

The Messenger

2023



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD, ESSEX MD 21221

Vacation Bible School
July 17-20, 2023

Dinner | 5:30 -6:00 PM
VBS
Mon-Thurs | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Hope Lutheran Church
1901 Middleborough Rd,
Essex, MD 21221

Vacation Bible School

For more information see page 11 thru 13

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Hope family,

The theme for our Wednesday Night and Saturday Morning Bible Study for the last quarter which we just wrapped up last night was “Jesus Calls Us.” I recently also read an article about a photographer who went to Yellowstone National Park and recreated photos taken by William Henry Jackson in 1871. It’s quite amazing to see the new photos side-by-side with those taken nearly 150 years ago. In our ever-changing, always-moving world nothing can possibly look the same after such a long period of time. Yet, what we find in the nation’s oldest National Park is that those incredible sights haven’t changed.

That’s not to say the park hasn’t changed. It is filled with roads, bridges, hotels, and tourist shops ... and, of course, people.

Our world has changed over the years. With over 8 billion people walking, driving, and flying the world is quickly being covered by roads, buildings, cars, and airports. Technology continues to grow (and shrink) at a rapidly increasing pace. Our world is changing.

We are reminded, though, in Hebrews 13:8 that, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” In a world with more people, taller buildings, and smaller and faster technology Jesus Christ never changes. God’s love, grace, and mercy never fade.

This is especially wonderful news when we feel threatened by the world around us, - when we feel unheard by politicians, when we feel abandoned by the structures of society that we count on to protect us. In all the change in the world, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” That will NEVER change.

Laws change. Leadership changes. Borders change. Even the Church changes. But in all that change, God never changes. Hear the hope in those words! God never changes! Our outlook on life may change. Our understanding of religion may change. Our very views of morality may change. But God Never Changes. God’s love, grace, and mercy - given as a free gift through Jesus Christ - NEVER change.

And rather than see that as a reason to not care about what happens in the world – it should challenge us to do more! Because we have God’s immeasurable, unchanging grace we are freed to do more! We are freed to show Jesus’ love to everyone who comes our way. We are freed to forgive even those who are declared unforgivable by the world. We are freed to stand up for those who are abused. We are freed and called.

Whose lives can we touch today? Where can we make a real difference? No life is too insignificant to matter. How can we follow God’s call to reach out to the unwanted, the unforgivable, the abused, to everyone?

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. It’s both wonderful news and a freeing statement of call for each and every one of us.

In Christ,

Pastor Meheret



June 18th

Father's Day Fellowship
Honor the "Men of Hope"

Following 10 AM

Worship Service

Light refreshments

Explore the courtyard

Come celebrate

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.

Please join us in-person or live on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

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”!



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.



Edgar Amos, Jr.	Harry Fillion, Jr.	Michelle Kincaid	Evelyn Porter
Gail Anuszewski	Linda Fillion	Ed Klingenstein	Inez Rasinski
Katilyn Floyd-Baier	Cassandra	Irene Klingenstein	Cass Rayman
Connie Baker	Fleckenstein	MickeyKoontz	Yvonne Ryan
Susan Baucom	Allen Fleischmann	Matt Kretzschmar	Jeff Sanders
Travis Bender	Amy Folk	Sharon LaBelle	Jeanine Schenning
Gail Berry	Mike Gerald	Christina Lacko	Sarah Schnept
Pat Binas	Russ Getz	Leah Lane	Joan Schweitzer
Kathy Binas	Pierre Gibbons	Harriett Lloyd	Nancy Scott
Mary Bodenschatz	Jim Gibson	Karen Louiden	Tina Sharfe
Ryan Boninu	Joyce Glovier	Michael McCoy	Barbara Shelly
Christie Booth	Cassidy Gore	Aiden McDermott	Donna Shrouder
Ken Brazerol	Trudy Grauer	Ellen McKenna	Vivian Smith
Aiden Brown	Corrine Guernsey	John Melissari	John Stiemly
Debbie Bryant	Barbara Hanke	John Micklos	Eloise Stumpf
Bill Byrnes	Donna Hanke	Marsha Millender	Mike Stumpf
Brooke Burns	Dennis Harris	Brian Miller	Phyllis Sult
William Byrne	Shirley Harrison	Joanne Miller	Peggy Talbott
Eric Carl	Juliana Hasson	Jim Nemec'	Teresa
Sharyl Clark	Beverly Hoffman	Laurie Nemec	Dale Timmons
MaryJane Conrad	Karen Hoffman	Frank Neukam	David Vega
Ed Cornelius	John Hoffman	Terry Novak	James Wallace, Jr.
Shirley Cosgrove	Karen Holzopfel	Rick O'Dea	Zach Wallace
Chuck DeWitt	Scott Hower	Carol Ogle	Karen Williams
Mary Ann Donnelly	J & K	Pat Owens	Gail Wilson
Austin Dowell	Leondra Jefferson	Deacon Robin	Norbert Wilson
Lynn Eckels	Lillian Jones	Palmer	Richard Wrobel
Belinad Emge	Tom Jubb	Kathleen Patterson	Susan Yelto
Susan Enclade	Kay	Judy Crockett	
Lois Farber	Joan Kincaid	Peddicord	
Richard Fifer	Lynn Kincaid	Krista Pellegrini	

Our Congregation, All First Responders, Medical Personnel, all families affected by COVID-19 and all active and reserve members of our armed forces.

