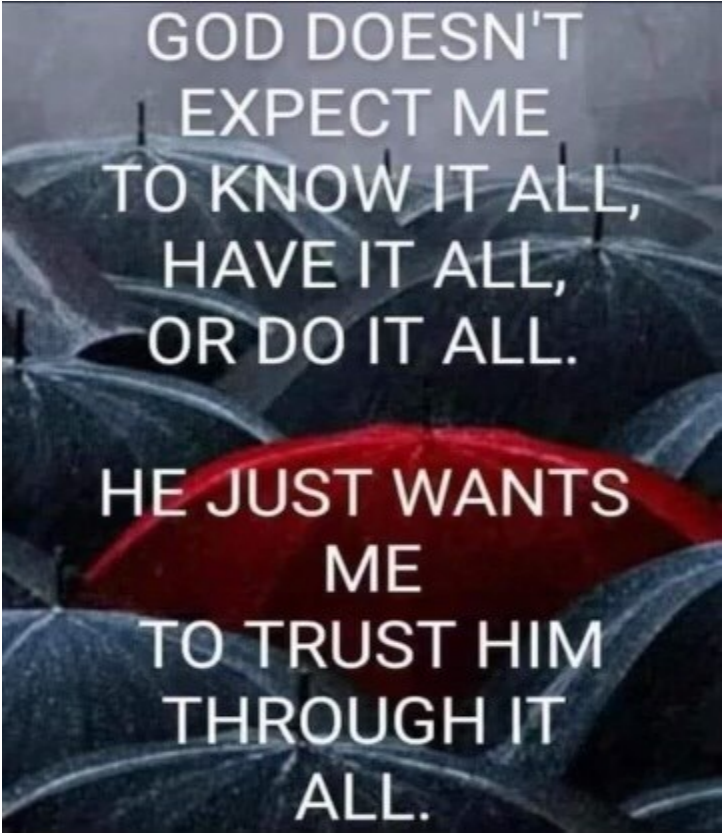
**The beauty of life unfolds in our courtyard: from egg to duckling. The miracle of God's creation.
Our 2025 Ducklings have arrived!**

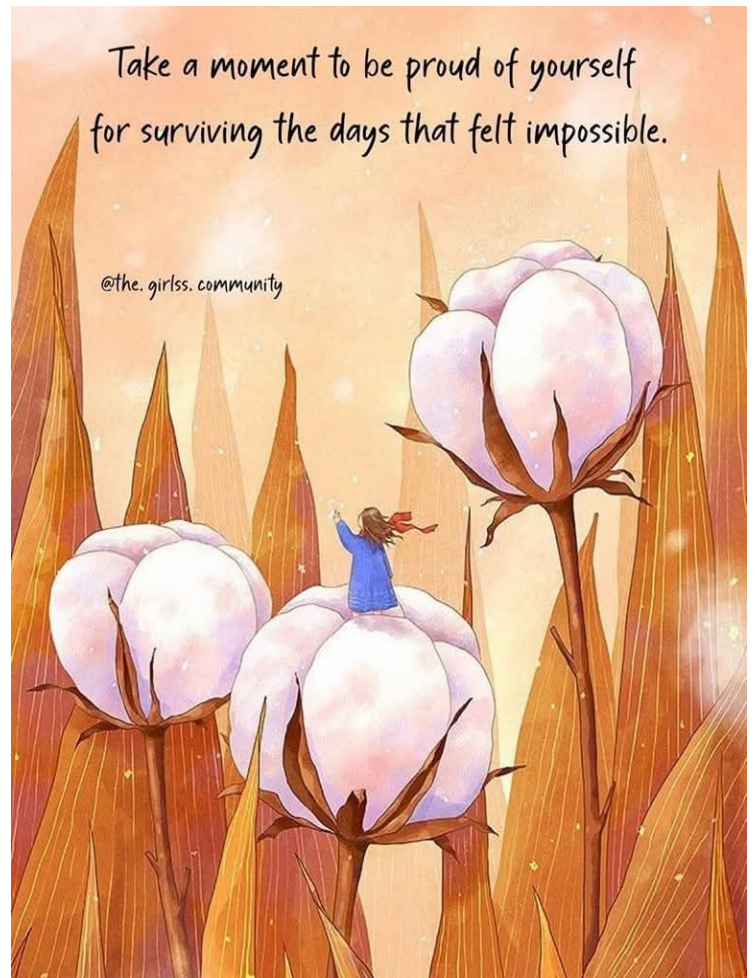


Mother's Day at Hope Church!

