

# 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

Please continue to keep Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Fraker in your prayers. Jon and his wife Emily along with their young son Judah are visiting us today as they seek God's plan for their lives. They have been meeting with students, staff, church members, school board, parents and others as part of this Call process.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Family Promise thru Hope during the month of February.

We collected \$511 from the door offering + \$250 allocated in the budget, so a total of \$761, which will be matched to make \$1522!



## WEDNESDAYS *together* during LENT

Join us this Lenten season on Wednesdays, between February 21—March 21, to grow in fellowship & faith.

Lenten Fellowship Dinners will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Lenten Bible Study, **THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS**, will begin at 7 p.m.

## Palm Sunday Coat Collection

**Mark 11:8** *“Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.”*

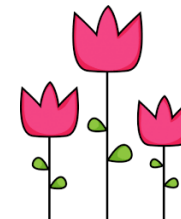
On Palm Sunday, the congregation will spread their donation of coats and jackets at the altar during the service, just as was done during the original Triumphal Entry.



Coats/jackets may also be purchased at local thrift stores at reasonable prices, if you prefer to purchase one for donation.

Contact: Marjie Rodkey [errsmar@verizon.net](mailto:errsmar@verizon.net)

## Easter Flower Dedication Form



Would you like to dedicate a pot of tulips for the Altar on Easter?

The cost is \$15 each.

The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 25.

Please fill out the dedication form, include your cash or check (made payable to Hope Lutheran Church) and place in the offering plate or drop off at the Church office.

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**or**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_



Number of Dedications \_\_\_\_ x \$15 each =  
the Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**GIDEONS**  
INTERNATIONAL

**Gideon Sunday:** On Sunday, March 18, we will have a door offering for the Gideon Ministry. The Gideons share God's Word with people in many places and in several languages. Please welcome Steve Wentworth, our Gideon representative.

You can also learn more about the Gideons during the Adult Bible Study hour at 9:15am.

Coming in March...



The Outreach Team will be meeting at Hope  
TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m.

New faces are always invited & welcome...  
please join us!

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



**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**

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

Invite your friends! Grades 5-10

Lynn Holmes 215 5477138 holmeslynn@gmail.com



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

Join us on Thursday, **March 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, **March 10**, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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/>



**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING—MARCH 11 AT 11:45 A.M.**

Please join us for a special Voters meeting as we make a decision  
as to whether to extend a Divine Call to Jonathan Fraker  
to become our next principal at Hope Lutheran School.

And more in March...



The next **Amish Market Mission** food pack-out  
for local homeless and needy will be at Hope on  
**Saturday, March 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.**



**Scrip Orders** are due next on Monday, **March 12**, at 9 a.m.

Questions? Contact: Sabrina Cusimano  
215-860-2686 scusimano@hopeLCS.org



**Church Council Meeting—Monday, March 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

The students at Hope Lutheran School  
would like to *invite you* to join them  
for their Family Service Fair  
on Tuesday, March 13 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Each student will have a display showing how  
their family contributed in the community, and how it affected their lives.



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



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

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

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

**Love to knit or crochet?  
Ever want to learn?  
Every think of doing it for the Lord?**



Would you like to be part of a Crochet-Knitting Ministry?  
If so, contact Enola Cook at 609-464-2366 or rev3-20@hotmail.com.

**We have a young person who lives in the Croydon area  
who would like a ride to Hope for worship.  
We have a volunteer, but are hoping for one or  
two more volunteers to share this responsibility.**



If you are able to help, please speak to Pastor Rich. Thank you!  
215-946-3467 RMokry@hopeLCS.org

### **URGENT!!**

A significant amount of cash has been found  
in a donated item by an Orphan Grain Train volunteer  
at the MidAtlantic Division's Wilmington warehouse.

**LOST**

We believe the money was inadvertently left in the donated item  
and are searching for the individual who can tell us how much money  
and the describe the article in which it was found.

