

Dear Friends at Hope,

*Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* "He's made it to the big leagues." That baseball expression says someone has beaten the odds and is now numbered as being among the best.

A person can try to lead a good life and win God's approval, but that individual is never going to be good enough to get into heaven on his own. In short, the odds of a sinner making it into heaven on his own merit is zero percent.

Heaven only becomes a reality when we have Jesus Christ as our Savior. He is the one who lived a perfect life; He resisted every temptation to sin, and He carried our sins to the cross. Because of what He has done in His life and His resurrection, all who believe on Him as Savior are granted forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, believers will make it to the big leagues.

Sharing the Hope,

*Pastor Rich Mokry*

**FACEBOOK:** Hope has a new church Facebook page! The worship livestream has been moved from the Hope Lutheran School page (@hopelevittownschool) to the new Hope Lutheran Church page (@hopelevittown). **Please be sure to "like" and "follow" the new church page so you can continue to see all relevant information!** We will be sharing scripture, church news, the weekly sermon, and more! If you have any questions about how to find the new page, please call the office at 215-946-3467 and ask for Abby Marquard.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO** the installation of Pastor Andrew Wolfgram, new pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (280 Crosswicks Road in Bordentown, NJ). The special service is at 3:00pm, next Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER NEWS:** Starting next week on October 17, prayer partners will be available immediately following the worship service at the baptismal font to pray for anyone requesting prayer for themselves or others. You can also call Pastor Rich at 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. Indicate "prayer chain" on your Registration of Fellowship if you would like to be added to the prayer chain email.

**FURNITURE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME:** The kitchen table, currently being used for coffee and tea on Sunday mornings, and the buffet in the narthex are looking for new homes in the very near future. If you would like to have either one or both, please "claim" them by contacting Mrs. Abby Marquard in Hope's office ([info@hopelcs.org](mailto:info@hopelcs.org) or 215-946-3467). They will be given away on a first come, first served basis, and you will need to provide for the transportation of the item. If it would be helpful, the kitchen table could be dismantled for easier transport.

**FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE:** Each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month members may bring individually wrapped sandwiches to our lobby. They are picked up later in the morning and distributed immediately to homeless and hungry people in our area. Our next sandwich collection date will be next Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Barbara Veil at 267-799-5944.

**NEW MOVIE INFORMATION.** In theaters, November 8-10 is the movie “Sabina: Tortured for Christ.” The heart of the Gospel is forgiveness. The Nazis killed her family, and she risked everything to share the love and truth of Christ with them. This is the story of how God’s love transformed an ambitious, atheistic hedonist into one of the greatest Christian women of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Experience the remarkable true story that redefined the concept of love and forgiveness for millions worldwide. Visit [sabinamovie.com](http://sabinamovie.com) for more information.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>** is the international day of prayer for persecuted Christians. Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who must live with daily harassment, imprisonment, and even death because of The Faith. Ask God to give them strength to withstand the attacks of evil and courage to stand firm in the faith in the face of all trials. Visit [vom.org/IDOP](http://vom.org/IDOP) to view a short film entitled “Finding Life.”

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Empty shoeboxes just waiting to be filled have been placed throughout the school lobby and narthex. Gift suggestions are school supplies, such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, etc. and non-liquid hygiene items, such as toothbrushes, bar soap, etc. A complete list of gift suggestions can be found by the shoeboxes. At this time, there are no changes from last year as to what can and can’t be packed in shoebox gifts this year. You can choose a boy or girl (ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14) to receive your shoebox. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at any time and placed on the shelf by the sacristy in the narthex. Be sure to affix the label on the top of the shoebox indicating a boy or girl. The last day will be Sunday, November 21, when we will set them up at the altar for prayer. If you have any questions, please call Marjie Rodkey (215-949-1695).

