

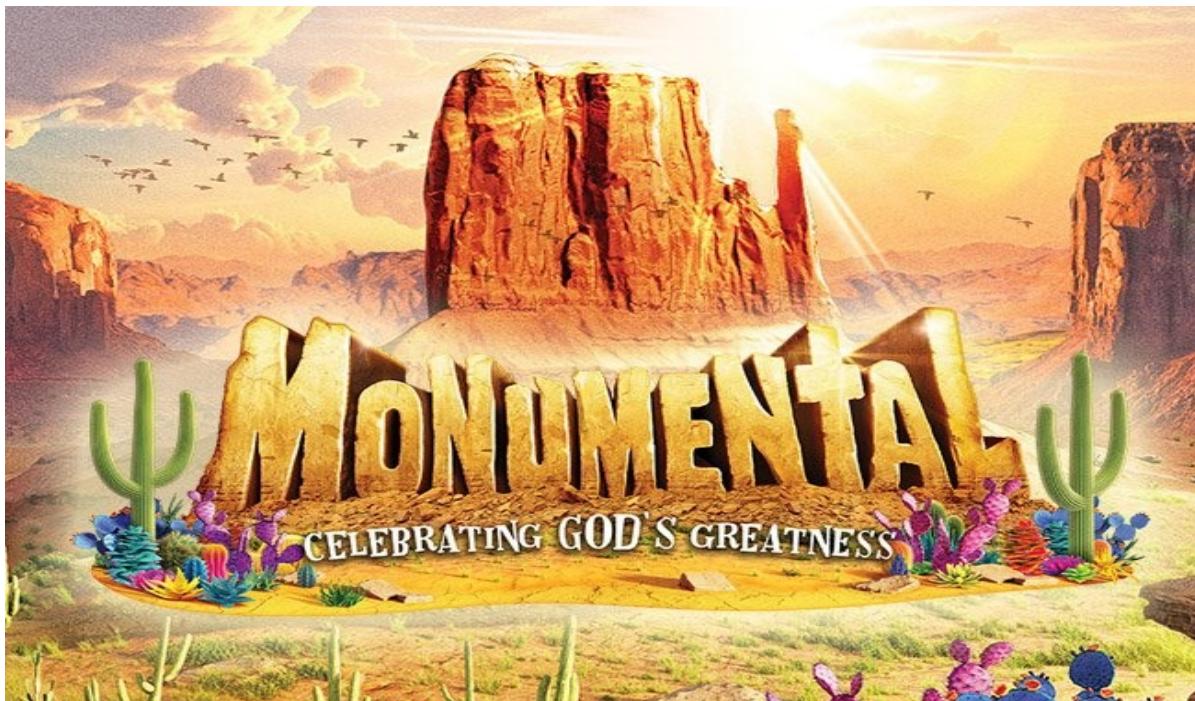
The Messenger

June

2021



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD, ESSEX MD 21221



Vacation Bible School

For more information see page 17 & 18

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we open with Pentecost Sunday followed by Trinity Sunday. After these two come 23 weeks of "Common Time." It will be during these 23 weeks that we will continue to hear about the words and ministry of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke.

At times, this feels lopsided. One day to talk about the Holy Spirit. One day to talk about God as triune. 23 days for Jesus. Not only does it feel lopsided, it makes us lopsided. It makes my preaching lopsided. It makes our stories incomplete and unfinished.

As we tell the story of our faith and the works of our God for all of humanity, we turn our attention to Jesus. This is good and right, but not the full picture. We leave key elements of the plot on the cutting room floor when we ignore the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is important to confess their unity as well as their distinction. God has not ceased to be at work and he has not ceased to be three persons.

The Trinitarian debates went on for centuries and divided the Church. It took several church councils as well as the Roman Emperor to get all parties to sort out this debate. What is the relationship between the Son and the Father? What of the Holy Spirit? What is their work? Are they persons? Are they one or three? How do we describe our God whom we worship?

We take it for granted that we can confess the Apostles', Nicene, and yes even, the Athanasian creeds without division. These creeds are not only summaries of our faith, but fruits of great discussion and searching of Scriptures. They are a foundational element of what the Church is today and has been for nearly two millennia.

But do not think all is settled and all is calm. The heresies and false doctrine that was fought by the early church continues to find life among believers; sometimes unknowingly, sometimes not. There remains many who dismiss the divinity of Christ or the personhood of the Spirit. There are many who claim the God of the Old Testament is not worthy of worship and draw false distinctions between the three persons. There are many who falsely assume the Father and the Son are no longer living and active, but that we are in an era of the Spirit.

So, we must confess. We must tell our stories as we have inherited them. We submit ourselves to the doctrine of the Trinity and the Holy Spirit, even if it causes confusion or misunderstanding.

The joy is that though we may at times be lopsided, Scripture and especially Luke are not. Luke continually points not only to Christ but to the Father. Jesus speaks of the Father. He prays to the Father. He teaches us to see God as Father and not just as Lord or The Almighty. Luke continually points to the work of the Holy Spirit not only in the Gospel but also in Acts. It is from Luke that we learn of the sending of the Spirit upon the disciples, as well as the ascension of Christ at the right hand of the Father.

There is great comfort to be found in the Triune God and His work in our lives and for our lives. We must be careful not to oversimplify or to become lopsided in our thinking or our worship. For we may find ourselves ignoring the very comfort and joy that God continually gives to us through His three persons. So let us sing for joy and confess with boldness the words of Church and the testimony of the Scriptures. "I believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Amen.

Your In Christ,
Pastor Meheret



**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. Please join us for in-person Worship Service and Holy Communion in our sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 AM or live on our Facebook page.

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"!

What does Pentecost mean to you?



