

The Messenger November



2021

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD,
ESSEX MD 21221



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Join us as we give thanks to God for all our
blessings!

“Be Thankful!”



Can we legislate thankfulness? Is it possible to create laws that will make us more thankful? Like the child obeying the parent, saying thanks to Aunt for her gift of hot itchy socks, the words might be there, but the heart isn't in it. Is it possible to make the

child thankful for those hot itchy socks by demanding the expression of thanks? A thankful heart is like a loving heart. It cannot be forced. It cannot be legislated.

And yet, we hear Jesus say/legislate that we are to love one another as he has loved us. And, after healing ten lepers, he points out the noteworthiness that one came back to give thanks. There is an expectation that we who follow Jesus are to live loving and thankful lives. But can this be legislated?

It is noteworthy that President Lincoln, who legislated Thanksgiving Day in 1863, did not say “Be more thankful” in his famous Proclamation. Instead, in the midst of the Civil War, Lincoln said “notice” in a number of ways within this Proclamation. In a way he said, “Notice God’s hand within another bountiful harvest. Notice God’s hand within the maintenance of peace and order. Notice God’s hand within our industry and growth as a nation.” Citing numerous examples, Lincoln said, “notice these things,” and then assumed the giving of heartfelt thanks would take care of itself.

So, we who follow Jesus, may not always have gratitude on our hearts, but we fall into routines, even legislated routines, that force us to notice, and out of it we discover heartfelt thanks upon our lips. We mumble through prayers at mealtime or bedtime, or we challenge ourselves to notice three things within the day that just passed for which we can be grateful, and from it we will witness the growth of gratitude. Yes, even one legislated day a year for giving thanks can produce thankfulness if the focus is upon noticing all that there is for which to give thanks.

So, let us embrace this legislated day for giving thanks. Let us use it to notice the loving and gracious activity of God within our lives, our families and our communities. Let us even notice or discover things to be thankful for within the struggles and disappointments of the past year. Let us be a people who are on the lookout for wild and crazy things to be thankful for, like hot itchy socks, signs of God’s affection and kindness. And then watch as gratitude does miraculously bubble up in our hearts with praise and thanksgiving to God as we fall deeper in love with the God who is so absolutely in love with each and every one of us.

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all people here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.”

With thanksgiving to God for you,

Pastor Meheret



PRAY for another

JAMES 5:16

PRAYER CONCERNS: Edgar Amos, Jr., Gail Anuszewski, Kaitlyn Floyd-Baier, Connie Baker, Sue Baucom, Jeannie, Wayne & Kate Benne, Dennis Berry, Kathy Binas, Mary Bodenschatz, Ryan Boninu, Christie Booth, Debbie Brooks, Debbie Bryant, Bill Brynes, Brooke Burns, Margaret Cain, Sharyl Clark, Shirley Cosgrove, Ed Cornelius, Patrick J. Curran, Chuck DeWitt, Freddie Ditmar, Lynn Eckles, Susan Enclade, Lois Farber, Cassandra Fleckenstein, Amy Folk, Mike Gerald, Pierre Gibbons, Jim Gibson, Ellen Gollhardt, Cassidy Gore, Corrine Guernsey, Donna Hager, Daniel Hanke, Shirley Harrison, Juliana Hasson, Beverly Hoffman, Karen Hoffman, John Hoffman, Karen Holzopfel, Scott Hower, Leondra Jefferson, Joan Kincaid, Lenny Kincaid, Michelle Kincaid, Mickey Koontz, Family of Robert Kratz, Ruby Krug, Matt Kretzschmar, Sharon LaBelle, Leah Lane, June Leap, Alix Lindley, Harriett Lloyd, Karen Malpas, Robyn Marshall, Michael McCoy, Ellen McKenna, Buddy McLaughlin, John Micklos, Marsha Millender, Brian Miller, Joanne Miller, Brandi Miner, Jim Nemec, Laurie Nemec, Frank Neukam, Hannah Noack, Terry Novak, Rick O'Dea, Pat Owens, Judy Crockett Peddiford, Krista Pellegrini, Mickey Porter, Francesca Prado, Inez Rasin-

ski, Cass Rayman, Cliff Rodney, Yvonne Ryan, Jeff Sanders, Connie Sanders, Jeanine Schenning, Sarah Schnepf, Barbara Shelly, Gracie Smith, Vivian Smith, John Stiemly, Family of Charles Stumpf, Eloise Stumpf, Mike Stumpf, Mary Wallington, Norbert Wilson, Richard Wrobel, Susan Yelton, Heather Zimmer

Our Congregation, and our ministries.

All First Responders and all active and reserve members of our armed forces.

