

The Voice of Hope

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Land
of the free
because of the
Brave

God Bless
America



Happy
4th
of
July

STEWARDSHIP ...our offerings, time and talents to the glory of God

Pastor Rob Blezard, assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, a man passionate about stewardship, shares a monthly blog including how we appreciate and use ALL the gifts God has provided us. Truly food to live by.

We the People: Steward our democracy

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Two sentences from the Declaration of Independence express the true hierarchy that orders our lives. At the top is God, our creator. Human beings are next, and we create government to secure our rights. So, the hierarchy is: God, people, government.

This marks a dramatic innovation in Western thought. For centuries monarchs had been understood to rule “by divine right,” so the accepted hierarchy was: God, monarchy (government), people.

We celebrate the Declaration’s signing day, July 4, 1776, with fireworks, family cookouts and parades. This year’s Fourth of July comes in the wake of Covid-19 and protests over the death George Floyd -- events that have brought to light many deep-seated problems.

Amid economic instability, rising inequality in wealth and healthcare, disparities in criminal justice and other issues, many are asking, “Who does the government *really* serve?” The Declaration reminds us that we’re in charge, and we have the power to make changes to direct the path our government is on.

It would be wise for God’s people to mark the Fourth of July, 2020, with deep reflection and renewed commitment to working to ensure a government that reflects our values and serves all of God’s people.

Why is this a stewardship issue? Christian stewardship is the discipline of taking care of and using wisely all that God has given us – whether it be money, health, relationships, or even governments. God has entrusted us with a vibrant democracy. It’s up to us to take care of it.

--Rob Blezard

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MAY ACTIVITIES ...current and planning ahead

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
7-5-20	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
7-12-20	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
7-19-20	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
7-26-20	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
	Services, meetings, and bible studies in June will continue to be via email and online until further notice from the synod. The recommendation is to wait until CDC phase 3 to resume services. Remember to keep in touch and share the peace by mail and or phone as we continue to stay safe.	

Are you interested in what's happening in the Florida-Bahama Synod? Sign up to receive the newsletter, E-Spirit by going to the Florida-Bahama Synod web site, scroll to the bottom of the page and follow the easy directions. You will read many interesting articles about what is happening in our area churches. Stay connected!

ANNOUNCEMENTS... and other useful news

VETERAN'S BREAKFAST

The veterans typically meet at Perkins restaurant on the 4th Saturday of the month. Call first to see when resume meeting.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Watch for news on new start date. Continue reading God's word daily.

MUSTARD SEED DONATIONS

Donations have been postponed due to the virus. Check with Mustard Seed to see when they reopen. 772-340-1406

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Debbie Barr can count how many people participate on the **online worship service**. Pass the link to neighbors, friends and family so they can also "go to church" with you! It is a wonderful way to share God's word.

PLEASE NOTIFY

The church office when you or a family member is ill or hospitalized so we can add you to the prayer list. Please also let us know when you are home and doing better, or when a name should be removed from the list.

Because of the Coronavirus all meetings will be postponed or via email until further notice

June Income/Attendance

DATE	VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE	INCOME
6-7	124	
6-14	77	
6-21	103	
6-28	90	
Gifts In-Kind		185.60
Deposits		4514.00
Totals	394	\$4699.60

A huge thank you to Jim Rodgers, Ellen King, and David Christensen who have been keeping the lawn and landscaping beautiful!

Also thank you to Debbie Barr and Jim Rodgers for counting again this month.