Pentecost

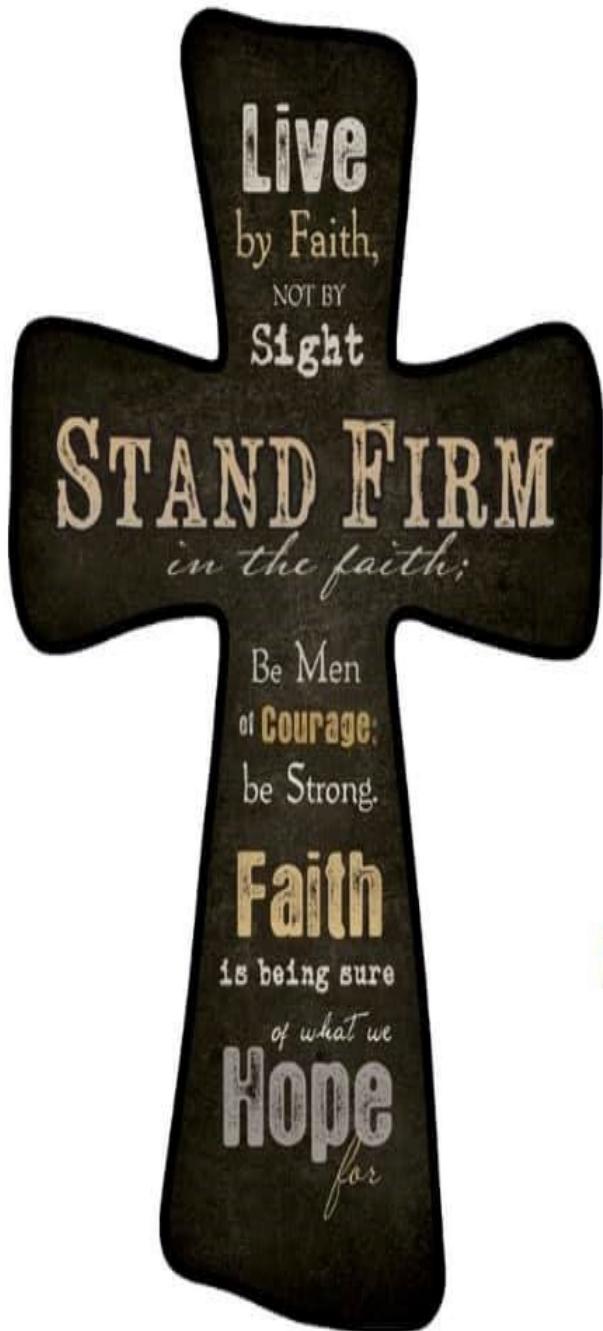
"The Christian holiday of Pentecost is rooted in this historical event – an event sometimes called the "birthday of the church" because it marks the day that Jesus' disciples began to share the story of Jesus and invite others to share in their faith in Jesus as the Son of God.

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."

Join us as we celebrate and explore all that Pentecost means for us, **on June 5, 2022** and beyond.



June 19th

Father's Day Fellowship

Honor the “Men of Hope”

Following 10 AM

Worship Service

Light refreshments

Explore the courtyard

Come celebrate



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 Spring! 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.	Cassandra	Karen Louiden	Inez Rasinski
Gail Anuszewski	Fleckenstein	Karen Malpas	Cass Rayman
Katilyn Floyd-Baier	Amy Folk	Robin Marshall	Reiva Robinson
Connie Baker	Mike Gerald	Michael McCoy	Cliff Rodney
Dennis Berry	Russ Getz	Aiden McDermott	Dianne Rose
Gail Berry	Pierre Gibbons	Ellen McKenna	Yvonne Ryan
Kathy Binas	Jim Gibson	Buddy McLaughlin	Jeff Sanders
Mary Bodenschatz	Cassidy Gore	John Micklos	Connie Sanders
Ryan Boninu	Corrine Guernsey	Marsha Millender	Jeanine Schenning
Christie Booth	Shirley Harrison	Brian Miller	Sarah Schnept
Debbie Brooks	Juliana Hasson	Joanne Miller	Joan Schweitzer
Aiden Brown	Beverly Hoffman	Jim Nemec'	Barbara Shelly
Debbie Bryant	Karen Hoffman	Laurie Nemec	Vivian Smith
Bill Byrnes	John Hoffman	Frank Neukam	John Stiemly
Brooke Burns	Karen Holzopfel	Hannah Noack	Eloise Stumpf
Margaret Cain	Scott Hower	Terry Novak	Mike Stumpf
Sharyl Clark	Leondra Jefferson	Rick O'Dea	Mary Wallington
Ed Cornelius	Laurie Koontz	Pat Owens	Karen Williams
Shirley Cosgrove	Mickey Koontz	Kathleen Patterson	Norbert Wilson
Patrick J. Curran	Sharon LaBelle	Judy Crockett	Cass Wohlleben
Chuck DeWitt	Leah Lane	Peddicord	Richard Wrobel
Lynn Eckels	Tom & Mary	Krista Pellegrini	Susan Yelto
Susan Enclade	Lawrence	Francesca Prado	Heather Zimmer
Lois Farber	Brandi Leap Miner		
Anna Faust	Alix Lindley		
Richard Fifer	Harriett Lloyd		

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

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

God of resurrection, we remember before you those who have died at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. We commend them to your eternal love.

Grant healing and wholeness to the survivors who are wounded or traumatized, and restore all whose spirits are maimed by such violence.

That we may serve as your arms of care to those in distress, we pray:
make us instruments of your peace.



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 Weekly Group Zoom Bible Study during the Summer. Please join us for the Saturday morning Bible Study!

Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study:

Meets via Zoom 9:00 AM-10:00 AM every Saturday. We will be studying "Partners in a New Creation", 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 world, balanced and whole.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



* HAPPY * MEMORIAL * DAY

RECOUNTING THE SACRIFICE OF SOLDIERS

WE WILL NEVER FORGET



Letter to the Editor:



Memorial Day: We remember-this day all who made the supreme sacrifice for nation and mankind.

Although the formal observance of Memorial Day or Declaration Day as it was called for years, dates from 1868, this nation has always remembered its fallen heroes. Let us all during this period remember with gratitude and reverence the millions of Americans who made the great sacrifice.

We remember this month and always those brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice so that others might live. We remember and lament the loss of our fellow Americans, who because of their sacrifice will never again see the dawn of a new day or watch the world tiptoe towards darkness.

We remember and despair of the thousands of our fellow Americans who never had a chance to taste life in all its greatness nor had the opportunity to grow old in time.