**HOPE RENTS** our Activity Center out to local youth athletic teams and organizations. Besides being a source of income to our operating budget, we are opening our facility to support these Community youth programs. However, we are in need of some volunteers to assist with the opening and closing up of our facility. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Tom Marks at 215-317-2878.

**THE PARABLES** is an Online Bible Study taught by Pastor Rich and is held every Sunday evening at 7pm. No prior experienced is needed to take this class. Links in the weekly newsletter are provided for downloading a study guide and to give access to the online class. Study Guide PDF

[https://hopelcs.org/images/Teachings/Parables\\_Study.pdf](https://hopelcs.org/images/Teachings/Parables_Study.pdf)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73320428089?pwd=enAzMytjZFFTMGJwM2RDdkxyRTh1QT09>

**THE WOMEN’S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will meet this Wednesday at 1:00 pm in Room 102. They are continuing with their study “God Loves Moms.” This week they will be studying chapter 7 about "Hannah." If you do not have the book, there are extras available! Please contact Beth Marks at 215-757-1702 with any questions.

**NURSERY HELP NEEDED:** We are looking to hire a paid attendant and enlist volunteers who may work on a rotating schedule. The paid position is for two hours on Sunday mornings. Please share this with your friends! Indicate “Nursery” on your Record of Fellowship or contact Beth Marks at 215-279-2950 if you are interested in this ministry!

**TECH MINISTRY TEAM:** We are looking to grow our tech ministry team in the following areas: web design and maintenance, worship audio and video, on-line worship, social media, and photography. There will be hands-on training for anyone interested in learning about any of

these areas. Volunteers can schedule their time and not be “on call” every Sunday. Interested? Indicate “Tech Ministry” on your Record of Fellowship or contact Josh Smith at [joshua.owen.smith@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.owen.smith@gmail.com).

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** Do you have a heart for gardening or flowers? We need volunteers to help us beautify and maintain our outdoor plant life and grounds. If you have an interest to serve in this way, please indicate “Landscaping” on your Record of Fellowship or contact Karen Barton at 215-262-6283.

**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 Hope’s new Facebook page. You can also access worship services on YouTube. Sunday worship services are posted after noon on Mondays.

**SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES REVISED: We are glad you are here.** As COVID conditions continue to change, we at Hope are continuing to provide a safe environment to worship. Sanitizing stations are available in the narthex and lobby. Masks may be worn by those who wish and are available at the Welcome Center. Offering plates are placed 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 at all Sunday worship services. If you cannot attend worship, please call the church office at 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.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO, PODCAST, AND DEVOTIONALS:** The Lutheran Hour Ministries broadcasts sermons on Sundays at 7am on several local stations 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. The bank will 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).

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| <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 Class</b>                | Room 109   |
|               | 10:45 am | <b>Children’s Sunday School</b>         | Room 108   |
|               | 10:45 am | <b>Personal Prayer Ministry Meeting</b> | Sanctuary  |
|               | 11:45 am | <b>AA at Hope</b>                       | Outside  |

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|                  | 7:00 pm  | <b>The Parables Bible Study</b>              | Zoom   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 7:15 pm  | <b>Church Council</b>                        | Room 109   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 4:00 pm  | <b>Confirmation</b>                          | Room 102   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 1:00 pm  | <b>Women's Bible Study</b>                   | Room 102   |
|                  | 6:30 pm  | <b>Girl Scouts</b>                           | Outside/Dufendach Center                                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 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> |
|                  | 9:30 am  | <b>Sandwich Collection</b>                   | Lobby  |
|                  | 10:45 am | <b>Adult Bible Class</b>                     | Room 109   |
|                  | 10:45 am | <b>Children's Sunday School</b>              | Room 108   |
|                  | 11:45 am | <b>AA at Hope</b>                            | Outside  |
|                  | 3:00 pm  | <b>Installation of Pastor Andrew Wolfram</b> | Holy Cross Lutheran Church                                     |
|                  | 7:00 pm  | <b>The Parables Bible Study</b>              | Zoom   |