

The Messenger

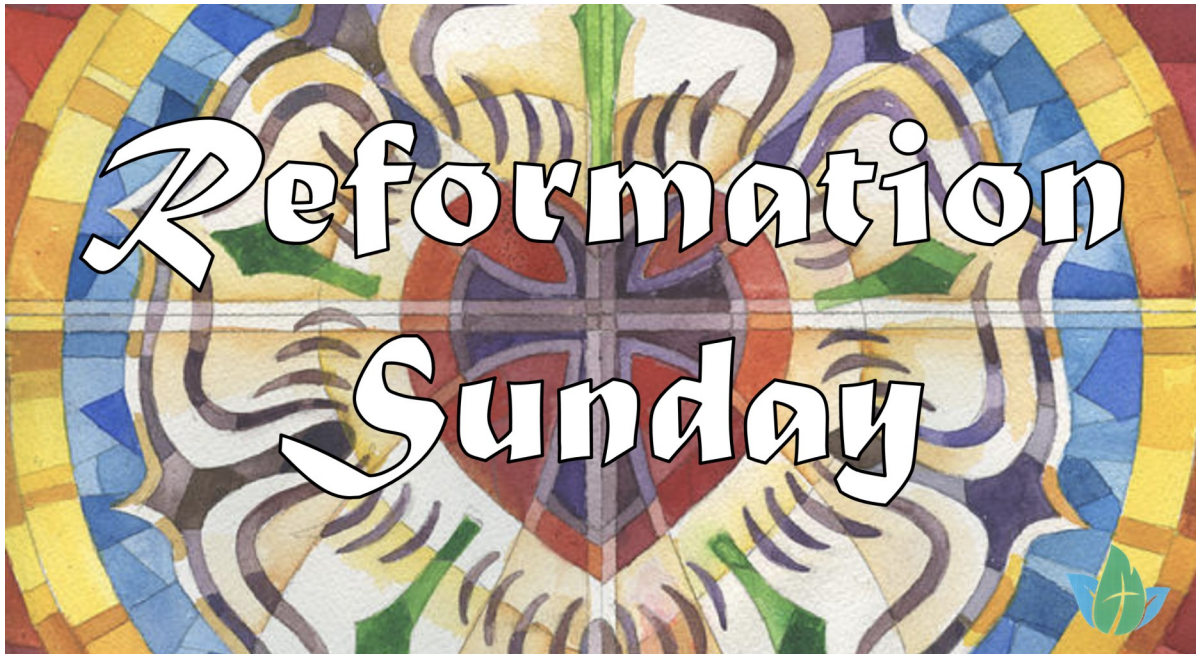


2023



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD,
ESSEX MD 21221

October 29, 2023



It is by grace you have been saved,
through faith - and this not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God -
not by works, so that no one can boast.

- Ephesians 2:8-9



“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)

When the calendar is flipped from September to October, we have definitely changed from one season into another. The eighty and ninety degree days have changed to sixty and seventy degree days. The warm nights are now cool nights in the forties or lower. The wind that blew green leaves through the branches of the trees all summer are now tantalizing our eyes with bright colors of red, yellow and orange. The rustling has become little louder as the leaves start to become dry and soon the beautiful colors will be rolling along our lawns into piles to be raked. Kids have already forgotten the carefree days of summer and have been in school with teachers and friends learning new things and growing. Yes, the season has changed from summer into full blown fall.

As we witness the change of the seasons, we can't help but notice the change of seasons in our lives. We witness children grow through first days of school in elementary school, then middle school, high school and suddenly first days of college. We look back on the first day pictures and wonder how did that happen so fast? The seasons come and go. We also witness this in our own lives. We remember when we were young, graduating from high school, going to college, first jobs, getting married, marveling at the miracle of our children. As the seasons passed anniversaries celebrated from five, ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years and more. We are wowed at the blessings and adventures of the years. Yet, at the same time some of us have lost grandparents, parents, spouses, friends, and even some children. The adventure of the seasons and the celebration of blessings, the times of joy, the times of sadness, a time to be born and a time to die.

Even though we have been witnesses to the different seasons and we have seen things change and we have changed, at least one thing has been constant. God is always walking with us. The Lord claimed us in the beginning of our seasons, a time to be born, as the baptismal waters washed over us and we were marked with the cross of Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit. The Lord was walking with us as we walked through our first seasons growing up with our families. The Lord is present through each season we have experienced, time for planting and time for harvesting. Our Lord Jesus has promised to be with us always. The Lord has a vision of every season, the seasons that have been, the seasons that are and the seasons yet to come. Glory to God.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Meheret

COME LET US 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”!

