

# Words of Hope - Weekly Announcements



Office hours this week: Monday—Friday 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m.  
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**Pentecost is the birthday of the church,  
that day when the Holy Spirit empowered  
the apostles to share the Good News of Jesus.**



Today we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in Elisheva "Ellie" Mokry who will be professing her faith in Christ through the Rite of Confirmation.

Ellie was baptized as a child. Today she is owning her baptismal faith, and desires to offer her life to our Lord. May the Lord use her as a dedicated servant. Congratulations!

This Pentecost Day we also welcome Deaconess Claire Neagley and Install her as our Principal at Hope Lutheran School.

Deaconess Claire is a "Called" Principal, which means the people of Hope prayed and asked God for the right person to lead our school. She also prayed, and concluded this was God's chosen work for her. A deaconess is a trained church worker. Mrs. Neagley is the wife of retired Pastor Rich Neagley. They live in Horsham, PA and have two children in the area and one grandchild. Please welcome them.

Join us for refreshments following the service and greet Ellie Mokry and Deaconess Claire Neagley.

Pastor Rich will be away on vacation beginning Friday and returning June 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any pastoral needs (for counsel, a visit at home, or hospital) please call Elder Rich Gruenhagen at (215) 444-6126. Rich and the Elders stand ready and willing to assist in any way.



## **Holy Communion Schedule—June 23 & 30:**

There will no communion at the 10:30 a.m. service on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will have Holy Communion again at both services on June 30<sup>th</sup>.



## **COME OUT & CHEER OUR GUYS ON! MEN'S SOFTBALL MINISTRY**



Tuesday 6/11—6:30 p.m. at FDR vs. Riverstone  
Thursday 6/13—Bye

**CONTACT...CURT FULLER 267-580-0129 RNMICN1@VERIZON.NET**

**May 30...** Rain, rain, rain, please go away!! This game was rained out, and is rescheduled on Thursday July 11.

**June 4...** Hope took the field playing the number 1 team in the CFSL. The top of the 1st saw Chris Bowman (4-5, HR, 4RBI) lead off with a single. CJ Fuller (2-4, HR, double, 3 RBI) came up and blasted a moon shot to deep right field. His homerun set the pace for us for sure. Hope found ourselves relinquishing the lead in the 4th inning, 10-11, then retook the lead by the end of the 5th. Strong defensive plays by Anthony Volz (3-4) helped us hold the lead with 8 defensive put outs alone. Chris Urban came up in the top of the 7th with a key 2 out single which added 2 more runs to give us some needed insurance runs, then Ray Smith pitched 2 shutout innings in the 6th and 7th to seal the victory. **Hope wins over Restoration Church 18-12.** Dave Sidorski, Chris Paulsen and Chris Schoettle all went 3-4 for the night.

Hope Lutheran School has been approved to receive scholarship funds under the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

This program allows businesses to redirect their PA tax dollars to scholarship organizations such as Hope Lutheran School.



## **LIKE A BOSS**

**Do you own a business, or do you know of someone who does own a business, who would be interested in donating to Hope Lutheran School in exchange for a PA Income Tax credit to be applied to the business's 2019 PA Income Tax return?**

If so, contact Marge Gruenhagen at 267-987-9840, or margeg8577@gmail.com, for details.

Or, go to [www.esa.dced.state.pa.us](http://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us) and apply online on or after July 1. Applications are not accepted by the state until July 1.

A brochure outlining this program can be found in the back of the narthex.



The **LUTHERAN HOUR** in Lower Bucks County airs Sunday mornings at 7 a.m. on 89.3 (Warminster), 97.1 (Bensalem), 107.3 (Phila.), 91.7 (Levittown)

**ALSO:** on 91.9 (Lawrenceville, NJ) at 12 p.m. (Sunday noon) and 6 p.m. (Tuesdays).

Next Sunday, Guest Speaker: Pastor Paul Schult will present **"Getting to Know Jesus"**. There's a big difference between knowing about someone and really knowing them. (Philippians 3:8)

To access The Lutheran Hour: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

To access the Daily Devotions: [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions)



### MEAL PACKING EVENT REPORT -- ADDENDUM

They said it could happen. And it did!! In trying to identify those who made significant behind the scenes contributions to make this event the success it was, some were inadvertently not included in last week's Report.

The Friday night set-up and Saturday take-down would not have happened without the efforts of Sandy and Glenn Hermely.

