

Hope

CHANGES EVERYTHING

Dear Friends at Hope,

And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way? When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life." Acts 11:16-18

The early church had a problem. The Holy Spirit was coming upon Gentile believers in the very same way as them- the converted Jews. The early church wondered why some in the church were bypassing time-honored Jewish traditions, even circumcision, and allowing strangers a genuine place among the body of believers.

Yet, this was not the will of man. It was the working of God. After the resurrection of Jesus, God was moving his faithful to recognize salvation needs to be offered to all people, and not just Jews. In our day, many people are not accustomed to worship and our ways: standing up, sitting down, listening, singing, praying, etc. Our friends and our families need to know Jesus and experience salvation. Take a risk and ask someone to come and worship with you. Your invitation may surprise them. It may also be the key for the Holy Spirit to work the miracle of salvation.

Sharing the gifts of God with you,
Pastor Rich

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! We extend a warm welcome to Roman Orr and Bill and Jeanette Miller who are professing their faith in Christ today and joining as members of Hope. Roman is a member of the United States Marine Corps and is stationed at Ft. Dix, NJ. Roman is married to Staci (Ramagli) Orr and have two children: Carson and Addison. Roman enjoys music and is playing with our Praise Band. Bill is semi-retired as a Field service engineer in the refrigeration industry and is married to Jeanette. Bill and Jeanette enjoy travel and gathering together with large family.

LUNCH BUNCH will be meeting again soon! They will meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Garden of Eatin' at 1:00 pm for a time of fellowship and fun. The next meeting will be this Tuesday, May 17. Please call Sandy Scott at 215-943-6094 so they can get an accurate head count or if you have any questions about joining!

THE HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is hiring urgently! The director, Terri Rambo, is currently seeking teachers and aides to work in the toddler and infant rooms. If you know someone who is looking for a position in childcare or are interesting in applying yourself, please email Terri at trambo@hopelcs.org or call the office at 215-946-3467 to schedule an interview.

SOFTBALL UPDATE: Unfortunately, we do not have enough players from 3 different churches to field a team. Hope will not have a team entered into the 2022 Christian Fellowship Softball League this year. – Curtis Fuller

UPDATE FROM PRINCIPAL NEAGLEY: “We are so thankful for all your prayer support throughout the course of this school year. As we rush our way through the last of the academics and all of the social events that make up these last 4 weeks of a school year, we’d like to invite you to join us for any of these end-of-the-year events:

May 19, 6:30 pm – Festival of Arts: K-8 Concert & Art Show
May 27, 10 am to Lunch – Field Day/School Picnic
June 1, 2 pm – Principal’s Ice Cream Social
June 2, 6:30 pm – 8th Grade Graduation
June 3, 10 am – Kindergarten Bridging Ceremony
June 9, 10 am – Pre-K Move-Up Day (Graduation)
June 11, 6:30 pm – Trenton Thunder Night at the Ballpark (Limited tickets left!)

Our K-8 school year ends on June 7, 2022 with a half day. Our ’22-’23 school year begins on Tuesday, August 30.”

PRAISE GOD! We have been approved to receive a Director of Christian Education (DCE) Intern from Concordia University in Seward, NE. This is a one-year position. Many prayers have been offered up so we can expand our ministry to youth in our congregation and school. Miss Faith Armer will be joining our team in mid-July. Please pray for this big transition in her life and ours. **UPDATE:** We are looking for a full-sized bed frame for Faith! If you know of one, please contact Beth Marks at 215-757-1702.

THE “STITCHERS OF HOPE” ARE BACK! Please join us! We mostly crochet, but all crafters are welcome, or, just join us for fellowship. If you do not know how to crochet, no worries, we will teach you. We meet Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Enola Cook’s home, 45 Gun Road, Levittown PA. Our donated crochet projects include, but are not limited to, baby blankets and wheelchair afghans. We also have an inventory of yarn and patterns for you to choose from. Any questions at all please call, Enola Cook at 609-464-2366, or Marge Gruenhagen at 267-987-9480.

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.

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE: Each 3rd Sunday of the month, people may bring individually wrapped sandwiches to our lobby. The sandwiches are picked up later in the morning and distributed immediately to homeless and hungry people in our area. The next collection date is on Sunday, May 15th. For more information, contact Tom O'Connor at 215-208-0097.

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, 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.

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

Tuesday	4:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Room 102
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Dufendach Center
Thursday	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room 108
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