TO ALL OF OUR 2023 GRADUATES!



Congratulations and many more God’s blessings to MacKenzie Ward, granddaughter of Mary Lee and Mickey Porter who graduates from Marivale Preparatory School and will be attending Mercer College in Macon, Georgia on a Lacrosse Scholarship.





Come join us!

What: Pre-K Graduation and End-of-Year Celebration

When: **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

Time: **10:00 a.m.**

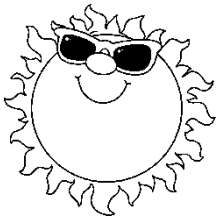
Where: All Stars Learning Center



ALL STARS LEARNING CENTER "Summer Extravaganza! **Our Summer Program** covers nine weeks of care, beginning **June 26, 2023, and ending August 25, 2023**. We offer full time care and part-time care. Tuition ranges from \$60.00-\$220.00 per week, with an additional activities fee of \$20.00 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. You do not have to sign up for all 9 Weeks, but registration is 1st come, 1st served.

Contact us today 410-686-6060 or

email allstarscenter@yahoo.com

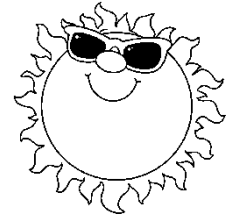


All Stars Learning Center

Summer Care Program

“Summer Extravaganza”

Weekly Activities

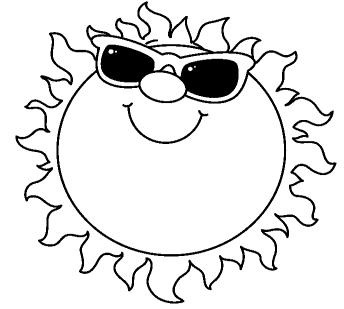


Week	Dates	Theme of the Week	Tentative Activities
Week 1	June 19-23	All About Summer	Special Treat-Popsicles (Monday); Make and use sidewalk foam paint; Make a Summer themed suncatcher
Week 2	June 26 – 30	Summer Fun	Visit from the Oriole Bird ; Flip flop decorating; Create a sandpaper shirt; STEM! : Paper Cup and String Experiment
Week 3	July 3 – 7 *Closed on July 4th*	Celebrating America	Special Treat-Rita’s (Monday); Make an American Flag craft; Create your own Americana jewelry; All American cook out on Friday!
Week 4	July 10 – 14	Beach Week	Visit from Kona Ice ; Make your own beach visors; Beach party on Friday! STEM! : Sink or Float Experiment
Week 5	July 17 – 21	The 1980’s	Special Treat-McDonald’s Ice Cream Sundae (Monday); Child Friendly Sip (your favorite juice box) and Paint Activity; Dress in your best 80’s wear on Friday!
Week 6	July 24 – 28	Zoo Animals	Visit from Sorrentino Animal World ; Make a Zoo animal from clay; Tie-Dye Activity; Play Animal Bingo; Make your own edible Bear treat
Week 7	July 31 -August 4	Camping and The Wild Wild West	Special Treat-Snowballs (Monday); Make your own life-sized cowboy/cowgirl; Straw painting; “Roast” S’mores; STEM! : Cloud in a Jar Experiment
Week 8	August 7 - 11	Summer Olympics	Special Treat-Make Your Own Ice Cream (Monday); Make your own Olympic medals; Olympic ring art; Crazy Olympics on Friday!
Week 9	August 14 - 18	Spirit Week	Monday: Superhero Day Tuesday: Crazy Hat Day Wednesday: Sports Day Thursday: Decades Day Friday: Missed Matched Day Visit from Hartlove Entertainment STEM! : Lava Lamp Experiment
Week 10	August 21-25	End of Summer Fun	Fun crafts and activities; Pizza party, prizes and ice cream social on Friday!

*Activities are subject to change based on availability

**Weekly Activities Fee is \$20.00. All funds will be applied directly to the cost of the visitors, supplies, and activities for the Summer Program

Summer Activities!