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

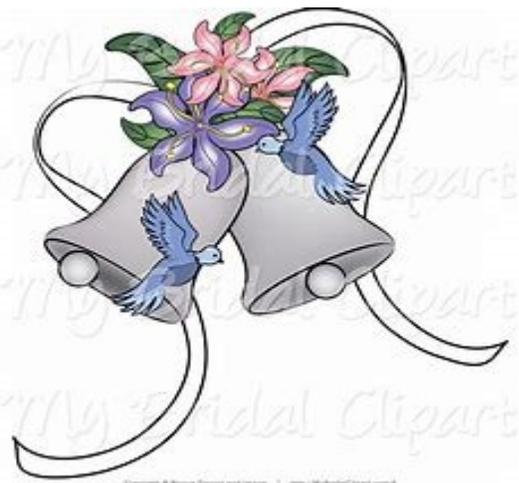


*The LORD is near to
all them that call on him,
to all that call on him
in truth.*

Psalm 145:18



*Congratulations and God's Blessings
to Allen and Pat Fleischman who
celebrated their 55th Wedding
Anniversary
on October 8th!*





On All Saints Sunday, November 7th, we remember that the Church of Jesus Christ is much bigger than we think, because it is composed not only of all believers now living on earth, but also all those who have gone before us in the faith. On this Sunday we remember all those who have joined the Church triumphant during the past 12 months.

Members, family and friends of Hope Church who will be remembered this year on All Saints Sunday include:



Debbie Button
Robin Marshall
Dolores Patten
Michael Bosch
Paul Tevis
Marlene Shephers
Donna Alexander
David Sherman
Charles Stumpf
Patty Trzcinka
Will Meyers
Barbara Brenner
Sean Simms
Georgianna Kelley
Leonard Hartman
Ethel Ryder
Fred Eszes





**Join us on Sundays in the Sanctuary at
10 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. Please join us for in-person Worship Service and Holy Communion in our sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 AM. For those who prefer not to gather in-person at this time, we will live stream or record our 10:00 AM Worship Service and the filmed worship will be uploaded & posted on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel by early afternoon on Sundays.



PRAISE & WORSHIP

Beginning October 3rd, 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

CHOIR REHEARSAL! WELCOME TO HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHOIR, The definition of HOPE-a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.

CHOIR'S DESIRE:

We are seeking new members to participate, fellowship, and meet people while serving the Lord.

REQUIREMENTS: NONE

AUDITION: NONE

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: Every Thursday, at 6:30 PM.

Any questions please contact Colin Eversley,



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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.

No experience needed.

Worship Scriptures For November



<p>November 7 All Saints' Sunday</p>	<p>1Kings 17:8-16 <i>God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath</i> Psalm 146 <i>The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.</i> Hebrews 9:24-28 <i>The once for all sacrifice of Christ</i> Mark 12:38-44 <i>A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes</i></p>
<p>November 14 Pentecost 25</p>	<p>Daniel 12:1-3 <i>The deliverance of God's people at the end</i> Psalm 16 <i>My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.</i> Hebrews 10:11-25 <i>The way to God opened through Christ's death</i> Mark 13:1-8 <i>The end and the coming of the Son</i></p>
<p>November 21 Christ The King Sunday</p>	<p>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 <i>The one coming with the clouds rides over all</i> Psalm 93 <i>Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.</i> Revelation 1:4b-8 <i>Glory to the one who made us a kingdom</i> John 18:33-37 <i>The kingdom of Christ</i></p>
<p>November 28 Advent 1</p>	<p>Jeremiah 33:14-16 <i>A righteous branch springing up from David</i> Psalm 25:1-10 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 <i>Strengthen hearts of Holiness for the coming of the Lord</i> Luke 21:25-36 <i>Be alert for thye coming of the Son of Man</i></p>



Duty Schedule for: November 2021

10:00	7 Family	14 Traditional	21 Family	24 Thanksgiving Eve 7pm	28 Traditional
Assist	Bob Schweitzer	Joan Schweitzer	John Kelly	Joan or Bob Schweitzer	Robin Palmer
Server	None	None	Bob Schweitzer		Peggy Talbott
Lector	John Kelly	Thea Coker	Jeff Patten	TBD	Eric Carl
KBZ/ Sunday School	Ruth Kraeger	Carolee Calo	Denise McLaughlin		Carolee Calo
Ushers	Eric Eszes Carol Ogle	Thea Melton Peggy Talbott	Sandy Cincinnati Debbie Cannon	TBD	Donna Smith Carolee Calo
Counters	Bob Schweitzer Linda Moler	Colan Kahl Peggy Talbott	Joan Schweitzer Linda Moler		Donna Smith Steve Kahl
Flowers	Sharyn & Steve Kahl Jeff & Kate-Patten	Sharyn & Steve Kahl Joan & Bob Schweitzer	Jeff & Kate Patten Open		Sharyn & Steve Kahl Denise McLaughlin



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.

