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Dear Brothers and Sisters of Hope,

He IS Risen!

How sweet it is to type those words. I want you to join me for a moment. Say those words out loud. Shout them if you need to. Let your fear, your anxiety and your worry be covered by the shout of those simple three words. I need to hear them. You do too. So does your neighbor.

It has been a wild ride. And I wanted to check in with you. Over the last few letters you have heard about what we are doing here at Hope to make service possible. Now I want to take a moment and ask you a couple of questions:

1. How are you doing?
2. How is your neighbor doing?

The elders and I have been making phone calls but we have hit a lot of voice mails and hang-ups. In this age of telemarketers and phone block apps, unfortunately that means sometimes people fall through the cracks. I want to make sure you are OK. I want to know your needs are being met. If you have a prayer request or a need, please contact us. More than that, please let us know how you are doing. If nothing else, drop a line, a text, an email, or a Facebook post and tell us that you are OK.

As for that second question, I want to encourage you, leave a note on your neighbor's door. Ask them how they are doing. See that their needs are being met and if they have anything you can pray about. Become prayer pen pals!

We are living in a time of fear, depression and anxiety. Isolation only increases that. Sooner or later you crave someone to talk to; someone to give you words of comfort and

peace. We have the very Word of God as our foundation. Let's share that truth with each other and with our community.

Just a reminder:

Livestream service is at 9 am on Sundays at HopeWarren.com, and the recorded event is available immediately after. Drive-up communion is available on Sunday from 10am until noon.

Steve and I are doing chapel on Wednesdays at 11 am. We are answering your questions! Send them in (Pastor@HopeWarren.com) and get an answer on my Facebook channel. Again, recordings are available on our websites, hopelutheranwarren.com or hopewarren.com.

Every weekday morning you will find a "Looking at Luke" devotional on my page and the church Facebook page. You will also find our Tuesday and Friday devotions on our Google groups page:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/the-family-table>

If you have an idea for another way to meet people's needs please let me know. We want to help!

And remember the Words of Jesus:

"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." – John 15:3-4

And again, loudly, boldly ... let it chase the fear away.

HE IS RISEN ... He is Risen Indeed ... Alleluia, Amen!

- Pastor Dan