Every day:

Outdoor sports - soccer, basketball and wiffleball
Arts and Crafts

Once a Week:

Special Treats (indicated on the Weekly Activities Sheet)-**Monday**

Biking obstacles (bring your own bike and helmet)-**Tuesday**

Buy your lunch day-**Wednesday**

Chapel-**Thursday**

Water balloon toss and sprinkler day or messy play (bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, water shoes)-**Thursday**

Movie during lunch day-**Friday**

STEM Activities:

Paper Cup and String Experiment

Sink or Float Experiment

Cloud in a Jar Experiment

Lava Lamp Experiment

Special Activities:

All American Cook Out

Beach Party

Crazy Olympics

Pizza Party

Ice Cream Social

Special Visitors:

Visit from the ***Oriole Bird***:

Friday, June 30th at 10:00 a.m.

Visit from ***Kona Ice***:

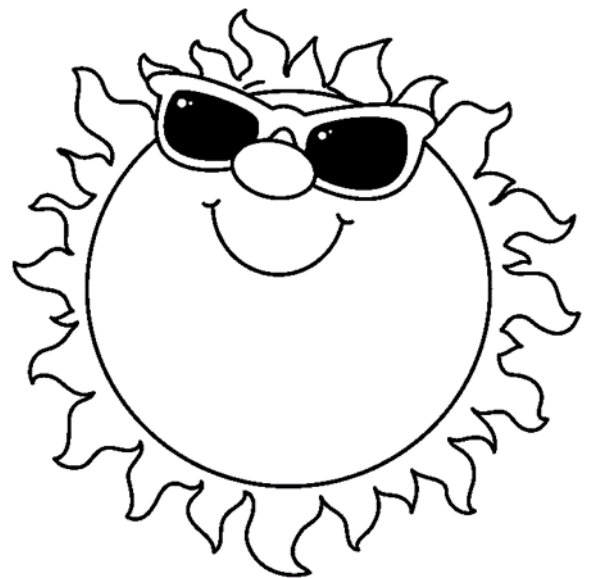
Monday, July 10th at 2:30 p.m.

Visit from ***Sorrentino Animal World***:

Monday, July 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Visit from ***Hartlove Entertainment***:

Friday, August 18th at 3:00 p.m.



Hope VBS 2023



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Twists & Turns: is a fantastical celebration of

how following Jesus changes the game. Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Kids will have fun with games while learning that Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. In the end, they'll find that even when they mess up it is never "game over."

Please spread the word. Thank you.

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM
Dinner 5:30 - 6:00pm
VBS July 17th - 20th, 2023 6:00 – 8:00pm

Child's Name _____

Child's Age on 7/1/23 _____ Last Grade Attended _____

Home Church _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact –

1) Name _____

Phone # _____

2) Name _____

Phone # _____

ALLERGIES _____

VBS Donation:

1st Child \$15.00

2nd Child \$10.00

**Forms can be submitted to Hope Church VBS
At 1901 Middleborough Rd. Essex, MD 21221
Multi Children Discount available with in the Immediate
Family**

* Any Family needing Financial Aid
Please contact the Church Office *





Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

July 17th - 20th, 2023 6:00pm - 8:00pm

This year we are offering a Dinner plan option that will be provided from 5:30 - 5:55pm

Monday - Pizza, Apple Slices & Juice or water

Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets, Applesauce & Juice or Water

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

Thursday - PBJ Sandwich or Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Carrots & Celery & Juice or water

** Please specify Sandwich preference.

PB Allergy - Turkey & Swiss option

Dinner will be served Promptly at 5:30pm - 5:45pm

**We will have our VBS Closing Ceremony at Church
on Sunday July 23, 2023 at 10:00am**

**All Families are invited and encouraged to attend.
Let's show our
Children our support.**



Hope's Campers this year are:

Ricki Houck

Gracie Coyle

Angelina Hensley (Ricki's friend)

Joining our group again this year is:

Penny Gapsis from St. Johns, Linthicum.

They will be in Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp July 2 - 7, 2023

Pray for them to settle into camp well, for their endurance and energy during their camp, and that they would grow closer to Jesus while they're there. Pray for their camp staff that God would give them the words and the smiles to meet each camper where they are and to make them feel loved.



Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp 2023

Dear Camp Community,

Our Summer 2023 schedule is full of choices for all ages. We look forward to seeing you on the Ridge once again –or maybe for the very first time! A few items of note as you begin making plans:•Weekly programs return to a full 5 nights and run Sunday –Friday• We require a \$50 non-refundable deposit at the time of registration• Programming for Senior High age youth is scheduled so it DOES NOT conflict with the ELCA National Youth Gathering. We want it to be convenient and affordable for our older campers to attend camp and the Gathering, and assistance is available. •Two programs merge age groups: Horseback & Arts are for campers ages 8-12, perfect for siblings or friends who do not fit the traditional age groups. It is our mission to provide affordable programming for all youth. Full and partial Camperships are available for any family in need. Visit our website for more information and to register. We are here to assist you, so please call with any questions. A Summer Camp FAQ is available on our website as well. We look forward to welcoming you to Mar-Lu-Ridge!

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 every Saturday morning 9:00 AM-10:00 AM We will be studying "The Righteous Reign of God", from the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies. Please join us on Saturday mornings!

Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study:

Meets via Zoom 9:00 AM-10:00 AM every Saturday. We will be studying "The Righteous Reign of God", same as the Wednesday Bible Study Group from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies. Please join us!

Holy God, write your Word on our hearts so that we might move with gracefulness through the



Baptism

We welcomed Frederick Neewary

Freddy Neewary

Jasiah Sturm to Hope Family through Baptism

on Sunday,

May 21, 2023. Joy!



“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.



AED TRAINING



You can
save a life!

Our church purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in case someone goes into Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). Some of us took the training class on May 16th, to enable quick response and for a much greater chance of survival in case of SCA, especially since every second that goes by has a potential impact on whether the person will survive or not. Thank you to all who were able to take the training. Thank you to our trainer for taking the time and sharing your wisdom.



*Hope's Courtyard Garden is "A delight to the eye
and a solace for the soul"!*



*Azaleas, Hostas and Iris in the courtyard and a
momma duck nesting.*

*We should praise God for the daily
miracles that surround us.*

*Special thank you" to Thea Coker and Thea
Melton who takes care of the Courtyard. We
feel blessed and we are very thankful*





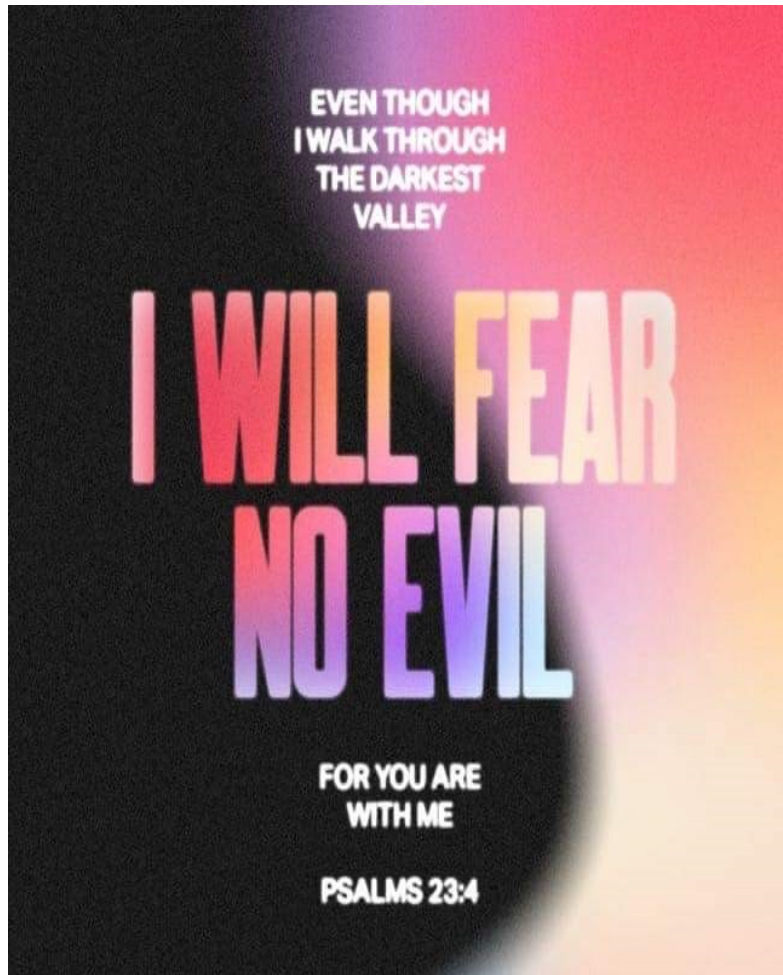
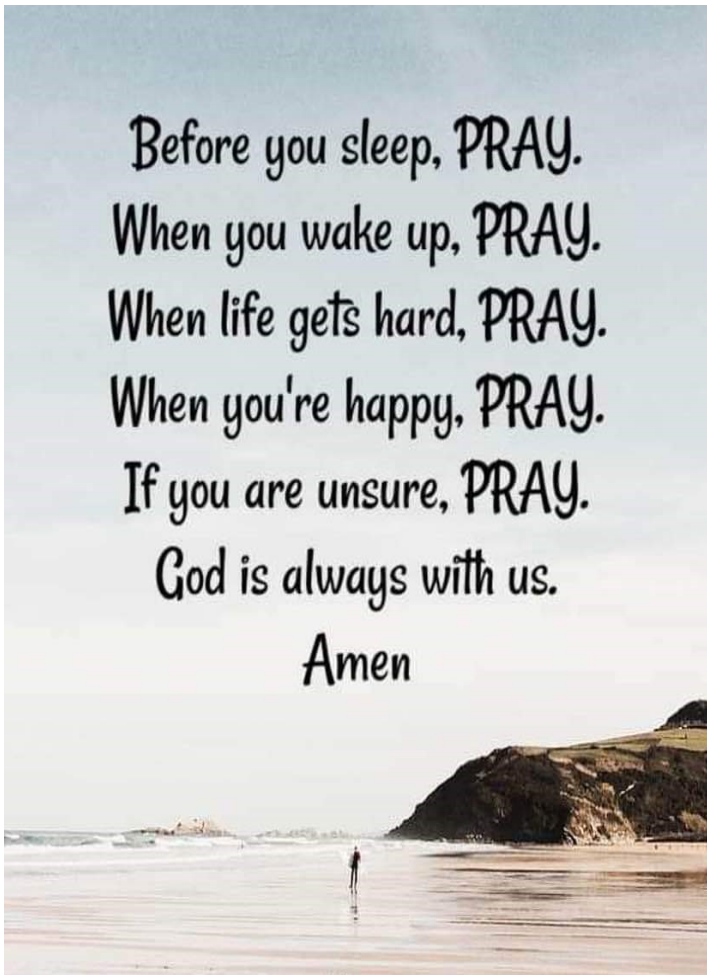
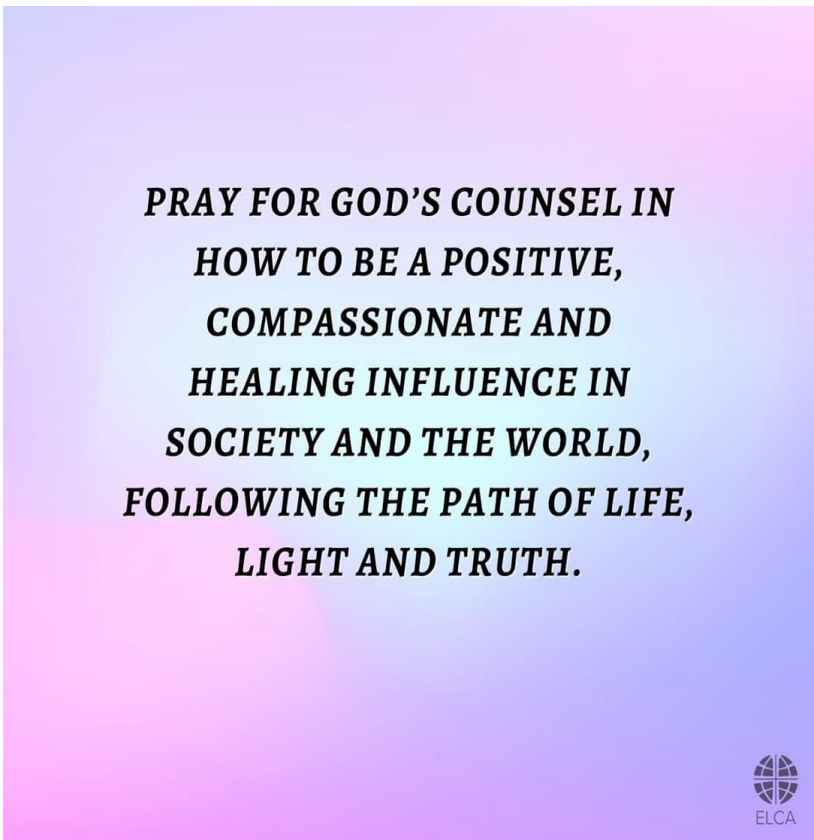
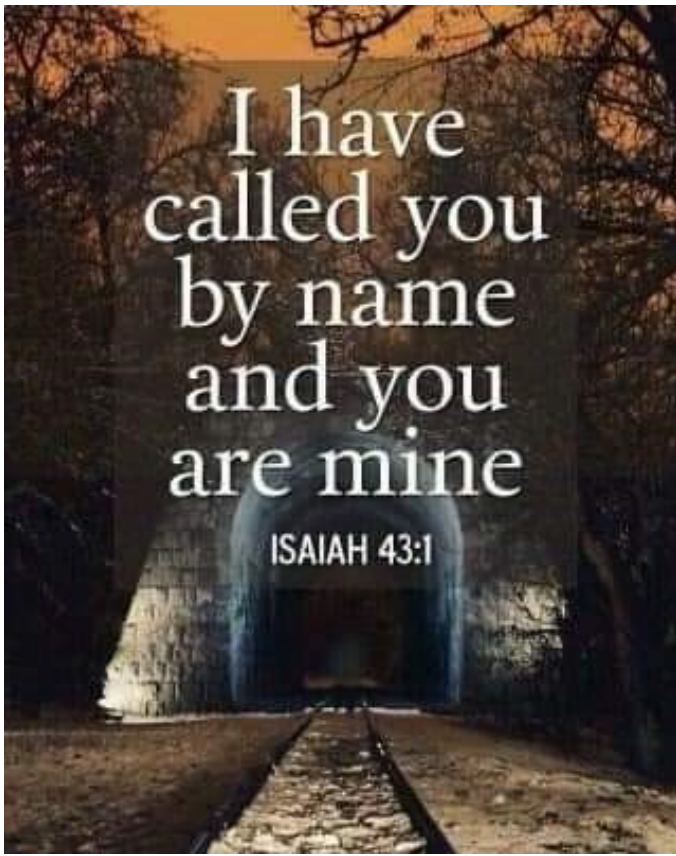
Everyone had a great time, great food and tea at the Tea Party on Sunday, May 7th! Thank you to Lynne, Linda, Sue, Danielle, Paul, Jack, Jeff and everyone who helped put the party together and who were able to attend. God bless you all! God is indeed so good all the time!