PRAYER

THE BELIEVER'S SECRET WEAPON

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Susan Alexander	Cassandra	Matt Kretzschmar	Sarah Schnepf
Edgar Amos, Jr.	Fleckenstein	Sharon LaBelle	Nancy Scott
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Connie Baker	Derrick Fowler	Leah Lane	Barbara Shelly
Susan Baucom	Mike Gerald	Karen Louden	Dennis Shrouder
Bea Benda	Russ Getz	Michael McCoy	Donna Shrouder
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Lois Farber	Michelle Kincaid	Cass Rayman	
Jay Ferrell	Ed Klingenstein	Yvonne Ryan	
Harry Fillion, Jr.	Irene Klingenstein	Jeff Sanders	
Linda Fillion	Mickey Koontz	Jeanine Schenning	



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.

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

Zoom meetings every Wednesday at 7:00 PM– 8:00 PM The theme for this Fall season is "God's Law is Love" from Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series. Please Join Us!

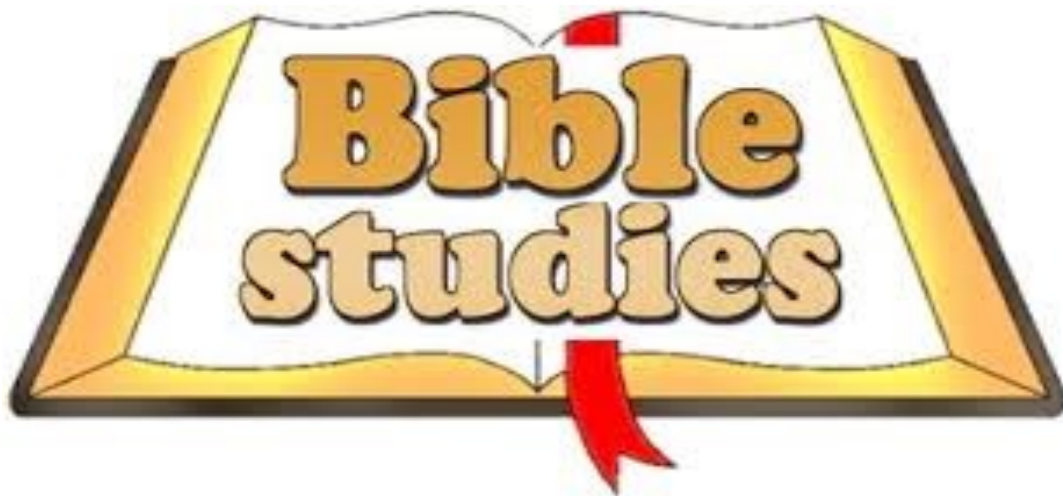
Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study:

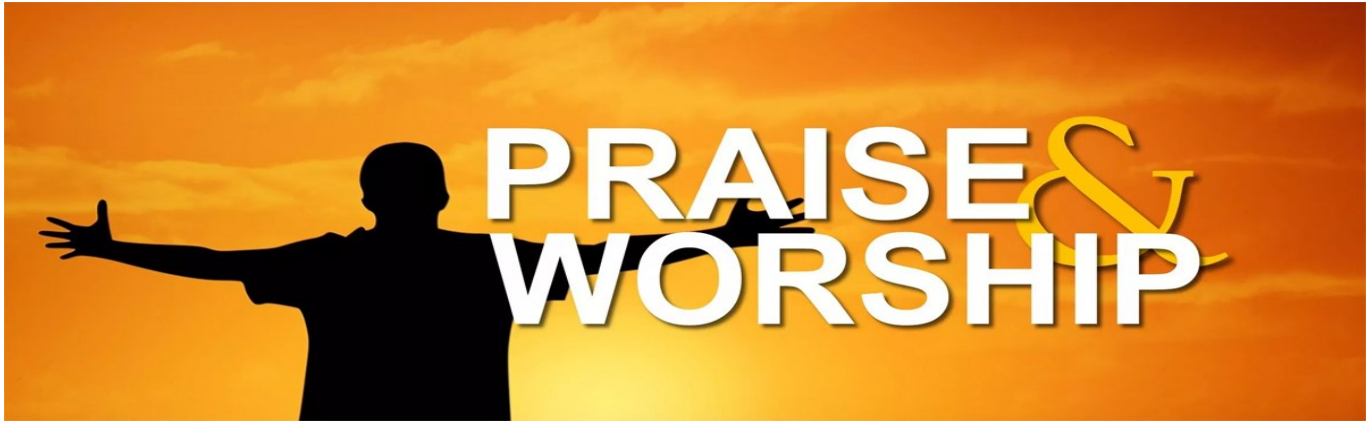
meets 9:00 AM-10:00 AM every Saturday. We will be studying "God's Law is Love", same as the Wednesday Bible Study Group from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies