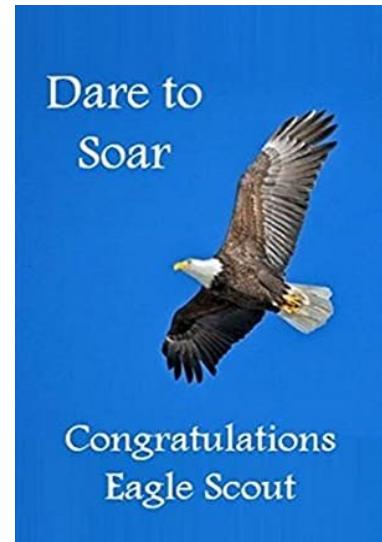
It is altogether proper that we as a nation should remember these honored dead, for these honored dead died to make men free. They have lit forever the eternal and sacred flame of freedom. We remember them this month and always as our eyes turn towards heaven in sober testimonial.

“On fame’s eternal camping ground their silent tents are spread,”
today and evermore.

John A. Micklos

The writer is Chairman Emeritus of the War Memorial Commission for the State of Maryland and an Army Veteran.

**Congratulations and many more God's blessings to
Jack Crout for achieving his
Eagle Scout ranking.**





TO ALL OF OUR 2022 GRADUATES!

Congratulations and many more God's blessings to Madison D. Ward , granddaughter of Mary Lee and Mickey Porter who graduates from Marivale Preparatory School and will be attending Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida





Messenger Article – June 2022

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As most of you know, this is a program through which we currently provide 9 students at Middleborough School with weekly backpacks of nutritious meals and snacks to supplement their weekend food supply at home.

WHY FOOD FOR THOUGHT?

Sadly, POVERTY and FOOD INSECURITY exist in Baltimore County as a significant problem, including in the Essex/Dundalk area. Some schools have recently had as many as 50% of their students living in poverty. Even working families earning above the federal poverty guidelines, sometimes do not earn enough to cover their basic expenses yet may not qualify for some of the federal food programs. The growing issue of inflation is now an added problem for many families.

According to “Feeding America”, children who are hungry may have difficulty focusing on their school work and are at greater risk of truancy, behavior problems, or social difficulties. They may complain of headaches or stomach problems, or may exhibit anxiety, mood swings, aggression, or other behaviors.

Fortunately, studies have shown that, in general, participation in the SNAP program (formerly Food Stamps), and school food programs (Free and Reduced Meals) help students’ academic performance as well as short and long term health. We feel that our effort to help improve weekend nutrition at home may also help toward this goal.

Caitlin Edwards, Middleborough School Counselor has this to say about the program:

“When our students arrive at school each day, we find comfort in the fact that they can receive breakfast in the morning and a hot meal at lunch. Free of charge. When they leave our doors, this level of food security is not guaranteed for all our students. The Food for Thought program has generously stepped in to provide needed weekend nutrition to our food insecure students. Many of our students rely on the weekly food bags. They ask for them each week and are excited when they arrive each Thursday. The weekly food bags make an enormous difference in the lives of these students. We are incredibly grateful for Hope Lutheran Church and the Food for Thought program. You are making a difference.”

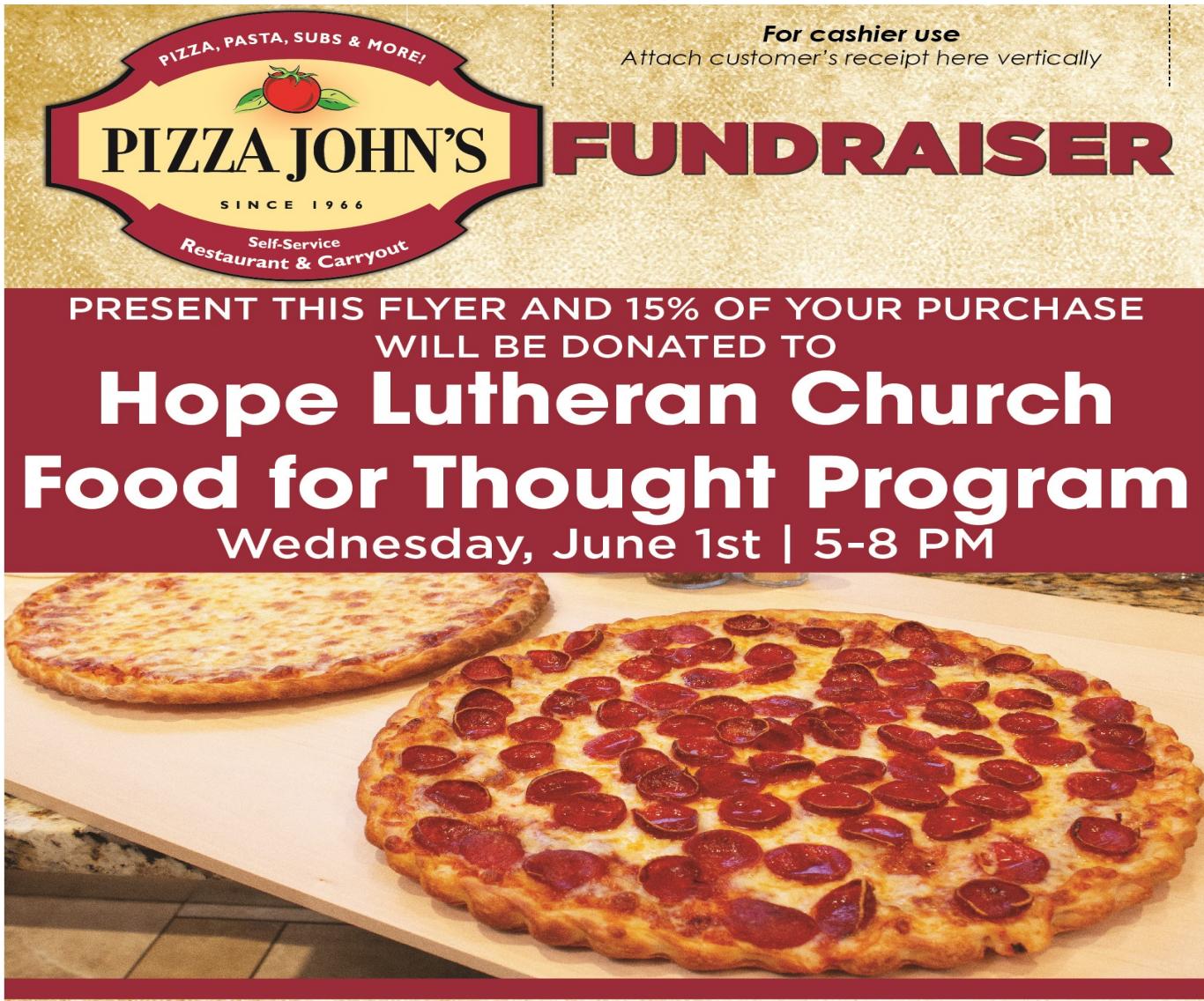
PLEASE JOIN US IN RAISING \$1000 in MATCHED FUNDS to support this ministry.