Mother's Day at Hope Church

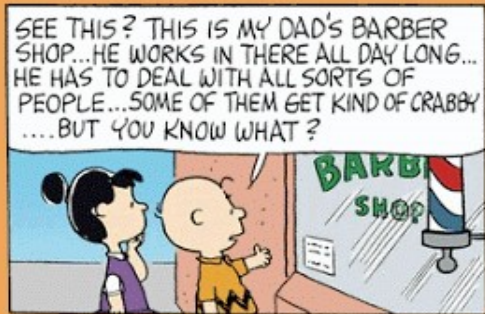
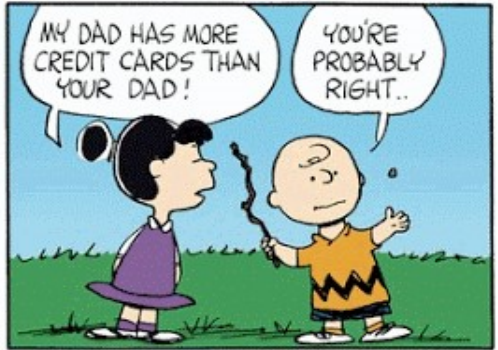
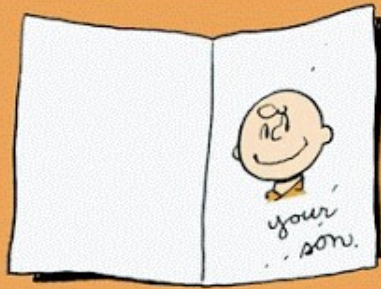
THANK YOU to Thea Melton, Thea Coker, Linda Moler, Judy and Eric Eszes, for making our Mother's Day celebration a huge success! God bless!





