

# The Voice of Hope



July/August 2018

## Mission Statement

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church is a vital caring community of faith actively serving the Lord through creative ministries.

**Worship 10:15 am**

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As I write this newsletter, it will be my last for Hope Church. I have appreciated getting to know all of you and have enjoyed working with you as we continued to minister to others. I must thank you for letting me come into this place you call Hope. As I have mentioned before, you took a brand new pastor under your wings and have encouraged me, rooted for me, told me when I did something wrong, helped me get through some challenging times, listened to me and prayed for me. I am sure I could make this list longer! I want to say, Thank You! I know that I have always been taught to say thank you or send thank you notes (which are often forgotten nowadays) but Thank You!

I do appreciate each and every one of you. We've laughed together, cried together and just sat in silence with each other. Your presence in my life has been a Godsend.

You have done amazing things over the years and continue to do so even as you face the challenges ahead. I trust that the future will continue to unfold for Hope as God has planned. I wish you, the congregation, well in the weeks and months ahead. May God's love, grace, and peace always be with you and Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church. God be with you till we meet again!

Love, Pastor Haines



### July Anniversaries

Saige & Briana Sabatine-Costa	04
Kenneth & Muriel Rauch	08



### August Anniversaries

Samuel & Amy Wynn	03
Walter & Doris Fink	15
Barry & Flo Schlegel	20
Jason & Jen Trumbauer	23
Raymond & Nancy Moyer	28
Ronald & Renee Muth	31



### July Birthdays

Brenda Trumbauer	04	Dorothy Geiger	13	Walter Fink	25
Raymond Geiger	05	Hannah Pagenhardt	13	Lillian Showalter	26
Colin Reinert	05	Rodney Frederick	17	Mae Kunkel	29
Doris Fink	07	Skyler Kline	19	Daniel Robb	29
Jacob White	11	Glenn Steffy	23	Stephanie Schwoyer	29
Keith Guistwite	12	Devon Trumbauer	23		
Frederick Silsdorf	12	Peg Fenstermacher	24		



### August Birthdays

Michele Heffner	02	Grace Pagenhardt	07	Roselyn Schollenberger	21
Austin Ziegler	02	Brianna Trumbauer	07	Dorene Behney	23
Kenneth Rauch	04	Barry Schlegel	08	Ava Minnich	23
William Luckenbill	05	Britni Helbert	10	Amy Wynn	24
Darin Hilbert	06	Timothy Reinert	10	Anna Miller	25
Darryl Hilbert	06	Frederick Silsdorf	11	Diane Ohlinger	27
Glenn Kline	06	RuthAnn Reed	13	Aubrey Hoffman	30
Gerry Reinert	06	Shelby Schwoyer	17	Bentley Leinbach	30

## In and Around the Church

### Prayer List

It is a privilege to include relatives and friends in our prayer ministry. However, please call the church office when the situation has changed.

### Jingle Offering

We will have our Jingle Offering on **Sunday, July 1**. Please save your change. For the Month of June, we collected \$42.74 for our roof fund. Thanks for your generous gift.

### Thank You

Thank you to the following volunteers for taking the time to mow the lawn at the church: Henry Adam, Korinne Hotzman, Walter Reinert, Ken Schwoyer, and Jason Trumbauer. If you see them, please take a minute to thank them for the fine job that they do.

### September Newsletter

Please give your newsletter articles for the September newsletter to Deb Kline by August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

### Hospital News

If you are going to be in the hospital or have a family member there, please call the church office. Thank you.

### Sausage Sandwich Sale

On **Saturday, August 4**, Hope Lutheran Church is having a sausage sandwich sale. The sandwiches can be Plain, Sauce, Onions, Peppers, or the Works. To Preorder call Raymond at 610-682-6455. **The cost is \$5.00.** Soda and water will also be sold.

### Grief Share

Sessions are held **Tuesdays, May 8th through August 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm.** at Hope. For further information, contact Donna Kline at 610-682-4970.

### Pastor Haines Farewell Luncheon

There will be a farewell luncheon for Pastor Haines on **Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**, immediately following worship. It is being held at Janelle's, a hot meal and dessert will be served. The cost will be \$8.00 per adult, children (5 - 10)-\$4.00 and children under 5 are free. **Note: RSVP to the church office by July 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### Thank You

Dear Church Members: We really appreciate your recent monetary and food contribution to the Brandywine Food Pantry. St. Peter's UCC

### Congratulations Graduates!

**Johannah Fink**, daughter of Jeffrey and Gail Fink, and granddaughter of Doris and Walter Fink, graduated from Brandywine Heights High School on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, where she was valedictorian for the graduation ceremony. She will be attending Penn State in the fall.



