



Dear Friends at Hope,

But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. Luke 15:22-24

Jesus told this story, a parable, to illustrate how important calling sinners to repentance and faith is. It's a matter, not just about being nice, but about eternal life and eternal death. Because of sin every one of us gets lost: sometimes, and many times. But we are never so lost that God cannot find us. And when someone who is lost turns away from that sin, there will be a great celebration to welcome him home again!

You and I can sometimes focus on how wrong people are, or how wrong our world is. While that may be very true... there is more to say. That is why at Hope we are committed to the Good News that God welcomes sinners who repent--sinners who are looking for a new way of living.

Sharing Hope with you,

Yours in Jesus,
Pastor Rich

ALL SCHOOL SING is next week, April 4th! The children from Hope Lutheran School will be performing at 9:30 am. Please come and join us in supporting our young talent.

SPRING COLLECTION, April 1 – 12, 2022:

Clothing for all seasons and sizes, purses, scarves, belts, linens, bedding, shoes, curtains, table cloths, soft toys, fabrics and sewing supplies, and non-electric medical equipment in clean and good condition will be collected in the school lobby from Friday April 1 through Tuesday April 12, 2022.

Consider donating a coat for the Palm Sunday collection on April 10. In its Christian humanitarian ministry, Orphan Grain Train-Mid-Atlantic Branch collects these items for shipment and distribution to those places in the world, including in the United States, where the demonstrated need is greatest for you to be "stand-ins" for Jesus and to demonstrate His compassion and love to our struggling brothers and sisters wherever they may be. Gifts of cash or checks payable to OGT-MAB may be given as worship offerings during Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship services or given and designated for OGT-MAB to office personnel during weekdays.



Call Rich Gruenhagen at 215-444-6126 or email him at margeg8577@gmail.com with questions about this collection or for special pick-up.

UKRAINIAN AID: Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are facing a crisis. Their homeland is being invaded and wartime is causing all kinds of life threatening dangers. More than three million are fleeing their homeland to seek safety. You can help to provide, food, shelter, and medical supplies by donating at Hope Lutheran Church. We are partnering with Lutheran World Relief.

- You can make donations directly to Lutheran World Relief at <https://donate.lwr.org>. A service charge will be added.
- You can also make payments to Hope Lutheran Church with Ukrainian Aid in the memo line.
- For those who have church offering envelopes, use the "Special & Other" portion and mark it Ukraine.

We will be receiving funds for Ukrainian Aid through April 17th. Because of the immediate need, we will send our first payment on March 21st and then later. Let's all pray for peace and that God's people will deliver practical help to all who stand in need.

DEDICATION APRIL 3rd: Next week on the 3rd of April we will have a special worship celebration to dedicate the latest achievements of our Fulfilling the Mission Hope campaign. We will dedicate our new Audio and Video systems as well as the new chair lift in our Narthex. Worship will be extra special and refreshments will follow. Bring your friends!

CONVENTION DELEGATE: Are you interested in learning more about our network of Lutheran churches in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)? Come to the Eastern District Convention held in Buffalo, NY June 17 and 18. Lodging and all expenses are already paid for. Travel with Pastor Rich Thursday evening June 16 and return Saturday the 19. Learn about the exciting ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Contact Pastor Rich for more information. 215-946-3467 Ext 101.

LENT: Join us for Midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Lent is a 40-day season of preparation for Easter Sunday. During this time, we examine our sinful human situation and our need for a savior. People often "fast" during this season, either giving up something special (self-denial), or taking on something good (service and devotion). This year's Lenten theme is ***You Meant It For Evil, But God Meant It For Good***. Come join us during these special evening services to see how bad experiences can be occasions for God to bring hope and reconciliation.

SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES UPDATED ONCE AGAIN: It is our desire to provide a safe environment so members and friends can worship the Lord. Sanitizing stations are available in the narthex and lobby. Masks may be worn by those who wish. 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. We remember David who said, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1) Following the service, please introduce yourselves to one another and enjoy some refreshments outside of the worship area.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR COKE AND SPRITE bottle caps as well as the 12 pack soda box codes for Hope Lutheran School! We collect these bottle caps and trade them in to raise support. You can leave bags of collected caps with the secretary at the front office. Thank you for supporting Hope!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO, PODCAST, AND DEVOTIONALS: The Lutheran Hour Ministries broadcasts sermons on Sundays at 7 am 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.

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.

