



DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR WESLEY: As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.... For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

– Romans 14:1, 7-10

There are some times when I find it really hard to get along with others. If you ask my brother, there are also a lot of times when it's hard for others to get along with me.

Like, I imagine, every boy growing up, both my brother and I went through a difficult and moody period of adolescence; there were times when it was very difficult to get along.

But even at our moodiest, even in our most difficult times, we still loved, and continue to love, each other. Why? Because we're brothers. We don't have a choice. No matter the subject of our arguments, no matter how obviously right I was (or, less rarely than I would have liked, how right he was), at the end of the day that didn't matter. We didn't have to like each other. We do have to love each other.

The fact is, in Christ's Church there are people with whom you might not get along. As sinners, we bring with us the unpleasantness, short-temperedness, and personal awkwardness that is present in every human being. More often than not, when you have disagreements in the church, it's going to seem like you're obviously right. But, as I learned in my arguments with my brother, the rightness of others is less rare than we might think.

Arguments may be unavoidable, at least until Christ's return. Until then, it's going to be hard to get along. That's a reality. But the other reality is this: Christ died and rose again because of His love for all of you. You might not like each other. You must love each other.

Lord, help us to love each other as you have loved us. 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: 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.

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.

LUNCH BUNCH: Lunch Bunch is back on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM at the Garden of Eatin Restaurant. If you will be attending or have any questions, please call Sandy Scott at 215-932-4664 (Sandy will need an accurate count of attendance each month).

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 2868 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	Chris Moss	Julie Streight
Communion Assistants	Harry Butler and Tom Marks	Chris Moss and Rich Gruenhagen
Acolyte	Addy Schoettle	Caitlyn Cook

Upcoming Events:

September:

- Sunday, September 13 – Sunday School Kickoff 11:00 AM
- Tuesday, September 15 – Lunch Bunch 1:00 PM at Garden of Eatin
- 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
- Tuesday, October 20 – Lunch Bunch 1:00 PM at Garden of Eatin
- 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
- Tuesday, November 17 – Lunch Bunch 1:00 PM at Garden of Eatin
- 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



Full Gift List

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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