



Dear Friends at Hope,

*John 20:26-27- Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."*

Thomas was in a pinch. He heard from others Jesus was risen, but something inside him told him, "This can't be." Everyone around him was happy. He was not. But Jesus came to Thomas. Jesus wanted Thomas to believe, and he did. Jesus also wants you to believe.... and all people. The wonder of Jesus and his resurrection is that God really wants all people to believe – so they can have the peace that comes from eternal life. Pray that God will use you this week to share your faith with someone who needs to believe.

Easter blessings to you,

*Pastor Rich*

**9:30 AM NEW WORSHIP TIME** We are excited about offering our new 9:30 am worship time, and pray it will be a blessing for more people to worship. At the end of May we will reassess our time(s) and ask for your input with surveys. Please note: Some have commented they do not receive our emails or surveys. First, check your spam folder to see if they are there. If you find it, add "Hope Lutheran Church" to your contact list with the email: [info@hopelcs.org](mailto:info@hopelcs.org). Last, call our church office to make sure you get added to our email list. You should already be receiving a weekly email.

**SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES:** To facilitate a healthy and inviting environment at worship, we encourage all people to wear masks upon entering the church and to maintain social distance with others. Sanitizing stations are available at our entrances and at the entrance to our worship area. Details are printed in the Sunday bulletin and on our website [www.hopelcs.org](http://www.hopelcs.org). We recognize these procedures are an inconvenience, but we are grateful to hear God's Word, receive Holy Communion and to be considerate and loving towards other worshippers. Your health is important to us. We understand if you choose to delay your return to worship with us physically. You are welcome to worship online.

**NEW: WORSHIP LIVESTREAM** Thanks to our volunteers our worship technology is improving. Go to Hope's website at [www.hopelcs.org/news](http://www.hopelcs.org/news) and follow the instructions to worship livestream on Facebook or watch later on YouTube.

**SAYING FAREWELL:** Please join us this Sunday, April 11, following worship for a reception as we say farewell and extend God's blessing to Mark Shockey and his family. Mark has served us faithfully for nearly 11 years as our organist, choir and music leader. We will miss Mark and his family!

**OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL SECRETARY** gave notice of her departure and we accepted it. We wish her well in her future endeavors. As a result, we are now looking for a fulltime Parish and School Secretary. Duties include producing a weekly bulletin, office basics, and greeting school families. No medical benefit. If you know of a non-member who is interested, they can send information and make inquiries to Pastor Rich Mokry at [rmokry@hopelcs.org](mailto:rmokry@hopelcs.org).

**SOFTBALL...**Hope will once again be playing men's softball in the Christian Fellowship Softball League. All men ages 16 and up are welcome to play. If you are interested in playing you can contact **Curt Fuller** at **267-580-0129** or email him at [RNMICN1@verizon.net](mailto:RNMICN1@verizon.net).

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Bill Marks and family upon the death of Virginia "Ginny" who went to be with the Lord March 26<sup>th</sup>. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church. Condolences may be sent to: Bill Marks 55 Kindle Lane Levittown, PA 19055.

**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.

**DISCIPLESHIP 101:** an invitation to learn and follow Jesus Christ. Explore the basics of the Christian faith and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Topics include: The Salvation Plan, Baptism and Holy Communion, Prayer, the Bible and Sharing Your Faith. Those interested in First Communion, Adult Confirmation and Membership at Hope are welcome to attend. The seven-session class begins Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 am. Indicate on the Fellowship Registration, "Discipleship 101."

**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, The book of Revelation (class resumes April 18), taught by Pastor Neagley.

Sundays 7 pm by Zoom: Thessalonians, taught by Pastor Rich Mokry.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84090410661?pwd=emxKMTRpUEZ6dTJkWXliRTk2dEpaQT09> Meeting ID: 840 9041 0661 Password: 2YS6bk [Click here for Bible Study notes attachment.](#)

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm by Zoom: Our Women's Bible Study is studying Colossians and Philemon. Contact Julia Hutchins at [jhutchins@hopelcs.org](mailto:jhutchins@hopelcs.org) for more information.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the narthex. Stop by during office hours or Sundays to pick yours up

**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.

### 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 <https://hopelcs.org/giving/online-giving>.

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 [www.HopeLCS.org](http://www.HopeLCS.org)

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 am	<b>Worship: In Person and Livestream</b>	Sanctuary <a href="http://www.hopelcs.org/church">www.hopelcs.org/church</a>
	10:45 am	<b>Shockey Family Reception</b>	Dufendach Center
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	<b>Bible Study: Thessalonians</b>	Zoom
<b>Monday</b>	7:15 pm	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	Narthex
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	<b>New Generation Meeting</b>	Room 109
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	3:45 pm	<b>Confirmation</b>	Room 102
	7:00 pm	<b>Celebrate Recovery</b>	Room 108
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