



Dear Friends at Hope,

“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

Freedom is a gift, it's a treasure. The most precious gifts, however, are never free. They come with a price and with personal sacrifice. On this weekend we remember with thanks all those who have protected our nation, for the men and women in uniform, together, we say “Thank You.” Many have been willing to pay a great price for our freedom. May God give us thankful hearts for their faithful and brave service, and may God move us to give our lives to what really matters.

Jesus won our freedom from sin and eternal life by enduring the shame of the cross and death. It was part of God's plan to redeem us to give us hope for today and peace in eternal life. **Thank God for the Son who sets us free! In Jesus true freedom is found.**

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Rick

THANK YOU from the Durnin family. Many thanks for all of the prayers, calls, grocery runs, and well wishes from friends and family at Hope! Thank you also to the anonymous benefactors for your donations.

WORSHIP SURVEY We are seeking the input of our members and friends to serve the worship needs of all at Hope. Your input is important. If you haven't taken the survey yet, please fill out a paper copy at church worship on Sunday or request one by calling the church office.

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.

VOTER'S MEETING JUNE 13th at 10:45am. Please join us for a Voter's Meeting to vote on a budget for the ministry (July 1st 2021 through June 30th 2022). We will also vote on a proposal to issue a Divine Call to Maryann Puls as a teacher at Hope

Lutheran School. We welcome all to attend. Voting members are communicant members who are at least 18 years of age.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE NEW YORK will be closing at the end of the spring semester 2021. Concordia has been our East Coast Lutheran Church Missouri Synod college for over 100 years and many of their graduates have served as Pastors and teachers at Hope and at other congregations. The unexpected decision to close Concordia has left many of the faculty and staff at Concordia with much needed financial assistance. A Concordia Care and Comfort Fund has been established to meet some of their financial needs as they transition to new jobs/careers. We will be having a door offering after today's service as well as on Sunday May 30 for this Fund. You can also contribute via your offering envelope by writing in Concordia Fund as a special offering. Hope has agreed to match up to \$1,000 the door offerings received. If you have any questions regarding this Fund, please talk to Tom Marks.

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM Go to Hope's website at www.hopelcs.org/news and follow the instructions to worship livestream on Facebook or watch on YouTube after noon on Monday after the service.

STAFF CHANGES: Please pray that God will bring us the Organist-Music Director He wants for us. A search is underway. Many thanks to Sandy Chorba for leading us in worship through the end of May.

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE: Each 3rd Sunday of the month members can bring wrapped sandwiches to our lobby for distribution to needy people in our area. Later in the morning, they will be picked up and distributed immediately to homeless and hungry people in our area. The next sandwich collection date will be June 20th. For more information, contact Barbara Veil at 267-799-5944.

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.

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.

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 in Room 102. Join us to learn more about being a disciple.

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, 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 Malachi. 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 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

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	10:45 am	Bible Study: Revelation	Room 109
	10:45 am	Discipleship 101	Room 102
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	Bible Study: Thessalonians	Zoom
Monday	All Day	Church Office CLOSED: Memorial Day	Office
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Day Board of Ed	Narthex
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
Thursday	6:30 pm	3-6:30 Eighth Grade Graduation	Sanctuary
	3:45 pm	Confirmation	Room 102
	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room 108
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