### July Flower Sponsors

1 - Pastor Haines/Teresa Bechtel  
8 -  
15 -  
22 -  
29 - Pastor Haines/Marcia Stough



### August Flower Sponsors

5 -  
12 -  
19 -  
26 - Ray and Nancy Moyer

### Weekly sponsorship

Flowers - \$35.00  
Bulletins - \$ 5.00  
Sanctuary Candle - \$12.00 (monthly)

### July Bulletin Sponsors

1 -  
8 -  
15 -  
22 -  
29 -

### August Bulletin Sponsors

5 -  
12 -  
19 -  
26 -

### 2018 Flower Chart

The 2018 Flower Chart is in the hall by the church office. Please sign-up if you would like to sponsor flowers, sanctuary candles and/or bulletins in honor or in memory of special folks.

## Ministry Committees

### Committee Meeting Dates

Worship and Music Committee – August 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am

### Worship and Music Committee

Summer Worship will continue at 10:15 am in the air-conditioned sanctuary.

#### **July 1 – Worship Service with Holy Communion**

#### **August 5 – Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Grapes are Christian symbols and are most associated with the sacrament of Holy Communion. They also symbolize the fruitfulness of Christian life. Many Bible stories, including, “Exploring Canaan”, (Numbers 13), mention grapes. (The Newsletter

### Special Worship Services

#### **July 15 - Outdoor Worship Service/Picnic at 10:30am.**

– On July 15<sup>th</sup>, our church will be participating along with New Jerusalem Lutheran, Christ-Mertz, Dryville, St. Peters UCC, Topton, Christ Delong UCC, Bowers in the annual outdoor worship service held at Bowers Park. Our congregation is encouraged to bring drinks, plates, cups, napkins, and plasticware. There will be approximately 100 people. If you would like to bring a main dish or other items that is fine, also. Please remember to bring a lawn chair and use your church envelope. Any loose plate offering is designated for the “Brandywine Food Pantry.”

#### **September 2 – Blue Grass Service**

### Christian Education

#### Children’s Church

Children’s Church will resume in September.

### Social Ministry

#### **Opportunity House Picnic**

will be held on **Monday, July 9**. There is a signup sheet. If you are interested in going, we can carpool from the church around 5:00 pm.

#### **School Supplies**

In the beginning of July, the Social Ministry committee will be collecting, the following items for our local schoolchildren: Pencils, erasers, pocket folders, notebooks, backpacks (co-ed), tissue packs, Chap Stick, granola bars, animal crackers, and thin pretzels.

#### **Christmas in August**

The Social Ministry Committee will once again be collecting items for Opportunity House’s Secret Santa, which is held in December. Items of toys, books and games are welcome for young children to adult males and females. This is so children in the facility can shop for their siblings and or parents for Christmas gifts. Any gift item is appreciated.

### Church Council Highlights

We are always looking for volunteers for readers, ushers, bread sponsors, communion assistants, and assisting ministers. If interested, please see one of the council members.

### Stewardship Note

*“The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12*

As we go through the summer months, let’s not forget the gifts we offer to God. Your offering will help the church throughout the year but especially when summer arrives, more folks are away and on vacation. It is good to get away and take time for ourselves so I hope you can do that too. Thank you for the continued support you offer to Hope Church!

## Remember Our Shut-In Members

Sandra Brintzenhoff  
Kutztown Manor – Room 204  
120 Trexler Ave.  
Kutztown, PA 19530

Donna Schwoyer  
PO Box 167  
Lyon Station, PA 19536

Ellen Gernert  
P.O. Box 74  
Freehall Street  
Topton, PA 19562

Arlene Younger  
1 South Home Ave. – Room 167C  
Topton, PA 19562

Robert Younger  
1 South Home Ave.  
Topton, PA 19562

Pauline Reinert  
1 South Home Ave.  
Room 126 – A wing  
Topton, PA 19562

## Community Events

### Bible Study

Bible Study will resume September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Christ-DeLong UCC, Bowers. All are welcome.

**Huff's Union Church** 540 Conrad Road, Alburtis will hold their annual picnics on the following dates: If you have any questions you can contact the church office at, 610-845-2626.

**July 28** – Picnic, Food served after 4:00 pm. Musical entertainment-The Majestics (5:00-8:00 pm)

**August 18** – Picnic, Food served after 4:00 pm. Musical entertainment (Marshall's Highway 5-8 pm)

### St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lyons 150 years celebration

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lyons is celebrating 150 years and are having an open house on July 15th. A former tenant is inviting us to the former church for a tour. The building will be open all day.