Monday Morning Pastor's Class

meets Mondays 10:00 AM-11:30 AM in the church office. No Bible Study in the Church Office until further notice.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Zoom meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. The theme for this Fall season is "Celebrating God" 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 "Celebrating God", same as the Wednesday Bible Study Group from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies.

***If you would like to join any of the Bible Studies, please let Pastor Meheret know and she will share links, phone number and meeting ID with you and more information. Pastor Meheret, meheretyon@gmail.com, Cell: (240) 413 7515

Bible Study



Congregational Winter Meeting

Notice of Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting



The next Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation is on December 5, 2021 immediately following the 10am service. The business of this meeting will be to approve the 2022 budget, elect new officers and members at large, and report on our financial status.

If there is anyone that is interested in holding a position on the Congregation Council, there is still time to be a part of this important ministry at Hope. This meeting will only be held in the sanctuary and not available virtually. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting.



Calling all members! At this year's Winter Congregational Meeting, we will have elections of Church Council Officers and Members. Prayerfully consider volunteering to serve as officers and council members.

Church Yard Sale



A huge **thank you** to Bob Schweitzer, who organized our recent Yard Sale! Thank you to all who were able to participate, who donated, set up, clean up after, who advertised, who were able to attend, we are truly grateful. We appreciate you all very much. Without this community spirit, none of this could have been possible. God Bless!



