

FAITH AND LIGHT MINISTRY OF WORSHIP



First Saturday of each month

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Hope Lutheran Church

211 Elton-Adelphia Road
Freehold NJ
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<http://www.hopefreehold.org/>

Invitation for Discovery!

Discover the Community of Faith and Light International

<http://www.foietlumiere.org/site/english>

The Faith and Light ministry is a time of worship, fellowship, and celebration for adults who have developmental disabilities. A ministry of L'Arche International, dedicated to serving people with developmental disabilities in the community, Faith and Light provides a time of gathering. This ministry is supported by Allies Inc. and will be hosted by the Hope Lutheran Church of Freehold.

This is an invitation to people with developmental disabilities living in our communities to join together monthly in worship, followed by a time of activity and refreshments. It provides all who attend an opportunity to interact with God and with each other, to grow spiritually and in friendship and to interact with a faith community as a full participant in this ministry.

Our Service of Worship is held the first Saturday of each month at 6 PM. It is hosted by the Hope Lutheran Church. We invite you to join us to establish a fellowship of families, communities of faith and community organizations. We participate together in a worship service of joy, music, praise, storytelling and time together. Please consider joining us. We look forward to meeting you!

To RSVP

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Faith and Light Prayer

Jesus, you came into our world to reveal the Father to us, your Father and our Father. You came to teach us to love one another.

Give us the Holy Spirit, according to your promise, so that he will make us instruments of peace and unity, in this world of war and division.

Jesus you have called us to follow you in a community of Faith and Light,
We want to say yes to you.
We want to live in a covenant of love in this big family you have given us, where we can share our sufferings and difficulties, our joys and our hope.

Teach us to accept our wounds, our weakness so that your power may be revealed. Teach us to find you in all our brothers and sisters especially in those who are the weakest. Teach us to follow you in the ways of the Gospel.

Jesus come and live in us and in our communities as you first lived in Mary. She was the first to welcome you in herself. Help us to be faithfully present, with her, at the foot of the cross, near the crucified of the world. Help us to live your Resurrection.

Amen.

Our mission for our communities:

In the community is to create bonds of friendship between all members and to reveal to each person his/her unique gift and beauty. These bonds will allow us to grow humanly and spiritually and to find a new meaning for our life, whether we are parents, friends or persons with an intellectual disability. We are called to be witnesses, at the heart of the world, of the love of Christ for the littlest of his children.

Mission for our families

We are no longer alone. The bonds of friendship woven during the monthly gatherings are expressed by numerous signs between meetings. We regain trust in the future. Our perception of our child with disabilities changes. Different, often rejected, he/she has found, in Faith and Light, a place where his/her gifts are revealed. Gifts which he/she can put at the service of others, whether this is in his/her family, the place where he/she is received or works and in his/her community.



About the Logo

Meb was a painter, he had an intellectual disability. He composed his work of art on the occasion of the first pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1971 after some one read him the Charter of the first Faith and Light pilgrimage.

What he did was very simple. A boat in which he put a number of figures. He painted twelve of them. Jesus must be sleeping somewhere in the bottom of the boat. Then there was the sun and the clouds. Meb was certainly very inspired. He could not count.

His idea: we are in a boat and we are traveling together. Sometimes the sea is rough, sometimes it's dead calm, sometimes you need to row, and sometimes the wind blows in the sails. Meb had understood all that

Here is the caption that goes with the drawing: "The clouds parted and Your light, oh Lord, shone down on us."

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