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

Pastor Meheret, meheretyon@gmail.com, Cell: (240) 413 7515

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





PRAISE & WORSHIP

Every Sunday, 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

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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.

All Stars Christian Learning Center

Hope Lutheran Church

1901 Middleborough Road

Essex, MD 21221

410-686-6060

allstarscenter@yahoo.com

All Stars Christian Learning Center Offers:



Pre-Kindergarten programs for children, ages 3-4

- 2-day, 3-day and 5-day programs
- 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Before & After School Care for children, ages 5-12

- For children who attend Middleborough Elementary School or who can be transported to All Stars
- 6:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
and 3:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Summer Program for children, ages 3-12

All Stars Christian 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*. We also offer a range of *hands-on* and *fun* experiences through our **Before and After Care** program, as well as our **Summer** program.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Nicole Raith at 410-686-6060
or email allstarscenter@yahoo.com for more information

Join Us For
**Trunk
or
Treat**



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28, 2023

6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Hope Lutheran Church and All Stars Learning Center

1901 Middleborough Road

Parking lot of Christian Education Building/All Stars Learning Center

“**Trunk or Treat**” provides a *safe and fun* way for families to enjoy Halloween! During a Trunk or Treat children go from car to car “trunk or treating”.

Calling all creative car owners...at least 10!

We need your help to make this event successful! All you have to do is decorate your car trunk, dress in costume (optional), and hand out candy to the children 😊.

This **FREE** event provides a *safe environment* for children and their families who wish to trick or treat. Because the event is held in one central location, children are not forced to cross streets and climb stairs.

Cookies and Candy donations NEEDED: If you would like to donate candy for this event, the candy must be sealed in the original wrapper and brought to the Church or Learning Center by **Monday, October 23rd**.

There will be games and activities for the children! Apple cider will be served.

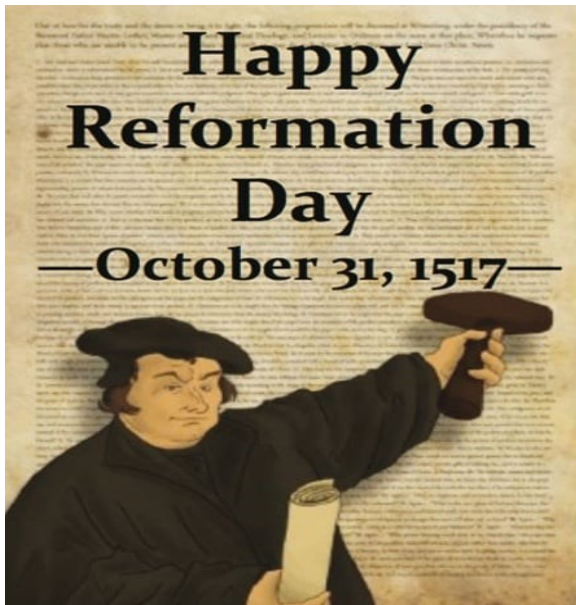
Call Linda Moler at 410-686-3324 to reserve your vehicle and/or to volunteer your help for this event by **Monday, October 23rd**.

We look forward to seeing you there!

