

# 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



*Sunday, May 6, is Consecration Sunday—the Sunday when we make our Commitments to the Lord.*

During the Offering time members are encouraged to walk up to the Altar and place their Commitments (pledges) & their Offerings in the Offering Plate.

If you need assistance, please ask an Usher who will help you.

You are welcome & invited to attend our Celebration Luncheon following worship at 11:45 a.m. in the Dufendach center.

A catered luncheon is prepared. The luncheon is FREE.

We will announce the results of our Consecrated Stewards effort and celebrate what God is doing through our ministry at Hope.



*Join us* for a special Sunday as we celebrate

Pentecost & the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 20.

We will have one service that morning at 10:30 a.m.

The LCMS Eastern District publishes weekly newsletters with information about things happening within the District and the Synod.



In recent visits to congregations, there was an overwhelming request to know more about the District and ways it can serve our congregations. One of the best ways is for people to subscribe to the District's electronic newsletters. These publications are open to anyone who is interested.

If you would like to start receiving these publications, please contact Ruth Marzano at [ruth.marzano@lcmsed.org](mailto:ruth.marzano@lcmsed.org) or use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex.

## Coming in May...



### 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](mailto: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 [holmeslynn@gmail.com](mailto:holmeslynn@gmail.com)

The next **Amish Market Mission** food pack-out for local homeless and needy will be at Hope on **Saturday, May 12, 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, **May 14**, at 9 a.m.

Gift cards can be purchased for house projects, lawn projects, groceries, gas, trips... almost anything!

Contact: Sabrina Cusimano 215-860-2686 [scusimano@hopeLCS.org](mailto:scusimano@hopeLCS.org)



**Church Council Meeting—Monday, May 14**, at 7:15 p.m.

All Hope members age 18+ are invited to attend.

Contact: Tom Jeske [thomas.jeske.6@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.jeske.6@gmail.com) 215-630-5517

The **Lunch Bunch** (ages 18+) will gather on Tuesday, **May 15**, at 1 p.m. at **Garden of Eatn'**.  
Join us to share good food & fellowship!



Please RSVP to **Sandy Scott @ 215-943-6094** by Monday, May 14.

## More in May...



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

**Our next scheduled work day is May 19 from 9 a.m.—Noon.**



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

Join Mothers of Hope as they meet again on Saturday, May 19, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

*(Changed from the original date of May 12)*



Free Childcare & 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/>

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

Join us on Thursday, **May 24**, at 1 p.m. at Hope.

We will review a summary of chapters 21-31 of I Samuel.

Please complete Lesson 10 in our study book.

We will not meet in June.

When the group resumes in September, Beth Marks will be the leader.

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



## **MEN'S SOFTBALL MINISTRY...AGE 16+**

Home games are at Neil Armstrong Middle School.

The season has begun. The cost is \$55.

Interested? Contact...Curt Fuller 267-580-0129

or Tom Marks 215-757-1702 t\_marks10@comcast.net



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

## Thoughts on Stewardship for May...

St. Paul teaches, "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Galatians 6:6). And again, he says, "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13-14). In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice. But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: "In the same way ...". St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices. We're to support the Gospel ministry "in the same way." But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites? Moses records this: "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always" (Deuteronomy 14:22-23). The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested. Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry "in the same way?" If it does, ask yourself: is the Church's job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites' job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham. Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry? Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God's revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do. For we have received Christ, God's own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism. He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts. In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us "the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light."