

Dear Friends at Hope,

This weekend many Americans will gather to celebrate their liberty with cookouts and local festivities on the Fourth of July. We might even see fireworks. Our early forebears left England for the unfamiliar shores of America mainly because they were unhappy under the tyranny of religious persecution. They and others gave up everything for the right to worship God here.

Today we are thankful that we can read God's Word and worship Him. This is something we must not take for granted. We give thanks to God for this land and our liberty. We can also thank God for the most precious gift of His Son and for the gift and liberty of eternal life.

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Rich

FRAUDULENT EMAILS: Please be aware that a recent email has fraudulently claimed to be from Pastor Rich and asked for money or gift cards. This email is not from Pastor Rich. Please do not respond to it. This is a scam. Be cautious of emails from Pastor Rich if they do not come from an email address you trust or his RMokry@hopelcs.org email address. If you are wondering if an email from a Hope faculty member is real or a scam, please call them and speak to them about it over the phone or ask them when you see them in person!

THANK YOU FROM CLAIRE NEAGLEY: Thank you for all of the cards, emails and prayers offered these past few weeks as our family members said goodbye to my mom, Caroline Krans, who died on June 21st. The pastor at Faith Lutheran Church -Lampasas, TX (mom and dad's home parish for over 45 years) led a beautiful memorial service on Monday, June 28th. Many parish members were present to remember both Caroline and Edward, her husband, who died 14 years previously. Along with us coming from Pennsylvania, 15 family members traveled from their homes in Wisconsin, Missouri, Virginia and south Texas to sing, pray and remember mom (and dad!). Rich and I appreciate all of the love and care our Hope family members have shared with us. God bless you all. Most sincerely, Claire and 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:

6-24-21: Hope/Woodside determining to get to .500, the bats were hot and defense was strong. Perfect day at the plate from Dave Sidorski 3-3, Drew Berdomas 4-4, Scott Phillips 1-1 and Chris Urban 2-2 sees the game end early with the mercy rule. Final score 20-3. Record 6 wins - losses 6

6-29-21: Opening the game in the top of the first with 14 runs, tends to deflate a team. Monster games by Tony Schoettle (2 first inning HR's including a Grand Slam) and CJ Fuller (2 first inning hits, including a 3 run HR) as both went a combined 8-6 and 11 RBIs. Hope/Woodside cruises to a mercy rule, 20-8. Record 7 wins-6 losses.

One game remains as Playoffs begin next week!

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 6th 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 .

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 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 20th, 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 3rd 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 18th. 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.

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 7am on several local station including 107.3FM, 97.1FM, and 91.7FM. See their website for more radio listings, podcasts, and daily devotionals at 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

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In Person	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Worship: Livestream	www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	No Adult Bible Study	
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Outside

Thursday 7:00 pm **Celebrate Recovery** Room 108

Sunday 9:30 am **Worship: In Person** Sanctuary

9:30 am **Worship: Livestream** www.hopelcs.org/news

10:45 am **Adult Bible Study: To Be Announced** Room 109

11:45 am **AA at Hope** Outside