Classic PEANUTS

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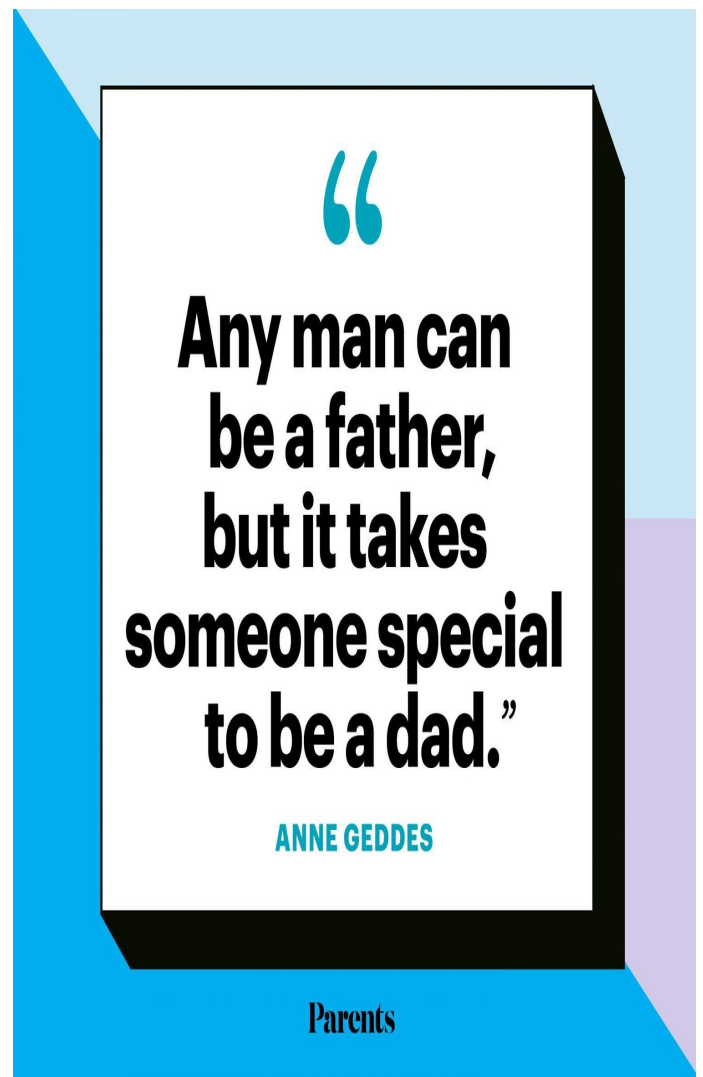
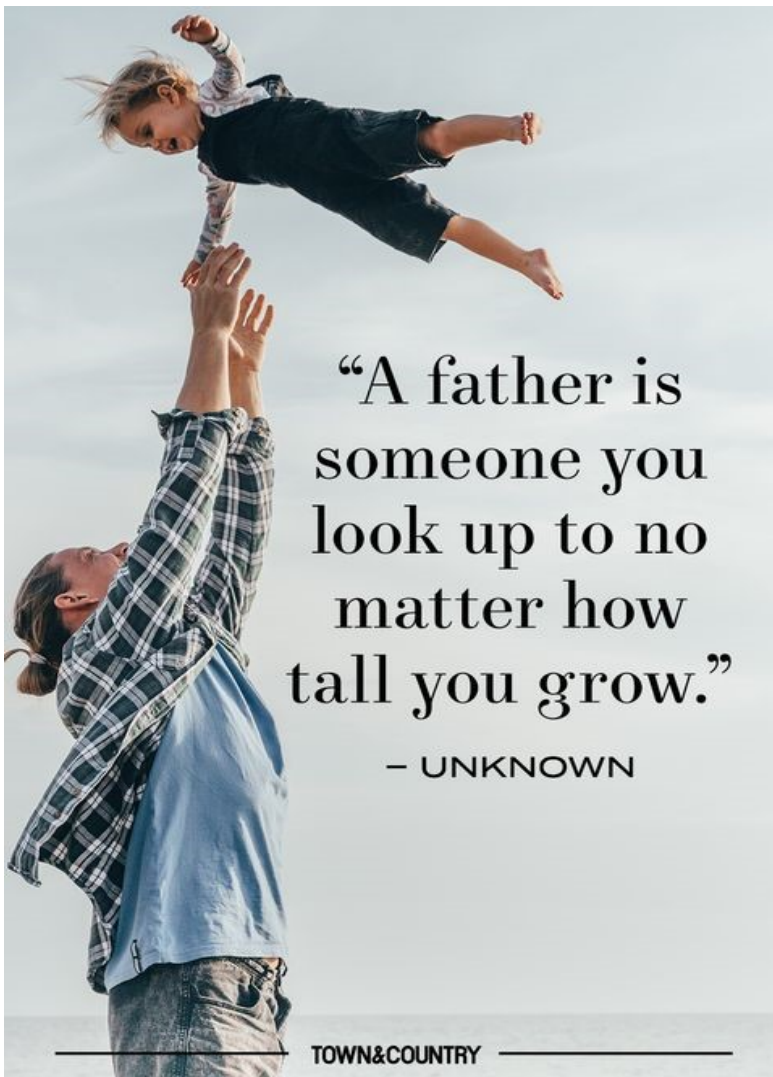
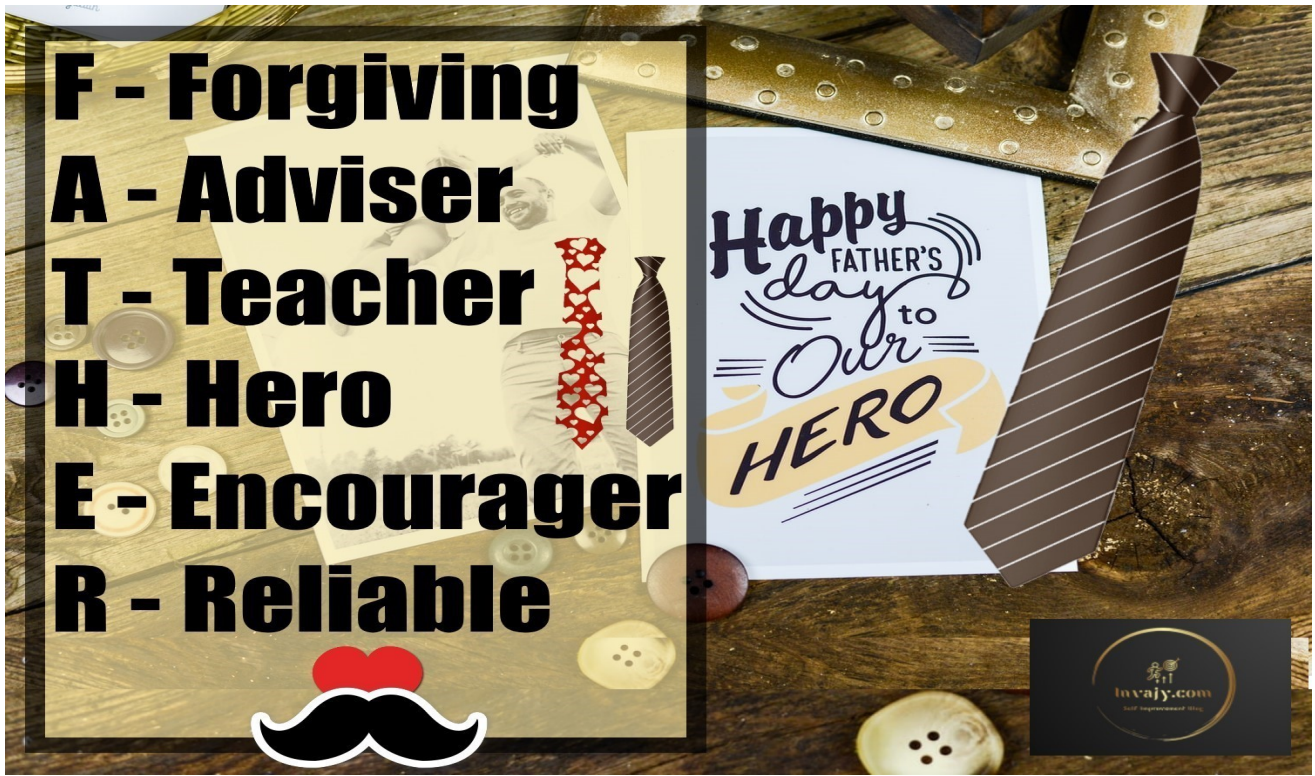
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6-18 SCHULZ



