

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.



STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift!

For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it?

So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us to walk in, it is all a gift of God's grace.

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.



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.

Gideon Sunday: On Sunday, March 18, we will have a door offering for the Gideon Ministry.

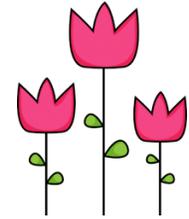
The Gideons share God's Word with people in many places and in several languages.

Please welcome Steve Wentworth, our Gideon representative.

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



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: _____

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or

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____



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

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!



Coming in March...



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

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 & 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



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

Our Small Group In-Home Bible Study

will meet on **Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.**

Carolyn Dufendach's home: 21 Full Turn Rd. in Levittown

We are studying I Samuel.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Contact: Phil Twietmeyer 267-738-8103 ptwietm1@comcast.net



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 **Sandy Scott @ 215-943-6094** by Monday, March 19.



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 below) will be collected March 19-29.

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)

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

we need
you

Lots of hands & feet are needed
to invite our surrounding neighbors
to worship with us this Easter.

Come join us at one (or more!) of the following times
as we “wander” the neighborhood
to distribute door hanger invitations...

- ◆ Saturday, March 24 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday, March 25 from 9:15-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday, March 25 from 11:45 a.m.—1 p.m.



There is a traveling sign-up sheet in the narthex or gym.
Please sign up to let us know you will be helping us.

Contact: Doreen Norris 315-939-0198 doreennorris51@gmail.com

VISION STATEMENT FOR HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ADOPTED JANUARY 14, 2018

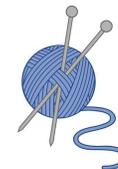
Jesus gives us hope and new life, and we are compelled to reach out to families with children so that they too may worship Him and abound in the hope that is theirs through faith in Christ. Starting with Hope School and then extending into the community, we seek to build relationships and focus our resources on discipleship through strategies such as parenting classes, financial coaching, recovery support, and member adoption of school classes. We also hope to advance our children and youth ministry through the hiring of a part-time worker.

**Pastor Rich and the Board of Outreach
want to know your idea for a
new slogan for Hope Lutheran Church,**
based somewhat on our new vision statement,
including the word “hope”,
preferably short, with a positive vibe.

Please write your suggestion down on the Friendship Pad in your pew,
or contact Pastor Rich at 215-946-3467 RMokry@hopeLCS.org



**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!
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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

The **LUTHERAN HOUR** in Lower Bucks County is on the air Sunday mornings
at 7 a.m. on 89.3 (Warminster), 97.1 (Bensalem), 107.3 (Phila.), 91.7 (Levittown).
Next Sunday, hear Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
speak on the topic: **"Thrown into the Arms of God"**.

The desire to advance your own interests
can alienate you from others and God.
Serving others without thought of reward
is God's way forward for followers of Jesus.
(Mark 10:32-45)

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 21st 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.



Some people have a **JOB** in the church.
Others involve themselves in a **MINISTRY**.
What's the difference?

- If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a **JOB**.
- If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a **MINISTRY**.
- If you quit because somebody criticized you, it was a **JOB**.
- If you keep on serving, it's a **MINISTRY**.
- If you'll do it only if it does not interfere with your other activities, it's a **JOB**.
- If you are committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a **MINISTRY**.
- If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a **JOB**.
- If you stay with it even though nobody recognizes your efforts, it is a **MINISTRY**.
- It's hard to get excited about a **JOB**.
- It's almost impossible not to be excited about a **MINISTRY**.
- If our concern is success, it's a **JOB**.
- If our concern is faithfulness, it's a **MINISTRY**.
- An average church is filled with people doing **JOBS**.
- A great and growing church is filled with people involved in **MINISTRY**.

Where do we fit in?
What about us?

If God calls you to a **MINISTRY**, don't treat it like a **JOB**.
If you have a **JOB**, give it up and find a **MINISTRY**.

God does not want us feeling stuck with a **JOB**,
But excited and faithful to Him in a **MINISTRY**.

