



DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR WESLEY: You, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

–Ezekiel 33:7-9

Being a watch-stander is an important, but sometimes thankless job. All hours, both day and night, someone has to be alert to stand guard and protect. A lot of things need protection – our cities, which are protected by police officers; military bases, which are protected by soldiers; ships, which are protected by sailors.

In San Diego, there's a big aircraft carrier that was turned into a museum – the *USS Midway*. I once heard a story visiting there: During the Vietnam War, late at night, the watch standers who were supposed to be standing their posts at the front of the ship fell asleep. The *Midway*, without anyone to watch in front of it, slammed into a sampan at high speed. That killed the men who fell asleep, and probably most of the people on the sampan. If you are on watch, being vigilant is a life-or-death matter.

That's what God tells the prophet Ezekiel: **"You, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel.... If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand."** For the Lord, being vigilant is a life-or-death matter – both for you and for the people around you.

Now, Just as Ezekiel was called to be a watchman for Israel, you are called to watch after God's people. It's not a pleasant task, to tell someone when they're putting themselves in danger. It's even less pleasant when someone's telling you the same. But remember – when you are calling out the danger, you are doing so in love. Not only that, but God has provided a rescue from that danger – His Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord God, grant us vigilance to watch over Your People. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTOR WESLEY FOR PASTORAL CARE NEEDS: Pastor Wesley's current office hours are as follows:

Sunday: 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Monday: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Thursday: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Please note that Pastor Wesley's office hours are subject to change depending on his weekly schedule and/or the needs of the congregation. If you would like to book an appointment with Pastor Wesley, please do so by visiting the following link:

<https://calendar.app.google/mkiMjBcq6cZgRvaC9> If you wish to meet with Pastor Wesley outside of the office hours provided, please contact Hope's office directly at 215-946-3467.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Women's Monthly Bible Study **will resume on Tuesday, September 8th at 1:00 PM.** Every month thereafter, the Women's Bible Study will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the conference room. Questions contact Beth Marks 215-279-2950.

SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: There will be a special voters' assembly on September 13th, immediately after service, to vote on a project to replace the lighting in the gym.

WOMEN'S PRAYER PARTNER LUNCHEON: The luncheon will be on September 20th after service. Join us to find out who your prayer partner was and receive a new partner for the coming year. A sign-up sheet for the luncheon is in the Narthex. All women are invited! Questions, please call/text Beth Marks 215-279-2950.

SHADYBROOK FARMS FALL FEST PTL FUNDRAISER: Support our fundraiser at Shady Brook Farms Fall Fest! From September 11 – October 30, every ticket purchased supports Hope Lutheran School. To purchase tickets, please visit shadybrookfarm.com/fallfest and use the PROMO CODE: HLS2026.

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 using CPH's book, *One God, many gods: A Study of World Religions* by Adam Francisco, taught by Pastor James Eckert of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Croydon. Join us from the comfort of your home and enjoy the fun fellowship. Pastor Eckert will send emails to everyone containing pages from the book with additional material from other sources. These are free for participants, however, please send your email address to Pastor Eckert at jaestm96@aol.com to receive your materials.

No prior Bible study experience is necessary. Use the following links:

Zoom meeting:

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

Another way to join the meeting is to 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.



Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2027

	Actual		Budget
	August	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Income	\$164,505.86	\$309,001.47	\$0.00
Expense	\$164,183.40	\$318,376.95	\$0.00
Income less Expense	\$322.46	-\$9,375.48	\$0.00

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	Rich Gruenhagen	Chris Moss
Communion Assistants	Tom Schmidt and Rich Gruenhagen	Harry Butler and Tom Marks
Acolyte	Caitlyn Cook	Addy Schoettle

Upcoming Events:

September:

- Tuesday, September 8 – Women’s Bible Study 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Saturday, September 12 – Back to School Picnic & Bonfire 6:30 PM
- Sunday, September 13 – Sunday School Kickoff 11:00 AM
- Sunday, September 20 – Women’s Prayer Partner Lunch 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

November:

- Friday, November 6 – 87-6 Club 7:00 PM
- Sunday, November 8 – Rake and Run 11:00 AM
- Wednesday, November 11 – K-8 Grade Thanksgiving Luncheon & Women’s Bible Study 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- Monday, November 16 – Nativity Interest Meeting 6:30 PM Narthex
- Saturday, November 21 – Bristol Township Holiday Parade 12:00 PM – hot cocoa and school tours after parade

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 September and October, and a list of items we are unable to accept.

September: Monthly Focus – Miscellaneous

- Puzzles
- Play-Doh
- Activity Books & Coloring Books
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Kid Libs and/or Mad Libs Junior
- Sunglasses
- Socks



October: Monthly Focus – Miscellaneous

- Pencil Bags
- Toothbrushes
- Combs and/or Brushes (small)
- Gloves & Hats
- Bouncy Balls (small)
- Mini-Brand Toy Capsules

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!***



DREAM DRIVE FRESH START HYGIENE DRIVE

THE LITTLE THINGS AREN'T SO LITTLE

Dream Drive's Fresh Start initiative provides children and young adults in our community with their own personal-care essentials during times of need and transition.

Your donation helps us create thoughtfully packed hygiene kits with everyday necessities that provide comfort, confidence and dignity when they're needed most.

Care
Dignity.
A Fresh start

HELP US FILL A KIT



BATH + BODY

Shampoo
Conditioner
Body Wash
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Lotion
Loofahs
Wash Cloths



DENTAL + HAIR

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Dental Floss
Mouthwash
Brushes/Combs
Hair Ties
Headbands
Hair Products



PERSONAL CARE

Nail File set
Lip Balm
Hand Sanitizer
Body Spray
Baby Soap/Shampoo
Diaper Cream
Baby Wipes
Nail Clippers/Tweezers

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE NEW + FULL SIZE ITEMS



DONATIONS ACCEPTED
HERE THROUGH

9-30-26

ONLINE DONATIONS

Amazon



Walmart



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