



**DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR WESLEY: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”
Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!
– Psalm 27:7-9**

The Lord told the Psalmist, **“Seek my face.”** What does the Lord’s face look like? Different parts of the Bible seem to offer different ideas.

After the fall, Adam and Eve hid from themselves from the face of God: **“They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the breeze of the day, and the man and his woman hid from the face of the LORD God in the midst of the trees of Eden.”** (my translation)
Skipping to Exodus, it might seem that Adam and Eve had reason to be sacred, given what the Lord warns Moses. His face could not be seen by Moses, as He told Moses in Exodus 33: **“I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,”** he said, **“you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”**

Given the dangers to which sinners are apparently subjected by the face of the Lord, it might seem a mercy that the Lord hides His face. But that’s not what the Psalmist thinks... Instead, the Psalmist pleads with God *not* to turn away.
See, the Psalmist has insight – Human beings were never meant to flee from the face of their creator. That was caused by sin, the very same sin that God would conquer when He came once again face-to-face with His sinful people. But the face His people saw was not a face that would kill them. It is the face of Jesus, who brings with Him forgiveness and salvation. His face will never turn away.

Help us, Lord Jesus, to seek your face, even in the midst of sin. Amen.

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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.

CHOICE ONE BABY BAG EVENT: Come join Pastor Wes and our Lutheran brothers and sisters at The Lutheran Church of the Messiah in Princeton, NJ to pack bags for new parents at Choice One. The event begins at 10:00 AM on September 26th. Meet us at The Lutheran Church of the Messiah, 407 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

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.

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).

SANDWICH MINISTRY: Each 2nd Sunday of the month, Hope participates in a sandwich ministry made up of churches in the area. Many of the locations where the homeless and less fortunate go for meals are not open on the weekends. Bring in your sandwiches and leave them on the windowsill in the school lobby before the start of service. The sandwiches will be picked up and distributed.

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 Hearts & Hand (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.

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!

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

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

Upcoming Events:

September:

- Sunday, September 20 – Women's Prayer Partner Lunch 11:00 AM
- Sunday, September 27 – Hearts & Hand (Family) Sunday 6:00 PM

October:

- Friday, October 9 – Harvest Bake Off 6:30 PM
- Sunday, October 11 – Sandwich Ministry before service
- Wednesday, October 14 – Women's Bible Study 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Friday, October 16 – Student Council Bake Sale during school hours
- 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 – Hearts & Hand (Family) Sunday 6:00 PM

November:

- Friday, November 6 – 87-6 Club 7:00 PM
- Sunday, November 8 – Sandwich Ministry before service and 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



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.

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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