(1) Envelopes are available in the pews, narthex, and long hall for donations;

(2) Don't miss PIZZA JOHN's fund raiser on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 5-8 pm.

THANK YOU!!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FUNDRAISER on Wednesday, June 1st, 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Pizza John's! Show paper flier or iphone announcement when ordering and 15% of your bill will be donated to Food For Thought Ministry. Thank you! Marge Carl



PIZZA, PASTA, SUBS & MORE!
PIZZA JOHN'S SINCE 1966
Self-Service Restaurant & Carryout

For cashier use
Attach customer's receipt here vertically

FUNDRAISER

PRESENT THIS FLYER AND 15% OF YOUR PURCHASE WILL BE DONATED TO

**Hope Lutheran Church
Food for Thought Program**

Wednesday, June 1st | 5-8 PM



113 Back River Neck Rd | Essex, MD 21221

410-687-7733 | www.pizzajohns.com

Please Note: Gift Cards **cannot** be used as a form of payment for this promotion.

This flyer **cannot** be used towards the purchase of Gift Cards. This offer **cannot** be combined with any other offers, promotions or discounts.

Flyers **cannot** be handed out on the premises. Doing so will result in the cancelation of your event.





ALL STARS LEARNING CENTER: Great News! Now enrolling for our Summer Program and Fall Pre-K and Before & After Care Programs. June 27th—August 26th, Monday—Friday, 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. Full-time and Part-time 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 alstarscenter@yahoo.com

ALL STARS CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER



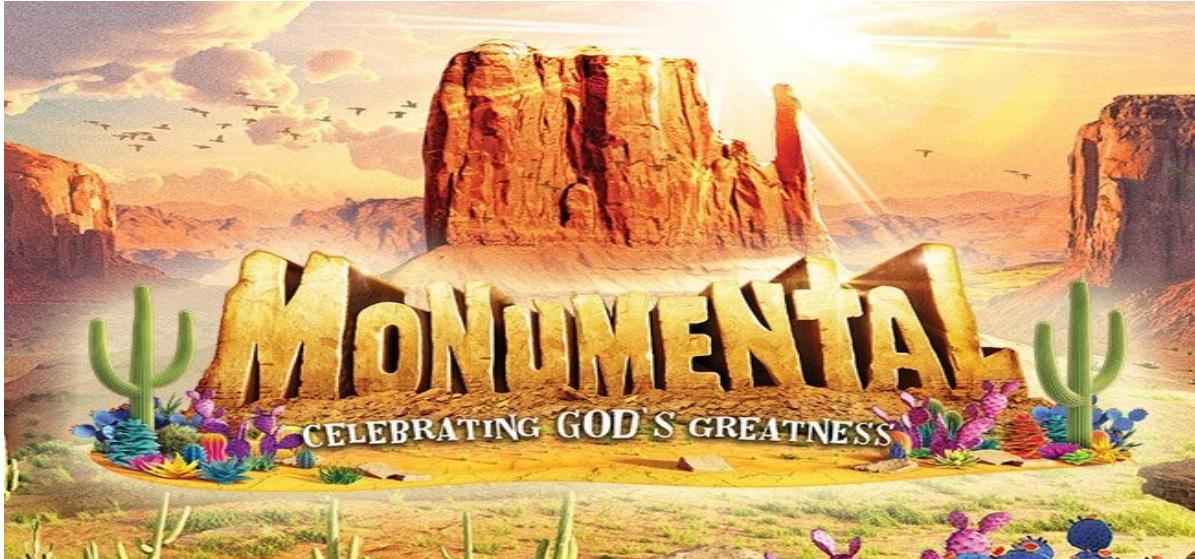
There are many exciting things happening at the All Stars Learning Center

Our Pre-k graduation/awards ceremony and "End of School Year Party" is June 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm in the playground area. We will be having a cookout and games and activities. The summer program begins June 20, 2022 thru August 26, 2022. Some of the activities we will be doing are bike day in the parking lot behind the center, tie-dying shirts, water day, and spirit week. We will also have Marshy Point Nature Center visiting us July 19, 2022 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am, and they will be bringing in some animals and have a nature program. At the end of summer we are having an "End of Summer" ice cream social with face painting and other games. August 29, 2022 is the first day of school. Our Father's Day celebration is on June 20, 2022 we will have "Donuts for Dads" in the morning to celebrate Father's day! We look forward to an exciting summer!

Janette Hewitt
Director



Hope VBS 2022



Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness

August 1-5, 2022

Join us for a fun five days at Vacation Bible School!

Kids will learn the

**Monumental Greatness of God as we play, craft, sing
and snack!**

Dates: Monday, August 1 – Friday, August 5

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

**Who: Pre-K (age 4) – 12 years old. \$15 per child/\$25 per
two children**

**Why: This will provide campers with a chance to make
new friends and learn the Monumental Greatness of God!**

***Please spread the word. Registration is open online or
find registration forms on the table in the Narthex***

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM
August 1st – 5th, 2022 6:00pm – 8:00pm
REGISTRATION NIGHT – July 19th 6:30 – 7:30pm

Child's Name _____

Child's Age _____ Last Grade Attended _____
Home Church _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact –

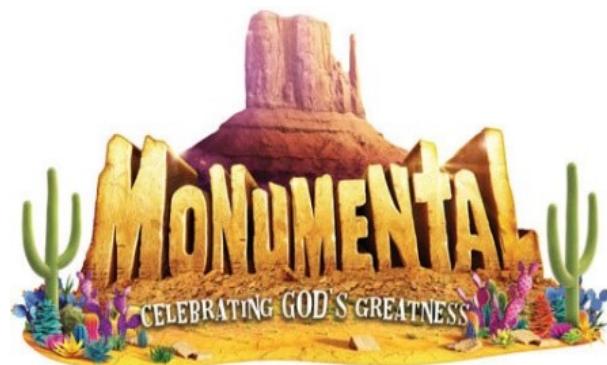
Name _____
Phone # _____

Name _____
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ALLERGIES

Donation:

1st Child \$15.00
2nd Child \$10.00



**Forms can be submitted to Hope Church
& All Stars Learning Center
Multi Children Discount available with in the Immediate Family**

Hope's Campers this year are:

**Amelia Caruthers
Gracie Coyle
Ricki Houck
Skye Kraeger**

Joining our group from another Congregation:

**Penny Gapsis, St. Johns, Linthicum.
Jonah Numberg, Zion, Williamsport.**

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.



