

Hope Lutheran Church

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CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT: *People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others...*

October 29, 2017

Reformation Sunday

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord’s table.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Jami Possinger	ext. #12
Assistant Pastor	Rev. Brian Rajcok	ext. #13
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Clark W. Kuntz II	
Administrative Manager	Jennifer Sommers	ext. #10
Director of Music	David Ziegler	ext. #11
Treasurer	Trudy Mertz	
Sexton	Bonnie Zmyewski	
Financial Secretary	Deb Gardner	
Communications Specialist	Nina Weiss	ext. #20

SERVICE

PARTICIPANTS **8:00 AM** **10:30 AM**

Acolyte	Arianna Patterson	Felicia Paly
Crucifer	Brianna Weaver	Emily McCutcheon
Greeter	Johnny Zmyewski	Tim & Karen Lockard
Lector	Sharyn Kratzer	Allison Lockard
Banner Bearer	Thomas Spohn	
Nursery	Ashley Patterson and Stephanie Patterson	Ryan McCutcheon and Barbara McCutcheon
Ushers	Livermon Team	Amey Team
Communion Assistants	Jon Bednar Deb Gardner Lori Kerper	Bob Small Earl Snyder Toni Snyder
AV Assistants	Jerry Mraz	Larry Creyer
Oct. Altar Guild	Dawn Wainwright, Pat Amey, Lori Hildebrand	
Percussionist	Joe Neupauer	

Holy Communion

Setting 8

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Gathering *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*
Prelude Orchestra “Symphony No. 5 in D Major Reformation”
..... Felix Mendelssohn

- Announcements
- * **Gathering Song “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** # 504
- * Greeting/Kyrie p 184
- * Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast...” p 187
- * Prayer of the Day

Word *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
Anthem “A Monk Named Luther” (10:30 am Only) Junior Choir
Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

- * **Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia...”** p 188
- * Gospel Reading John 8:31-36
- Sermon
- * **Hymn of the Day “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”** # 633
- * Apostles’ Creed p 105
- * Prayers of Intercession
- Leader:** Lord, in your mercy. **Cong.:** Hear our prayer.
- * Peace

Meal *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

Offering
Offertory “The Truth Shall Make You Free”. Senior Choir

- * **Offertory Response “Let Us Go Now To The Banquet** # 523
- * Great Thanksgiving p 190
- * Holy, Holy, Holy p 190
- * The Lord’s Prayer p 191

Communion (*intinction*)
(Gluten-free wafers in the chalice in front of the baptismal font)
Orchestra “Brother James’ Air” Douglas E. Wagner
Orchestra “Sleepers Awake” J.S. Bach

- * **Post Communion Canticle “Let Us Talents and...”** # 674
- * Prayer

Sending *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

- * Blessing
- * **Sending Song “Built on a Rock”** # 652
- * Dismissal
- * Postlude Orchestra “Awesome God” Rich Mullins

**please stand if you are able*

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

ALTAR FLOWERS: ✠ In Loving Memory of Harry on his birthday, Love Loretta & Family; ✠ In Celebration of Christian Yost’s 8th Birthday, Love Pat & Daryl Amey

BULLETINS: ✠ In Celebration of our Grandson, Benjamin’s Birthday, Love Nana & Grandpa Xander; ✠ In Celebration of our Daughter, Sonya’s Birthday, Love Mom & Dad; ✠ In Celebration of our Granddaughter, Maia Wolfel’s, 2nd Birthday, Love MomMom & PopPop; ✠ In Memory of Milton Mery, Happy 85th Birthday in Heaven, Love Kim Belletti & Family

THE PRESS: ✠ In Memory of loved ones.

IN PRAYER TODAY –Morgenland, Lowhill Township, The Rev. Sally Zelker

POST-CONFIRMATION – All high school students are invited to a new post-confirmation program! We will meet the first and third Sundays of every month, have discussions, and do various activities. The group will pretty much be whatever you want to make it, so come to a meeting and let’s get the year off to a good start!

STATISTICS – Last Sunday’s attendance; 8:00am service – 122 / 10:30 am service 88; **Total offering - \$7086.36;** (includes **\$196.00** for the building fund); and **\$134.00** for Sunday School.