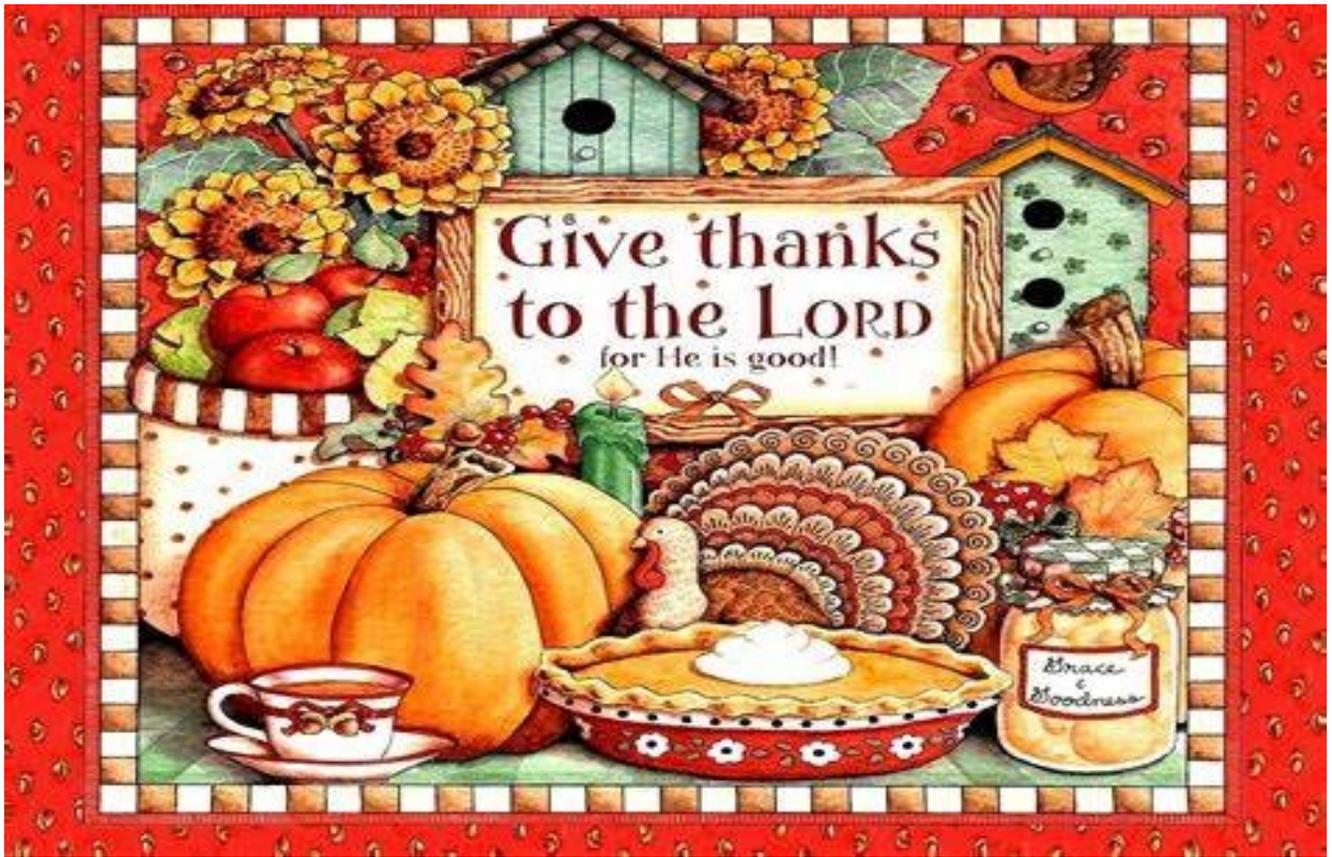
Eagle Scout Project Part 1

Jack Crout's Eagle Scout Project team did a great job in beautifying the Courtyard by refurbishing the garden and building two pathways, a bench, painting the entrance doors and adding more flowers. Please stop by the Courtyard before or after worship on Sundays or Tuesday – Friday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm to look at the great job they have done. Special thank you to Jack for choosing to do his Eagle Scout Project at his church, his Eagle Scout group and everyone who supported Jack and the project in different ways. We're very proud of Jack!



God bless our Quilting Ministry Team! 🙏 "This is not just a gift of a quilt; it is a gift of love and prayer". Come join the Quilters every Monday at 10:00 AM in the Choir Room!





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

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.

Great News! Now enrolling for our Fall Pre-K and Before & After Care Programs. Monday—Friday, 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. Full-time and Partime care available, ages 3-12 years old. All Stars Learning Center offers **safe, quality,** and **affordable** care within a **loving, Christian** setting. Our staff is committed to providing children with a **nurturing** environment by continually evaluating, improving, and enriching our teaching skills and techniques. We offer a **range of experiences** through our Pre-K program including **math, science, social studies, literature, language development, pre-reading** and **pre-writing skills, music,** and **art.** Contact us today 410-686-6060 or email allstarscenter@yahoo.com.

Special Request! Our Learning Center is currently looking to hire a director and it is a full-time position. We need your help in finding the right person and filling this position. Would you please let us know or refer us if you know anyone who is qualified for this position?

Please spread the word.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT UPDATE

Food Lion gift cards for our Food for Thought (FFT) children started this fall in October, accompanied by a letter which explained a purpose of the program: to provide nutritional support to supplement their food supply at home, especially on weekends. Purchase of foods recommended by the FFT nutritionist was encouraged and foods listed were noted to be items which may enhance the students' learning both in school and at home.

Thank you to those who provided financial donations to Food for Thought during July, August, and September, to the glory of God, by Trudy Grauer, Dora Price, and Linda Moler.

God's Blessings to you all!



**Feeding the
Community**





We will be preparing and distributing our traditional Thanksgiving Hope Baskets again this year. We are looking for donations of the items shown below. Monetary donations for the food baskets and gifts cards for the turkey's may be made by using pew envelope and clearly marking it for Thanksgiving Hope Basket and placing it in the offering plate.

If you know of a family that is in need for Thanksgiving, please let us know by using the yellow cards and indicate that there is a message on the back of the card. Include your phone number and someone will contact you for more information.

If you have any questions, please see Linda Moler (443-730-3576) or Sandy Cincinnati (443-324-8355). The Thanksgiving food baskets will be assembled on Sunday, November 21st. Volunteers are needed!