Worship Themes for June 2023

Date	Scripture texts	Theme
June 4 The Holy Trinity	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	The creation of the heavens and the earth How majestic is your name in all the earth! Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth Living in the community of the Trinity
June 11 Pentecost 2	Hosea 5:15—6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	God desires steadfast love Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. The promise to those who share Abraham's faith Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter
June 18 Pentecost 3	Exodus 19:8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35—10:8-23	The covenant with Israel at Sinai We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. While we were sinners, Christ died for us The sending of the Twelve
June 25 Pentecost 4	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39	The prophet must speak despite opposition Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. Buried and raised with Christ by baptism The cost of discipleship



Hope's 2023 Flower Chart

Thank you everyone who donated Altar flowers for our Sunday services. There are still spaces available for June 4th - 2. The cost is \$20 per arrangement. The sign-up chart is in the narthex or you can contact the church office, 410-686-7587

JUNE 2023 DUTY SCHEDULE

10:00	June 4	June 11	June 18 Father's Day	June 25
Assist	Colan Kahl	Eric Eszes	Bob Schweitzer	John Kelly
Lector	Jess Kahl	Joan Schweitzer	Thea Coker	Jeff Patten
Serve if needed	None	Bob Schweitzer	None	Joan Schweitzer
Ushers	Carolee Calo Laurie Koontz	Frank Schmidt Debbie Schmidt	Thea Melton Linda Moler	Donna Jacob Eric Eszes
Counters	Bob Schweitzer	Colan Kahl Joan Schweitzer	Linda Moler Thea Melton	Donna Jacob Steve Kahl
Flowers	Joan & Bob Schweitzer <i>Sign-up Available</i>	Joan & Bob Schweitzer Denise McLaughlin	Jeff & Kate Patten Sharyn & Steve Kahl	The Weir Family (2)
Sunday School	Denise McLaughlin	Lynne Lake	Ruth Kraeger	Carolee Calo



June 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, the color of celebration and joy as we give thanks for our Triune God. The rest of June we return to green, the color of life and regeneration as we renew our faith each Sunday, a mini Easter.





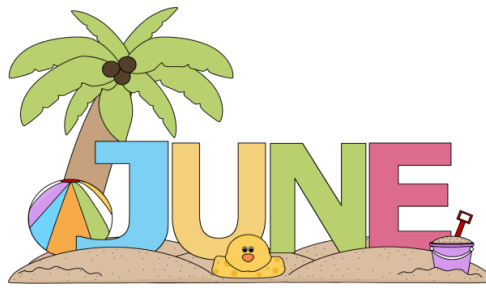
JUNE

birthdays

Day	
02	Daniel Sweet
02	Jonathan Sweet
10	Mickey Porter
11	Delphine Duschel
11	Bradley Kroner
12	Jocelyn Lightner
13	Tiffani Mason
15	Darlene Fisher
16	Bob Schweitzer
18	Michaela Gosting
19	Gail Anuszewski
22	Kathy Glagola
24	Marge Cain
29	Mathilda Miller– <i>Turning</i> 102
30	Jacob Lightner



2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>The 3 R's of Summer... Read, Relax, & Renew</p>		<p>1 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Discussion</p>
<p>4 10:00 AM Worship in person and online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Discussion</p>
<p>11 10:00 AM Worship in person and Online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 10:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>FLAG DAY</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Discussion</p>
<p>18 10:00 AM Worship in person and Online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Happy Father's Day!</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER JUNE 21</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Discussion</p>
<p>25 10:00 AM Worship in person and online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 10:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>QUILTING GROUP</p> <p>7:00 PM Church-Council Meeting</p> <p>COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel</p>	<p>30</p>	



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