

Hope

CHANGES EVERYTHING

Dear Friends at Hope,

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay..." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid." (Matthew 28:5-6, 8-10a)

Death is terrifying. Jesus' followers knew this as they dealt with the aftermath of His crucifixion. We all know this, whenever we face the fact that someone we love is dying, and there is nothing we can do to prevent it.

God knows we are afraid, and His heart goes out to us. And so He says to us: "Do not be afraid!" To all our fears, God gave one overwhelming, everlasting answer: He raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus is the first of the human race to rise from death in this way, never to die again. But He will not be the last!

Jesus is the guarantee of our own Resurrection, because everyone who trusts in Him will share in His life, His eternal life. This is why we can say with Paul: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?...' We have a Savior who loves us and who has conquered death. When fear comes to us, we know we have a Savior who is with us each day and He has opened heaven to all who will trust in Him.

Come celebrate the Risen Savior with us this Sunday at 8:30 am, and 10:30 am. The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed!

Sharing Jesus with you,
Pastor Rich

WELCOME TO HOPE! We're glad to you're here to celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior this Easter. Everyone is encouraged to fill out the enclosed Registration of Attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate as you leave. This is our way of keeping track of our members and friends. Update your contact information. Join us for Easter Breakfast served in the gym from 9:30-11:00am. Want to grow in your faith? Take part in our upcoming

membership class. Indicate "Interested in membership" on the Registration of Attendance and you will be contacted. Please come again, soon. The Lord is Risen!

MANY THANKS to all who contributed to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's Orphan Grain Train collection of humanitarian goods April 1 through 12. It is especially heart-warming and inspirational to see the magnitude of your collective and sustained generosity over the years especially at a time when our inventory is at a low ebb. Untold numbers of people in need of hope somewhere in the world will be touched by your message of Christ-like love.

Special "thanks" go to Marjie Rodkey for partnering with OGT by leading the collection of coats last (Palm) Sunday and to Tom Kutz for his generous assistance (muscle) in delivering the record volume of donations to the warehouse. Please call Rich Gruenhagen at 215-444-6126 for information about how you can assist with this important ministry by volunteering for unscheduled donations of goods or cash, or for more information about the Orphan Grain Train.

A BIG THANK YOU from Marjie Rodkey to everyone who brought a coat to the altar on Palm Sunday. Twenty coats were donated to the Orphan Grain Train annual spring collection.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR UKRAINE! Hope is collecting care packages for Ukraine. Items being included in each care package are a towel, 2 bars of soap, a new toothbrush, a sturdy comb (not a brush), and metal nail clippers. If you would like to donate a care package or items that help make up a care package, please drop your donations off in the Narthex of the church. Please see Ms. Abby for more details or call the office at 215-946-3467. Thank you!

UKRAINIAN AID: Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are continuing to face 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. Let's all pray for peace and that God's people will deliver practical help to all who stand in need.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) is looking for 2 delegates for the convention on June 10-12, 2022 in Syracuse NY. The registration deadline is April 20! For details about this opportunity, please call Lori Doberenz at 267-808-9599.

LWML has given a \$5,000 grant to support Celebrate Recovery. We will be receiving this grant at the end of the month.

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT – JUNE 3 - 5, 2022

Time to consider participating the 2022 Men's Retreat at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Bemis Point, NY. The invited Speaker/Discussion Leader is the Rev. Arthur H. Baisch speaking on the topic *"Render To Caesar: The Christian/Child of God In Relation To God And*

Government.” This should stimulate vigorous discussion on numerous topics, including “Can church and state, and faith and reason, live together in perfect harmony?”

Our Retreat brings together Christian men for a weekend of spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, and outdoor fun so that we are refreshed and better equipped to live as men who follow Jesus Christ. Contact Rich Gruenhagen at 215-444-6126 for further information about registration, accommodations, and transportation.

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!

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.



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	8:30 am	Easter Worship: In Person	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Easter Breakfast	Dufendach Center
	10:30 am	Easter Worship: In Person	Sanctuary
	All Day	No Sunday School or Bible Classes	Hope LCS
Tuesday	4:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Room 102
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Dufendach Center
Thursday	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room 108
Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Sunday Worship: Livestream	www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	Bible Class-A Longer Look at the Lessons	Room 109
	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