The advertisement features a large green banner at the top with white text that reads "Summer 2022 Schedule". Below the banner is a photograph of a group of campers sitting on a rocky outcrop overlooking a valley at sunset. To the left of the banner is a smaller photograph of a group of campers posing together outdoors. To the right of the banner is a vertical column of text: "Horseback, Arts, Family Camp and more!", "Camperships Available!", and "Now Live on our website! MAR-LU-RIDGE.ORG".

Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp 2022

Dear Camp Community,

Our Summer 2022 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! God's peace!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

“Bold Faith, Bold Witness”



Synod Assembly Report

By Colan Kahl, Church Council President

This year's Synod assembly was held at the Ocean City Convention Center from May 12-14, 2022. The representatives from Hope Church were Bob Schweitzer, Colan Kahl, and Pastor Meheret Caruthers. This was a very special assembly as members from all church's in the synod voted on a Bishop for the next 6 years. The Reverend William Gohl was reelected in a historic election receiving 94% of the assembly vote on the first ballot. The agenda that was printed on the back of everyone's nametags had an error that stated, "First Ballet for Bishop". In good humor, the newly reelected Bishop Gohl graced us with his interpretation of a ballet.

We learned to practice both faith and have bold witness. To be kind as you exercise your bold faith and bold witness. We are one body in Christ. As the Bishop preached at the assembly, "We are they and they are us".

There were legislations presented and passed that primarily addressed sustainability and equity that will be presented to the ELCA to be incorporated in their legislations.

Connectedness is an important part of our ministry. We had the opportunity to have dinner and lunch with Marylee Porter and Karen Williams. We also spent an evening with members of Pastor Meheret's former church, St. Johns in Linthicum. They were both wonderful opportunities sharing a delicious meal and fellowship.

A special thank you to Bob and Joan Schweitzer for providing the lodging for this event.

Delaware-Maryland 2022 Synod Assembly Recap – May 12-14

Hope Representatives – Pastor Meheret Caruthers, Colan Kahl, Bob Schweitzer

What is a Synod Assembly?

Every year, nominated representatives of our 160+ congregations from the Delaware-Maryland region gather to review, discuss, and vote on issues affecting the synod, the national church, and congregational life. Synod Assembly is also a time to acknowledge and celebrate our ministries and missions, as well as those who point to the presence of God's grace in daily life.

Bishop's Election

Bishop William J. Gohl, Jr. was re-elected with an unprecedented 94% of the voting delegates on the first ballot. He will serve a second 6-year term. Our prayers and celebration are with him as he continues to lead our synod.

Memorials and Resolutions

The Assembly passed 7 memorials and 4 resolutions this year. Resolutions are for the immediate work of our Synod. Memorials are passed on to the Churchwide Assembly (our national voting assembly) for consideration.

Memorial 2022-1: A Memorial for A Public Churchwide Directory

This memorial calls Churchwide to oversee an up-to-date Directory of Churchwide Staff for better communication and transparency.

Memorial 2022-2: A Memorial to Advance Salary Equity in the ELCA

This memorial calls for Churchwide to change questions on transitional call documentation so that previous salary and benefits do not reduce pay for women and persons of color seeking their next call.

Memorial 2022-3: A Memorial to Restructure the Governance of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

This calls for a commission and report to be created by 2025 by Churchwide and the Conference of Bishops to assess whether the governing documents and structures of our church are still effective or whether we should reconstitute the ELCA.

Memorial 2022-4: A Memorial Regarding Restrictive Covenants in Separation Agreements

This memorial calls for the discontinued use of separation agreements in the ELCA (similar to non-disclosure agreements, also known as NDA's) in order for greater transparency and honesty, especially in the case of a leader's removal or resignation.

Memorial 2022-5: A Memorial Regarding Equity and Clarity in the Mission Development Processes

This memorial calls for financial and structural security for Mission Developers and their congregations.

Memorial 2022-6: A Memorial Calling for A Just Transition to 50% Reduction in US

Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030

This memorial was co-authored by Susan Meier. It calls for advocacy to the US for 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and also calls for the ELCA to lead by example by reducing our own emissions.

Memorial 2022-7: A Memorial Regarding the Creation of an ELCA Strategy Regarding Black Migrants

This memorial that urges the ELCA to advocate for immigration equity. Just as the US has granted refugee status for war-torn countries like Ukraine that are majority white populations, we need to also advocate for persons of color, like African and Black migrants who need the same refugee status and asylum from the violence and war of their homelands as well.

Resolution 2022-1: Global Church Sunday

This resolution calls for congregations of our Synod to Celebrate Global Church Sunday on the last Sunday of January. Global Church Sunday brings attention and seeks prayer for our Companion Synods (Finland, Estonia, and Tanzania), the World Council of Churches, and the Lutheran World Federation, and may be incorporated in worship, educational opportunities, special speakers, music, or other means that are reasonable at the discretion of the congregation.

Resolution 2022-2: ELCA World Hunger Ministry

This resolution calls on our Synod to rededicate ourselves to supporting the ELCA World Hunger Ministry and all its programs.

Resolution 2022-3: That Churches Foster Healing and Supportive Communities for Congregants Impacted by the Criminal Justice System

This resolution urges our Synod to support the Prison Ministry of the Community of St. Dismas and to urge congregations to help folks with reentry back into the world and into the life of the Church.