Nor would the boxes filled with packages of meals and stacked neatly on pallets have been loaded on the KAH rented box truck without the herculean efforts of Chris Paulsen (with an assist from a few others) muscling the pallet jack loaded with these boxes over thresholds and onto the truck's lift.

Guys, you were awesome! Thanks, 16,800 times.

### THERE IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY

We still have additional Thrivent Financial funding available to support a second event, much smaller than the meal-packing event, to aid the people of Haiti. Volunteers and a leader are needed to collect numerous items and assemble them into hygiene kits for inclusion in the June 26 OGT shipment to Haiti. For more information and to express interest in helping, contact Rich Gruenhagen at [margeg8577@gmail.com](mailto:margeg8577@gmail.com) or call him at 215-741-0482 or 215-444-6126 to leave a message.

Hear the Savior say, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." [Mt. 35:40]

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

## PASSING THE PEACE: WHY WE DO IT

At the 10:30 a.m. service we already "Pass the Peace", and we will begin this at our 8 a.m. worship on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20). From the beginning, Christians have exercised this practice. "Peace be with you" is a greeting Jesus used with his disciples. (Luke 24:36; John 20:19, 26).

### THE GESTURE IS SIMPLE, BUT THE MEANING IS PROFOUND.

When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with us. Likewise, when we pass the peace we practice God's call to "maintain the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3) with each other.

We make peace with each other before we give our offerings and come to receive Holy Communion.

It may take a little while for people to feel comfortable with this practice. Please be respectful of those who may not be able to participate. Passing the Peace is much more than saying, "Good morning." It is our time to recognize our Christian friends ... and to Pass God's Peace.

**"THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU" ...  
"AND ALSO WITH YOU."**

*peace*  
BE WITH YOU



**Do you know of any of our members graduating this year from high school or college?**



We would love to honor them in the announcements, and pray for their future. Please send the graduates information to the office at [info@hopeLCS.org](mailto:info@hopeLCS.org).

Coming in June...



**Church Council Meeting—Monday, June 10.** at 7:15 p.m.

All Hope members age 18+ are invited to attend.

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



**Evening Bible Study every Tuesday 6:30 p.m.**

Join us as we study **1 & 2 Thessalonians and Titus**, while building/strengthening friendships with other people of faith.

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



**YOUTH GROUP**

**Youth Group Activity Night & Bible Study Gr. 5-12**

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

Contact: Lynn Holmes 215-547-7138 holmeslynn@gmail.com

*Ladies*, join us at Hope on **Thursday, June 13**, at 1:00 p.m. for our Bible study... **Fruit of the Spirit.**

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Contact: Beth Marks 215-757-1702



You are invited to join "**Stitchers of Hope**" at 2 p.m. on Saturdays for any kind of stitching—we can teach you!

At the home of Enola Cook... 45 Gun Road Levittown PA 609-464-2366 rev3-20@hotmail.com



The **Lunch Bunch** (ages 18+) will meet at Garden of Eatin' Tuesday, **June 18**, at 1 p.m. for good food & fellowship!

Please **RSVP** to Sandy Scott @ 215-943-6094

by Monday, March 18, so that she may save a seat for you.



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

All hands are appreciated!

**Our next work day is June 22 from 9 a.m.—Noon.**

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



More in June...



Our **Small Group In-Home Bible Study** will meet next on **Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m.** Carolyn Dufendach's home: 21 Full Turn Rd. in Levittown

*All are welcome.* Hope to see you there!

Every month on the 4th Saturday.

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



Join us for monthly **Prayer Meetings at Hope!**

Next meetings on **Monday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m.** and **Thursday, June 27, at 1 p.m.**

Gather to praise God, intercede for others, and enjoy the fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ.

Contact: Julia Hutchins jhutchins@hopelcs.org 215-741-2685



**Save the Date—Voter's Meeting June 30—11:45 a.m.**

All Hope members are invited to attend.

We will receive reports from the pastor and various boards.

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

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

**First Communion:**

Along with their parents, children 7 years old and older who desire to receive Holy Communion may attend First Communion classes.

Many churches now offer First Communion prior to Confirmation so children may benefit from this and grow in their faith.

Parents (or guardians) and children in grades 2 and later will attend 3 classes at their age level, taught by Pastor Rich, to learn about this special gift from God.

Deciding when to receive Holy Communion is a parent's decision.

You may feel your child is not ready at this time... that is OK.

Please contact Pastor Rich if you are interested or have questions.

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