DO NOT FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS IS ON NOVEMBER 5TH THIS YEAR, WE FALL BACK AN HOUR

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK – The Congregational Council is encouraging all our members to grow in their spirituality through a regular Prayer Life. One way of doing this is by lifting up in prayer one family from our church each day of the year. This week’s families are:

- 10/29/14 Evan Ross and family
- 10/30/14 Gregory, Jamie Schmalzer and family
- 10/31/14 Marcus, Marcelus Solt and family
- 11/01/13 Stephanie Ziegler and family
- 11/02/13 Herman, Kathleen Kunkel and family
- 11/03/13 Julie, Garrett Kunkel and family
- 11/04/13 Jeremy Benninger and family

Symphony No. 5 in D Major, Op. 107 (Reformation)

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Late in 1829 at the age of 20, Mendelssohn began this symphony to commemorate the establishment of the Lutheran faith. He was commissioned to compose music for a celebration on June 25, 1830 – the 300th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, the formal document approved by Martin Luther.

Although Mendelssohn worked long hours that winter to get the symphony done – fighting a serious case of the measles – the celebrations were cancelled due to rising political tensions in Europe. In 1832, a performance was scheduled for Paris but that too was cancelled after just one rehearsal because the musicians found the score “too learned,” “too fugato” and “not enough melody.”

Mendelssohn was humiliated by the experience and became very defensive of the work. The symphony was finally conducted by the composer in Berlin in November of 1832 with the subtitle “Symphony to Celebrate the Church Revolution”. After the performance he withdrew it; he later said this was one score he wished he could destroy. As a result it was only first published posthumously in 1868. He uses two themes throughout: “A Mighty Fortress” and the “Dresden, Amen” both having overt Protestant overtones. He included the hymn to honor Luther who wrote it while the Augsburg Confession was in session.

The symphony tells the story of the Reformation through musical symbolism. A flute begins to sing Luther’s great hymn, unaccompanied at first, then quickly drawing more and more voices in until it is richly harmonized and proudly proclaimed. The strings then lead the music in a new direction, climaxing with a grand, vaulting theme of triumph and celebration. “A Mighty Fortress” weaves in and out of the tumultuous middle section and eventually takes over in majestic splendor at the symphony’s close.

SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

- SOUP GROUP & DELIVERY: Wednesday, November 1st at 9 am
- STORY WEAVERS & LUNCH: Tuesday, November 14th at 10 am
- OUTREACH MINISTRY: Wednesday, November 15th at 2:30 pm; leave for St. Stephen's
- STEWARDSHIP MEETING: Please note the next Stewardship meeting will be on November 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm.
- THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICES: Wednesday, November 22nd, 11 am & 7 pm
- NATIVITY SET-UP & DISPLAY: Nativity set-up will be on November 22nd & 24th at 9 am in Kuntz Hall. Nativity Display will be on November 25th at 10 am & November 26th at 8 am.

SENIOR THANKSGIVING FEAST: Save the Date: Saturday, November 11th, 2017 at 11:30 am for the Thanksgiving Feast. All seniors are welcome. Please sign-up by November 5th, 2017 on the sheet located on the Bulletin Board. Fabulous food, drinks and entertainment!!!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on Sunday, November 12th, 2017 at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held in Kuntz Hall. At least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum that morning.

VETERANS NAMES – Please contact the church office with all names of those who have served in our armed services as we will recognize their service during worship on Sunday, November 12th. If you are unsure if the office has the name, please call to confirm. The office is open daily Monday through Friday 8:30am-3:00 pm; 610-767-7203. Thank you!

WELCA MINUTES: Meeting minutes are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

COMMITMENT CARDS: If you have not already done so, kindly return your commitment card to the church as soon as possible. Please place them in the box located in the Narthex. Extra cards will be available on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

PROPOSED BUDGET: The Proposed Budget unreviewed by Council will be available on November 5th, 2017 for review. Council will review the proposed budget at their meeting on November 6th, 2017 and will submit the proposed budget to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, November 12th, 2017.**

PRAYER SCARVES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Attention all parents of college students, Hope's Prayer Shawl Ministry is currently knitting and crocheting scarves for all of our college students. It's a surprise! We plan to ship them out when the weather gets cold to let our students know that we continue to pray for them as they study. Here is how you can help, please call 610-767-7203 or email the church office at office@hopecherryville.org and provide to us your child's address. We will be sending to all students in colleges, trade or technical schools and community colleges. If your child is living at home and commuting we need to know that as well. Please let us know as soon as possible so we make enough for everyone!

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS: HHH will be selling Zook's Meat Pies and Apple Dumplings after services on Sunday, October 29th, November 5th & November 12th. Pies are available in chicken, beef or pork at a cost of \$10.00. Apple Dumplings are \$3.50 for a single or \$6.00 for twin pack. Delivery will be Saturday, December 2nd from 9 am – 12 noon.

