

Hope

CHANGES EVERYTHING

Dear Friends at Hope,

Want a definition for faith? Look at Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* This definition of faith is noticeably different from most modern definitions of faith. Faith is *not* a leap into the unknown. Faith is *not* a leap into the dark. Faith *is* the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance of what we do not see. In other words, faith is the means by which we receive what God says. Faith is also trusting God to handle my future. When we board an airplane. When we cash a check. We use faith to build relationships. Without faith there would be no marriage, and no ultimate knowledge. Faith in other words is trust.

As we come to worship we do something amazing. We find our faith being made stronger. Do you want a stronger faith? Come to worship. As you gather with other Christians you hear God's Word, the Bible, and receive the gift of His body and blood in Holy Communion. These are, as Luther says, the means of Grace--the ways God helps our faith grow stronger. Faith is our connection to God and our assurance that God has secured a place in heaven--just for you.

God's peace to you,
Pastor Rich

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) IS COMING SOON! This year, VBS will be held from 6 pm – 8 pm on August 14-18 using the experience *God's Wonder Lab!* A science lab is full of fascinating things that help us explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that cannot be explained. He turned water into wine, walked on water, and His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. Discover that Jesus does the impossible for us at our 2022 VBS, *God's Wonder Lab!*

Please register your children using the link provided below!
<https://forms.gle/oFsdAx5XEYNPdWYo6>



THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will occur at 9:30 am on August 28 here at Hope Lutheran Church. This is a great opportunity for school and church families to fellowship before the first day of school. We hope you'll join us for this special annual event! Please call Abby at 215-946-3467 if you have any questions. All are welcome!

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OWEN VAUSE who was baptized at Hope on July 31st. Owen is the child of Sean and Brittany (Barna) Vause, and grandchild of Connie and Steven Barna. Godparents are Tim and Rachel (Barna) Reardon. May the Lord continue to grow Owen in body and in Spirit to life everlasting.

YOU'RE INVITED TO the installation of Rev. Jon Dunbar on Sunday, August 28 at 3:00 pm. The installation will take place at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church and will have a reception immediately following. 1608 Harbourton Rocktown Road, Lambertville, New Jersey 08530. Please RSVP by August 13th to kim@stpeternj.org.

A MESSAGE FROM FAITH ARMER, DCE INTERN: "Thank you to all who gave cards, gift cards, and gift certificates to welcome me here! Your generosity is appreciated greatly! I am happy to be here and looking forward to this year."

CONGRATULATIONS to the new parents of Colton Lane Fletcher, Hailey Wiggins and Frankie Fletcher, as they welcome their new baby boy into the world! Colton was born on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 weighing 8lbs 2oz and measuring 20.5 inches long. Grandparents and longtime Hope members, Heather and Bill Wiggins, are beyond excited to share the news of their precious baby grandson.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. A large part of Habitat's mission is to put God's love into action in the community and you can do just that by volunteering at their Langhorne ReStore. The ReStores are donation-based thrift stores that help fund community projects (building affordable homes and doing affordable home repairs). They can offer morning shifts, afternoon shifts, or full day shifts and take up to 12 volunteers. Volunteer tasks include loading/unloading vehicles on the donation dock, assembling furniture, sorting through new donations, setting up displays, assisting customers on the sales floor, and more! No experience necessary. Please call 215.822.2812, ext. 313 for more information.

THE SALVATION ARMY

DON'T MISS OUT!

Back to School

SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

**WERE GIVING AWAY FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES ON
AUGUST 20TH AT 10:00AM - 3:00PM**

SPONSORED BY THE SALVATION ARMY

**215 APPLETREE DRIVE, LEVITTOWN, PA 19058
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 215-945-0717**

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Volunteers can register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AFA62FAAFDC25-volunteers>

AN INVITATION: Pastor Rich is eager to meet with members and friends of Hope. He can come to your house, meet somewhere for coffee, or at the church. Just call him at 215-946-3467.

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!

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.

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE: Each 3rd Sunday of the month, people may bring individually wrapped sandwiches to our lobby. The sandwiches are picked up later in the morning and distributed immediately to homeless and hungry people in our area. The next collection date is on Sunday, August 21st. For more information, contact Tom O'Connor at 215-208-0097.

SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES: 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.

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/83735804352?pwd=RXlhTzdPb05HektHQ0RIS3FleGVxUT09>
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: 837 3580 4352
Passcode: 700046

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.



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	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
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Outside
	7:00 pm	Bible Study: The Book of Daniel	Zoom
Monday	7:00 pm	Church Council	Room 109
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Dufendach Center
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