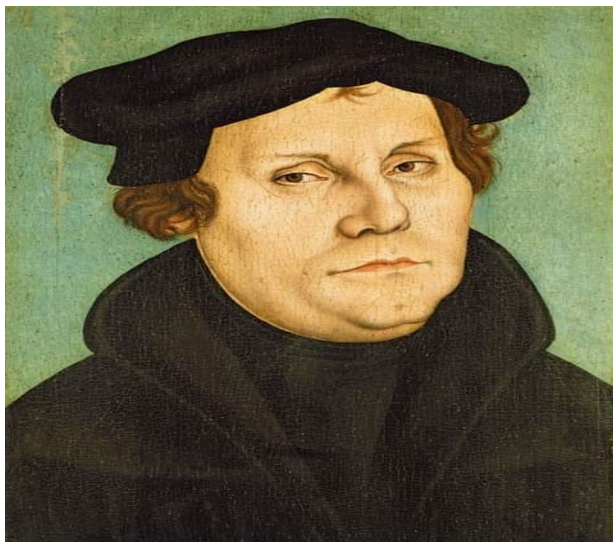


Please join us for
“Trunk or Treat” on
Saturday, October 28th,
6:30 PM—7:30 PM
in the Learning Center
Parking Lot





Reformation Sunday is October 29: We will observe the 506th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Thesis with festive Reformation Worship Service! Please join us!



"If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant."

MARTIN LUTHER



The Lutheran World Federation

Martin Luther's translation of the New testament was published on September 21st in 1522. The September testament made God's word more accessible to believers and paved the way for translators of the Bible and the New Testament into many other languages. "For some years now," Luther said in his Table Talk, "I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant."



HOPE'S 2023 FLOWER CHART is available on the table to the right as you enter the narthex. Two arrangements are available for each week. In order to give everyone a chance to select a Sunday close to an important event or memory. Available dates for signup are 11/19, 12/10, 12/17, 12/31. The cost is \$20 per arrangement and we request payment and dedication no later than one week prior to your selected Sunday.

All Saints Sunday

November 5th is All Saints Sunday, a time for us to remember all the saints who have passed on before us, especially Hope members and their loved ones who have died within the last year. Please call the church office or send an email to Shirley at hopesecretary@outlook.com to give us the name or names of the those you would like to remember.





*"The best
kind of sleep
beneath
heaven above
is under a quilt,
handmade
with love"*

"Hope Quilting Ministry"

Hope is blessed with a vibrant Quilt Ministry. This dedicated team gathers on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. to create quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The quilts are blessed in the Fall during worship and 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 all people over the world who are displaced because of natural disaster, political and civil unrest and famine. This group includes expert quilters, new quilters, and even non-quilters. Some cut fabric, some sew by machines and some offer ideas for patterns and colors. Join this ministry to connect with a caring group who makes Christ known with beautifully sewn quilts. Grateful for our amazing Quilting Ministry Team.

Thank you for all you do! God bless you all!

We will be blessing the Quilts on Sunday November 5th at our 10:00 AM Service.





