DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR WESLEY: Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?
"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
– Amos 5:18a, 21-22a, 23-24.

What should our attitude be toward the Day of the Lord? Should we be terrified of the day when the Lord returns?

No. Christians should not be terrified of the return of our Lord Jesus. The return of the Lord is good news for His people.

Why, then, does the Day of the Lord – or the Last Day, or the Apocalypse – why does that day fill our imaginations with fearful images of disaster and destruction? Why does a prophet of the Lord like Amos say: **"Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD"**?

There is certainly terror to be had concerning the Day of the Lord. The Lord promises judgement against those who carry out injustice. He rejects their ceremonies, supplications, and sacrifices because beneath these outward actions are people consumed with selfishness. God rejects the outward works of the unjust because they are hollow.

But the day of the Lord should not bring terror to God's people. God's people cannot be hollow because God Himself has made them full – full of grace and truth that Has come from His Son, and full of faith that has been created in us by the Holy Spirit.

Nevertheless, God's people should know what God will do on the day of His return. That's why God gives us His Word! So what does God say about His people on the Last day? Look at 1 Thessalonians 4: **The Lord himself will descend from heaven… with the sound of the trumpet of God. We… will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.**

Come, Lord Jesus, to your people. 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.

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS: It is almost time to begin planning your poinsettia dedications and placing your orders! Pricing information and order forms will be available beginning November 15th. **Orders and payments must be submitted no later than November 29th.**

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.

SUNDAY EVENING WORD AND WORSHIP – 6PM SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER: All are welcome! No matter how you came to know Hope Lutheran Church, save your Sunday evenings to come together in a community of God's Word!

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.

HYMNAL SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN: The Hymnal Campaign has been a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone for your contribution/gift. Anyone wishing to still dedicate or donate to our hymnal campaign, can pick up forms from the Hope Church/School office or contact Claire Durkin at 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!

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

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**	

	This Sunday	**Next Sunday**
Reader	Chris Moss	Julie Streight
Communion Assistants	Tom Marks	Chris Moss and Tom Schmidt
Acolyte	Addy Schoettle	Caitlyn Cook

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2027

	Actual		**Budget**
	October	**Year-to-Date**	**Year-to-Date**
Income	$135,841.28	$584,274.10	$0.00
Expense	$198,922.98	$685,797.78	$0.00
Income less Expense	-$63,081.70	-$101,523.68	$0.00

Upcoming Events:

November:

- Sunday, November 8 – Sandwich Ministry before service and Word & Worship Service 6:00 PM

- Wednesday, November 11 – K-8 Grade Thanksgiving Luncheon & Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- Sunday, November 15 - Rake and Run 11:00 AM and Word & Worship Service 6:00 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
- Sunday, November 22 – Eagles Game Watch Party Heart & Hands (Family) Sunday 4:00 PM
- Sunday, November 29 – Advent Family Night 5:00 PM

December:

- Thursday, December 3 – Kindergarten Open House 3:45 – 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 6 – Hanging of the Greens 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 9 – Women's Bible Study 1:00 – 2:00 PM and K-8th Grade Christmas Concert 6:30 PM
- Sunday, December 13 – Sandwich Ministry before service and Advent Family Night 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 15 - Lunch Bunch 1:00 PM at Garden of Eatin
- Thursday, December 17 – Preschool Sing 6:30 PM (gym)
- Sunday, December 20 – Advent Family Night 5:00 PM
- Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services; Family Service (no communion) 5:30 PM and Candlelight Service (with communion) 8:00 PM
- Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day Service; The Nativity of Our Lord 10:30 AM

January:

- Sunday, January 3 – Word & Worship Service 6:00 PM
- Sunday, January 10 – Sandwich Ministry before Service and Word & Worship Service 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 13 – Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM & K2 Club after school 3:30 PM
- Sunday, January 17 – Word & Worship Service 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 20 – Lunch Bunch 1:00 PM at Garden of Eatin
- Thursday, January 21 – School Open House 3:45 – 6:00 PM
- Friday, January 22 – Appetizers and Horderves Recipe Exchange 6:30 PM
- Sunday, January 24 – Word & Worship Service 6:00 PM
- Monday, January 25 – 345 Club 6:00 PM
- Sunday, January 31 - Heart & Hands (Family) Sunday 6:00 PM

Lutheran Women in Mission
ENGLISH DISTRICT

LWML Combined Fall Rally

English & Eastern Districts - Philadelphia Zone

Saturday, November 14, 2026
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Martin Luther Chapel
4100 Terrace Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109
(856) 665-0231

All ladies of the LWML, including all the women in your congregations, and pastors are invited to join the Dorcas Guild of Martin Luther Chapel at the 2026 LWML Combined Fall Rally. The day will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m., followed by light refreshments. A delicious lunch will be served at noon. Registration is $5 per attendee. Rev. Bruce Smith will lead our worship service beginning at 10 a.m.

The theme for the day is: **THE POWER OF PRAYER**



"Prayer is the KEY of the morning and the BOLT of the evening"

Operation Christmas Child

Our annual collection of gift-filled shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child* will be the week of November 16-22. Starting October 5th, empty shoeboxes will be available in the Narthex and School Lobby.

All collected shoeboxes will be blessed in Chapel on Wednesday, November 18th.

If you're unable or prefer not to pack a shoebox yourself but would still like to help, we would love your support! We are collecting items to fill shoeboxes for our **Shoebox Packing Party on Sunday, October 25th**. Every donation helps us share the joy of Christmas and the love of Christ with children around the world. Thank you for helping make this special outreach possible! Below is a list of items that would be greatly appreciated.



"WOW" Items

- Small Backpacks
- Stuffed Animals
- Soccerball & Pump

Personal Care Items

- Toothbrush
- Comb & Brush
- Nail Clippers
- Flashlight
- Washclothes

Games & Activities

- Puzzles
- Jump Ropes
- Stickers
- Note Pads
- Chalk

Clothing

- T-Shirts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Flip Flops
- Slippers

Toys

- Balls
- Toy Cars
- Plastic Animals

Thanksgiving

Food Drive



Hope is collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items for families in the congregation and school community.

Tables will be set-up in the school lobby starting the week of October 12th.

Food items will be collected once the tables are set up through Thursday, November 19th.

"Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." Deuteronomy 15:10