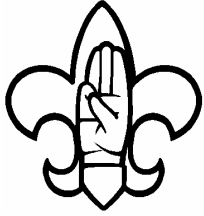


Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop #242 News



Hope Lutheran 51st Eagle Scout is Timothy Quandt. Tim successfully completed his Eagle Scout Board of review on Sunday, November 18. You can see Tim's Eagle project at the Lehigh Township Athletic Fields. He built a set of steps to lead up to the ball fields. Congratulate Tim when you see him.

Here is what your scouts of Troop 242 have planned for the Month of December – Thursday, December 6 Patrol meeting and Advancement Camp planning. Thursday, December 13 Packing for Advancement Camp younger scouts meeting with Community Leader (first class requirement number 5). Friday, December 14 to Sunday, December 16 Advancement Camp. Tuesday, December 18, Family night with the cub scouts, Thursday, December 20 fun and game night, Thursday, December 27 Bowling.

Scouting is about teaching life skills, learning First Aid, Out Door Skills, and Leadership Skills all while having a good time. Making life long friends and developing good moral values are also benefits of being in Boy Scouts.

Troop 242 normally meets in the Large Fellowship Hall or at the Outside Pavilion area at Hope Lutheran Church Cherryville, PA from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years old are invited to join us.

For additional information or to join Boy Scout Troop #242 simply come to a meeting and join the fun or call Scout Master Kenneth Mann at 610-760-1678 or e-mail him at kmann@ptd.net.

Yours in Scouting,
Kenneth Mann Sr.

JESSE TREE FOR ADVENT



Each day during Advent a volunteer places a symbol on the Jesse Tree in the narthex. The symbol represents one of the Bible Stories, which leads to the birth of Jesus. A scripture and prayer are included on the back of each symbol for a brief devotion before placing the symbol on the macramé tree. If you can help with this, please sign the list in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLES WITH RED FRILLS

Again this year we are making red frills for Christmas Eve candles. If you can help, kits are available in the narthex. **Please return completed candles no later than Sunday, December 16th. Thank you!**



WREATHS FOR SALE TO DECORATE HOPE CHURCH



On Saturday, December 15th, when we decorate Hope for the holiday season, wreaths will be hung. Anyone wishing to sponsor a wreath in honor of or in memory of a loved one is asked to call the church office at 610- 767-7203.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COMMUNION WORSHIP

Christmas Communion Worship for our shut-in members and members unable to get to a Christmas Eve service will be held at **11:15 am** on **Tuesday, December 18th**. A light luncheon will follow. Please call the church office if you need a ride.

AFTER CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP

Please come out on Wednesday, December 26th at 8:00am to help clean up the church and also put some of the Christmas decorations away. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING – SOUP SUPPER –
ADVENT WORSHIP**

All can help decorate the church at 3:00 pm on Saturday, **December 15th** followed by a Soup Supper (a variety brought by participants), and then Advent Evening Worship in the newly decorated nave at 5:00 pm. **Catechetical Students – this would count as a social ministry/outreach event!*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All ages are invited to go caroling on **Saturday night, December 15th at 5:30 pm.** We go visit as many homebound members as possible. We will leave immediately following the Advent Worship Service that evening. The homebound members especially like to see the children caroling. **Catechetical Students – this would count as a social ministry/outreach event!*



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

6:00 pm - A family/young children service of Candlelight, Carols and Communion. This service will feature puppets, and our Junior Choir.

8:30 pm and 11:30 pm - The Festival Communion Service with Candlelight and Carols. Special music by our Youth and Senior Choirs, Brass Quartet, and Hope's orchestra.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHURCH NURSERY

Christmas Eve, the nursery has scheduled helpers for the **8:30 pm worship service only.** The nursery will be open for the 6:00 pm and 11:30 pm worship service. If you feel your child needs a little break from the 6:00 or 11:30 pm service, please feel free to use the nursery, however, no helpers will be there for you to drop off your child. Thank you!

WORLD HUNGER COIN FOLDERS

Each family received a coin folder in the mail in mid-November for World Hunger. Please continue to place a quarter a day in the folder and return it to the locked box on the table in the narthex, or return it to the Advent Coin holder box on the table in the narthex before Christmas. Extra coin folders are available on the narthex table also. Return envelopes are enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you!



**ICE CREAM WORLD
COAT DRIVE**



Ice Cream World in Walnutport is conducting their annual coat drive. Coats in clean and good condition will be accepted until December 16th. Just drop off your coat(s) at their store in Walnutport. For every coat brought in, you will receive a \$1.00 gift certificate for their store. Please help by donating your unused coats for the less fortunate in the Lehigh Valley.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Hope members who were hospitalized from October 24th through November 27th were: Joyce Itterly, Theresa Gross, Georgia Mohrey, Fern Anthony, Bob Wescott, Ralph Fisher, Jr., Lester Snyder, Debbie Fisher, Herb Baum, Anne Harry, Ruth Roth and Nick Dotter. *Please keep these persons in your prayers.*



IS THERE CHURCH?