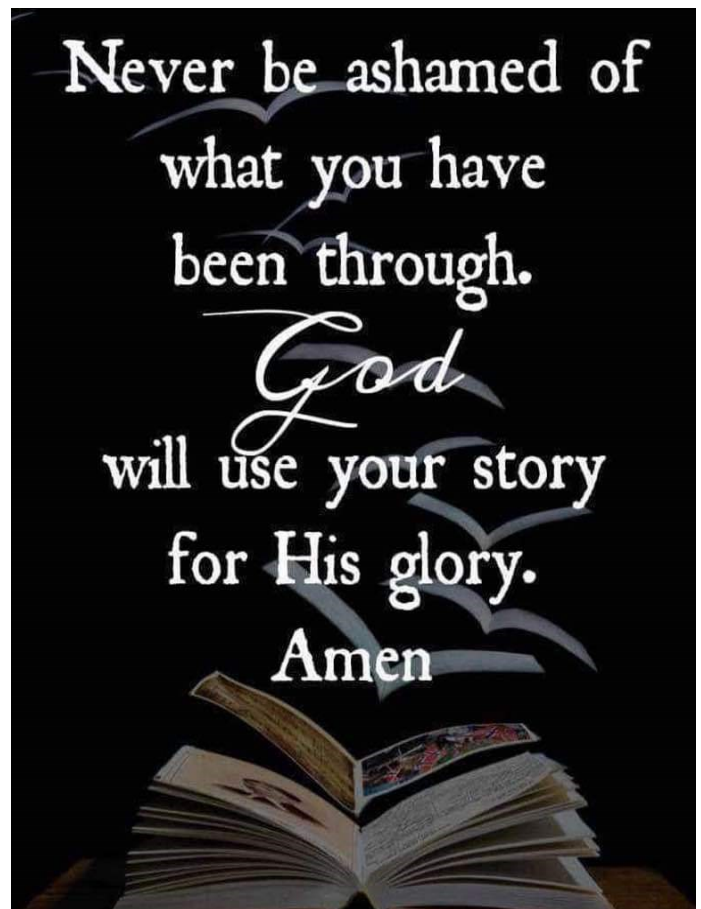
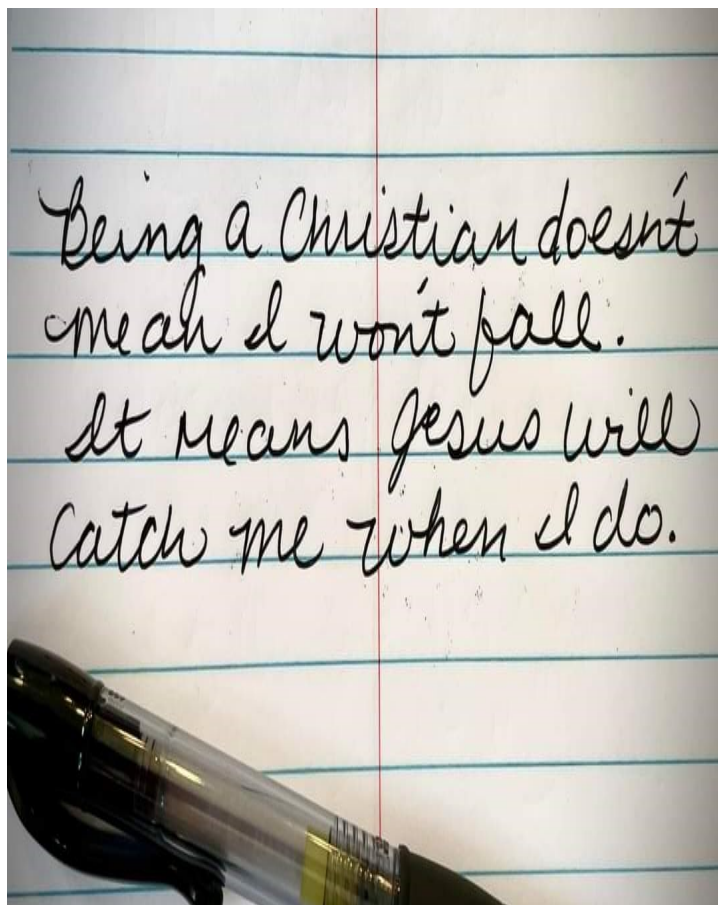
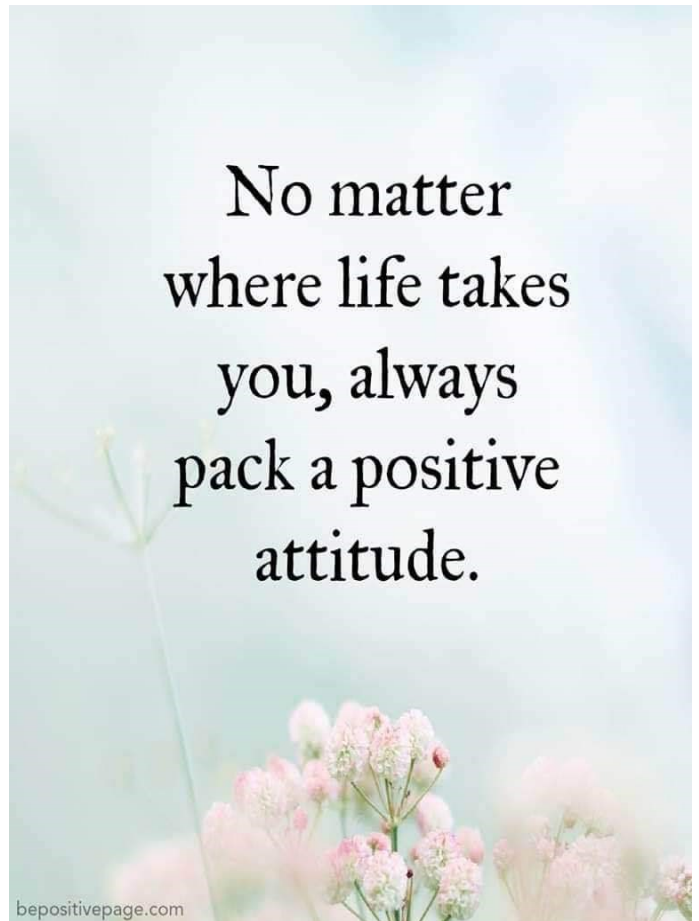
Essex Day was great. Thank you to everyone who was able to help with making Hope present in the community event! We had an opportunity to share about our worship and ministries with people and we had a great time visiting with each other also.