Resolution 2022-4: Socially Responsible Investing

This resolution was co-authored by Susan Meier. The resolution urges our Synod to place our investments in socially responsible funds with a strong hope to move away from fossil fuels and towards an investment in renewable energy.

Some of the legislation was amended and copies will be available after publishing. Please ask Pastor Meheret if you would like to read any of these Memorials and Resolutions in full.

Additional Highlights

- Bishop Leila Ortiz of the Metro DC Synod was the Chaplain of the event and preached and/or presided over our three worship services.
- Bishop Gohl spoke about an issue in the Sierra Pacific Synod that is of much debate in the ELCA currently. His comments can be viewed online. Ask Pastor Meheret for the link.
- We connected with people from our and different congregations.

God's peace,

Pastor Meheret

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



“Special thank you” to Thea Coker and Thea Melton who takes care of the Courtyard, Jeff Patten who assisted; Jack Crout, who did a great and beautiful job in refurbishing, building pathways, adding a bench and painting the entrance doors of the courtyard for his Eagle Scout project. We feel blessed and we are very thankful for our great team. God is so good!



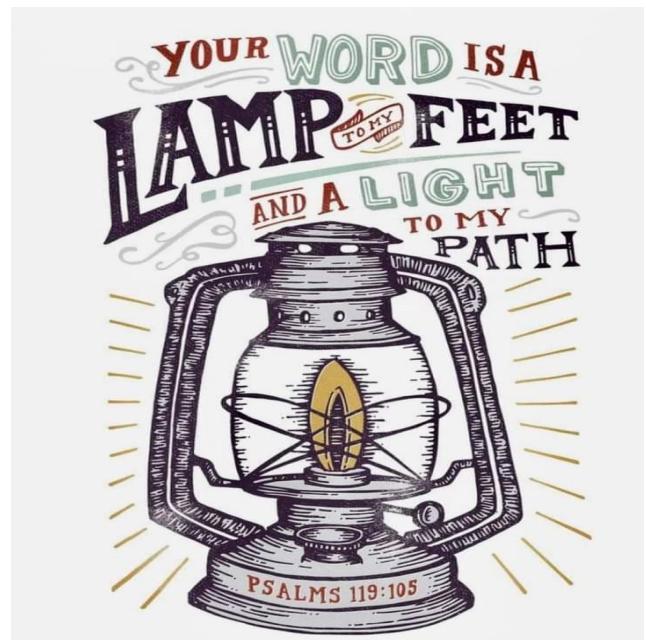
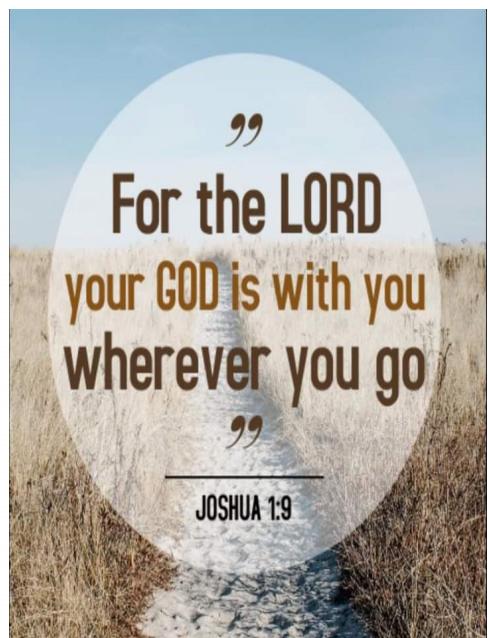
Mother's Day at Hope Church

THANK YOU to Thea Melton, Thea Coker, Judy and Eric Eszes, Wayne Sook Hoo, Denise McLaughlin, Bob Schweitzer and Steve Kahl, Jr., for making our Mother's Day celebration a huge success! God bless!



TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

- PROVERBS 3:5



The most wonderful places to be in the world are:

In someone's thoughts.
Someone's prayers.
And in Someone's heart.



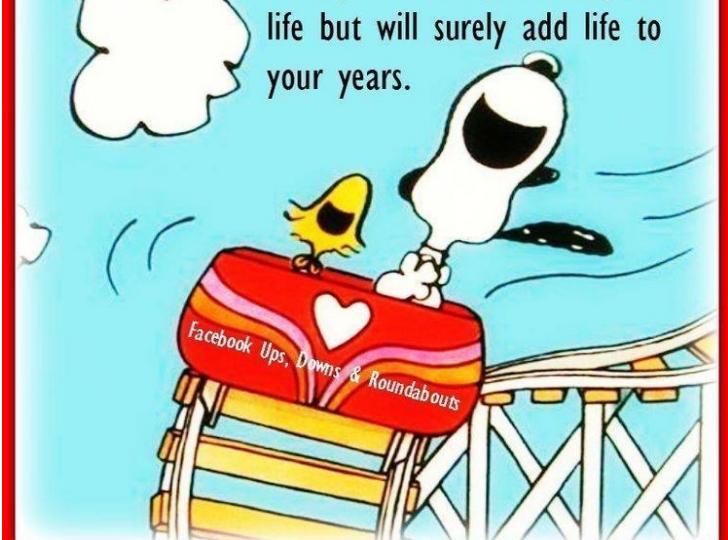
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WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS
TURN UP THE MUSIC



AND DANCE WITH
YOUR DOG.

Always find a reason to laugh.
It may not add years to your life but will surely add life to your years.



THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WAY TO START AND END A DAY IS WITH A Grateful Heart



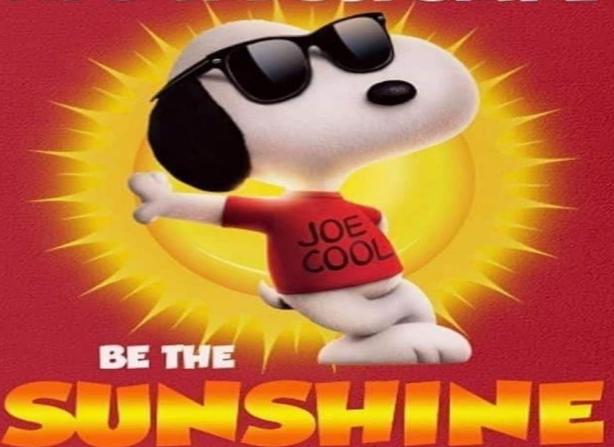
"Sometimes the most ordinary things could be made extraordinary, simply by doing them with the right people."