If someone you know or you have lost a large amount of cash,  
please contact Rich Gruenhagen at 215-444-6126, to claim.

Dear friends of Hope Lutheran Church and School,

Hope's leadership (Pastor, Congregational President, and Treasurer) would  
very much like to see a Yard Sale at Hope this summer, but we have a  
problem. We are in need of volunteers to form a leadership team for the  
event. I have no doubt that the many individuals who have helped in so  
many ways in past years will step forward to help again, but they need  
leadership. This year's event could be similar to previous years' events, or  
it might be quite different. That will be up to this year's leadership team.

**Could that include you? Would you be willing to try it for this year?**

If so, please contact Tom Jeske at thomas.jeske.6@gmail.com or  
at 215-630-5517 to ask your questions or to toss your hat into the ring.

**YARD SALE**

### **HELP NEEDED – ALTAR GUILD**

As part of our corporate worship family,  
the Altar Guild performs a critical  
behind-the-scenes, role  
in every worship service.

During the past several years,  
our numbers have dwindled,  
leaving a few to contribute to our worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus.



*We now ask you to share in this important role.*

#### **What do Altar Guild members do?**

As the name suggests, they prepare for worship the altar of our  
Lord and the chancel area surrounding it. A partial list of services  
includes: changing the paraments and banners to reflect the  
liturgical seasons, preparing the Lord's Supper and clean-up after,  
clean-up of the chancel and altar area, maintenance of candles,  
monitoring and ordering supplies...

#### **How often would a member need to serve?**

That will depend on how many volunteer and join those already  
serving. Our previous schedule was month by month, with  
volunteers serving one month or 2 out of the year.

#### **When do I serve?**

That would depend largely on your partner's and your schedules  
between worship services.

#### **Is Altar Guild service for women only?**

No!! This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and men can participate to the benefit  
of brothers and sisters in our family of Christ.

#### **Will there be training?**

Yes. There will be training sessions for the physical part and  
information about why we do what we do. Expect your service to  
enrich your worship experience.

#### **How do we volunteer?**

Speak with Bob Warrell 267-566-6264 or Rich Gruenhagen  
215-741-0482 to volunteer and discuss your preferred time for  
training.

**SERVE**



## Spring Clothing Collection, March 19 - 29, 2018:

Again, there will be a special event associated with the Spring Clothing Collection this year. As we move through the season of Lent unneeded clothing of all types **except for coats** (see next sentence) will be collected from March 19 through through 29, 2018.

**Coats will be collected Palm Sunday, March 24, 2018**, by bringing them to our altar at both Worship Services at 8:00 and 10:30, when as part of our Worship that morning, they will be consecrated for our Lord's use, remembering his entry into Jerusalem. Contact Marjie Rodkey at 215-949-1695 for additional information about the coat collection.

As Jesus' hands and feet here in His earthly kingdom we can search our closets for clothing our families no longer need and are no longer being worn by them because it neither fits nor serves the purpose for which it was intended can be the start of a life-changing and saving event for someone else.

As in prior collections, unneeded clothing (with the exception of coats until 3/25) may be brought in boxes, garbage bags, or shopping bags and deposited in the designated bins located in the school lobby.

Women's, men's, and children's clothing/shoes for any season, are needed. Clothing must be in excellent to new condition as you would like to receive them for your family's use. If new, please remove all tags.

All underwear must be new and in its original packaging.

In its Christian humanitarian ministry, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of Orphan Grain Train collects clothing for shipment to places in the world where the need for us to demonstrate Jesus' compassion is greatest.

Call or see Rich Gruenhagen at 215-741-0482/215-444-6126 with questions about the clothing collection.

***"I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you."*** (John 14:18)

## Thoughts on Stewardship For March...

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it.

God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned, "on the mount of the Lord it will be provided" (Gen. 22:14). The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return. Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him.

When budgetary discussions pop up, our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance.

It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts are taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron. 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans, but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.