God is good!



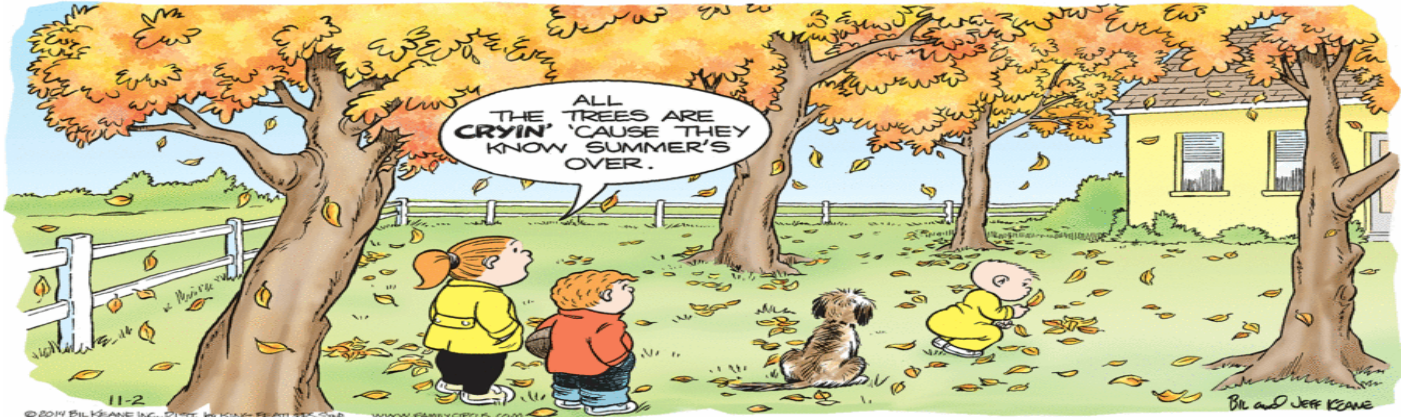
Essex Day!







By **BIL KEANE**



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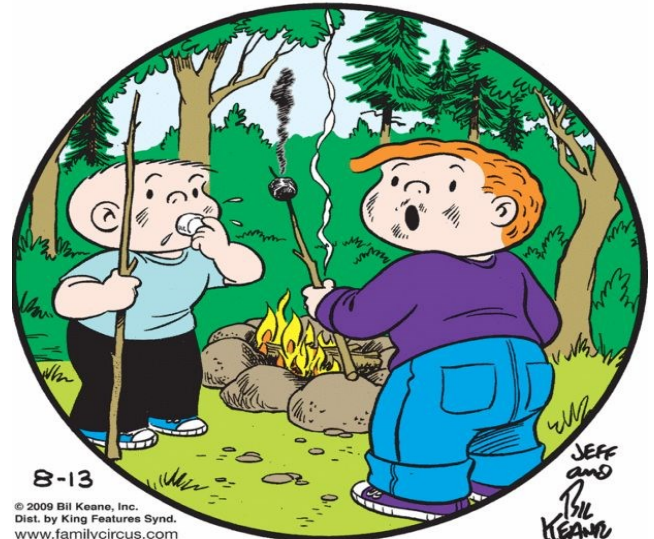


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"Starting tomorrow, all the months end with 'brr' because it's getting colder."

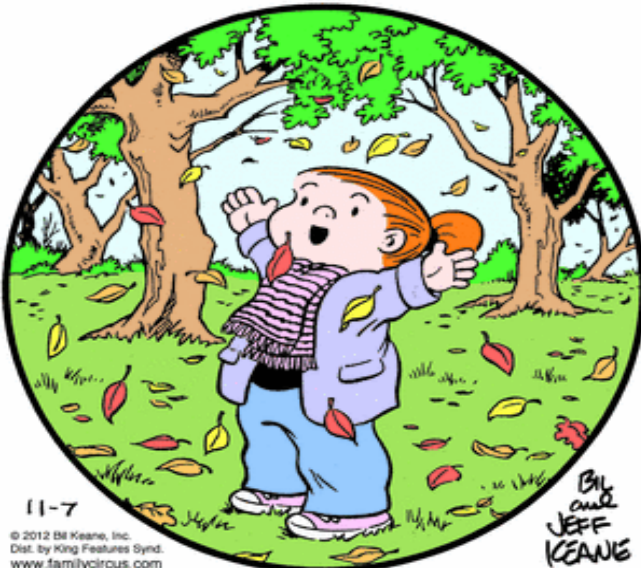


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"PJ's eating his marshmallows raw!"