Elizabeth Green



Lessons Learned In Life

WHEN YOU CAN'T FIND THE SUNSHINE



BE THE
SUNSHINE

**“Hope Quilting Ministry Team” at it this morning!
A Labor of Love! God bless them and their ministry,
*Sue Alexander, Thea Coker, Sandy Cinciccati
and Deacon Robin Palmer.***





LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

Thank You!

* On March 31st, we delivered 27 Quilts!

April 5, 2022

Susan Alexander, Sandy Cincinnati, Thea Coker
708 Highville Rd
Essex, MD 21221-3280

Dear Ms. Alexander,

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$50.00 to the Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund!

Life in the COVID era has been so hard for so many of our neighbors, and we know the needs are only growing as conflict, natural disaster and other crises often affect those who are already suffering. Right now, a quilt or a kit might be the one item of comfort someone might have when they are facing poverty, disaster or war.

Because of your love, a family in a refugee camp can feel more at home with quilts to wrap around their shoulders. Families who have lost their homes in an earthquake can maintain their hygiene and dignity with a Personal Care Kit as they determine how to rebuild. And a mother living in the slums can welcome her new baby with pride, feeling your love and support every time she swaddles it with items from a Baby Care Kit.

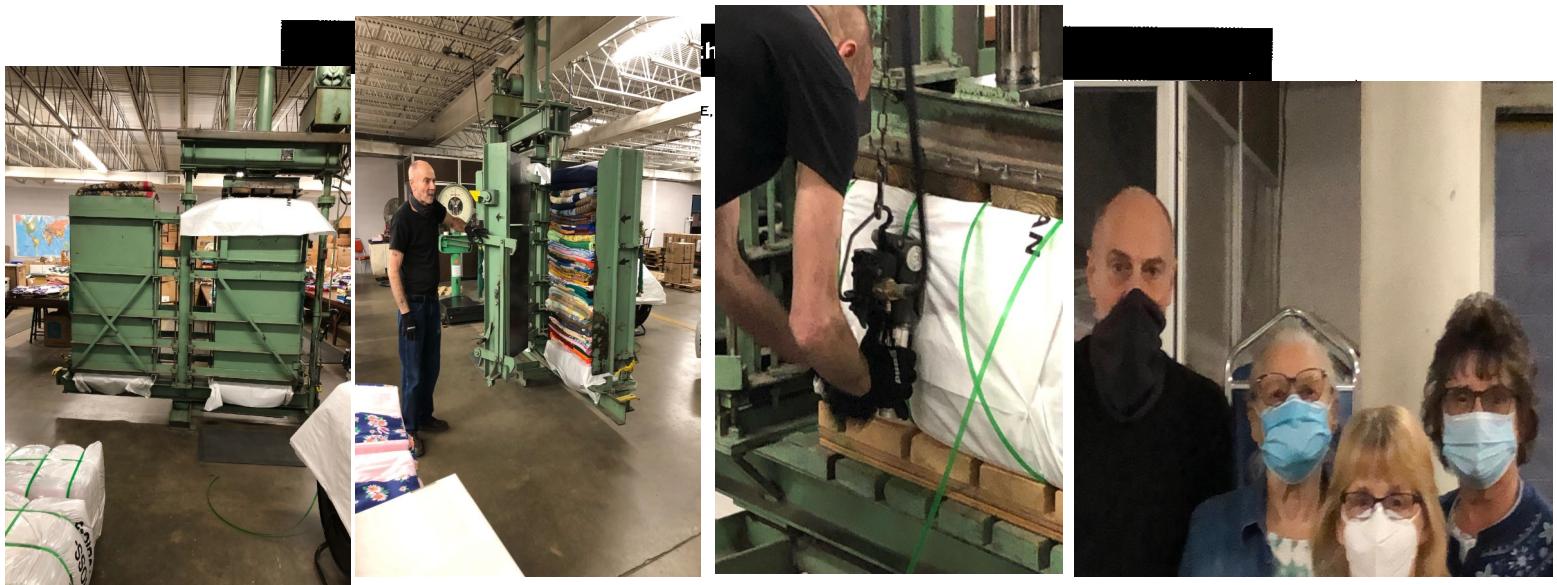
I am so grateful that you are loving these neighbors by ensuring they'll receive these critical items just when they need them most.

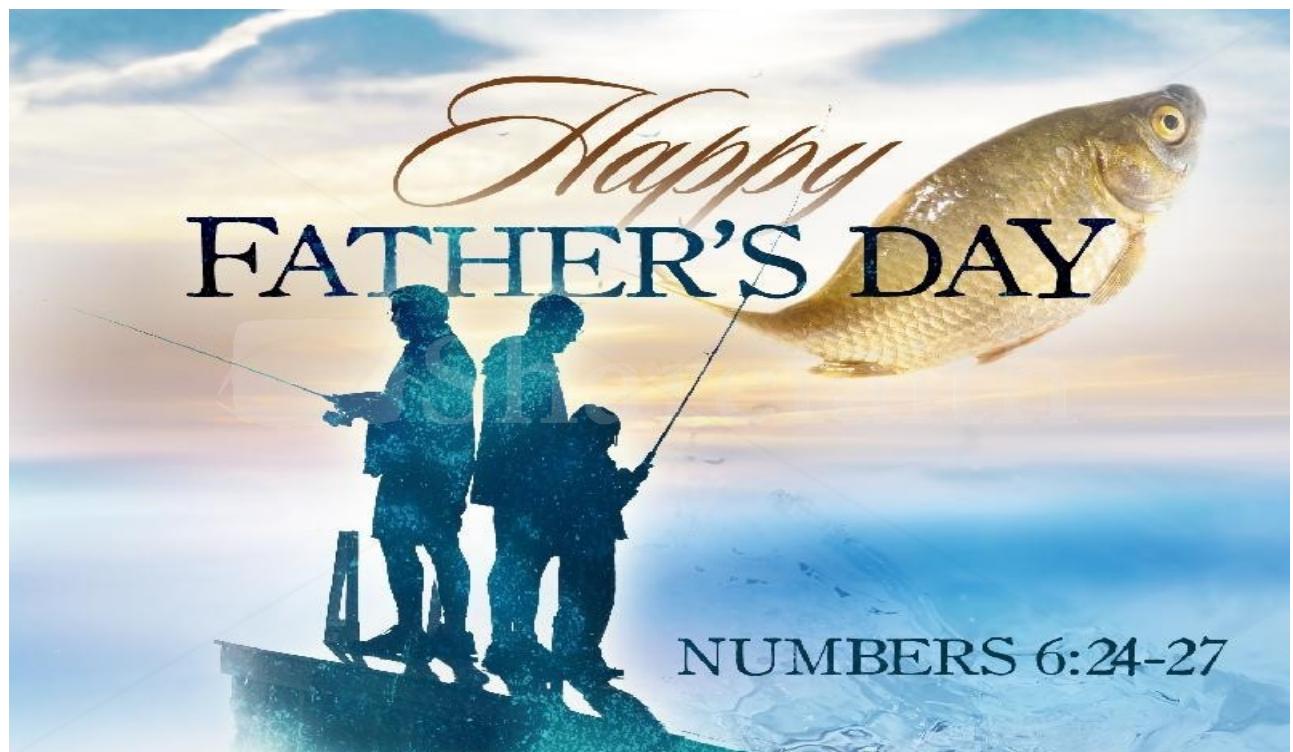
Thank you,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

