

Words of Hope - Weekly Announcements



Office Hours this week: Monday—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.



Update on Principal Call Process



Principal candidate, Remkea Ockander, has prayerfully considered our call and has declined. We ask your prayers for Miss Ockander in her current ministry and for Hope Lutheran School as we move forward in this process.

RESULTS OF ONESIES COLLECTION

Thanks to your generosity, we will deliver 38 onesies and footed pj sleepers to the Blessed Margaret of Castello Home for Crisis Pregnancies in Bensalem. Additionally, with the money received from Thrivent Financial's Action Team Program, we have purchased 238 ounces of Similac infant formula.



Recovery Ministry:

Join friends as we will explore the possibility of starting a Recovery Ministry here at Hope to help people who struggle with various kinds of addictions, and support their families.



We will have our initial meeting Sunday, Feb. 11, at 11:45 a.m. Join us! Questions? See Pastor Rich 215-946-3467 RMokory@hopeLCS.org

The Eastern District Board of Directors is an administrative and advisory group to our geographic region of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Board members are nominated/voted upon at our convention in June. The Board meets physically at least 3 times per year in three different locations across our district. If you would like to be nominated, or if you would like to nominate someone from Hope, please contact Pastor Rich 215-946-3467 RMokory@hopeLCS.org.



Coming in February...

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 "Living a New Vision".
Contact Enola Cook 609-464-2366 or rev3-20@hotmail.com



Youth Group Activity Night & Bible Study

YOUTH GROUP

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

Invite your friends! Grades 5-10

Lynn Holmes 215 5477138 holmeslynnd@gmail.com

"After God's Heart" ...a Bible study especially for women.

Join us on Thursday, **February 8**, at 1 p.m. at Hope.

I Samuel 18-20, lesson 9 in the book

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



Join Mothers of Hope as they meet again on Saturday, February 10, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

We will be sharing "Love Languages".

Free Childcare and Breakfast Provided! Bring your friends.

Contact: Miriam Mokry miriamrmokry@gmail.com 215-943-2032

Check us out on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Mothers-of-Hope-178313082735942/>

WE ♥ MOMS!

The next **Amish Market Mission** food pack-out for local homeless and needy will be at Hope on **Saturday, February 10, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.**



Needed: someone to alternate months with our leader, as she has back issues.

The Amish Market Missions hour goes quick, and is a rewarding way to serve and help others.

Please contact Brenda Ruths @ 215-486-7760 to let her know that you are able to assist her.



...and more in February



Scrip Orders are due next on Monday, **February 12**, at 9 a.m.
Questions? Contact: Sabrina Cusimano
215-860-2686 scusimano@hopeLCS.org

Church Council Meeting

Monday, February 12, at 7:15 p.m.

All Hope members age 18+ are invited to attend.

Contact: Tom Jeske thomas.jeske.6@gmail.com 215-630-5517



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



Our next scheduled work day is February 17 from 9 a.m.—Noon.

Point of Contact: Bill Durnin 267-393-2297 or Trustees@hopeLCS.org



Miriam Mokry will hold a short training session on Sunday, February 18, directly after the 10:30 service, for anyone interested in becoming a Greeter.

Contact: Miriam Mokry miriamrmokry@gmail.com 215-943-2032

The **Lunch Bunch** (ages 18+) will gather on Tuesday, **February 20**, 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, Feb. 19

Our God is an awesome God!

Would you like to gift something to Hope Lutheran School?
Copy paper is always appreciated and it helps keep our budget down.
Please drop off any donations at the office. Thank you!



Thoughts on Stewardship for February

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It's not so much that we stop giving, but we don't put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is a sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God's Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service.