SOCIAL MINISTRY PLANNING SESSION—Wednesday Nov. 1 at 6:00pm in the Hanson Hall conference room social ministry team is gathering to discuss upcoming events like the Senior Thanksgiving Service & Feast on Nov. 11, the Ingathering Dec. 7, and events for the Allentown Rescue Mission. If you're looking for ways to reach out into the community or have any new ideas about how to do so, please join us! Any questions ask Pastor Brian or Marge Zimmerman—or just come. Hope to see you Nov. 1st!

BOY SCOUT ITALIAN BUFFETT DINNER: Saturday, November 4th from 3:00-8:00 pm here at Hope Church. Tickets available from Troop 242 Boy Scouts or from the church office. Proceeds will be used to maintain the troops' equipment and defer the cost of some troop outings. Please see the flyer on the Community Board for more information!

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Put names with faces and be a part of our new church family directory. We are partnering with Lifetouch to tell our story. These very convenient photographs will be taken at the church. The directory will not be complete without you! Portrait dates are as follows:

*Tuesday, December 27th through Friday, December 29th:
2 pm – 9 pm

*Saturday, December 30th: 10 am – 5 pm

*Tuesday, January 2nd through Friday, January 5th: 2 pm – 9 pm

*Saturday, January 6th: 10 am – 5 pm

WOMEN OF FAITH: Thank you to all of the women who helped with October's Suites and Treats at the Iron Pigs. A very special thank you to Kailee Knecht for all of her artistic talent and Robin Zamadics for all of your help with this event! What a truly wonderful evening to give back to our community. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 13th. We will be packing the hurricane items that were collected. If you didn't have a chance to bring any donations, please bring them in by Sunday, November 12th (a list of items needed is posted in the narthex). We will be delivering the cleaning supply kits to the Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot, a ministry of Wesley UMC, Bethlehem.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the hurricane relief efforts. Questions on any of the Women of Faith events, please call Jane Tretiak at 610-767-0918.

EVANGELISM NEWS

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES - Begins on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:30pm. This is a small group, studies are informal with excellent discussions. We are growing and learning God's word together. Everyone is invited to participate in any or all of these events. We would love to have you join us! For further information, please call Sharyn Kratzer at 610-262-1277.



Reformation Sunday

Today, we celebrate the reforms that Martin Luther instituted – not with a sense of pride that, as Lutherans, we “have it right” – but with a gratefulness that, in faith, we believe in the power of God to make us God’s holy children sent to proclaim love and forgiveness to the world. “Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.” – Martin Luther

When Martin Luther, an Augustine monk, posted his “Ninety-five Theses” on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, no one expected the breadth of reforms in Christian teaching and practice that followed. This religious movement of the 16th century that began as an attempt to reform the Roman Catholic Church, resulted in the creation of Protestant churches - the Lutheran Church, the many Calvinist churches (Reformed, Presbyterian, and the several types of Congregationalist churches), and the descendants of the Anabaptists (including the Mennonites and the Baptists).

REFORMATION 500 FESTIVAL SERVICE: Today, Reformation Sunday, there will be a Reformation Service at Faith Lutheran Church in Whitehall at 4:00 pm. The church is located at 3355 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052. Congregations from across the Lehigh Valley will gather together and our special guest preacher will be Martin Luther himself (as portrayed by Pastor David Newhart)! Please come out to celebrate the Reformation with our mission district. If you would be so kind to bring a dessert item to share, please sign-up what you are bringing on the bulletin board. Hope you can make it to this special 500th anniversary celebration!

Sunday School News:

Sunday School is underway. We are super excited to start the new year! This year's theme is hometown heroes and how each of us can help our neighbor. Each month the Sunday School classes will be collecting for the charity of the month. The first month of collection will be October with the charity "Color for Kids." This local charity collects new crayons, coloring books, markers, paints & color pencils to give to classrooms in the U.S. and abroad that are in need. This year's collection will be going to Texas. Just as a reminder, each Sunday School student must register each year. Be sure to fill out and hand in your child's registration as soon as possible. The Christian Ed office is hoping to start sending out monthly newsletters to keep everyone up-to-date on Sunday School activities and events.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

As our congregation looks forward to a new year and prepares the 2018 financial budget, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what we are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.



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ELECTION POLLING BAKE SALE: We have been selected as a polling sight for the upcoming election on November 7th. At that time, we would like to sell baked good items with all proceeds going towards the Building Fund. If you are able to donate a baked good item. Please sign-up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We are also looking for someone to organize and oversee this fundraiser. If you are interested, kindly contact the church office at 610-767-7203 or email office@hopecherryville.org.