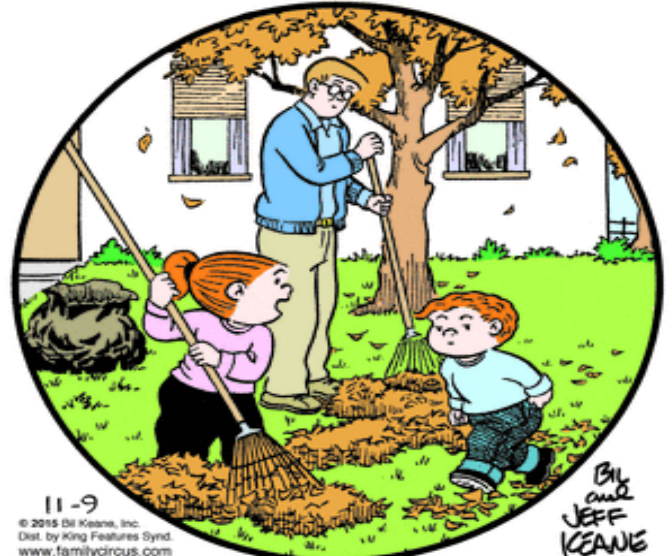


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"All our summer shade is falling down!"



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"Help us, Jeffy. We need to move the leaves so the snow has room to fall."



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OYSTER ROAST



Out of the Cold!

Saturday, October 28, 2023

1:00 - 5:00 pm

Rosedale Gardens

8037 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, MD

*Contact
Sharin Hall
410-574-3060
for more
info*

To benefit the Streets of Hopes ministries and our men's cold weather shelter

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**Final Ticket Sales on 10/17 @ 11:30
pm**

**For further information,
contact Josh @ 443-632-5433**

Raffle Baskets!

Money Wheel!

*Music provided by our very own
DJ Stanford Murray!*

50/50!

Menu

- Select Oysters on the Half Shell • Top Round of Beef • Smoked Ham on the Pit • Maryland Style Crab Soup
- Oyster Stew • Bar-B-Que Chicken • Sweet Italian Sausage • Swedish Meatballs • Baked Ziti
- Country Style Green Beans • Seasoned Red Potatoes • Homemade Coleslaw • Homemade Potato Salad
- Assorted Cheese Display • Fresh Vegetable Display • Chips & Pretzels • Kaiser Rolls • Condiments

ATTENTION ALL HOPE CHURCH MEMBERS!



As part of our ***December 3rd Congregational Meeting***, we are holding elections for officers and council members. The offices of President and Vice President are open due to Myself and Bob Schweitzer being at the end of our second terms and we have open positions in the council. We are looking for volunteers to fill these very important positions. If you or someone you know feel called to serve in these positions, please let Pastor, Bob Schweitzer, or myself know.

This is our church, and it does not run itself. We are reminded that “there is one body that has many parts and all the parts of that one body, being many, are one body: so also, is Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12)

May you see yourself as an essential Hope Lutheran Church volunteer in this season and may our worship and ministry and missions reflect God’s goodness, grace, mercy, and peace.

Blessings,

Colan Kahl
Council President 2022-2024

Here's Why Students must be taught Black History

With the recent article “Biden will establish national monument for Emmett Till, mom” (July 24), The Baltimore Sun has given us another reason to reflect on the study of Black history. Emmett Till was killed 68 years ago while visiting Money, Mississippi, when he was 14 years old. His only crime was that he allegedly whistled at and flirted with a white woman.

However, there are numerous other reasons why we should study Black history.

Europeans who came to America were in search of a better life, Africans were brought to America — the majority at least — in chains after their freedom had been taken from them. Europeans came to America to develop and expand their humanity, Black Americans came stripped of their basic humanity. As others have observed, the Atlantic slave trade was likely the most costly in human life of all long-distance global migrations.

For Black Americans, America was a land of slavery for over 300 years. Contrary to what some may think, slavery and its institution were a world filled with grief, heartache and in some cases death. To the enslaved, it was a daily life of hell and misery that should never be forgotten or removed from American studies.

