

Hopeful Times

March 2020

Welcome to our First Edition

In an effort to improve our communications, we are going to begin publishing a regular newsletter highlighting news and information from Hope. This is our first edition. In order to get this important information out to you as quickly as possible, we are focusing on the current crisis concerning COVID-19.

Hope Worship and Building Schedule

A decision has been made by church council and the congregation present at the worship service on March 15 to cancel all activities and Worship Services effective immediately through Sunday, March 22. A determination will then be made by the council if additional action is needed. If you need to contact the church, please leave a message on the church voice mail.

A Note from Pastor Mary

Our Lenten theme “Be Not Afraid” seems so appropriate in light of this current crisis. Our Lord promises to be with us, even until the end of the age. Even more than this, Jesus is present through all of us as we are present for each other. We can get through this, and we can find meaning in serving our neighbors.

I am available for anyone who needs comfort or prayer at (610)780-7532. If you are in need of the sacrament, I am available. Please don't be afraid. We are in the loving arms of a mighty God.

Blessings to you all.

Love,
Pastor Mary

Supporting our Ministries

We may not be able to remain open during this outbreak, but we will still need your support. If you are able, please support our ministries. You can do this in one of three ways:

1. Mail in your offering using your giving envelopes.
2. Drop your giving in our locked mailbox.
3. Go to our website and click “Give Online“. This is a secure service through a company called Vanco. Make an account, and you can make one time or recurring transactions.

Thank you for your support in these uncertain times.

Stay Connected

It is very important for us to keep in touch with each other as members of our congregation. Schedules will be in a constant state of change over the next few weeks, so it is important that everyone has different ways of finding out what is going on at the church. Please consider using one or more of the following ways to stay connected with your Hope family.

1. Call the church. (610-374-2071) We will keep the voicemail up to date with current information about our schedule.
2. Visit our Facebook page by searching for @jcisourhope.
3. Visit our website at www.jcishope.org.

4. We are trying a new tool for congregational communications. It is called BAND and will allow us to send you text alerts and/or emails to keep you informed about the happenings at Hope, not only during these difficult times, but going forward in the future. To get started, click on the link or type it into your computer or phone's browser and follow the instructions to sign up. You can run it from an app on your phone, and you will see instructions to download that app. To join our 'Hope Lutheran Church' group on BAND, click on the following link or type it into your browser. <https://band.us/n/a8a336d2Nboe4>

Future Newsletters

We are planning on publishing a regular newsletter to keep everyone informed about the happenings at Hope. This will be made available online, via email, as well as hard copies for those who do not have access to any of these resources. To make these newsletters more informative, we would like your input. If there is a topic you would like us to address, please send us your ideas. Also, please inform us about upcoming events, birthdays, or anniversaries that you would like us to highlight. Send your information to Margie Wolf at rhsfan@hotmail.com.