



DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR WESLEY: “I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for His name’s sake.” (1 John 2:12) There’s a lot that goes into moving to a different state and starting a new job. I have gained some firsthand experience in these matters this last week. Any move brings its share of opportunities: opportunity to gain new friends, opportunity to visit new places – but also opportunity for new complications and problems (although the latter two have been kept to a minimum in my case, thanks to the goodwill and generosity of this congregation).

In Christ, we are little children entering a new world. As St. Peter says, we are the people Jesus called “out of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9) That’s quite the move! But as I join all of you at Hope Lutheran Church on this great journey into the light that our Lord has provided for us, I remember the promise that He gives us: *our sins are forgiven for His name’s sake*. That promise is the reason why the Holy Spirit called me to be your pastor. That promise is the reason the Holy Spirit called you in His Word and Baptism. And that promise, the forgiveness of all our sins for the sake of our Lord Jesus, will stay with us wherever we go from here.

NEW LSB HYMNAL ORIENTATION: Our new hymnals have arrived! Our time together in church is the center of our Christian community, so let’s join together to learn about the new resources that will enrich our worship. Join Pastor Wesley for a time of fellowship and discussion with the new hymnals Sunday, August 16th at 5:00 PM.

HYMNAL SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN: *Be Part of a New Chapter in the Life of Our Church* – As we refresh our sanctuary and prepare to welcome a new pastor, we invite you to sponsor a hymnal for our pews. Hymnals may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. In the upcoming weeks, more information will be available. Questions please call, text, or see Claire Durkin 215-499-6527.

WORK DAY: Get together with fellow members of our community to do light cleanup work (sweeping, mopping, etc.) for our school and church every **third Saturday of the month**. For more information or to sign up contact **Bill Durnin by email durninbill0@gmail.com or call 267-393-2297**.

SAVE THE DATE – LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: Please join us for our Family Sunday service! We will be having them the last Sunday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Please consider joining us for the service and dinner in the narthex at 6:00 PM. See the flyer at the end of the bulletin.

STITCHERS OF HOPE: If you love to crochet or would like to learn, please feel free to join us for fellowship on Saturdays from 2-4pm in the Church Narthex. Park in the front parking lot off Haines Road and we are right inside the double red doors. We hope to see some new faces!

IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE? Pastor Wesley Johnson (215-946-3467) and Pastor Phil Twietmeyer (267-738-8103) are available for your pastoral needs. Private confession and absolution are available. Contact Pastor Wesley or Pastor Phil for an appointment.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Sunday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Bible study on Martin Luther’s Large Catechism, taught by Pastor James Eckert of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church

in Croydon. Join us from the comfort of your home as we look in God's Word. It's fun. No prior Bible study experience is necessary. Use the following links:

Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82028685443?pwd=UWc0VWdFOE91MWgrTHNEbnJVOXNYQT09>

Martin Luther's Large Catechism PDF: [Luther's Large Catechism](#).

Bible verses that relate to the chapter will be available each week.

Another way to download the Catechism is to go to Hope's

website: <https://hopelcs.org/education> and click on "Luther's Large Catechism."

Another way to join the meeting is open the Zoom app and click on "Join Meeting" and use the following information: **Meeting ID:** 820 868 5443 **Passcode:** 901730

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Join in and take a look at "A Study of the Apostle's Creed" after the worship service in Room 109 with Pastor Phil. Deepen your understanding and how to apply your faith throughout the week.



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.

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. Use Bill Pay options with your local bank for one-time or recurring offerings. The bank will pay the postage. Online giving options are available via PayPal by visiting our website at <https://hopelcs.org/giving/online-giving>, or by using the QR code.



THIS WEEK AT HOPE:

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

Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Sunday Worship: Livestream	www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	Adult Bible Study	Room 109
	11:00 am	Sunday School	
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study	

	<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Reader	Harry Butler	Doug Puls
Communion Assistants	Harry Butler and Tom Marks	Rich Gruenhagen and Chris Moss
Acolyte	Addy Schoettle	Caitlyn Cook

Upcoming Events:

August:

- Sunday, August 16 – New Hymnal Orientation 5:00 PM
- Saturday, August 29 – Prayer Walk Around the School 11:00 AM
- Sunday, August 30 – Blessing of the Backpacks during worship 9:30 AM and Family Sunday 6:00 PM

September:

- Wednesday, September 9 – Women's Bible Study 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Sunday, September 13 – Sunday School Kickoff 11:00 AM
- Sunday, September 27 – Family Sunday 6:00 PM

October:

- Wednesday, October 14 – Women's Bible Study 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Friday, October 16 – Bake Off 6:30 PM
- Saturday, October 24 – Fall Vendor Fair 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Sunday, October 25 – Family Sunday 6:00 PM

Operation Christmas Child Collection Bin

**We will also have our annual collection of gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child the week of November 16 – 22. Empty shoeboxes will be available in the Narthex starting October 5.*

In the narthex, you'll find a bin where we're collecting donations for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, which will be packed this fall by Sunday School. Each month, we'll highlight a different category of items from the full donation list, but you're welcome to contribute any approved items at any time.

Below, you'll find both the items we are focusing on for August and September, and a list of items we are unable to accept.

August: Monthly Focus – School Supplies

- Pens
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil Bags
- Crayons
- Markers



September: Monthly Focus – Miscellaneous

- Puzzles
- Play-Doh
- Activity Books & Coloring Books
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Sunglasses
- Socks

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- soap; candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Scan the QR code to view the full list of accepted items on the Operation Christmas Child Website. The full list is also posted in the narthex.

Family Sunday

*How God Connect with
Our Everyday Lives*



**Last Sunday
of Every
Month at**

6:00 P.M.

(Exception for holiday
weekends when it will
be the Sunday before
the holiday weekend)



**August - The
Struggle is Real**

**September - When
It Rains It Pours**

**October -
Consider What Joy**



What to Expect?

**Dinner, Activities,
Scripture, Songs,
Time Spent with
Family**



Questions?

Email Faith Armer at
farmer@hopelc.org or
call the office
215.946.3467

*You're
invited!*

