



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."*

Have you noticed how Jesus meets people where they are? Jesus could have scolded Thomas for his unbelief, but he didn't. God knows we approach him with our questions and our doubts. He welcomes us in relationship no matter how much we understand or how well we believe. This reminds us God is working all the time in all people, welcoming them in relationship. If God is this patient and willing to meet us where we are, by faith we can do that, too. Begin by sharing a reason or two how God adds meaning to your life. In doing so, you give others the opportunity to listen and come to their own conclusions. The good news is the Holy Spirit works in us and others. The Risen Lord is still calling people to believe.

Easter blessings to you,

*Pastor Rich*

**9:30 AM 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 them, 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.

**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).

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Marjie Rodkey and the family of her brother Ron Strine, who went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, after a short illness. Condolences may be sent to Marjie at 58 Blue Ridge Drive, Levittown, PA 19057-3018.

**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 in room 102. Please join us to learn more about the Lutheran faith.

**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).

**FOOD MINISTRY:** One of our newer friends at Hope comes to us with experience and interest in helping us share sandwiches with homeless persons in our area. Want to learn more, or take part in a monthly sandwich event? Indicate "sandwiches" on your Fellowship Registration. You can also contact Barbara Veil at 267-799-5944 or Pastor Rich.

**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 at 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.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR GUIDE 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 [holmesgbman@gmail.com](mailto:holmesgbman@gmail.com)

**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 [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.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO, PODCAST, AND DEVOTIONALS.** The Lutheran Hour Ministries broadcasts sermons on Sundays at 7 am on several local radio 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](http://www.lhm.org).

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

#### **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/news">www.hopelcs.org/news</a>
	10:45 am	<b>Bible Study: Revelation</b>	Room 109
	10:45 am	<b>Discipleship 101</b>	Room 102
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	<b>Bible Study: Thessalonians</b>	Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 pm	<b>Call Committee: Youth Worker</b>	Narthex

<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	3:45 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Confirmation</b> <b>Celebrate Recovery</b>	Room 102 Room 108
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