Sauerkraut

Cranberry Sauce

Stuffing Mix

Green Beans

Peas

Turkey Gravy

Instant Potatoes

Bread / Rolls

Corn

Sweet Potatoes/Yams

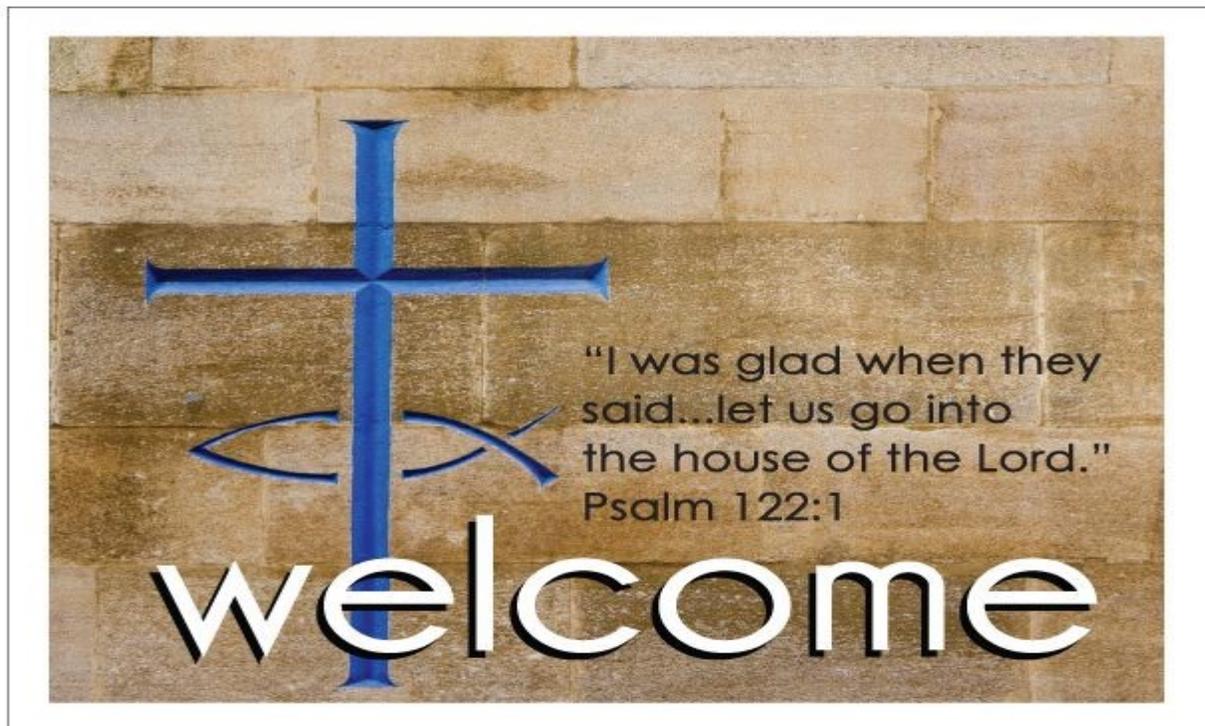
Pies

Stewardship Campaign

Our 2022 stewardship campaign is underway. Please refer to my letter in this month's Messenger which explains how your time, talent, and contributions help us continue our ministries at Hope Lutheran Church. As we prepare for our December congregational meeting on December 5th which presents our 2022 budget, we use your pledge commitments to estimate our income for the year. Your financial pledges are critical to ensure we can continue to serve our community and spread God's word. Commitment cards are in the narthex or you can complete the cut-off included in the Messenger. We request that pledges be submitted as soon as able.

Blessings,

Joan Schweitzer, Financial Recording Secretary



STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Biblical stewardship is one of the primary ways God calls us to live our lives. God created everything. God owns everything. God commands us to give generously—of our time, our special gifts and talents and our resources. Stewardship is NOT just about finances. There is more to Hope

Lutheran Church than just what you see on Sunday morning! Think about the ministries Hope supports: outreach to those in need (Food for Thought, Streets of Hope, Esther Fund), worship, youth, property, fellowship just to name a few. All these things are planned and prepared by leadership and staff who are deeply committed to our becoming who it is God is calling us to be. The ministries and mission of our church take place because of the time, talents and financial gifts our members and friends choose to offer.

The decision to give of ourselves is a choice, but as followers of Jesus, it really isn't an option. We are encouraged to give something out of thanksgiving for what God has done and provided and as a sign of faithfulness and commitment to be a part of the good things that God is continuing to do in our community, country and world. 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 commitment to contribute—of our time, of our special talents, and of our finances.

Listed separately are ways in which you can give of your time and talent. Please consider how you might be able to share your gifts in promoting these special ministries. Obviously, your financial contributions are enabling this house of God to continue these wonderful ministries. To that end we are asking you to pray about how you want to answer the challenge to grow and we invite you to consider making a pledge to give in a regular and disciplined way. 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 for the coming year. You may pledge a weekly gift or a monthly gift. Your pledges are confidential. We have our gift of giving cards at the church. You may pick one up at our services or request one be sent to you by calling the church office. Or you can fill in the sheet below and mail it to Joan Schweitzer c/o Hope Lutheran Church using the church address. We use the pledges as one source to estimate our income for the next year.

Thank you and God's Blessings,
Joan Schweitzer, Financial Recording Secretary

My Commitment To My Church

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

In grateful recognition that all my time, treasure, and ability come from God, I gladly join with others in support of Christ's church.

Per week _____ Per month _____

\$ _____ for local ministries, including worship, education, pastoral service, church care and upkeep, and the world of outreach of the church.

Signature: _____

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Stewardship is utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation. The central essence of stewardship is managing everything God brings into our life in a manner that honors God and impacts eternity.

We have many Ministries here at Hope. If you are interested in serving with any of these Ministries, please circle one or more below.

