



Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available to be picked up in the Narthex.

MANY THANKS: Shirley Simsack sends many thanks to those who came caroling last Sunday. She appreciated the experience very much.

JOY IN THE WAITING: Last Sunday, we had a great evening of fellowship, cookie decorating and Christmas Caroling. There's still time to join us for our last night! Scan the QR code to RSVP. This Sunday we will be having a mac and cheese bar and making ornaments. Meet us in the gym at 5:00 PM.



CHOIR PRACTICE DATE & TIME CHANGE: The choir rehearsal times for 2024 will be changing to Sunday mornings at 8:30am – 9:15am. The time is before the worship services at 9:30. The practice location will be in the conference room. Practices will begin again in March.

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE CHANGE: Bell choir practices will be changing to Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. The first practice at this new time will be January 3rd from 7pm – 8pm in the sanctuary and we will start up with the workshop. Practices will continue every Wednesday until after the Easter season from 7pm – 8pm in April. Please consider joining the group as we continue to grow the choir with previous members and new. All are welcome from age 12 and up. If you have any questions, contact Claire Durkin at 215-499-6527 or reach out to her at church any Sunday morning.

IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE? Vicar Phil Twietmeyer (267-738-8103) and the Elders are available for your pastoral needs as we await our next shepherd.

FELLOWSHIP PAD MINISTRY: Every Sunday we ask people to fill out the Fellowship Registration. This helps us to keep current with our members and friends. We are looking for a few helpers to collect the registrations and place them in the church office. Collecting the pads can be done in a few minutes. Want to help in the Fellowship Pad Ministry? Write "Fellowship Pads" on your registration.

TECH MINISTRY: We are gathering people who have an interest in learning about or sharing technical skills that appear in our Sunday worship services. We can train you to share in one or more of these areas: sharing on social media, handle audio, slides on the screens, and videotaping our services. With more people in this ministry, we can rotate various responsibilities. Sound like fun? Contact Joshua Smith at Joshua.owen.smith@gmail.com with any questions.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Join in to take “A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS” (the Sunday readings) after the worship service in Room 109. Deepen your understanding of Scripture and how to apply your faith throughout the week.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Sunday nights at 7:00 pm for a Bible study on the book of James: *How Faith Works: Recipes for a Christian Life*, taught by Pastor James Eckert of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Croydon. Join us from the comfort of your home as we look in God's Word. It's fun. No prior Bible study experience is necessary. Use the following links:

Zoom meeting:

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

Study Guide PDF: [https://hopelcs.org/images/Teachings/James - How Faith Works.pdf](https://hopelcs.org/images/Teachings/James_-_How_Faith_Works.pdf)

Another way to download the study guide is to go to Hope's website,

www.hopelcs.org/education, and click on “How Faith Works.”

Another way to join the meeting is open the Zoom app and click on “Join Meeting” and use the following information:

Meeting ID: 820 2868 5443

Passcode: 901730

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM: Go to Hope's website at www.hopelcs.org/news and follow the instructions to worship livestream on Hope's Facebook page. Sunday worship services are posted on YouTube after noon on Mondays.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: The purpose of Celebrate Recovery (CR) is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the 12 Steps and 8 Recovery Principles. By working through and applying these biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually.



We become free from our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. CR meets every Thursday evening at 7 pm in room 108. Is this something close to your heart? Contact Lori Doberenz at 267-808-9599 for more information.

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.

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| Sunday | 9:30 am | Sunday Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday Worship: Livestream | www.hopelcs.org/news |
| | 10:45 am | A Longer Look at the Lessons | Sanctuary |
| | 10:45 am | Sunday School | Room 108 |
| | 10:45 am | Confirmation | Room 102 |
| | 11:45 am | AA at Hope | Dufendach Center |
| | 5:00 pm | Joy in the Waiting | Dufendach Center |
| | 7:00 pm | Bible Study: How Faith Works | Zoom |
| Tuesday | 1:00 pm | Lunch Bunch | Garden of Eatin' |
| Thursday | 6:30 pm | Preschool Christmas Concert | Dufendach Center |
| | 7:00 pm | Celebrate Recovery | Room 108 |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir | Sanctuary |
| | 8:20 pm | Bell Choir | Sanctuary |
| Sunday | 9:30 am | Sunday Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday Worship: Livestream | www.hopelcs.org/news |
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| | 10:45 am | Sunday School | Room 108 |
| | 10:45 am | Confirmation | Room 102 |
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| | 5:30 pm | Christmas Eve Service | Sanctuary |
| | 8:00 pm | Christmas Eve Service | Sanctuary |

Hands On Bell Workshop January 3rd & January 10th 2024 **Time 7:00pm – Ages 12 and up.**

For years, music directors have heard I can't join the bell group because I don't read music, and don't know how to ring bells. This is why we are offering a free no obligation two-part workshop to any one 12 years and above. Perhaps this is something you would want to use as one of your New Year's resolution as learning something new?

The two-part workshops are for one hour. During that hour, you will learn how to ring a bell, mark up a piece of music with your bell location, and finish with playing the short hymn you learned to play with the new bell technique you learned. You will see that all you needed to know how to do was to count.

Please consider this workshop as a fun learning experience and the opportunity to meet new people in praising the Lord in Music. If you have any questions, contact Claire Durkin at 215-499-6527 or reach out to her at church any Sunday morning.