

Dear Friends at Hope,

"With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it. For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it. Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended, In His Name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended." Those words come from the hymn, *With the Lord Begin Your Task*, #483 in our hymnal.

How do you begin your day? Do you sit down to a hot breakfast, or do you grab a bite to eat at your local fast food joint? We all have our habits and routines, but making our Lord our first priority is a recipe for good faith and a good life. Jesus said, "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." That's good advice indeed. You can find daily devotion books here at Hope to start or end your day: *Portals of Prayer*.

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, each morning, evening, and at night, hear my prayers and accept my grateful praise. Direct my steps this day according to Your will. Amen.

Yours in Jesus,  
**Pastor Rich**

**WE ARE PLANNING** to reopen our nursery on Sunday mornings! With this comes the need for adult supervision. We are looking to hire for a paid position as well as recruit volunteers. The position would be about two hours on Sunday mornings every week. At this time, we are considering the possibilities of live streaming our service to the nursery for the benefit of anyone working during that time. Please contact Beth Marks (215-279-2950) if you or someone you know has interest in serving in this ministry!

**DONATIONS:** Thank you to everyone who has donated items or food to Hope. Your contributions have made a difference in the lives of our families. While we would love to accept every donation, we do not have the capacity to do so. In line with a recent Church Council decision, only sealed food items (other than produce) will be accepted in the church and school lobby from this point forward. All other items (furniture, toys, books, clothing, etc.) may be taken to such places as Good Stuff Thrift (Fairless Hills), Goodwill (Langhorne), Habitat for Humanity Langhorne ReStore, or The Salvation Army Family Store & Donation Center (Fairless Hills) where they will help those in need. A list of these locations will be available in the office for anyone looking for information. Questions may be directed to Tom Jeske at [thomas.jeske.6@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.jeske.6@gmail.com) or by calling 267-594-4393. Thank you for your generosity! We will continue to accept donations of sealed food items to help those in need.

**A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** The flowers on the piano are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill and Eileen Durnin's 29th wedding anniversary.

"To my dear husband Bill Durnin, I want to wish you a Happy 29th Anniversary. I love you always! ~ Leen "

**AN INVITATION:** We are invited to the Installation of Rev. Ryan Schnake as Associate Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church. 2623 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA. The service will be Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

**DIVINE CALL ACCEPTED:** After prayer and thoughtful consideration Maryann Puls has accepted the Divine Call to serve as a Teacher at Hope Lutheran School. As a “called” teacher Maryann will continue to teach and have other school related responsibilities. Her installation will take place on the Blessing of the Backpack Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

**MEN’S SOFTBALL REPORT:** The Hope/Woodside softball team played in the Christian Fellowship Softball League at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Here are the highlights from recent games:

Thursday July 8th: After losing in the first round of a double elimination tournament, every game counts. Hope/Woodside opened the 1st inning with 5 runs. The 2nd inning saw back to back to back home runs by Andrew Berdomas, Dave Sidorski and CJ Fuller. 2 hit games by Bill Fuller and Greg Kloiber sealed the deal, beating Phila Christian Center 14-2

Tues July 13th: Losing was not an option, but unfortunately, it was the one we chose (despite outstanding pitching from CJ Fuller). We get to start our summer vacations a little bit earlier than we wanted. Hope/Woodside lost 8-3 and are out of the playoffs. Thank you for cheering us on this season. Stay tuned for next year!

**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).

**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.

**FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE:** 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 this Sunday, 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.

**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 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](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>
	9:30 am	<b>Food Ministry: Sandwich Collection</b>	Lobby
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Outside
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Next Generation Task Force</b>	Room 109
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Celebrate Recovery</b>	Room 108
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00 am	<b>Installation of Rev. Ryan Schnake</b>	Concordia Lutheran Church
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