

# Hope

## CHANGES EVERYTHING

Dear Friends at Hope,

*"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.' ...So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid;...'"*  
(Matthew 28:5-6, 8-10a)

Death is terrifying. God knows we are afraid, and His heart goes out to us. And so He says to us: "Do not be afraid." To all our fears, God gave one overwhelming, everlasting answer: He raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus is the first of the human race to rise from death in this way, never to die again. But He will not be the last!

Jesus is the guarantee of our own resurrection, because everyone who trusts in Him will share His victory. "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

This is the answer to our fear—a Savior who loves us and who has conquered death. We do not face death alone. He is with us, and He will bring us back.

Sharing Easter with you,  
**Pastor Rich**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS** to Jacob Reukauf, who will be baptized this Sunday in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has given him new life in these saving waters, keep him and grow him in grace and faithful living. Jacob is the son of Michael Kerwin and Ashley Reukauf. His godparents are Robert and Joanna Reukauf.

**WELCOME DEACON PHIL TWIETMEYER:** Deacon Phil is a member at Hope, serves as an Elder and as a member of our Praise Band. We thank God for him and pray God's blessings on

him as he leads us in Word and Sacrament and teaches us from God's Word on Sunday morning, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PASTOR RICH WILL BE AWAY** on vacation beginning this Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. He will return on May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any pastoral needs during that time, please call the church office at 215-946-3467 and the secretary will help you reach one of the elders. The elders are ready to assist.

**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR UKRAINE!** Hope is collecting care packages for Ukraine. Items being included in each care package are a towel, 2 bars of soap, a new toothbrush, a sturdy comb (not a brush), and metal nail clippers. If you would like to donate a care package or items that help make up a care package, please drop your donations off in the Narthex of the church. Please see Ms. Abby for more details or call the office at 215-946-3467. Thank you!

**THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSION LEAGUE** has given a \$5,000 grant to support Celebrate Recovery. We will be receiving this grant at the end of the month, in just a few days' time!

#### **MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT – JUNE 3 - 5, 2022**

Time to consider participating the 2022 Men's Retreat at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Bemis Point, NY. The invited Speaker/Discussion Leader is the Rev. Arthur H. Baisch speaking on the topic "*Render To Caesar: The Christian/Child of God In Relation To God And Government.*" This should stimulate vigorous discussion on numerous topics, including "Can church and state, and faith and reason, live together in perfect harmony?"

Our Retreat brings together Christian men for a weekend of spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, and outdoor fun so that we are refreshed and better equipped to live as men who follow Jesus Christ. Contact Rich Gruenhagen at 215-444-6126 for further information about registration, accommodations, and transportation.

**SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES UPDATED ONCE AGAIN:** It is our desire to provide a safe environment so members and friends can worship the Lord. Sanitizing stations are available in the narthex and lobby. Masks may be worn by those who wish. Offering plates are placed 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. We remember David who said, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1) Following the service, please introduce yourselves to one another and enjoy some refreshments outside of the worship area.

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR COKE AND SPRITE** bottle caps as well as the 12-pack-soda box codes for Hope Lutheran School! We collect these bottle caps and trade them in to raise support. You can leave bags of collected caps with the secretary at the front office. Thank you for supporting Hope!

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

**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 [prayerchain@hopelcs.org](mailto:prayerchain@hopelcs.org). We have a team of people who are committed to bring your petitions and requests before our Lord.

**HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:** We are offering Holy Communion at all Sunday worship services. If you cannot attend worship, please call the church office at 215-946-3467 to schedule a time to receive it here at church, privately, or at your home.

**THE BOOK OF DANIEL BIBLE STUDY:** Explore how Daniel was a victim of the sins of others, and his attempts to remain faithful in a foreign land. Taught by Pastor Rich. No prior experience is needed to take this class. Follow links to download free study materials and meet Sundays at 7 pm online by Zoom.



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73320428089?pwd=enAzMytjZFFTMGJwM2RDdkxyRTh1QT09>  
Study Guide PDF <https://hopelcs.org/images/Teachings/Daniel Bible Study.pdf>

Another way to download the study guide is to go to Hope's website, [www.hopelcs.org/education](http://www.hopelcs.org/education), and click on "Daniel study guide." To join the meeting, you can open the Zoom app and click on "Join Meeting" using the following information:

Meeting ID: 733 2042 8089  
Passcode: 6wU4nc

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Join in to take "A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS" (the Sunday readings). Deepen your understanding of Scripture and how to apply your faith throughout the week. We will meet at 10:45 am in Room 109. The class will be taught by Deacon Phil Twietmeyer.



#### **FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICE:**

Your regular offerings help us to continue our ongoing ministry at Hope. Mail your offerings to Hope Lutheran Church, 2600 Haines Road, Levittown, PA, 19055. Visit our website at <https://hopelcs.org/giving/online-giving>. Use Bill Pay options with your local bank for one-time or recurring offerings. The bank will pay the postage.

#### **THIS WEEK AT HOPE:**

The full church calendar may be found on the web at [www.HopeLCS.org](http://www.HopeLCS.org).

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	<b>Sunday Worship: Livestream</b>	<a href="http://www.hopelcs.org/news">www.hopelcs.org/news</a>
	9:30 am	<b>The Sacrament of Holy Baptism</b>	Sanctuary
	10:45 am	<b>Bible Class-A Longer Look at the Lessons</b>	Room 109
	10:45 am	<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	Room 108
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	<b>Bible Study: The Book of Daniel</b>	Zoom

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 am	<b>Finance-Budget Meeting</b>	Room 102
	4:00 pm	<b>Confirmation Class</b>	Room 102
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Girl Scouts</b>	Dufendach Center
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Celebrate Recovery</b>	Room 108
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