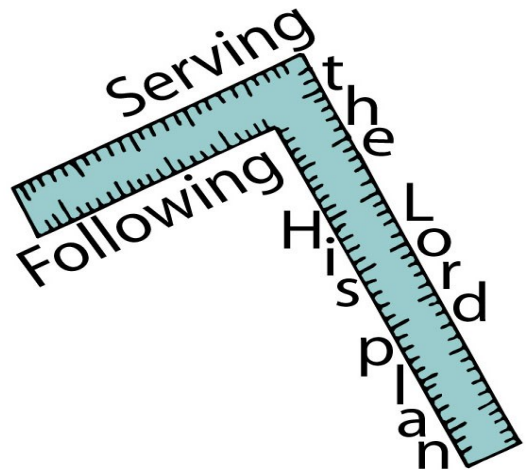
It took a Civil War, the Civil Rights Movement and more for African Americans to eventually win their freedom and human dignity. By studying Black history as an integral part of the overall history of American civilization, we can all broaden our understanding of one another and realize that mistakes and injustices were committed. The study of Black history is, in the final analysis, the study of American history as the march of the American Republic toward equality has shaped each event.


—John A. Micklos, Essex

Duty schedule for October 2023

10:00	1	8	15	22	29 Reformation
Assist Serve	Eric Eszes Denise McLaughlin	Bob Schweitzer None	John Kelly Bob Schweitzer	Joan Schweitzer None	Thea Melton None
Lector	Jeff Patten	Joan Schweitzer	Jeff Patten	Marge Carl	Thea Coker
Ushers	Denise McLaughlin Carolee Calo	Linda Moler Laurie Koontz	Eric Eszes Rick Calo	Donna Jacob Denise McLaughlin	Linda Moler Eric Eszes
Counters	Linda Moler Denise McLaughlin	Linda Moler Joan Schweitzer	Colan Kahl Bob Schweitzer	Donna Jacob Joan Schweitzer	Linda Moler Thea Melton
Flowers	Steve and Sharyn Kahl Hope Church	Al Fleischmann Nicole and James Eck	Al Fleischmann Carolee Calo	Kelly Wypych Nicole Eck	Steve and Sharyn Kahl The Schmidt Family
Sunday School	Ruth Kraeger	Denise McLaughlin	Rachel Morgan	Carolee Calo	Ruth Kraeger











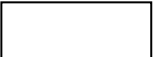










Called to *Serve*

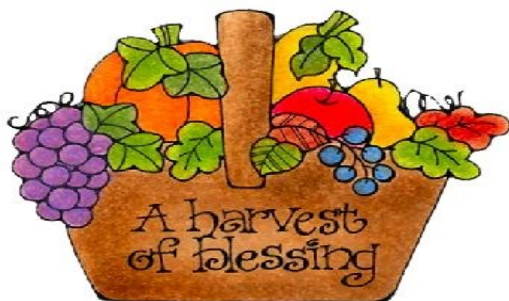


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Date/Day	Scripture texts	Theme
October 1 Pentecost 18	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fairness of God's way • Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love. • Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross • A parable of doing God's will
October 8 Pentecost 19	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 15 Pentecost 20	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 22 Pentecost 21	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-13 1Thessalonians 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 29 Reformation Sunday 	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will write my law in their hearts, says the Lord • The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold • Justified by God's grace as a gift • Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth

October

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Worship in Person and online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00 AM Quilters 	3	4 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	5 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in Sanctuary 	6	7 9:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion via Zoom 
8 10:00 AM Worship in Person and online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 AM Quilters 	10	11 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	12 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in Sanctuary 	13	14 9:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Two Guys 
15 10:00 AM Worship in Person and online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	16  10:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting 	17	18 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	19 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in Sanctuary 	20	21 9:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion via Zoom 
22 10:00 AM Worship in Person and online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 	23  10:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Council Meeting 	24	25 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	26 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in Sanctuary 	27	28 9:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion via Zoom  6:30-7:30 PM Trunk or Treat 
29 Reformation Sunday  10:00 AM Worship in person and online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	30 10:00 AM Quilters 	31 				





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
28	Ed Travers
29	Jessica Kahl
30	Eric Carl, Sr.





**Reminder! Don't forget to turn your
clocks back one hour on Sunday,
November 5th at 2:00 AM**



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Articles for the November Messenger must be submitted to the church secretary by Wednesday October 20, 2021. Thank you.