



Dear Friends at Hope,

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4–5

One of the most important, and perhaps the most difficult activity for the people of God is making space to encounter our heavenly Father. We are busy people and so easily distracted. Hundreds of important and not so important issues creep into our lives and capture our attention.

How about God? Of all the issues we deal with, God is clearly the most important. He created us. He died on the cross for us. He calls us to be a disciple and to make disciples. But we can't do that without Him. Staying connected to our Savior is a daily challenge. Want to have more "fruit"? Abide in Him. Come to worship. Read God's Word in your home. As you abide in Him, watch God supply all of your needs and give you the fruit of a steadfast faith.

Abiding with Him,

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 EMAIL 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.

DISCIPLESHIP 101 is 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. This Sunday we meet in Room 109. Join us to learn more about being a disciple.

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 UPDATE: Want to take part in a monthly sandwich making event for the homeless? Bring your wrapped sandwiches to the church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. They will be picked up at 12 noon and distributed immediately to homeless and hungry people in the area. The next Sunday will be May 16th. Want more information? Indicate "sandwiches" on your Fellowship Registration or contact Barbara Veil at 267-799-5944.

FREE ONLINE TRAINING EVENT: Would you like to see more leaders in our congregation? Could you use new ideas on how to encourage new leaders? The LCMS Eastern District is sponsoring a seminar over Zoom. The guest speaker will be Kurt Bickel, a consultant with Cornerstone Consulting and a former Director of Christian Education. The Zoom seminar will be on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM EDT. Register here:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehuc2ea8f36f4625&oseq=&c=a07d79bc-3890-11eb-892a-fa163ea6032f&ch=a07f8162-3890-11eb-892a-fa163ea6032f>

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.

JOIN US JUNE 6TH AS WE BID FAREWELL TO MARK SHOCKEY AND HIS FAMILY.

Mark has served us faithfully as our Organist and Music Director for the past 10 years. Please join us in the Activity Center as we extend God's blessing on all in their family, wish them well and enjoy some refreshments.

MISSIONS: The mission project for the school's chapel offerings for May is Choice One, a pregnancy center. In addition, the church's 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 www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	Bible Study: (meets today with Discipleship Class)	Room 109
	10:45 am	Discipleship 101 (new location)	Room 109
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	Bible Study: Thessalonians	Zoom
Monday	7:00pm	Board of Elders	Room 102
Tuesday	5:00pm	Day School Board	Narthex
	7:00pm	Developing Leaders in Your Congregation	Zoom
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
Thursday	Noon to 1 pm	National Day of Prayer observance	Sanctuary
	3:45 pm	Confirmation	Room 102
	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room 108
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