- ♦ Outreach Ministries: Food for Thought, Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket, Streets of Hope Men's shelter
- ♦ Worship Ministries: Assisting Ministry, Lector, Communion Server, Usher, Choir, Counting Offerings, Sunday School/Children Ministry
- ♦ Youth Ministry
- ♦ Confirmation Class
- ♦ Congregation Council
- ♦ Stewardship Committee
- ♦ Property Committee
- ♦ Fellowship Ministry/Coffee Hour

If you have a talent or skill that you would like to offer in service to God and God's people through Hope, please indicate in the space below. Some examples include, but are not limited to: general repairs, computers, website design, photography, baking, knitting, painting, drawing, singing, playing an instrument, event planning, gardening, etc.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Sunday, November 21st is:

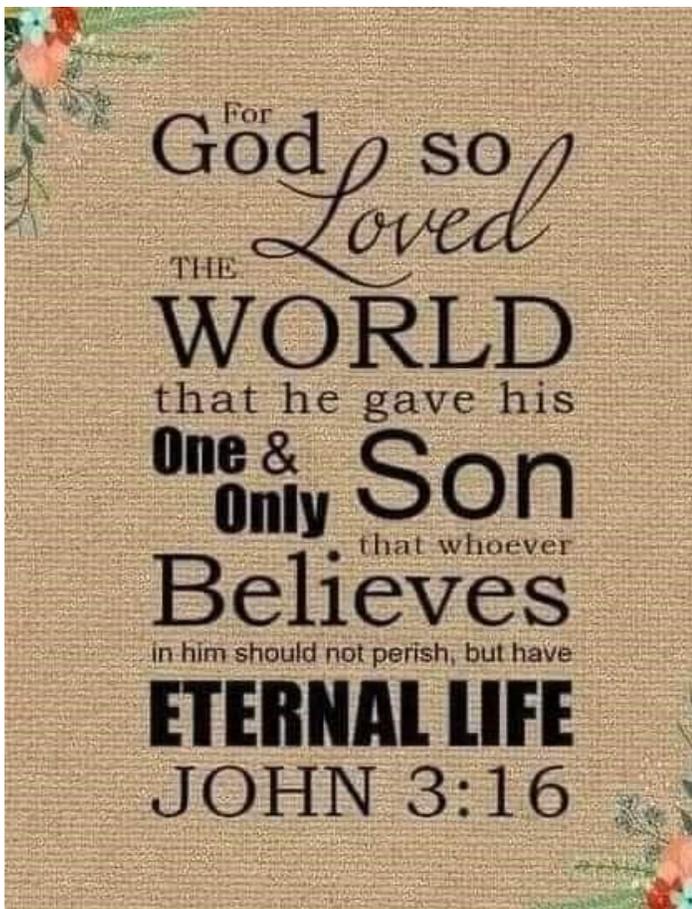
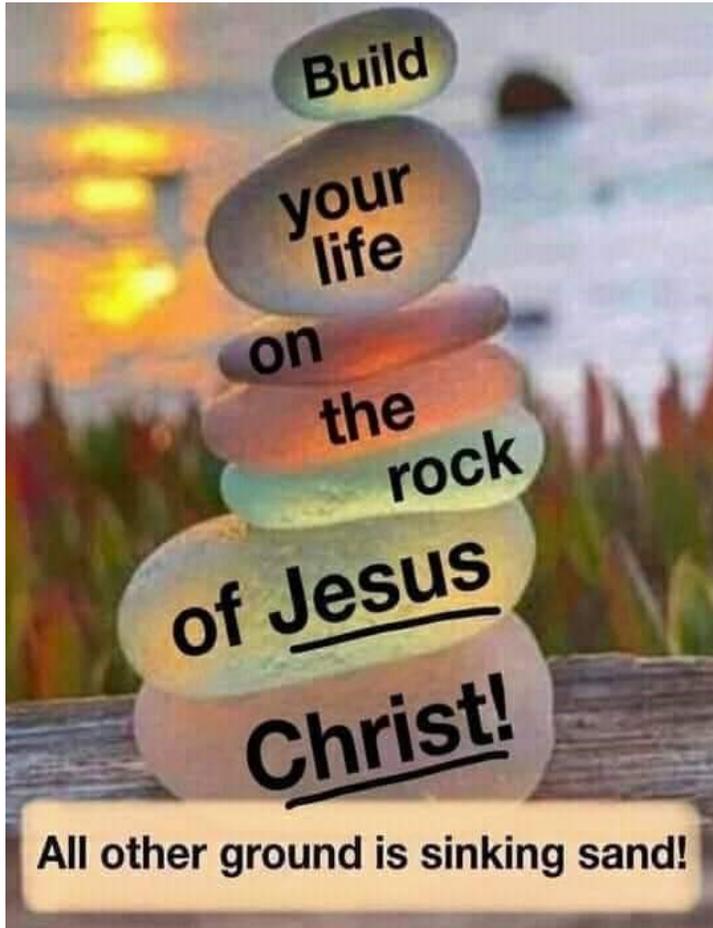


