

Dear Friends at Hope,

You matter to God. You may not think so. You may think God has so many people to be concerned over, and problems and threats that are huge. We read in the Bible that many people, like David and Job, wondered if God was willing to notice their troubles. God's Word to them and us is that He does care. The God who created the universe knows you and cares for you.

Because God cares Jesus was born into our world. Jesus came because of you—because you matter, because God wants you. God intends for you to belong to Him forever. On His cross, Jesus makes His love for you clear. Now He calls you to trust in Him and to share His own joyful, resurrected life forever.

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. Luke 12:6,7

Yours in Jesus,

## Pastor Rich

**MEN'S SOFTBALL REPORT:** The Hope/Woodside softball team continues to play in the Cristian Fellowship Softball League at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Check the calendar below for game locations. Come out and cheer on the team! Here are the highlights from recent games:

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Games were rained out. Make-up day will be July 1<sup>st</sup>. The All-star game and Home Run Derby will be rescheduled for after the playoffs are complete.

June 10<sup>th</sup>- Riverstone church was not as easy to roll over after we beat them earlier this season. Down 7 runs after 3 innings of play, we were never able to make a comeback. Riverstone wins 12-8. Our record 4 wins, 4 losses.

June 15<sup>th</sup> –Church of God came to play. Despite good offense and 3 for 3 performances by Tony Schoettle, Derek Taffel and Dave Sidorski, COG cruises to a mercy rule after 5 innings, COG wins 33-12. Our record is now 4 wins and 5 losses. Look for this week's games in the calendar!

**GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS**: Congratulations to our Hope School Preschool 4's, Kindergarteners, and Eighth Grade students (Madison Archibald, Julie Driscoll, and Hailey Storms). Also congratulations to Grace Durnin who graduated from Bucks County Technical High School and Angelyse Fuller who graduated from West Chester College. May the Lord bless you and use you to shine for Him.

If you know of anyone graduating high school or college please indicate their name and where they are graduating from on your Record of Fellowship Sunday morning or email us at <a href="mailto:info@hopelcs.org">info@hopelcs.org</a>. We want to keep these young people in our prayers as they look forward to big life transitions.

**AT OUR VOTER'S MEETING, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>** we adopted a budget for the ministry of 2021-2022 and issued a Divine Call to Maryann Puls as a teacher at Hope Lutheran School. Acknowledging our Call, Maryann wrote:

Dear Congregation of Hope Lutheran Church, I have received the Call documents to serve as teacher at Hope. I am trusting the Holy Spirit to lead my family and me as I prayerfully consider this Call. I welcome and appreciate your prayers. My decision on the Divine Call the Holy Spirit has extended to me will be made public in a few weeks. My prayers are with you in this time of waiting, even as I know that my family and I are in your prayers. Sincerely in Christ, Maryann Puls.

**NEW FRIENDS AMONG US**: The people of Calvary Evangelical Church, a small Liberian congregation, will be worshipping at Hope as they build up funds for their own church building. Starting June 6<sup>th</sup> they will meet in our sanctuary at 11:30am. Please be sure to welcome our new friends. For more information, contact Tom Marks t\_marks10@comcast.net.

**WELCOME PASTOR JON HOFMEISTER:** Pastor Hofmeister is a member and serves at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA. We thank God for him and pray God's blessings on him as leads us in Word and Sacrament and teaches us from God's Word today at 10:45 am. Pastor Rich is away on vacation and will return at the end of June. If you have any pastoral needs, please call the church office at 215-946-3467 or Elder Rich Gruenhagen at 267-987-9480. The elders are ready to assist.

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE New York Closure.** We collected \$760 in door offerings from the congregation to support the Concordia Care and Comfort Fund. Hope is also providing a \$1,000 match from our College Fund for a total gift of \$1,760. Financial assistance will be provided to Concordia faculty and staff as they transition to new jobs/careers. A big Thank You to the congregation for your generous support of this call for financial assistance.

**SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANCE NEEDED** Hope Church and School is looking to find volunteers to assist in our social media plan! If you enjoy taking photos, Photoshop, posting online, scheduling, etc... Let us know! You do not have to be an expert to help out. Write "Social Media" on your record of fellowship to indicate that you would like to volunteer.

**WORSHIP LIVESTREAM** Go to Hope's website at <a href="www.hopelcs.org/news">www.hopelcs.org/news</a> and follow the instructions to worship livestream on Facebook. You can also access worship services on YouTube. Sunday worship services are posted after noon on Mondays.

**STAFF CHANGES:** Welcome Warren Mata! Warren is our interim organist and will lead our worship as we search for a permanent Organist-Music Director. Warren is a former member of Hope. Please pray that God will bring us the Organist-Music Director

He wants for us. Many thanks to Sandy Chorba for leading us in worship on Sundays and for so many mid-week Chapel services.

**FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE:** Each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month members can bring wrapped sandwiches to our lobby for distribution to needy people in or area. Later in the morning, they will be picked up and distributed immediately to homeless and hungry people in our area. Sandwiches will be distributed today. The next sandwich collection date will be July 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Barbara Veil at 267-799-5944.

SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES REVISED: We are glad you are here. As COVID conditions improve, we at Hope are continuing to provide a safe and worshipful environment. Sanitizing stations are still available at the doors and at the entrance to the sanctuary. We are no longer "encouraging" masks, but they may be worn by those who choose to. Offering plates remain at the rear of the sanctuary for offerings and Record of Fellowship slips. We will continue, for the time being, to utilize continuous distribution of Holy Communion. Following the service, please introduce yourself to one another and enjoy some refreshments outside of the worship area. Welcome.

**BIBLE STUDIES AT HOPE:** No prior experience is expected for any of our Bible studies. New friends are always welcome:

**Sundays at 10:45 am**, in room 109. On June 20<sup>th</sup> led by Pastor Jon Hofmeister and June 27<sup>th</sup> led by Deacon Phil Twietmeyer.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANTS NEEDED:** This is a service to God and His people here at Hope. Communion Assistants help distribute the communion elements. Altar Guild member prepare and clean the communion trays and set up the altar. Men and women are needed for both, but you can do one or the other. Training will be provided and you can serve on a rotating basis along with others. Interested? Call Glenn Holmes at 215-932-9754 or email <a href="mailto:holmesgbman@gmail.com">holmesgbman@gmail.com</a>

**HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?** We are offering Holy Communion weekly at each worship service. If you cannot attend worship, please call the church office (215-946-3467) to schedule a time to receive it here at church, privately, or at your home. Pastor Rich is very happy to share this faith strengthening gift with you.

**WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU.** You can call Pastor Rich (215-584-1262), our church office (215-946-3467), or email us at <u>prayerchain@hopelcs.org</u>. We have a team of people who are committed to bring your petitions and requests before our Lord.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO, PODCAST, AND DEVOTIONALS. The Lutheran Hour Ministries broadcasts sermons on Sundays at 7 am on several local stations including 107.3 FM, 97.1 FM, and 91.7 FM. See their website for more radio listings, podcasts, and daily devotionals at www.lhm.org.

## FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICE

Your regular offerings help us greatly to continue our ongoing ministry at Hope. Mail your offerings to Hope Lutheran Church, 2600 Haines Road, Levittown, PA, 19055

Visit our Website at <a href="https://hopelcs.org/giving/online-giving">https://hopelcs.org/giving/online-giving</a>. Use Bill Pay options with your local bank for one-time or recurring offerings. They pay the postage.

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE

The full church calendar may be found on the web at <a href="www.HopeLCS.org">www.HopeLCS.org</a>

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In Person and Livestream	Sanctuary www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	Bible Study: Pastor Hofmeister	Room 109
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Outside
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Men's Softball	Neil Armstrong Middle School
	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room 108
Thursday	6:30 pm	Men's Softball	Firefighters Field Langhorne
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In Person and Livestream Livestream	Sanctuary www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	Adult Bible Study: Deacon Twietmeyer	Room 109
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Outside