The building was converted into a family home in the 1980's. The downstairs is a living area. The upstairs remains a bright, open sanctuary space that has been used in various ways over the years. It is currently own by Shumei, a spiritual organization from Japan. We would like to celebrate the building's 150 year anniversary by collecting and sharing stories and pictures of the church as it evoked through the years. In July we are inviting the local community to enjoy what we have gathered and learned about the building. Thank you, Janice

If you would like to contact this person her name is Janice Eshleman, PO Box 229, Lyon Station, PA, 1953 or [JaniceEshleman@gmail.com](mailto:JaniceEshleman@gmail.com) or call 484-553-0358.

She also has invited us to the Shumei Pennsylvania Centers' 16th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, July 15 at 10:00 am at Shumei House 201 S Kemp St. Lyon Station PA Sensei Eugene Imai, Director of Shumei America, will lead the chanting, share the healing and energy of Jyorie and deliver a message.

Japanese Taiko Performance 9:40-10:50 am

After the ceremony, a healthy lunch of organic products will be served. Cost \$15.00 per adult \$5.00 per child under 10, free for children under 3 years old. The door will be open at 9:30 am. Please be seated by 9:50 am. Kindly RSVP by Sunday July 7 at [pennsylvania@shumei.us](mailto:pennsylvania@shumei.us)



## Synod News

**The Northeastern PA Synod** held their Assembly at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes Barre, PA. Pastor Haines attended on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Here are some highlights from the Synod webpage:

“Delegates and visitors from congregations of the synod gathered for this year’s assembly. After reports from Bishop Zeiser and the officers of the synod, the Assembly was addressed by Pastor President Gustavo Gomez Pascua, from our companion church, Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Unida, in Argentina and Uruguay. He shared some of the topics and concerns trending in his church. Many were similar to the challenges faced by congregations of the ELCA.

Friday afternoon’s session was the official reception of the Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church as a congregation of our synod. In 1978, Saint Simeon’s Lutheran Church in Philadelphia sponsored the first Hmong family from Laos to the greater Philadelphia area. Eventually the church migrated to St. John’s Lutheran Church in Pottstown from June 2005 through June 2012. When all of its members relocated and settled within Berks and Lancaster counties, the church found a new home at Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church in 2012.

Friday’s program closed with a Festival Worship Service. An offering of \$2,859.92 was collected for the Young Adult in Global Ministry program.

On Saturday morning, worship was led and an offering of \$2,547.00 was collected for World Hunger. The assembly then approved the 2019 Spending Plan and the 2019 Compensation Guidelines for Pastors and Deacons. It also adopted two resolutions that were filed with the Committee of Reference and Counsel dealing with “Encouraging Congregational Statements Concerning the Closing of Congregations and the Disposition of Assets” and Request for a Synodical Process to Determine Ministry Priorities.”

Pastor Haines, along with others, helped with various mission programs. She helped pack health kits for people in the US and abroad.

The 2019 Assembly will be a one day event on Saturday, June 1, at the Genetti Ballrooms, in Hazelton, PA.

## Save the Date

### Ministry Fair

You are invited to attend a Ministry Fair at the “Luther Center” at the Synod office, on **Saturday, August 11, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Visit the Synod’s Resource Center to learn about

Ministries of the Northeastern PA Synod

Share resources offered by synod teams

Attend mini-sessions (like Learning Ministries day)

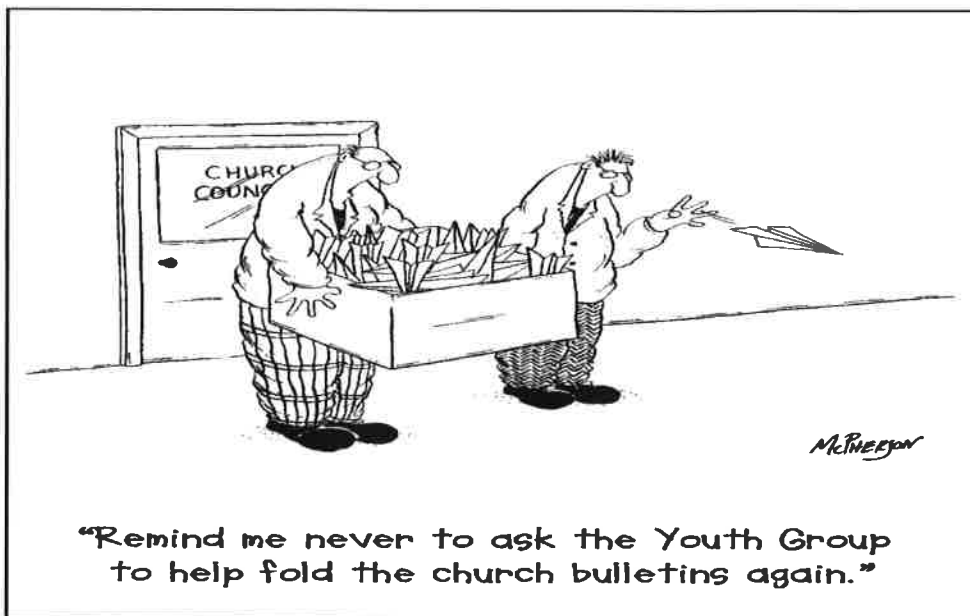
There will also be an opportunity to share your congregation’s information/ministries at your own sharing table.

