

Hope Lutheran Church

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April 8, 2018 **Second Sunday of Easter**

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

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	Arianna Patterson	Jevin Fritz
Crucifers	Thomas Spohn	Daedra VanLuvanee
Greeters	Dolores Reenock	Adam Holencik
Lectors	Katie Biechy	Marge Zimmermann
Nursery	Briana & Vicki Weaver	Alexa & Wanda Rousenberger
Ushers	Kasperm Team	Daniel Team
Communion Assistants		Karen Wolfe, Linda Mery & Kim Belletti
AV Assistants	Trent Moyer	Larry Creyer
Altar Guild	Larry Creyer	
Percussionist	Joe Neupauer	

Service of the Word 8:00 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.

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

- Prelude/Announcements
- * Confession and Forgiveness p 211
- * **Gathering Song "O Sons and Daughters..." (St 1-4, 9) # 386**
- * *Greeting/Kyrie* p 213
- * Canticle of Praise "Glory to God..." p 213
- * Prayer of the Day

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

- First Reading Acts 4: 32-35
- Second Reading 1 John 1: 1-2:2
- * Gospel Acclamation p 216
- * Gospel Reading John 20: 19-31
- Children's Message
- Sermon
- * **Hymn of the Day "O Sons and Daughters..." (St 5-9) # 386**
- Holy Baptism**
- Baptism Hymn "Awake O Sleeper Rise from Death" # 452**
- * Prayers of Intercession
- Leader:** Lord, in your mercy. **Cong.:** Hear our prayer.
- * Peace

Thanksgiving *We give thanks for the saving word*

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

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

- * Blessing
- * **Sending Song "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright" # 384**
- * Dismissal
- * Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Holy Communion 10:30 AM

Do This in Memory of Me

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

- Prelude/Announcements
- * Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness p 2
- * **Gathering Song "O Sons and Daughters..." (St 1-4,9) # 386**
- * Greeting p 4
- * Kyrie p 4
- * This is the Feast p 7
- * Prayer of the Day

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

- First Reading Acts 4: 32-35
- Second Reading 1 John 1: 1-2:2
- * Gospel Acclamation p 10
- * Gospel Reading John 20: 19-31
- Sermon
- * **Hymn of the Day "O Sons and Daughters..." (St 5-9) # 386**
- * Apostles' Creed p 13
- * 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 Response: As the Grains of Wheat p 14
- * The Great Thanksgiving p 16
- * Holy, Holy, Holy p 17
- * The Lord's Prayer p 20
- Lamb of God p 20
- Communion Song: Do This in Memory of Me p 21
- Communion (*intinction*)

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

- * Post Communion Canticle: Now, Oh Lord, Dismiss... p 23
- * Prayer

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CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: † In celebration of Cindy's Birthday on April 7th, with love Scott; † Happy Birthday to Grandson, Chad Rapchak & Melissa Rapchak, Love Pat & Daryl Amey & Family

BULLETINS: † In loving memory of Howard Strohl on his 92nd Birthday with love from Wife, Kathryn & Daughter, Linda; † In celebration of Cindy Kocher's Birthday, Love Mom

THE PRESS: In celebration of our 54th Wedding Anniversary by Janet & Sam Schaadt

IN PRAYER TODAY: Heidelberg, Heidelberg – The Rev. Virginia A. Goodwin

STATISTICS: Last Sunday's attendance Easter Sunday: 6:00 am service 83 / 8:00 am service 286 / 10:30 am service 276; **Total offering \$13,389.00** (includes **\$270.00** the building fund; Easter/Lent/Good Friday- **\$5726.00**). Services for Maundy Thursday: 11:00 am 26 service / 7:00 pm service 89; **Total offering \$2114.80**; Good Friday Evening Service 7:00 pm 105; **Total offering \$744.00.**

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:

04/08/18	Matthew, Kristi, Lauren, Gavin Lalik and family
04/09/18	Clair Larkin and family
04/10/18	Jennifer, Molly, Owen Laury and family
04/11/18	Alan, Irene LeHeup and family
04/12/18	Jeffrey, Brenda Lehr and family
04/13/18	Paul, Debra Leibenguth and family
04/14/18	William, Eileen Lewis and family

VBS NEWS: SAVE THE DATES! Vacation Bible School is coming July 9th to 13th. Your children will dive below the surface and venture onto an uncharted island where they will survive and thrive. Classes will be held from 9:00 am until 12 noon, with a closing program on Friday, July 13th at 7:00 pm. Ages include 3 year olds (potty trained) to children completing 6th grade in June 2018. Registrations can be made at vbs.hopecherryville.org or by completing a registration form located in the narthex. A t-shirt is provided for each student registering by Sunday, June 17th.

Lots of help will be needed so please consider volunteering. A staff nursery is provided for volunteers if you have younger children who are not old enough to attend. Volunteers need to register as well.

VERA BRADLEY BINGO: Youth Group will be hosting Vera Bradley Bingo on Saturday, May 5, 2018 to help raise money to attend the ELCAI Youth Gathering in Houston. In addition to bingo we will have a Chinese Auction and food/baked goods for sale. Tickets can be purchased in advanced for \$20 on April 1st (at Easer Breakfast); 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th after each service. You can also purchase tickets at the door on May 5th for \$25. Please see the posters in the narthex for more information. If you would like to help support our efforts with this fundraiser, we are also in need of the following: monetary donations, food donations, baked goods and Chinese auction items. Please see Allison Lockard or Justin Maurer for more information or email us at hopeluthyouth@hopecherryville.com or call (610) 767-7203 ext 9.

