



Dear Friends at Hope,

“Read it again, Grandma! Please.”

“But, honey, we have read this same book three times.”

“I know, just one more time, please?”

Children love to be read to and many have a favorite book they like to read over and over again. Reading is a great activity for parents and grandparents with children. Reading to children helps them grow a love of reading, which will create joy for a lifetime.

When choosing something to read, go to the best book of all, the Bible. There are literally hundreds of stories: Creation, the Flood, Daniel in the Lion’s Den, David and Goliath, Jesus blessing children, the list goes on. Sharing God’s Word with children is a wise investment in your relationship with them, and in your relationship with God.

Yours in Jesus,

*Pastor Rich*

**MEN’S SOFTBALL REPORT:** The Hope/Woodside softball team continues to play in the Cristian Fellowship Softball League at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Check the calendar below for game locations. Come out and cheer on the team! Here are the highlights from recent games:

June 17<sup>th</sup>: Hope/Woodside started off strong with a 5-run first inning but fizzled the rest of the game. Despite strong offensive performances by CJ Fuller (Hope) going 3 for 3 with 3 RBI’s and Greg Kloiber (Woodside) going 2 for 3 with 2 RBI’s, Hope/Woodside falls to Restoration/Grace Point to the mercy rule 27-7. Record 4 wins, 6 losses.

June 22: This game was more like a football score rather than softball. Every player got at least 6 at bats, every player had at least 2 or more hits and scored at least once.

Hope/Woodside wins over Acts of Grace 27-18. Record 5 wins, 6 losses.

Look for this week’s games in the calendar!

**NEW FRIENDS AMONG US:** The people of Calvary Evangelical Church, a small Liberian congregation, will be worshipping at Hope as they build up funds for their own church building. Since June 6<sup>th</sup> they have been meeting in our sanctuary on Sundays at 11:30 am. Please be sure to welcome our new friends. For more information, contact Tom Marks [t\\_marks10@comcast.net](mailto:t_marks10@comcast.net).

**WELCOME DEACON PHIL TWIETMEYER:** Deacon Phil is a member at Hope and serves as an Elder and member of our Praise Band. We thank God for him and pray God's blessings on him as he leads us in Word and Sacrament and teaches us from God's Word today at 10:45 am. Pastor Rich is away on vacation and will return at the end of June. If you have any pastoral needs, please call the church office at 215-946-3467 or Elder Rich Gruenhagen at 267-987-9480. The elders are ready to assist.

**SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANCE NEEDED** Hope Church and School is looking to find volunteers to assist in our social media plan! If you enjoy taking photos, Photoshop, posting online, scheduling, etc... Let us know! You do not have to be an expert to help out. Write "Social Media" on your record of fellowship to indicate that you would like to volunteer.

**WORSHIP LIVESTREAM** Go to Hope's website at [www.hopelcs.org/news](http://www.hopelcs.org/news) and follow the instructions to worship livestream on Facebook . You can also access worship services on YouTube. Sunday worship services are posted after noon on Mondays.

**STAFF CHANGES:** Welcome Warren Mata! Warren is our interim organist and will lead our worship as we search for a permanent Organist-Music Director. Warren is a former member of Hope. Please pray that God will bring us the Organist-Music Director He wants for us. Many thanks to Sandy Chorba for continuing to serve.

**FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE:** On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 50 sandwiches were collected by Hope and given away to those in need. Thank you to everyone who participated, and keep up the good work! Each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month members can bring wrapped sandwiches to our lobby for distribution to needy people in or 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 July 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Barbara Veil at 267-799-5944.

**SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES REVISED: We are glad you are here.** As COVID conditions improve, we at Hope are continuing to provide a safe and worshipful environment. Sanitizing stations are still available at the doors and at the entrance to the sanctuary. We are no longer "encouraging" masks, but they may be worn by those who choose to. Offering plates remain at the rear of the sanctuary for offerings and Record of Fellowship slips. We will continue, for the time being, to utilize continuous distribution of Holy Communion. Following the service, please introduce yourself to one another and enjoy some refreshments outside of the worship area.

**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. On June 27<sup>th</sup> led by Deacon Phil Twietmeyer.

**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](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 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).

#### **FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICE**

Your regular offerings help us 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</b>	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	<b>Worship: Livestream</b>	<a href="http://www.hopelcs.org/news">www.hopelcs.org/news</a>
	10:45 am	<b>Bible Study: Phil Twietmeyer</b>	Room 109
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Outside
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Men's Softball</b>	Firefighters Field Langhorne
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Men's Softball</b>	Firefighters Field Langhorne
	7:00 pm	<b>Celebrate Recovery</b>	Room 108
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 am	<b>Worship: In Person</b>	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	<b>Worship: Livestream</b>	<a href="http://www.hopelcs.org/news">www.hopelcs.org/news</a>
	10:45 am	<b>Adult Bible Study: Revelation</b>	Room 109
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Outside