

Hope Lutheran Church

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February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

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

Acolytes	Reece Anderson	Jevin Fritz
Crucifers	Sarah Bird	Aislinn McDonald
Greeters	John Zmyewski	Larry Creyer
Lectors	Chris Steigerwalt	Bob Small
Nursery	Antonio & Janet Franco	Anna & Heather Bealer
Ushers	Livermon Team	Amey Team
Communion Assistants	Brian Schell, Betty Rock, Vicki Steiner	
AV Assistants	Charles Kutzler	Wayne Mery
Altar Guild February	Team 1: Mertz & Romano	
Percussionist	Joe Neupauer	

Holy Communion

8:00 AM

Setting Four

Gathering *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

- Prelude/Announcements
- * Confession and Forgiveness p 94
- * **Gathering Song "A Mighty Fortress is our God" # 504**
- * Greeting/Kyrie p 147
- * Prayer of the Day

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

- Frist Reading Genesis 9:8-17
- Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22
- * Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord..." p 151
- * Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15
- Sermon
- * **Hymn of the Day "Thy Holy Wings" # 613**
- * 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*

- * Offertory Response "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" # 181
- * Great Thanksgiving p 152
- * Holy, Holy, Holy p 153
- * The Lord's Prayer
- Communion (*intinction*)

(PLEASE NOTE: gluten free station is available in front of the baptismal font)

- "Lamb of God..." p 154
- * Post Communion Canticle "**Now, Lord**" # 202
- * Prayer

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

- * Blessing
- * **Sending Song "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" # 618**
- * Dismissal/Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Service of the Word

10:30 AM

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we hear and proclaim the saving word of God for the entire world. We give thanks for that saving word and all the gifts of God, who then sends us to share the good news and to care for those in need.

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- First Reading Genesis 9:8-17
- Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22
- * Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord ..." p 216
- * Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15
- Children's Message
- Sermon
- * **Hymn of the Day "Thy Holy Wings" # 613**
- Holy Baptism**
- Baptism Hymn "This is the Spirit's Entry Now" # 448**
- * Prayers of Intercession
- Leader:** Hear us, O God. **Cong.:** Your mercy is great.
- * Peace

Thanksgiving *We give thanks for the saving word*

- * Canticle of Thanksgiving p 219
- * Thanksgiving for the Word p 220
- * The Lord's Prayer

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- * Dismissal
- * Postlude

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CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT:

People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others...

ALTAR FLOWERS: ☩ In Memory of my Wife, Betty Mraz on the second anniversary of her death; ☩ In Celebration of February Birthdays, Jonas, Kelly & Shirley, Love Terry

BULLETINS: ☩ In Memory of my Wife, Betty Mraz; ☩ In Celebration of Rorie Anderson's 12th Birthday, by her Family

IN PRAYER TODAY: St. John Bath, The Rev. George Grubb, Interim

STATISTICS: Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00 am service – 99 / 10:30 am service 150; **Total offering \$5580.51;** (includes **\$199.00** for the building fund, **\$154.65** for Sunday School). Ash Wednesday 11:00 am service – 42 / 7:00 pm service 139; **Total offering \$1411.00;** (includes \$125.00 Memorial).

HOLY BAPTISMS: This morning during the 10:30 am worship service, we are blessed to have the Baptisms of:

***Jace David Adams.** Jace is the son of David and Krystina (Bailey) Adams. Jace was born on September 7, 2017 at Sacred Heart Hospital.

***Dominic Romeo Geigel.** Dominic is the son of Luis and Celine (Stahley) Geigel. Dominic was born on October 4, 2017 at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS: "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord..." Psalm 127:3; Congratulations to proud parents, AJ and Kate Hanchick, and sister Hannah, as they celebrated the birth of twin baby girls, Charlotte Ruth and Josephine Grace, on Tuesday, February 13th. We celebrate and lift up these newest additions with rosebuds on the Alter.

SPONSORSHIP CHARTS: Please note the Sponsorship Charts for 2018 are up and located in the Narthex. Please take a moment to select your sponsorship dates for Flowers, Bulletins and The Press. Should you have any questions, please contact Jennifer in the Church Office at 610-767-7203. Lots of dates are still available! Please feel free to take home your sponsored Altar Flowers after the 10:30 am service.

