

Words of Hope - Weekly Announcements



Office Hours this week: Closed Monday
Tuesday—Friday 8:15 a.m.—3:45 p.m.
215-946-3467 info@hopeLCS.org

Activity pages for young children are available from an usher.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO "SOCK SUNDAY"

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we delivered 261 pairs of socks to the Annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down! Additionally, with the money received from Thrivent Financial's Action Team Program, we were able to purchase 85 pairs of underwear.

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Thank you for caring for our veterans!

The installation of our Sunday school teachers will be on September 10 at both services.

Thank you to Eileen Durnin,
our Sunday School Superintendent,
and all of the people who have
volunteered to teach/assist this year!



HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF OFFERING

An army of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) people — national and district, professional and lay, staff and volunteer — together with LCMS Disaster Response and are coming alongside our afflicted brothers and sisters in Christ in southeastern Texas and Louisiana offering physical and spiritual care.

Your financial gifts will make a difference in helping restore numerous lives as we bear Christ's mercy in word and deed to Hurricane Harvey victims.

On September 10th we will have a special offering.

Mark your gifts: Harvey Relief

Lord of heaven and earth, we know that You hold all things in Your hands. In Your mercy, provide for the needs of those who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey and the rain that continues to fall, work through those who bring relief and aid, and protect all from any further harm. Draw all to the cross of Christ, who is our salvation now and always. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: Matthew 16:26

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?"
He who dies with the most toys....is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's Kingdom.

*"For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them."*

(Ephesians 2:10)

And walk in them you did!

On July 15 and in the weeks leading up to it,
MANY of you helped bring about yet another successful yard sale. Some donated items, others priced them, others helped to set up, while others helped in a myriad of ways on the day of the sale.

Whatever your individual role, you came together with others to create an opportunity for our neighbors to be introduced to Hope Church and School in a very positive way.

Special thanks goes to Janet Anderson, our event leader and coordinator, for her hours, efforts and skills too numerous to contemplate.

Then, on August 15, seventeen church members helped to arrange and deliver flower arrangements to twenty Hope Lutheran School families, thanking them for entrusting their child(ren) to us for the upcoming school year.

Whatever your role in either or both of these events,
I am confident that our Lord would say "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:21)

**you are god's
workmanship**
believe it

Join us in

September...



EVENING BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.

Join us as we journey together through God's Word and build/strengthen friendships with other people of faith.

We are studying the **Gospel of Matthew**.

Contact Enola Cook 609-464-2366 or rev3-20@hotmail.com



Youth Group Activity Night and Bible Study

for Grades 5-10

Every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Invite your friends!



The next **Amish Market Mission** food pack-out for local homeless and needy will be at Hope on **Saturday, September 9**, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Volunteers are always needed.

Contact: Brenda Ruths @ 215-486-7760.

Sunday School Rally Day will be Sept. 10.

Everyone invited—bring a friend!

Classes offered will be: Prek-1st, 2nd- 4th, 5th- 8th.

A volunteer is needed (or 2 to alternate weeks) to teach the 5th-8th grade SS class.

Contact: Eileen Durnin 215-945-2029



Confirmation Classes beginning in September

Confirmation classes for youth to discover and/or strengthen their Christian Faith are beginning on September 13 and will be weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45-5 p.m.



All students in 7th grade or higher are invited to attend.

Please speak with Pastor to register your child.

RMokry@hopeLCS.org 215-946-3467



Church Council Meeting—Monday, Sept. 11, at 7:15 p.m.

All Hope members age 18+ are invited to attend.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us beginning on **September 17** for a bible study entitled, "**CATCHING THE VISION**".

As we look into the book of Nehemiah, learn how God can use you, and when we come together, to do great things for God.



Classes will be offered Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting September 20th.

Questions? Ask Pastor Rich. RMokry@hopeLCS.org 215-946-3467

"After God's Heart"...

a Bible study especially for women.

Join us on Thursday, **September 14**, at 1 p.m.. at Hope.

Newcomers welcome! We will be working in I Samuel.

Please re-read chapters 1-7 to review, and then prepare Lesson 5, which covers chapters 8-10.

Contact: Betty Scheich 215-945-3115 BScheich555@gmail.com



Share the talents that God has given you by helping with some tasks around the building.



Please call Bill Durnin (267)393-2297. Email Trustees@hopeLCS.org

Our next scheduled work day is September 16 from 9 a.m.—Noon.