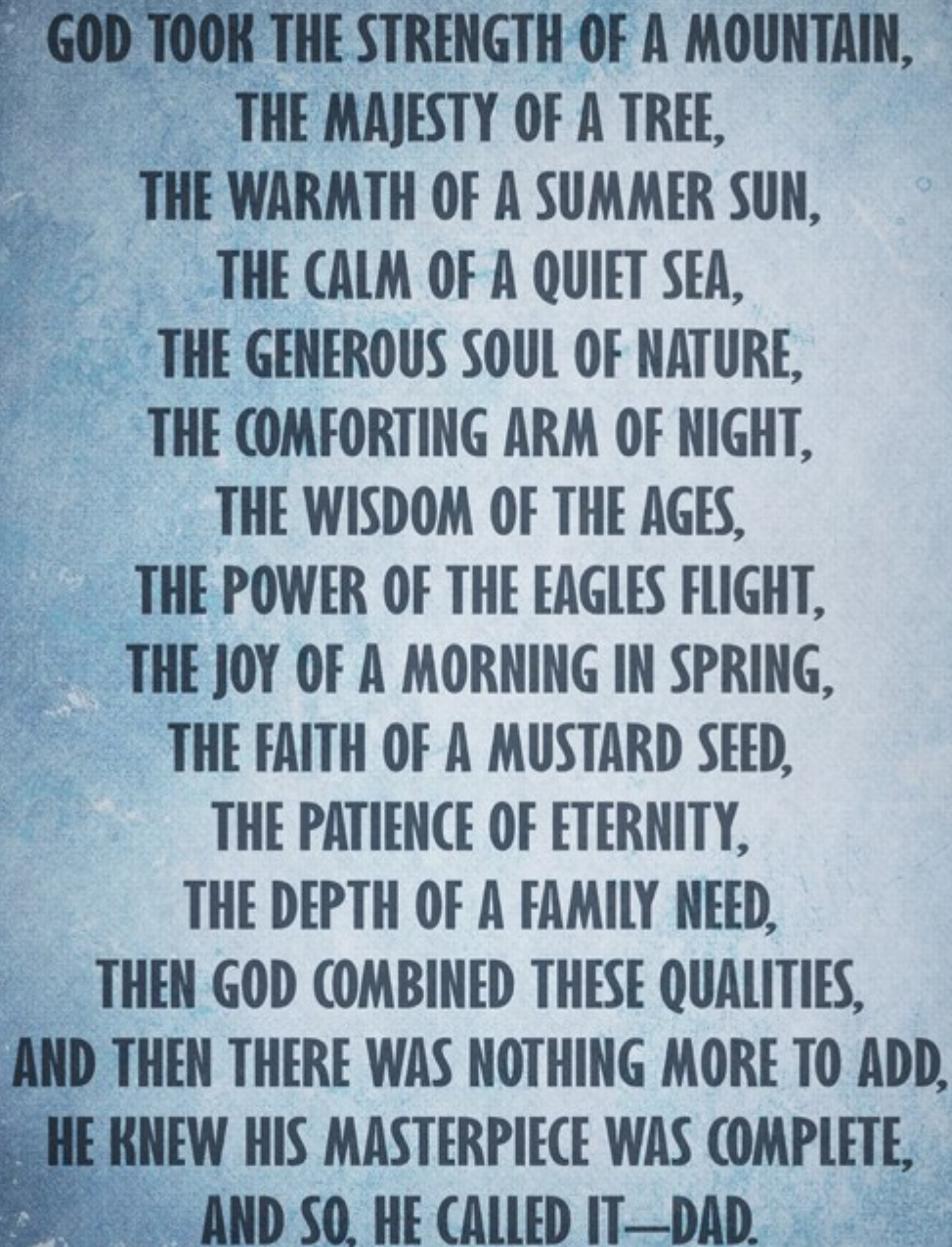








Come join us on Father's Day, June 15th when we celebrate our Fathers, Grandfathers, Sons, Uncles and Nephews on this Special Day!