**CHRIST
THE KING
SUNDAY**



**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
November 24, 2021, 7 PM**



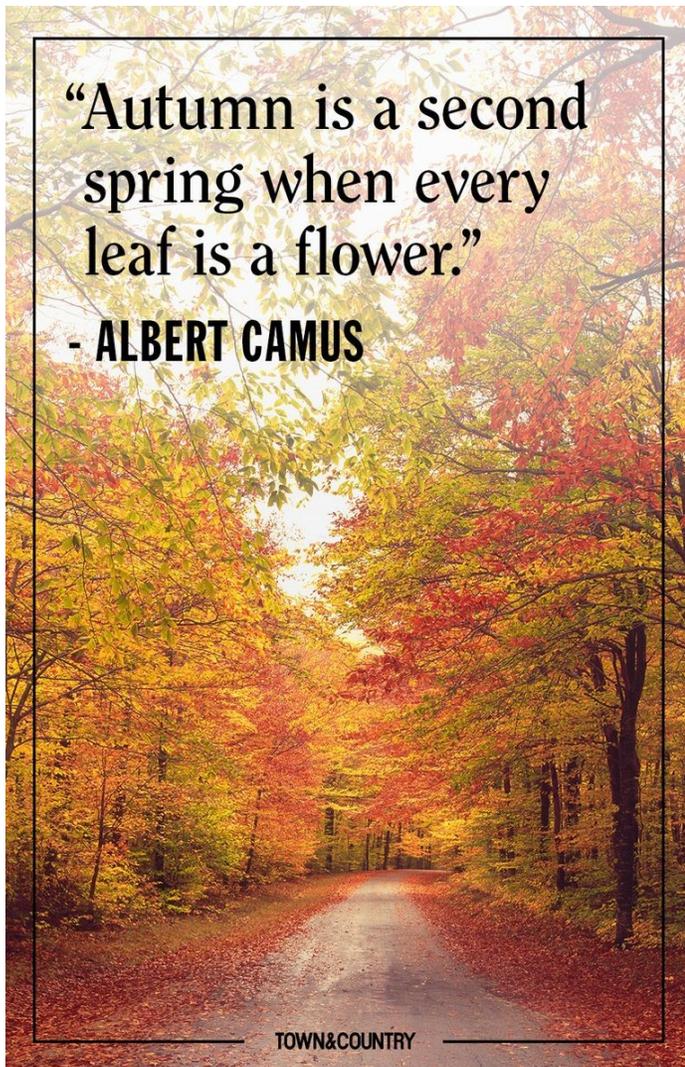




What a joyous Sunday morning!

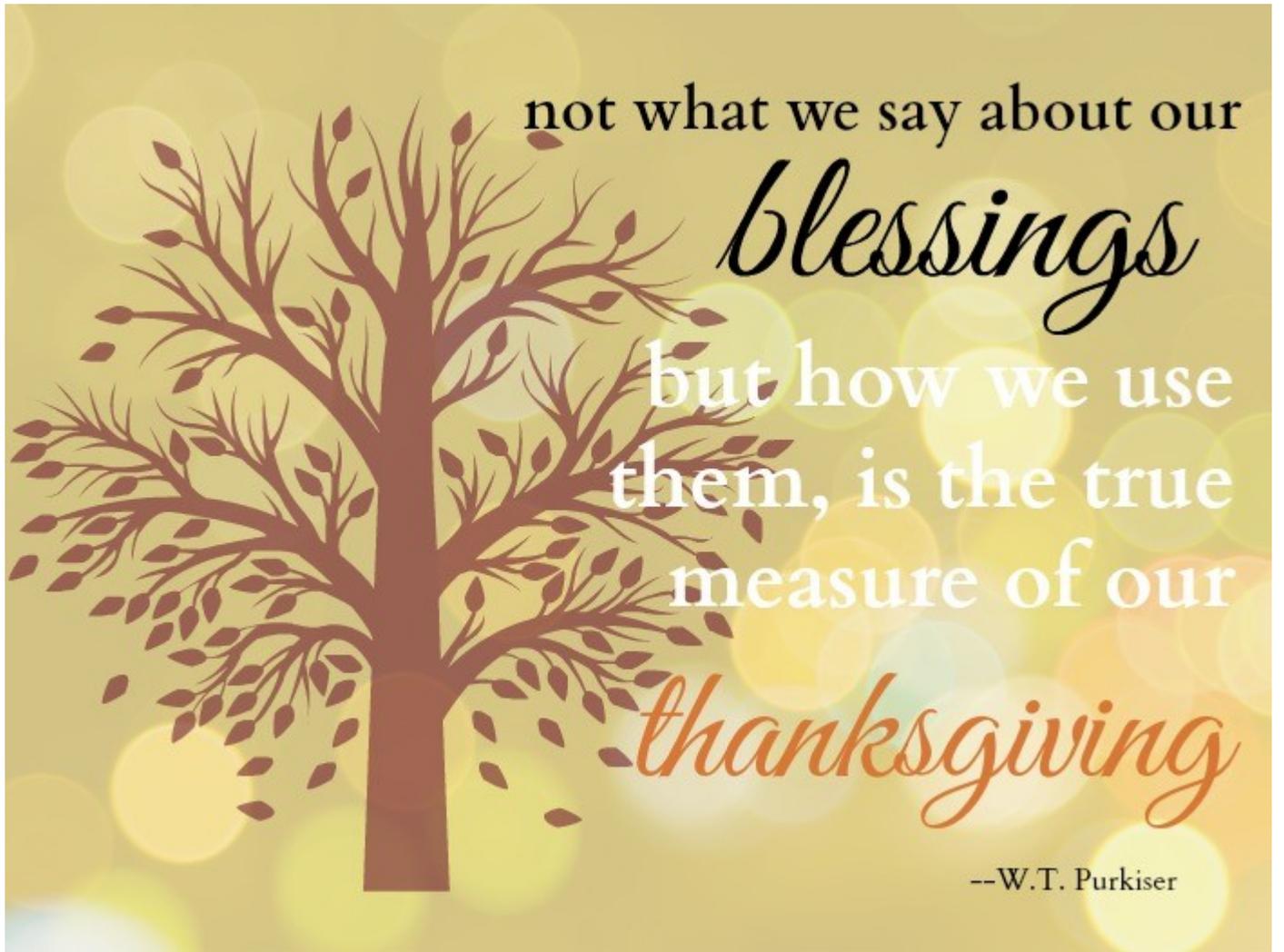
On October 24th our Sunday School children played instruments during our Opening Song.