AUDIO/VISUAL COMMITTEE: We are looking for volunteers to join this committee and learn to run the AV equipment during service. There will be a meeting today after the 10:30 am service in the back of the church near the AV room. Please try to attend in order to work out scheduling and train for new features that have been enabled. If you know anyone interested in joining the team and volunteering their time, please encourage them to come to the meeting. Any questions, please contact Bill Anderson at 610-261-4744.

LAMPa NEWS: Do you have a heart for social justice and advocacy? Join Pastor Brian on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00 pm (before Lenten worship) to discuss LAMPa, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania. We will look into existing LAMPa materials and brainstorm our own ideas for advocating for the poor and oppressed in our neighborhood, our nation, and our world. Email Pastor Brian with any questions at asstpastor@hopecherryville.org. Hope to see you there!

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:

02/18/18	Felicia Hutton and family
02/19/18	Abbie Jennings and family
02/20/18	Nicholas, Owen Karlovsky and family
02/21/18	John, Lynda Kaspern and family
02/22/18	Scott, Alicia, Dante, Nolan Keen and family
02/23/18	Dennis, Marilyn Keenly and family
02/24/18	Donna Keichel and family

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP NEWS: To improve our security on a Sunday morning, the door at the Hanson Hall exit will no longer be unlocked. Please use the doors in the main parking lot or the double doors on the Route 248 side of the building. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

YOUTH GROUP CANDY SALE: Youth Group is selling homemade Easter Candy with pickup dates on March 18th and March 25th. Please sign-up on the Youth Bulletin Board to place your order!

CLOTHING DRIVE: The Annual Youth Group clothing drive will be held the week of March 5th through March 9th. Start saving your used clothing (in good shape) to be donated to the cause!

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Hope Lutheran relies on your regular contributions. We appreciate the efforts of the congregation members to make consistent offerings throughout the year – especially during inclement weather conditions or during popular winter travel periods. To assist you, we provide a convenient electronic giving option for setting up recurring contributions. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving Page.

If you regularly give online and no longer want to receive church envelopes, please contact Jennifer in the church office at 610-767-7203 or by email: office@hopecherryville.org and we will remove you from the mailing list.



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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: We are in need of more congregation members to join in this ministry as Communion Assistants, Ushers, Altar Guild and Audio/Visual volunteers. Thank you to all who share their time and talents in making services run smoothly here at Hope Church! If you are interested in serving, please contact Jennifer in the church office at 610-767-7203 or office@hopecherryville.org.

PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED: If you had your picture taken for the directory and did not purchase a package, your free 8 x 10 picture has been delivered to the Church Office. Please contact Jennifer at 610-767-7203 or email: office@hopecherryville.org to make arrangements to pick up your picture.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS UPDATE: A make-up photo shoot has been scheduled for February 24th from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. If you were unable to make an appointment due to a scheduling conflict or if you had to cancel due to illness or inclement weather, this will be the last opportunity to have the photo taken here at Hope Church for the new directory. Please contact Linda Mery at 610-767-7150 for appointment times!

THANK YOU: To all who volunteered and came out to support the Valentine's Dinner. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. It was another successful year with many compliments to all!

LENTEN WORSHIP: The Wednesday Lenten services will be at 11:00 am and will be centered on “the Fruits of the Spirit”. The evening Lenten Services will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays through March 21st and will focus on “The Power of Forgiveness”.

SHARING OF THE PEACE: During this cold and flu season, we will share the peace verbally without shaking hands.

HOLY COMMUNION: Please remember as you take communion for the first time this year, to complete the hospitality pad indicating you received Holy Communion.

KITCHEN FREEZER: Any groups that have items that are able to be removed from the freezer in Kuntz Hall kitchen are asked to do so prior to Friday, February 23rd so that the meat pies and apple dumplings can be placed in the freezer for distribution on Saturday, February 24th. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

FROM HOPE'S HELPING HANDS: Meat pies and apple dumpling order pick-up will be SATURDAY, February 24th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Kuntz Hall Kitchen. Please use the kitchen door on the side of the building to enter as there is another event going on at the church that will be using Kuntz Hall. Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent fundraising event. See you on SATURDAY for pick-up.

FOOD BANK NEWS: March is Hope Church Month at the Northampton Food Bank. We are responsible for providing volunteers to staff the food bank during packing and distribution days during the month of March. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the bulletin board for days and times. Please consider joining us as we serve the community in this very important outreach.