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 Maple, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: For April 22nd as we welcome and rejoice, with the Muhlenberg College Gospel Choir, a spirit-filled musical ensemble which is comprised of students from various places, races and creeds. The Gospel Choir is truly reflective of the diverse interests and ethnicities within the Muhlenberg College community.

20th ANNUAL SPRING BASKET SOCIAL: The 20th Annual Spring Basket Social is this Friday, April 13th at 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Special surprises to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this combined ministry fundraiser for The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund. Donations of theme basket(s), gift card(s), water, soda, baked goods, etc. are appreciated. Questions may be directed to any Basket Committee Member or to the Church Office. Thank you to Kathryn Strohl and Linda Sidor for sponsoring tickets for the Spring Basket Social. Kathryn's sponsorship is in loving memory of Howard Strohl on his 92nd birthday. Linda's sponsorship is in Honor of all volunteers who have so generously donated their time and talents to raising funds for The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund these past twenty years.

BASKET SOCIAL DOOR PRIZE SPONSORS:

1. Allen Derhammer & Family: In loving memory of Wife & Mother, Delores Derhammer
2. Marian & Maryann Druckenmiller: In loving memory of Husband & Father, Richard Druckenmiller
3. Loretta Moats: In loving memory of Husband, Larry & Son, Brian
4. Linda Sidor: In loving memory of Grandparents

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING:

We realize most people don't carry cash or a checkbook anymore. To make it easy for both members and visitors to express their generosity during the Easter season, we offer electronic giving options that allow you to contribute when and how you prefer. You'll find that electronic giving is fast, secure and easy to use. 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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JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF: 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. Luther Crest in Allentown, PA – Monday mornings from 10:30 am to noon from April 16th to May 28th. To register, contact Bereavement Coordinator Sylvia Havlish at 610-395-5045. There is no cost to attend.

CRUCIFER NEEDED: We are in need of a Crucifer for the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, April 15th. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jennifer in the Church Office at 610-767-7203.

WOMEN OF FAITH: Looking for an afternoon of relaxation, fellowship and spiritual growth with other women who are looking for the same thing? Then join Pastor Jami and the Women of Faith for an afternoon "spa" retreat. We are planning to gather in Kuntz Hall on **Sunday, April 29th** after the late service for a light lunch and then we will delve into faith issues as we relax and refresh at our very own "spa". The afternoon will begin at 12:00 pm and will end at 5:00 pm. You will leave wishing you could stay the night to continue the experience! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please make sure you register so that we have enough lunch and supplies for all. Any questions, please contact Jane Tretiak at 610-760-0918.

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS: Crab patty and lobster bisque sale starts today through April 15th! HHH will be taking orders after both services. Crab patties are 6 oz. and can be bought either breaded or unbreaded for \$5.00 each. The lobster bisque soup comes in a 16 oz. container and sells for \$4.00. Everything is made and packaged by Todd's Island Seafood in Allentown. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, April 29th from 9:00 am – 12 noon in the Kuntz Hall Kitchen. See any Hope's Helping Hands member to order or you can call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340 if you miss us at church.

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS: There will be a meeting for all Sunday School Teachers on Sunday, April 22nd following the late service.

WELCA NEWS: The next WELCA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th at 9:00 am.

SEEKING SNYOD DELEGATES: The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly is scheduled for Friday, June 8th through Saturday, June 9th at the Mohegan Sun Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. We are looking for two delegates to represent Hope – one male delegate and one female delegate. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jami.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: Before you know it, summer will be here. The next set of worship participant schedules will be prepared in the coming week. If you have vacations scheduled, kindly contact Jennifer in the Church Office at 610-767-7203 to advise to avoid scheduling conflicts. As always, we are seeking more worship participants, if you would like to share your time and talents, please contact Jennifer.

POST-CONFIRMATION CLASS: Is scheduled for April 15th at 9:00 am.

INDIANLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION: The annual plot holders meeting will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00 pm in room number 133.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY MEETING: There will be a Eucharistic Ministry meeting on Monday, April 16th at 6:00 pm in room number 133.

WELLNESS TEAM: There will be a Wellness Team meeting with Pastor Brian on April 10th at 6:00 pm in the room number 133.

REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Sunday April 15 th	8:00 am	10:30 am
Acolytes	Ava Smith	Anna Bealer
Crucifers	Brance Shoenberger	NEED VOLUNTEER
Greeters	Sharyn Kratzer	Doug & Leslie Daniel
Lectors	Chris Steigerwalt	Doug Daniel
Nursery	Madison & Jennifer Miller	Sam & Karen Koplin
Ushers	Livermon Team	Snyder Team
Communion Assistants	Barry & Terry Ritter and Betty Rock	
April Altar Guild	Team 2: Weil, Zimmermann, Schimanek, Christman Team 3: Steiner, Green, Burns	
April Sign Changer	Larry Creyer	

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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

Today	Service of the Word & Holy Baptism Coffee Hour with Kristen from Thrivent HHH Crab Patty & Lobster Bisque Sale Sunday School Holy Communion Service Youth Leader Meeting	8:00 am After Both Services After Both Services 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am
Monday	Finance Committee Meeting Council Meeting	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor's Pericope Study – Kuntz Hall Story Weavers Garden Club Wellness Team Meeting VBS Meeting	8:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Staff Meeting Centering Prayer POW	10:00 am 2:00 pm 5:30 pm
Thursday	Pastor's Bible Study Prayer Shawl	10:00 am 10:00 am
Friday	Spring Annual Basket Social – Kuntz Hall Level II Spruce Lake Retreat	4:00 pm 6:00 pm
Saturday		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion Service Sunday School Post-Confirmation Crab Patty & Lobster Bisque Sale Service of the Word Return From Spruce Lake Retreat	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Both Services 10:30 am 12 noon