The **Lunch Bunch** (ages 18+) will gather on Tuesday, **September 19**, at 1 p.m. at **Garden of Eatin'**.

Join us to share good food & fellowship!



Please RSVP to **Barb Somerfield @ 215-757-9429** by Monday, Sept. 18.

FAMILY FUNDRAISER

A family at Hope and a teacher here has a 17 year old child at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

Two surgeries have taken place and a series of treatments is planned for the future, after recovery.

YOU CAN HELP:

first pray for Hailey's health,
and second, you can make a donation for the family's expenses - mark your donation "Hailey."

Bless

**HOPE is looking for qualified
preschool teachers/aids** (various hrs)
and extended care workers (6:45-9:00 a.m.).

Background checks are mandatory.

Submit your info to Terri Rambo. TRambo@hopeLCS.org 215-946-3467



Join Hope friends & family for a "**FUN** draiser" and evening out at the **Comedy Works at Georgine's** in Bristol!

Saturday, Oct. 7 at 9:30 p.m. Arrive at 9:00 p.m.

Ticket is for *show only* - \$20 each. Age 21+

Tickets must be purchased IN ADVANCE from the office at Hope.

Tickets will be sold on a First Come – First Serve basis.

There are a limited number of tickets available.

If you plan to sit with friends, all tickets should be purchased together as we are required to make a seating chart for the evening to be submitted to Georgine's. Most are tables of 4, a few of 6 & 10. Tables for specific parties will be assigned also on a First Come – First Serve basis.

Questions? Contact Terri Rambo at 215-946-3467 or TRambo@hopeLCS.org



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE:

The new Board continues to prepare
for resumption of the program.

The plan is to hire a new executive director in January,
with the goal of serving families in early February.



**What would it feel like to live life with financial peace?
Let us help you find out!**

How?

**Beginning Friday, September 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm,
we will show a 9 week DVD series from
Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.**

THE FIRST SESSION WILL BE ABSOLUTELY FREE... YES, FREE!

Then, if you think this series may help your family with their finances,
join us for the next 8 sessions.

If we were able to arrange childcare, would that be a help?

For those who continue, there will be a **materials fee of \$99***
for workbook/study materials (couples only pay for one set of materials) and
in keeping with Dave's philosophy, payment has to be by check or cash.

*Note: this is NOT a fundraiser for Hope, simply a way to help
our families with their daily financial planning.

MORE GOOD NEWS: We can offer **some scholarships**,
so the first 6 couples to register and pay can take the course for just \$40!

Contact Julia Hutchins at jhutchins@hopelcs.org or 215-741-2685;
or Marjie Rodkey at errsma@verizon.net or 215-949-1695.

Blessing of the Animals

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 1,
at 1 p.m. and bring your pets.

Following the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi
we will have a special blessing for your
favorite animals- cats, dogs, birds, snakes,
rodents, rabbits, even chickens—you name it!

A special dog obedience demonstration will be included.
Questions? Contact Loretta McMullin 267-394-2140

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Thoughts on Stewardship for September

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” Eccl. 9:10

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord's Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil—those who live contrary to God's will—and to reward those who do good—those whose lives are lived in conformity with God's will. Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God's temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God's own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God's will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God places a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence, our prayers, and on our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, for your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.



At least 161 LCMS congregations are in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey and the floods. The Synod stands with those in need through prayer and support.

“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all” (2 COR. 5:14). The love of Christ compels us to love everyone. Love flows from the cross in service to those in need, just as Christ came in the flesh to save.

You can help those suffering from the effects of the storm and the floodwaters. LCMS World Relief and Human Care, through Disaster Response, is working with the Texas District to support relief efforts and to aid those in need.

To Give:

- **Online** — Visit lcms.org/harvey.
- **By text** — Text “LCMSHARVEY” to 41444.
- **Over the phone** — Call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438 or the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267.
- **By mail** — Make checks payable to “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod” (or “LCMS”). On the memo line, write “Disaster Response/Relief,” and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO, 63166-6861. Gifts also can be designated specifically for Hurricane Harvey and/or affected areas by stipulating in the memo line.

Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Additional information about our LCMS response, and the impact your gifts are having, will be available over the weeks and months ahead at lcms.org, on the Synod's social media outlets, and in our official periodicals and publications.

Prayer:

Lord of heaven and earth, we know that You hold all things in Your hands. In Your mercy, provide for the needs of those who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey and the rain that continues to fall, work through those who bring relief and aid, and protect all from any further harm. Draw all to the cross of Christ, who is our salvation now and always. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.