A Children’s Corner will be provided.

This is sponsored by the Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team

## Diakon News

The Lutheran Home celebrated 150 years this year. We have received an award from them thanking us for being a partner in ministry. Please see the certificate on the white board along with the letter! Thank you Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church for your partnership!





### Open Up That Grill

The sun is shining. Friends are visiting. The grill calls your name. But before you break out those high-fat, high-sodium hot dogs, think about some more creative, healthier and mouth-watering options. To get you started, Lehigh Valley Health Network dietitian Susan O'Donnell and internist [Howard DeHoff, MD](#), offer these tasty tips:

#### Keep it lean

You don't have to give up those burgers. Red meat can be healthier if you choose leaner cuts. "Any type of 'loin' (beef tenderloin, pork loin, etc.) has a lower fat content and therefore is a better option," O'Donnell says. For even lower fat content, try boneless, skinless chicken or turkey.

**Top tip** - Foster your creativity and try something new. Venison or bison are among the leanest meats available.

#### Cook, don't char

When the protein from meat burns and turns to char, it can form cancer-causing carcinogens. "When that fat drips into the flame,

the smoke that rises also has carcinogens," DeHoff says. While a little bit of char every now and then may not be bad, you may be putting yourself at risk if you regularly eat well-done grilled meat.

**Top tip** - Put foil on the grill rack to prevent fat from dripping, and clean your grill regularly. If you like well-done meat, it's healthier to cook it longer over a lower temperature.

#### Get fishy

Did you know you can grill lobster tail? Actually, any kind of fish is tasty when grilled, and some fish with more oil, such as salmon, are high in heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

**Top tip** - For some extra flavor, try grilling the fish on top of a grill-safe plank made of hickory or apple wood.

#### Don't forget the veggies (and fruits!)

Summer squash or zucchini on the grill is a treat. But how about adding fruits to the mix? Apples, nectarines, plums and bananas are just some of the fruits that are tasty - and retain their nutrients - when grilled.

**Top tip** - Keep the skin on the fruit. "That's where most of the healthy nutrients live," O'Donnell says.

#### Check that temperature

Raw meat contains harmful bacteria such as E. coli, which is why you should wash your hands thoroughly after handling raw meat. It's also why you should cook meat completely. "It's the only way to kill the bacteria without poisoning the meat," DeHoff says. For hamburger and pork, cook to at least 160 degrees; steak and fowl should cook to 145 degrees.

**Top tip** - Use a meat thermometer to monitor the temperature. Electronic models can give you the proper temperatures for different types of meats. Don't re-use a plate that carried raw meat.

#### Marinades and kebabs

Marinating your foods ahead of time can make them moister. The best contain vinegar or some sort of citrus. Ideally you should marinate foods for 40 minutes before cooking.

**Top tip** - Avoid store-bought, pre-packaged marinades. They often contain much higher salt content than homemade marinades.

## Worship Assistants


	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Sandra Schappell		Outdoor Worship at Bowers Park		
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Dorene Behney				
<b>Reader</b>	Pauline Watts	Charisse Steffy		Austin Ziegler	Sandra Schappell
<b>Acolyte</b>					
<b>Greeters</b>	Loretta Heffner Shirley Walters	Glenn & Charisse Steffy		Robert & Sandra Schappell	Miriam Reed Jeffrey Reed
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 3	Team 4		Team 1	Team 2
<b>Bread Sponsor</b>	Shirley Schaeffer				
<b>Counting Team</b>	Robert & Sandra Schappell	Diane Ohlinger Donald Brintzenhoff		Henry Adam Cindy Jenne	Dorene Behney

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Diane Ohlinger			
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Robert Schappell			
<b>Reader</b>	RuthAnn Reed	Diane Ohlinger	Pauline Watts	Charisse Steffy
<b>Acolyte</b>				
<b>Greeters</b>	Loretta Heffner Shirley Walters	Glenn & Charisse Steffy	Robert & Sandra Schappell	Miriam Reed Jeffrey Reed
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To make a change to the above schedule, please find someone to switch with, and call the church office at 610-682-7236 by Wednesday morning with the information.



# HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR – JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15 am Jingle Offering Start collecting school supplies for social ministry for month of July	2	3 Grief Share meets at Hope 6:30-8:30pm	4 	5	6	7
8 Worship Service 10:15 am Last day for RSVP for Pastor Haines' farewell dinner	9 Opportunity House Picnic	10 Grief Share meets at Hope 6:30-8:30pm	11	12	13	14
15 <b>Outdoor Worship Service at Bowers Park 10:30 am</b>	16	17 Grief Share meets at Hope 6:30-8:30pm	18	19	20	21
22 Worship Service 10:15 am <b>Pastor Haines' Farewell Dinner at Janelle's immediately following worship</b>	23	24 Grief Share meets at Hope 6:30-8:30pm	25	26	27	28
29 Worship Service 10:15 am <b>Pastor Haines' last worship service</b>	30	31 Grief Share meets at Hope 6:30-8:30pm				

# HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Start collecting for Opportunity House Secret Santa	2	3	4 Sausage Sandwich sale 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
5 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 am Jingle Offering	6	7 Grief Share meet at Hope 6:30 - 8:30 pm	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service 10:15 am	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship Service 10:15 am	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship Service 10:15 am	27	28	29	30	31	

# SYNOD NEWS

## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

### Assembly 2018

### Sharing Ministries - Building Relationships

#### Churchwide Ministries



**Pastor President Gustavo Gómez Pascua** from our companion church, Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida, in Argentina and Uruguay addressed the Assembly on Friday.

He shared some of the topics and concerns trending in his church. Many were similar to the challenges faced by congregations of the ELCA.

Pastor President Pascua brought along his guitar; and on several occasions, he led the Assembly in songs used by congregations in his church.



**Nick Kiger**, ELCA Associate Director for Mission Support, brought greetings on behalf of Presiding Bishop

Elizabeth Eaton. He shared two videos: "2017 in Review" and "We Are Lutheran" (available on the synod website: [godsllove.org](http://godsllove.org)).

#### NEPA Synod Ministries



The Assembly was delighted to receive the **Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church** as a congregation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. In 1978, Saint Simeon's Lutheran Church in

Philadelphia sponsored the first Hmong family from Laos to the Greater Philadelphia area. In February of 1996, the Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church was established. When all of its members relocated and settled within Berks & Lancaster counties, the church found a new home at Allegheny, Knauers in 2012.

Bishop Zeiser welcomed Pr. ShongChai Hang, congregational president Cheng Lo, vice president Kai Lee, and other congregational representatives to come forward for the official vote by the Assembly.

On Saturday the **Bear Creek Camp Summer Staff** was installed. Under the leadership of director Dan Scharnhorst, the



summer camp program has dramatically increased in numbers; and the Assembly warmly applauded both Dan and the dedicated young people who will staff the camp.

During worship at the Assembly, offerings were collected in support of **Young Adults in Global Ministry** (\$2,859.92) and the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** (\$2,547).

## Ministry Displays, Workshops, and Service Projects



Delegates were invited to experience the Assembly theme, "Sharing Ministries and Building Relationships," in four different ways: (1) by visiting Bear Creek Camp, (2) by participating in one of several local service projects, (3) by visiting the ministry display tables, and (4) by attending one of the workshops. Two extended blocks of time were available on Friday for these experiences.



**Bear Creek Camp.** Delegates who chose to visit Bear Creek Camp could help prepare the camp for the upcoming summer program, could participate in a Hunger Walk, or could simply spend time enjoying the beautiful setting.



**Local Service Projects.** There were about a dozen opportunities to engage in a service project to benefit the Wilkes-Barre community. These included packing food for the hungry, filling backpacks for children, materials for disaster relief, a highway cleanup, helping children create a mural, and helping at the SPCA.



**Ministry Display Tables and Workshops.** There was a wide assortment of ministry displays, as well as workshops on "Pastoral Care Providers," "Faith Facing Racism and Religious Prejudice: Sharing Hopes and Strategies," and "ELCA Inter-religious Commitments -- Review and Response."



More information and pictures are available on the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/highlights-assembly-2018>. **Assembly 2019 will be a one-day event on June 1 at Genetti's Ballrooms in Hazleton.** This is being done to keep down costs for congregations in anticipation of a three-day assembly at the Kalahari Resort on June 4-6, 2020 when the synod will elect a new bishop.

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