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.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL BIBLE STUDY: Explore how Daniel was a victim of the sins of others, and his attempts to remain faithful in a foreign land. Taught by Pastor Rich. No prior experience is needed to take this class. Follow links to download free study materials and meet Sundays at 7 pm online by Zoom. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73320428089?pwd=enAzMytjZFFTMGJwM2RDdkxyRTh1QT09>
Study Guide PDF <https://hopelcs.org/images/Teachings/Daniel Bible Study.pdf>



Another way to download the study guide is to go to Hope's website, www.hopelcs.org/education, and click on "Daniel study guide." To join the meeting, you can open the Zoom app and click on "Join Meeting" using the following information:

Meeting ID: 733 2042 8089
Passcode: 6wU4nc

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Join in to take "A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS" (the Sunday readings). Deepen your understanding of Scripture and how to apply your faith throughout the week. We will meet at 10:45 am in Room 109. The class will be taught by Deacon Phil Twietmeyer.

GROWING IN FAITH: At 10:45 am join us for an 8-session class taught by Pastor Rich called, "The Discipleship Journey." Learn about the life of faith, following Jesus in today's world, the Bible, prayer, exploring ways you can serve Jesus, ministry and membership at Hope.



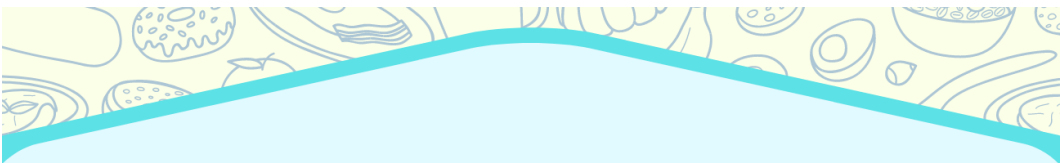
FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICE:

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:

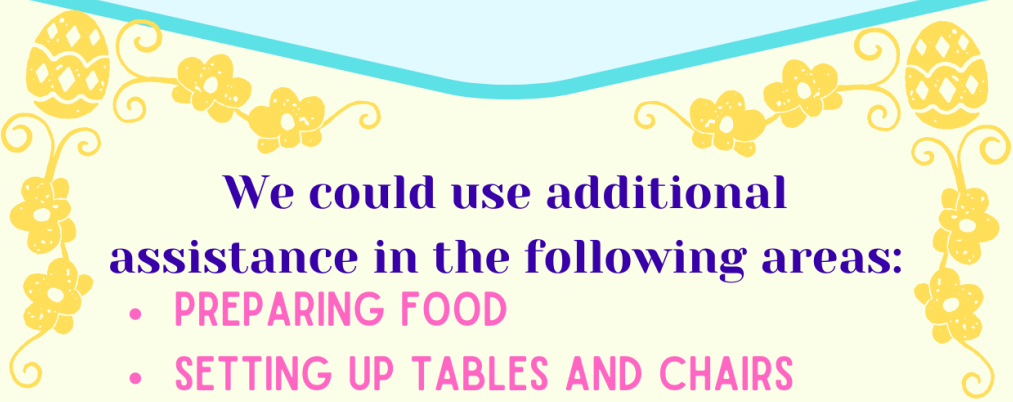
The full church calendar may be found on the web at www.HopeLCS.org.

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In Person	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Worship: Livestream	www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	Bible Class-A Longer Look at the Lessons	Room 109
	10:45 am	Discipleship Journey: New Members' Class	Room 102
	10:45 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 108
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	Bible Study: The Book of Daniel	Zoom
Tuesday	4:00 pm	Confirmation	Room 102
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service	Sanctuary
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Easter Breakfast

CAN YOU HELP US OUT?



We could use additional assistance in the following areas:

- **PREPARING FOOD**
- **SETTING UP TABLES AND CHAIRS**
- **SETTING UP A HOT BEVERAGE TABLE**
- **PICKING UP A BALLOON ORDER**
- **CLEANING UP AFTER THE BREAKFAST**
- **PUTTING AWAY THE TABLES AND CHAIRS**

Set up day will be on Saturday, April 16 between 10 a.m. and approximately 1:30 p.m.

Clean-up will begin after breakfast on Sunday at 11 a.m.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP...

We'll see you there!

Contact Eileen Durnin if you can help!
eurogirl@verizon.net or (267) 795-8297



Hope Lutheran School is hosting its first-ever annual craft fair! Join us on April 9th between 9:00 am – 1:00 pm to support over 40 local artisans and vendors. All are welcome and admission is free!

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
GOD'S LOVE
CONCERT
SERIES

CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

featuring:

The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A one-person play by Al Staggs, Storyteller

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 3:00pm

Lutheran Church of God's Love
791 Newtown Yardley Road
Newtown, PA 18940
www.GodsLoveNewtown.org

Admission is free.

This concert series is made possible with support from
the Henry & Ruth Pfister Performing Arts Fund.

