# Words of Hope - Weekly Announcements



Office Hours this week: Monday—Friday 8:15 a.m.—3:45 p.m. 215-946-3467 info@hopeLCS.org

Activity pages for young children are available from an usher.



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Pastor Rich is away on vacation and will return for worship on December 3rd. If you have any pastoral needs please contact the church office or Elder Rich Gruenhagen at 215-444-6126. The elders stand ready to assist.

#### THANKSGIVING FOOD UPDATE

A big "thank you" to everyone who contributed food for our Ingathering. School children & church members brought in so much that we were able to help 5 of our own families, and then take 227 pounds of food to the ERA (Emergency Relief Assoc.) food pantry on Woodbourne Rd (next to Family Promise). In addition school chapel offerings amounted to \$312.75 which was distributed to help brighten the holiday for a number of families.

#### STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: Matthew 25:44

"Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?"" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith!

#### WORSHIP - CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday Morning Worship—1 service at 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Morning 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Evening **Christmas Day Morning** 10:00 a.m.

JOIN US! INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS!

# Opportunities to Brighten Someone's Christmas!

Our trees in the narthex and school lobby are trimmed with bells and stars.

The **bell**'s picture various kinds of livestock in support of Heifer International.

Since 1944 this organization has worked in the areas of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty in various countries around the world.

Your monetary donation (of any amount) will go toward the purchase of livestock for food and as a source of income for an impoverished family: cows that give milk; sheep that produce wool; beehives that earn money through the sale of honey and beeswax; and goats that provide milk. You may designate which animal you would like your donation to sponsor by placing the ornament in an envelope and putting it in the offering plate, or give it directly to Marije Rodkey.

The trees are also trimmed with small paper stars & stockings.

You will see various items needed by adults at the Family Service Homeless Shelter at Five Points. These gifts should be left unwrapped.

Deadline for all items is Sunday, Oecember 17.



## Poinsettia De dication Form for Christmas Eve & Christmas Morning Services



Would you like to dedicate a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one?

The cost is \$13 for each poinsettia.

Orders need to be submitted by December 17.

Please fill out the dedication form below, with your cash or check (made payable to Hope Lutheran Church) and place in the collection plate or drop off at the office.

In Honor of:
In Honor of:
or
In Memory of:
In Memory of:
Given By:

**Amount Enclosed** 

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