



Dear Friends at Hope,

John 10:11-15 (Jesus said) "I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

How do you identify the difference between a good shepherd and a bad one? When danger and difficulty comes, the bad shepherd flees. Not Jesus. Jesus walked directly into Jerusalem knowing what difficulty and danger awaited Him. Jesus laid down His life to bring us to safety and salvation.

Though we can never be as good as our Good Shepherd, God is using us to shepherd people into His flock. It's not just nice. It's a matter of eternal life or destruction. By faith we follow Jesus. By faith we shepherd God's sheep.

Following our Shepherd,

Pastor Rich

9:30 AM WORSHIP TIME We are excited about 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 worship service time(s) and ask for your input with surveys.

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. 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.

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

CHURCH E-MAIL AND SURVEYS: 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. If that does not solve the problem, please call our church office to make sure you get added to our email list. If you are receiving this weekly email you are on the list to receive surveys.

CHURCH NEWSLETTERS AND BULLETINS: During this interim time without an Administrative Assistant, you may contact Julia Hutchins with any information or announcements you would like added to the newsletter or bulletin. Contact Julia at jhutchins@hopelcs.org or 215-741-2685.

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 meets Sundays 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.

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: The 2021 National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 6, and the theme is "Lord, pour out Your Love, Life and Liberty". All are invited to join in Hope's sanctuary, on May 6, 2021, from noon until 1:00 pm for a time of prayer and participate in this observance. Materials will be provided to all participants. Contact Sandy Chorba (215-439-4329) with any questions.

MISSIONS: The mission project for the school's chapel offerings for May is Choice One, a pregnancy center. In addition, the Mission board is collecting new baby items for the new mothers. There are large gift bags in the narthex and school lobby for your baby donations. You may always contribute to the chapel offering by writing chapel offering-school on your offering envelope.

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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84090410661?pwd=emxKMTRpUEZ6dTJkWXliRTk2dEpaQT09_Meeting+ID%3A84090410661+Password%3A2YS6bk) [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 for more information.

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 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. 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.

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

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In Person and Livestream	Sanctuary
	10:45 am	Bible Study: Revelation	www.hopelcs.org/news Room 109

	10:45 am	Discipleship 101	Room 102
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	Bible Study: Thessalonians	Zoom
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
Thursday	3:45 pm	Confirmation	Room 102
	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room 108
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