SPECIAL DATES...to celebrate

July



Birthdays

Margaret Eubank 7/03

Josselyn Dawson 7/14

Karen Harris 7/14

Diane Roma 7/21

Pastor Norma Johnson 7/21

Jim Rodgers 7/22

Shirley Barbara 7/27



Happy Anniversary

Frank & Karen Harris 7/11

Jackie & Dennis Fowler 7/29

*There are three things that last
faith, hope and love
but the greatest of
these is love*

1 Corinthians 13:13

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jean Beldin, Grace Benway, Mary Bergerman and family, Brooke Blake, Matthew Blake, Pricilla Carpenter, Jean Carroll, Gloria Costley (Debbie Barr's mom), Josselyn Dawson and the Kasten family, John Eubank, Robert Fernandez, Jackie Fowler, Karen Frampton, Claudia Gillis, Cruz & Delia Gonzalez, Frank Harris, Dolores Hart's family, Hope Lutheran Church, Tom Jameson, Kathleen Jarrach (Mary McGinn's daughter), Karen Keat, Bob and Debbie Kirchhoff, Matt Loede, Christa Luhrs, Rachel Martin, Barbara McClure, Mary McGinn, Charlie Nilsen, Joan Ojala, Jeff Payne, Leslie Peterson, Nino Peterson, Rudy Pinto, Kimberly Robinson, Joan Sellas and family, Art Sharot, David Simpson, Chuck Strickler, Shelly Tillman and family, Mark Tocchetti, Clemmie Vincent, Marilyn Wheeler, Betty White, Diane Woodcock and the Luther family, Larry and Marian Zimmerman, Richard Zuber.

Members in Residential Care

Pricilla Carpenter- The Gardens

Grace Benway – Lake Forest Park

Members of Our Armed Forces

SPC Cody Allen USA - USA

Master Sgt. John King - USAF

2nd Lt. Sierra McRae, US Army

During this time of COVID 19 pandemic - PRAYER for those making decisions, frontline workers and their families, persons working in public, working from home and those who have lost their jobs, schools, student and parents of students, those suffering from the virus and those who have died, those who are suffering from loneliness and anxiety.

God, we pray for people worldwide that our focus is on You

Church Council

President – Jim Rodgers

Diane Roma

Leslie Peterson

Vice President – Susan Spee

Marvel Sawyer

Fred Heins

Secretary – Barbara McClure

Nino Peterson

Treasurer – Mark Tocchetti

Nan Billings

Church Council Highlights

6-3	Jim Rodgers meeting John Hockey, ReMax, at Hope to show the church.
6-9	E-mail from Diane and Mag Roma that they are selling their house here in Florida but will continue to support the church through the summer.
6-13	After much online discussion about starting services at the church in July, Jim asked council for a vote. He also asked council's opinion to continue leasing the building and have other organizations meeting there.
6-14	Council vote for beginning services in the church in July: 6 no, 3 yes, 1 abstain.
6-17	John Hockey is showing the church again to potential buyers. Another request for council to state opinion about leasing the building. A request came from AA to add an additional night meeting. Feedback requested to 1.) continue leasing to AA, 2.) should we add the additional meeting night.
6-19	AA is an outreach program for the community and one that Hope can continue even during these times. The vote was 6 yes, 4 no to keep the one Friday night meeting. We will ask they sign Covid-19 disclosure and make sure they have liability insurance.
6-19	John Hockey notified Jim Rodgers that there is a possible new renter interested in leasing month to month.
6-19	More discussion from Jim Rodgers as to the financial outlook. From May Profit & Loss Hope is approximately \$4000 to \$5000 behind monthly and currently has approximately \$65000 in the accounts. Asking for more discussion from council about leasing the building and at what costs and how we would be able to continue online worship safely if the building is being used by several other churches.
7-1	John Hockey has potential churches interested in leasing the church. Request went out for a vote from council by email whether to lease or not.

MUSIC...make a joyful noise!



Thank you, organist Karen Keat,!

*Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing with joy.*

Psalms 100:2

Being Faithful

- Put God first
- Seek & Do God's Will
- Pray Daily
- Worship Weekly
- Study & Know God's Word
- Love & Serve Others
- Tithe Thankfully
- Share the Gospel
- Participate at Church
- Repent Unfaithfulness

Return to the Lord



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**Called to spread God's Word and
to lead the community to Christ**



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