“May cool mornings invigorate your soul. May the smell of warm pies fill your home. May your favorite sweatshirt keep you cozy. May the crunch of leaves and fall breezes remind you that change is Adventure.”



not what we say about our

blessings

but how we use
them, is the true
measure of our

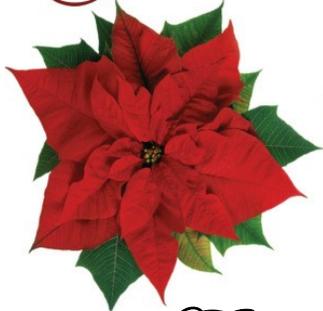
thanksgiving

--W.T. Purkiser



**Articles for the December Messenger
must be submitted to
church secretary by Tuesday
November 23, 2021. Thank you.**

Christmas Poinsettias



*In Memory
Or
In Honor*

or To the Glory of God



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Time to order red poinsettias to help beautify our altar for Christmas. The cost is \$10.00 each and the ordering deadline is Sunday Nov. 30th. Please fill in the information below and place along with your payment in the offering plate or drop off at the office. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church. You may pickup your poinsettias after the late service on Christmas Eve.

NAME: _____

No. of Poinsettias: _____ **Total \$** _____

Date Paid: _____ **Cash:** _____ **Check No.** _____

IN MEMORY OF/ IN HONOR OF/ or TO THE GLORY OF GOD
(circle one please)



CELEBRATE NOVEMBER *Birthdays!*

1	Lynda Frueh	18	Collin Peluso
3	Steven Kahl	21	Adam Talbott
5	Jacob Bender	23	Robert Williams
6	Bill Faust	24	Barbara Chambers
6	Layana Delguidice	24	Neveah Delguidice
8	Reiva Robinson	25	Claudia Reynolds
11	Ryan O'Donnell	28	Donna Smith
11	Doris Schmidt	29	Denise McLaughlin
11	Elizabeth Talbott	30	John Hoffman
12	Bob Leap		
15	Peggy Talbott		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 AM Quilters  QUILTING GROUP	2	3 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel via Zoom 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom Streets of Hope 	4 6:30 PM Choir Practice TBA 	5	6 9:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion via Zoom  JOIN A STUDY GROUP
7 10:00 AM Worship In person and online  ALL SAINTS DAY	8 10:00 AM Quilters  QUILTING GROUP	9	10 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel via Zoom 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom 	11 6:30 PM Choir Practice TBA 	12	13 9:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion via Zoom  JOIN A STUDY GROUP
14 10:00 AM Worship In person and online	15 10:00 AM Quilters  QUILTING GROUP	16	17 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel via Zoom 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom 	18 6:30 PM Choir Practice TBA 	19	20 9:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion via Zoom 10:00 AM Baptism 2:00 PM Wedding  JOIN A STUDY GROUP
21 10:00 AM Worship In person and online  CHRIST the King SUNDAY	22 10:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Council Meeting  QUILTING GROUP  COUNCIL MEETING	23	24 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel via Zoom 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	25 	26	27 9:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion via Zoom  JOIN A STUDY GROUP
28 10:00 AM Worship In person and online	29 10:00 AM Quilters  QUILTING GROUP	30				



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