



Starting next week, Vicar Phil will lead us on a three-week worship series called “The Grand Masterpiece”. The Grand Masterpiece is a beautiful painting at the Louvre in Paris. The masterpiece is detailed with beauty and perfection. It represents the beauty and perfection of God’s creation. However, the masterpiece becomes damaged in a fire, but not completely destroyed. The fire represents the fall into sin by Adam and Eve when they rebelled against God. The masterpiece becomes marred and is virtually worthless, but a wealthy benefactor buys it from the original owner and restores it to its original beauty. This benefactor is Jesus who begins to restore the Masterpiece to its original beauty. The Grand Masterpiece is God’s story of salvation for a sinful fallen world. It is the story of God sending His only begotten Son into the world to be a perfect sacrifice for our sin and by his death and resurrection reconciles us to back to God the Father. He shows us then how we are to live in the story of God’s Grand Masterpiece. Finally, Jesus will restore God’s Grand Masterpiece to complete perfection with the resurrection of the dead and making all things new when he returns at the end of time.

**KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE:** Spread the news! This Thursday, January 18, our kindergarten will be having an open house from 4:30-6:30 PM. At the open house, you will get to view the classroom and some of the curriculum used. Children are welcome to attend the event with their parents.

**SOUP EXCHANGE:** Join us this Friday, January 19, for our Soup Recipe Exchange and Dinner. Make soup and bring it to share! If you’d like to receive a recipe booklet, you must submit your own recipe by Tuesday, January 16, using the QR code at right. Meet us in the gym for 6:00 PM. *You do not have to submit a recipe to attend.*



**LUNCH BUNCH:** Join us this Tuesday, January 16, at 1:00 p.m. at the Garden of Eatin, 964 Woodbourne Road, Levittown, for lunch and fellowship. Call Sandy Scott, 215-943-6094, if you plan to come so she knows the number of people for the reservation.

**Men’s Ministry:** Men of Hope, join us on Saturday, Jan. 20th @8:30am at the Golden Dawn diner for breakfast, good fellowship and our continuing look at John Eldridge’s book Wild at Heart. Questions? Reach out to Vicar Phil (267) 738-8103 or Lloyd Dain (732) 674-3661.

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

**BELL CHOIR PRACTICES:** Bell choir practices changed to Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM in the sanctuary. Practices will continue every Wednesday until after the Easter season 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.HopeLCS.org).

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 am	<b>Sunday Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	<b>Sunday Worship: Livestream</b>	<a href="http://www.hopelcs.org/news">www.hopelcs.org/news</a>
	10:45 am	<b>A Longer Look at the Lessons</b>	Sanctuary
	10:45 am	<b>Sunday School</b>	Room 108
	10:45 am	<b>Confirmation</b>	Room 102
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Dufendach Center
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	Garden of Eatin'
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Bell Choir Practice</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday</b>	4:30 pm	<b>Kindergarten Open House</b>	Room 108
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<b>Friday</b>	6:00 pm	<b>Soup Exchange</b>	Dufendach Center
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