IS THERE CHURCH: If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday, and you are wondering if Sunday Church School, worship services, or evening activities are cancelled, please check WFMZ either online or TV or check our website at www.hopecherryville.org.

WELCA NEWS: The next meeting of WELCA will be February 20th at 9:00 am.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: There will be Social Ministry meeting on Sunday, February 25th following the 10:30 am service in the conference room.

WOMEN OF FAITH: Join the Women of Faith on Monday, February 26th at 6:00 pm in Hanson Hall as they make fleece blankets for older children who are baptized here at Hope Church. If you can tie a knot, you are able to help make these lovely blankets.

BEAR CREEK CAMP: Summer 2018 we will have the fun and experiences you expect to find at Bear Creek Camp and some new surprises as well! Register by March 1st to receive your early bird discount! Please see Pastor Jami if you would like scholarship information, or see the Community Bulletin Board for registration information and forms.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: We will be sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see the show "Jesus" on Wednesday, June 27th. The cost for the trip, which includes bus ticket, show and dinner at Shady Maples, will be \$90.00 for Adults and \$54.00 for Children under 12. The bus will leave Hope Church at 8:30 am and return to Hope Church at approximately 6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. Please make checks payable to Hope Church and in the memo section please note Evangelism Bus Trip. All checks should be given to Sharyn Kratzer at sign-up. For questions or further information, please contact Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE: We want to thank everyone who came out to support the recent blood drive held in Kuntz Hall on January 28th. We were able to donate 31 pints of blood. Great job!

GRIEF COUNSELING: Grief is a confusing, tangled and painful process of discovering how to live, feel, cope and heal in the midst of coming to terms with loss. No one should have to face grief alone. LCS offers "Journeys Through Grief" counseling in small groups where for six 1½ hour sessions, you will learn about the stages of grief and explore your feelings about the loss you have experienced. Our goal is not to make grief disappear, but to equip the group's participants with the tools needed for lifelong healing and understanding. Under the guidance of a professional Christian counselor or trained facilitator, you will learn how you can live with the grief associated with loss.

Moravian Church in Emmaus, PA - Tuesday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm from February 20th to March 27th. To register, contact Bereavement Coordinator Sylvia Havlish at 610-395-5045. There is no cost to attend. Flyers available on the Bulletin Board.

REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 7:00 PM



Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Usher Team	Comm. Asst.	Lector
Felicia Paly	N/A	Tim & Karen Lockard	Kurinec Team	N/A	N/A

REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, February 25th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolyte	Felicia Paly	Holly Fasching
Crucifer	Ava Smith	Grace Heffintrayer
Communion Assistants		Brenda Lehr, Karen Wolfe
Greeter	Ernie Doncsecz	Judy Dieter
Lector	Jennifer Ventura	Doug Daniel
Nursery	Sarah & Catherine Bird	Daedra & Gina VanLuvanee
Ushers	Kocher Team	Daniel Team
AV Assistants	Reece Anderson	
February Altar Guild	Team 1: Mertz & Romano	
Feb. Sign Changers	Larry Creyer	

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK: For complete rehearsal schedules, see the online calendar at calendar.hopecherryville.org:

DAY OF WEEK	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Sunday School Post Confirmation Class Youth Leader Meeting	9:15 am 9:15 am 11:45 am
Monday	Office is Closed in observance of President's Holiday Friendship Dance Centering Prayer	 6:00 pm 6:00 pm
Tuesday	WELCA Meeting – Adult SS Room Stewardship Meeting	9:00 am 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Mid-Day Lenten Worship Service Centering Prayer Outreach Ministry St. Stephen's Lenten Worship Service	11:00 am 2:00 pm 2:30 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	Newsletter Collation Pastor's Bible Study HHH Meeting Bible Study NVDC Meeting	10:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Friday	Youth Group Ice Skating	
Saturday	Girl Scout World Thinking Day – Kuntz Hall HHH Zook's Delivery Pictorial Directory Sessions –Hanson Hall	9:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am
Next Sunday	Sunday School Outreach Ministry Meeting Sunday School Teacher Meeting	9:15 am 11:30 am 11:30 am

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- * Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- * Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- * Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- * Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- * Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- * Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- * Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- * Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- * Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- * Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- * Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.