

# 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.  
Nursery Care is also available – ask an usher for directions.



**Today—Join us between 8:00–10:30 a.m. for a continental Easter Breakfast in the Activity Center!**

Come join family & friends for fellowship as we celebrate our Risen Lord!



## **PALM SUNDAY COAT COLLECTION**

We collected 48 coats during the Palm Sunday service.  
The coats will be part of our annual Orphan Grain Train spring clothing drive. Thank you for your generosity.



**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.

## **MEN'S SOFTBALL MINISTRY**

Practices begin in April at Neil Armstrong Middle School. The cost is \$55.  
Games in the Christian Fellowship Softball League will begin in May.

Interested in playing? Contact...

Tom Marks 215-757-1702 t\_marks10@comcast.net or Curt Fuller 267-580-0129



## **Spring has sprung! Volunteers are needed to cut the grass at Hope.**

Some areas are cut using the tractor; others by using a push-mower.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thanks for supporting HOPE!

Questions? Contact: Tom Marks 215-757-1702 t\_marks10@comcast.net



**Bulletin Announcements are also on Hope's website:**

www.hopeLCS.org Click on "Church"... "About"... "Announcements"

## **HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOOL** Christ-Centered Learning

hope FOR OUR children

Tours Available Daily

## **INFANTS—PREK**

Keystone Stars Facility

2's — "The Buttercups" Curriculum

3's — "Creative Curriculum"

PreK — "Houghton Mifflin" Curriculum



Mrs. Terri Rambo, Director 215-946-3467 TRambo@hopeLCS.org

## **KINDERGARTEN—GRADE 8**

NLSA Accreditation

Academic Excellence

Accelerated Reading Program

Reading Olympics – blue ribbon winners!

Highly-qualified certified teachers



Mrs. Maryann Puls, Principal 215-946-3467 MPuls@hopeLCS.org

# Coming in April...

## Evening Bible Study every Tuesday

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



We meet every Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Matthew.

Can't come every week? That's ok! Join us when you can.

For directions, contact Enola Cook 609-464-2366 or rev3-20@hotmail.com



## Youth Group Activity Night & Bible Study

for Grades 5-10

Every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Invite your friends!

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 Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:

Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus speak on the topic: "It's Really Real".

Here's the deal. If Jesus actually rose from the dead, it would be wise to believe in Him because there will be salvation in no one else.

If He didn't rise, we're all toast.

Tune in to hear why you can be confident Jesus' resurrection is really real. (1 John 1:1-3)



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

Scrip are gift cards that are ordered at face value to be spent as you wish...

Hope profits from your purchase, because the companies give a % back!

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



**Church Council** is meeting next on Monday, **April 9**, at 7:15 p.m.

All Hope members age 18+ are invited to attend.

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

Join us on Thursday, **April 12**, at 1 p.m. at Hope.

I Samuel 18-20, lesson 9 in the book

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



# And more in April...

Join Mothers of Hope as they meet again on Saturday, April 14, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Free Childcare and Breakfast Provided! Bring your friends.

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

Check us out on Facebook... <https://www.facebook.com/Mothers-of-Hope-178313082735942/>



The next **Amish Market Mission** food pack-out for local homeless & needy will be at Hope on **Saturday, April 14**, from **4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Volunteers are always needed.** Contact: Brenda Ruths @ 215-486-7760.



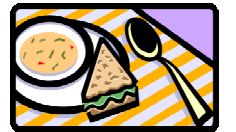
**Needed: someone to alternate months with our leader, as she has back issues.**

The Amish Market Missions hour goes quick, and is a rewarding way to serve and help others. **Please contact Brenda @ 215-486-7760 to let her know that you are able to assist her.**

The **Lunch Bunch** (ages 18+) will gather for good food & fellowship on Tuesday, **April 17**, at 1 p.m. at **Garden of Eatin'**.

New faces are always welcome!

Please RSVP to **Sandy Scott @ 215-943-6094** on Monday, April 16.



**Work Day—Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m.-noon**

Many hands are needed to keep up with the needs of HOPE.

**Can't make it to work day? Ask about our honey-do list...**

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

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.

Can you help? Speak to Pastor Rich. 215-946-3467 RMokry@hopeLCS.org





# CONSECRATED STEWARDSHIP

AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Over the next six weeks we are happy to introduce our members to the idea of Consecrated Stewardship.**

This program is a bible-based stewardship education and commitment process intended to help our members grow in their spiritual lives, and in the grace of giving.

Over the next six weeks, we will be providing weekly bible studies focused on the idea of being a consecrated steward, as well member testimonials of our congregations journey to stewardship.

The program will culminate on Consecration Sunday with a special luncheon as we celebrate your pledge to a new level of spiritual commitment and annual giving.

**Please check the weekly bulletin, as well as your mailbox, as we provide our members with more information on this exciting program.**

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GIVING**

## **SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM by THRIVENT**

Information available in the narthex. Questions?  
Contact Tom Marks 215-757-1702 or Kristina Hoffman 215-946-3467

## *Thoughts on Stewardship for April...*

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word.

By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings.

It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace, His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?