**GOD TOOK THE STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN,
THE MAJESTY OF A TREE,
THE WARMTH OF A SUMMER SUN,
THE CALM OF A QUIET SEA,
THE GENEROUS SOUL OF NATURE,
THE COMFORTING ARM OF NIGHT,
THE WISDOM OF THE AGES,
THE POWER OF THE EAGLES FLIGHT,
THE JOY OF A MORNING IN SPRING,
THE FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED,
THE PATIENCE OF ETERNITY,
THE DEPTH OF A FAMILY NEED,
THEN GOD COMBINED THESE QUALITIES,
AND THEN THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO ADD,
HE KNEW HIS MASTERPIECE WAS COMPLETE,
AND SO, HE CALLED IT—DAD.**

Worship Themes for June 2025

Date	Scripture texts	Theme
June 1 Easter 7	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	While in prison, Paul speaks to the jailer, who is then baptised Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous. Blessed are those who wash their robes Jesus prays that the disciples will be one and abide in his love
June 8 Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. The Spirit make s us children of God The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth
June 15 Holy Trinity	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Wisdom rejoices in the creation Your glory is chanted above the heavens. God's love poured into our hearts through thr Holy Spirit The Spirit will guide you into the truth
June 22 Pentecost 2	Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	The prophet sent to a rebellious people In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. In Baptism, clothed with Christ; no longer Jew or Greek Jesus casts out demons possessing a man of the Gerasenes
June 29 Pentecost 3	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62	Elijah says to Elisha, follow ma and do not continue plowing I have set the Lord always before me. Love is the whole law; gift of the Spirit Jesus says, Follow me and do not look back



Hope's 2025 Flower Chart

Thank you everyone who donated Altar flowers for our Sunday services.
There are still spaces available for June 1st-1, July 6th-1, 13th-1, 20th-2, 27th-2, August 3rd-1, 10th-1, 17th-1, 24th-1, 31st-2. The cost is \$20 per arrangement. The sign-up chart is in the narthex or you can contact the church

JUNE 2025 DUTY SCHEDULE

10:00	June 1	June 8	June 15 Father's Day	June 22 Church Picnic	June 29
Assist	Joan Schweitzer	Colan Kahl	Thea Melton	John Kelly	Bob Schweitzer
Lector	Lynne & Youith	Jess Kahl	Thea Coker	Joan Schweitzer	Marge Carl
Serve if needed	None	None	None	Bob Schweitzer	None
Ushers	Sue Alexander Jackie Eversley	Laurie Koontz Eric Eszes	Denise McLaughlin Carol Ogle	Donna Jacob Debbie Schmidt	Carolee Calo Rick Calo Linda Moler
Counters	Bob Schweitzer Denise McLaughlin	Colan Kahl Joan Schweitzer	Linda Moler Thea Melton	Donna Jacob Steve Kahl	Bob Schweitzer Linda Moler
Flowers	Sue Alexander <i>Sign-up Available</i>	Denise McLaughlin Mary Lee Porter	Jeff and Kate Patten Bob and Joan Schweitzer	Al Fleischmann Steve and Sharyn Kahl	Bob and Joan Schweitzer Mike and Barbara Weir
Sunday School		Carolee Calo	Ruth Kraeger		



June 8th starts out with the color red for Pentecost, the color of zeal as we energetically worship our Lord and Savior and share this good news with all. We then change to white for Holy Trinity Sunday, June 15th, the color of celebration and joy as we give thanks for our Triune God. Then on June 22nd we return to green, the color of life and regeneration as we re-new our faith each Sunday, a mini Easter.





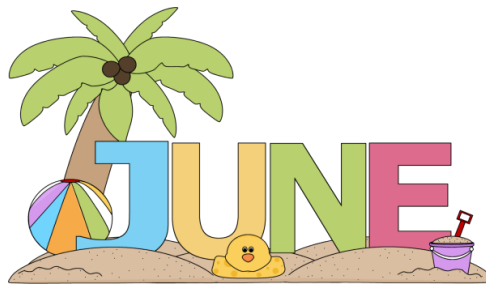
JUNE

birthdays

Day	
10	Mickey Porter
11	Delphine Duschel
11	Bradley Kroner
13	Tiffani Mason
15	Darlene Fisher
16	Bob Schweitzer
18	Christina Lacko
19	Gail Anuszewski
29	Mathilda Miller– <u>Turning 104</u>



2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00 AM Quilters QUILTING GROUP	3	4	5 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel	6	7
8 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 AM Quilters QUILTING GROUP	10	11	12 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel	13	14
15 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal <i>Happy Father's Day!</i>	16 10:00 AM Quilters QUILTING GROUP	17	18	19 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel	20	21
22 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	23 10:00 AM Quilters QUILTING GROUP 7:00 PM Church-Council Meeting 	24	25	26 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel	27	28
29 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM No Choir Rehearsal til the Fall	30 10:00 AM Quilters QUILTING GROUP					

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