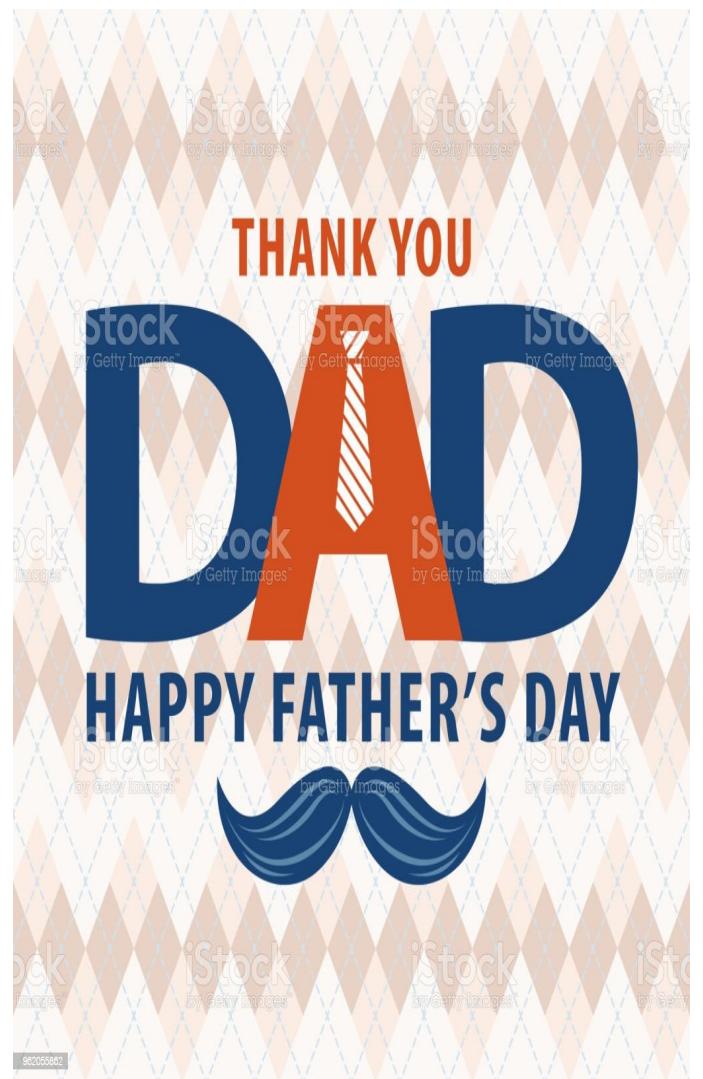
P.S. God bless you and your generous spirit.

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A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.



Worship Themes for June 2022

Date	Scripture texts	Theme
June 5 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 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 makes us children of God The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth
June 12 The 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 the Holy Spirit The spirit will guide you into the truth
June 19 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 26 Pentecost 3	1Kings 19:15-16,19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1,13-25 Luke 9:51-62	Elijah says to Elisha. Follow me 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 2022 Flower Chart

Thank you everyone who donated Altar flowers for our Sunday services.
There are still spaces available for June 5th - 1 and June 26th - 1. 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 2022 DUTY SCHEDULE

10:00	June 5	June 12	June 19 Father's Day	June 26
Assist	Bob Schweitzer	John Kelly	Joan Schweitzer	Robin Palmer
Lector	Joan Schweitzer	Marge Carl	Thea Coker	Eric Carl
Serve if needed	None	Bob Schweitzer	None	Denise McLaughlin
Ushers	Peggy Talbott Denise McLaughlin	Carol Calo Eric Eszes	Thea Melton Carolee Calo	Donna Jacob Linda Moler
Counters	Bob Schweitzer Peggy Talbott	Colan Kahl Joan Schweitzer	Linda Moler Steve Kahl	Donna Jacob Bob Schweitzer
Flowers	Beth Haught Sign-up Available	Joan & Bob-Schweitzer Jeff & Kate Patten	Denise McLaughlin Sharyn & Steve Kahl	Joan & Bob Schweitzer Sign-up Available

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.





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— Turning 101
30	Jacob Lightner



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel via Zoom	2 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	3	4 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Discussion 
5 10:00 AM Worship in person and online	6 10:00 AM Quilters 	7	8 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel via Zoom	9 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	10	11 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Discussion 
12 10:00 AM Worship in person and online	13 10:00 AM Quilters 	14 	15 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel via Zoom	16 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	17	18 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Discussion 
19 10:00 AM Worship in person and online <i>Happy Father's Day!</i>	20 10:00 AM Quilters 	21 	22 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel via Zoom	23 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	24	25 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Discussion 
26 10:00 AM Worship in person and online	27 10:00 AM Quilters  7:00 PM Church-Council Meeting 	28	29 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel via Zoom	30 6:30 PM Choir Practice 		



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