ASK AN ADVISOR DAY:

Hosted by Kristen Edelman-Weiner of Thrivent on **October 31st, 2017** in the Conference Room. Are you asking yourself “what can I do with my 401(k) from my previous employer?”; “Can I give money to my grandchildren without them having to pay taxes on the money they are gifted?”; “How do I know that I have saved enough money for retirement?”; “What can I be doing right now to save more?”; “What financial questions can Thrivent answer for you?” ... Sign-up for a time to meet with Kristen Edelman-Weiner during “**Ask An Advisor Day**” on Tuesday, October 31st, 2017. The sign-up sheet is located on the Bulletin Board. Not able to make it, no problem, call Kristen at (484) 554-9941 and schedule a time to meet that is convenient for you!

****Important Note**** - Open Enrollment for Part D (Drug Plan/Medicare) will be from October 15th – December 7th. If you have any questions, please contact our local Thrivent Representative at 610-625-5680.

****This is a great opportunity to have all your insurance needs reviewed****

YOUTH GROUP NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

Hi Everyone! Here’s a list of what’s going on in Youth Group for the months of October, November and December. Please note, the December concert signup deadline is October 29th since we need to Order tickets in advance.

POW Save the Dates: Wed. Nov. 8th 5:30 - 8:00 pm; Wed. Dec. 13th 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Save The Dates: Sat. Nov. 18th 4:30-8:00 pm – Thanksgiving Dinner; Sun. Dec. 10th 12:30 – 3:30 pm – Light lunch & Christmas Caroling to Hope’s Star members; Fri. Dec. 15th 7:00 pm – Big Church Night Out Concert – Ticket Deadline is Oct. 29th!

Blessings to you all in the coming months! ~ Pastor Brian

****** Check your Email & The News Board for more info******

REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Sunday, November 5, 2017	8:00am	10:30am
Acolyte	Thomas Spohn	Crysta Strohl
Crucifer	Sarah Bird	Aislinn McDonald
Banner Bearer		
Communion Assistants	Barry Ritter Terry Ritter Betty Rock	
Greeter	Sharyn Kratzer	Greg & Anna Marie Gaugler
Lector	Michelle Costanzo	Doug Daniel
Nursery	Antonio Franco and Janet Franco	Owen Laury and Jennifer Laury
Ushers	Kasperm Team	Snyder Team
AV Assistants	Jerry Mraz	Jerry Mraz
November Altar Guild	Team 1: Trudy Mertz & Linda Romano	
Nov. Sign Changers	Chip Hunsicker	

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

For complete rehearsal schedules, see the online calendar at calendar.hopecherryville.org

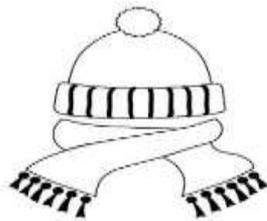
Today	Reformation Sunday Holy Communion	8 am & 10:30 am
Monday	Worship & Arts – Kuntz Hall	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Ask An Advisor Day – Conference Rm	Sign-up Sheet
Wednesday	Soup Group & Delivery Centering on Prayer Social Ministry Meeting	9:00 am 2:00 pm 6:30 pm
Thursday	Pastor's Bible Study Evangelism Committee Meeting Bible Study Property Committee Meeting	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Friday	Temple Beth El Visit	4:45 pm
Saturday	Boy Scout Italian Dinner – Kuntz Hall	3:00 – 8:00 pm
Next Sunday	<i>All Saints' Sunday</i> HHH Zook's Pie & Apple Dumplings Sale after services Sunday School	9:15 am



BLOOD DRIVE: We are hosting a Miller Blood Drive on January 28th from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. You will be able to sign-up after worship services on December 7th, 14th & 21st. You can also sign-up online!

JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF – A six-week seminar for those who are grieving. Monday mornings from 10:30am-12:00pm from October 9th through November 6th at Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown. There is no fee to participants thanks to the generosity of J. S. Burkholder Funeral Home. Registration is required, please contact Sylvia Havlish at 610-395-5045 or by email www.lutherancongregationalservices.org.

INGATHERING – Beginning NEXT SUNDAY, November 5th our collection of items for our yearly Ingathering will begin. These items will be given to local organizations such as the Allentown Rescue Mission, Sayre Child Center, Gracedale, Hamburg Center and Kidspeace. Your **NEW** unwrapped gifts will need to be returned to the Narthex by Tuesday, December 5th, 2017. Also, coming soon, the mitten tree will be up and ready for your donations of knit or store bought hats, scarves, mittens and gloves can be placed right on the tree. Watch for a list of items that we will be collecting!



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: If you would like to be a worship participant for Communion Assistant, Greeter, Usher, Lector, Altar Guild, etc., kindly contact the church office at 610-767-7203 or by email at office@hopecherryville.org as the next cycle of schedules is being prepared. Thank you for your assistance!