If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday this winter, and you are wondering if Sunday Church School or worship services are cancelled, please check the website at www.hopecherryville.org or call our church office (610-767-7203), or listen to the radio station WAEB (AM 790).



MILLER MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER

As the holiday season approaches, it gives us the opportunity to give thanks for family, friends and many other blessings we enjoy.

Many of us are especially thankful for the blessing of good health. The Miller Memorial Blood Center is very thankful for the many donors who are committed to donating blood because it is your generosity that saves lives. During the holiday when so many people are out of town, recruiting an adequate number of donors to meet the patient's needs is very difficult. If you can help this holiday season, please call the Miller Memorial Blood Center at 610-691-5850 or 1-800-223-6667. Thank you.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

All members of Hope Lutheran Church planning a wedding in the coming year(s) are encouraged to attend the **Marriage Preparedness Workshops** offered through Lutheran Congregational Services. More information and a schedule for 2008 are available from the church office or by calling Lutheran Congregational Services at 610-770-9205. Also, please let the church office know of your marriage date as soon as you decide and make an appointment to speak with Pastor Kuntz.

2007 OFFERINGS

Must be received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2007 to receive credit for 2007. Any offerings received after January 1, 2008 MUST be credited as 2008 contributions.

2007 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008



ANNUAL REPORT

Each group or committee meeting at Hope Church is expected to submit an Annual Report by January 2nd. The report should be submitted on an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper and should include past accomplishments and future goals. (You can email your report to office@hopecherryville.org or submit it on a disk).

DID YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?

Did you fill out a communion card during the year? Please fill one out the next time you receive communion (if you didn't or you're not sure). Our constitution requires active members to receive communion regularly.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE



The Senior Choir is selling poinsettias for Christmas Eve. Orders will be taken on Sundays, December 2nd & 9th. Money is due with the order(s). The DEADLINE to order your poinsettias is Sunday, December 9th.

REMINDER TO POINSETTIA SPONSORS

It is appreciated if all plants could remain in the sanctuary for all three Christmas Eve services. Plants may be taken after the **11:30 pm** Christmas Eve worship service. Thank you!

ANGEL TREE – PRISON FELLOWSHIP



When a parent is in prison, so are you. Your heart is locked behind a wall of loneliness. Your future is bound by shame. But Jesus came to set the captives free, and through Angel Tree you can bring the love of Christ year-round to prisoners' kids across America. Donations can be made to reach children of prisoners year-round through Christmas, Camping and Mentoring programs. Any amount is appreciated. Send contributions to Angel Tree, P O Box 1550, Merrifield, VA 22116-1550. Thank you. (or contact Angel Tree at 1-800-55Angel or www.angeltree.org)

ADVENT CANDLE FAMILY LIGHTING

Again this year, we are asking families (or parts of families) to volunteer to light the wreath on one of the Sundays in Advent while an Advent carol is sung. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

In time for holiday gift giving, the Lehigh Township Historical Society will be hosting open houses in December. During the open houses, you can purchase a wide variety of items pertaining to the society and the township. Tours of the Historical Centre will be available as well. Come visit us! You'll be surprised at the many historical items that we have on display. The dates and times for the open houses are: Mon., Dec. 10th, 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and Sun., Dec. 16th, Noon to 3:00 PM. The Historical Centre is located in the Trading Post building at Indian Trail Park, Pennsville. For more information, call 610-760-1814.

INGATHERING ITEMS

On Wednesday, December 5th a group from Hope Church will be sorting and packing the donations for the Ingathering Service. Anyone can help! We will begin at 6:00pm in the Hanson Hall. The annual Christmas Ingathering of Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 417 Howertown Road, Catasauqua. Packing of stockings and wrapping of gifts will begin at 1:00 pm. There will be an afternoon session only. The Ingathering will close with a Service of Dedication. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!** The speaker this year will be Amy Daugler from Turning Point. The ingathering provides gifts for people in area institutions.

POST CONFIRMATION CLASS FUNDRAISER

The Post Confirmation Sunday School class will be selling "dry ingredient" cookie jars beginning on Sunday, December 2nd. They will continue selling them on Sundays after both worship services through Christmas. These cookie jars make great gifts!

2007 FALL BASKET SOCIAL

Thank you to the many individuals, businesses, committees and groups who gave contributions to the 2007 Fall Basket Social! For the past 13 years, monies raised at this social have been given to Hope Church's Building Fund. With the mortgage to the new addition now paid off, The Basket Committee will continue the tradition of this fall social, with monies going to the Building Maintenance Fund. Everyone's support (along with the generosity of matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans) is appreciated. God bless...

The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville

The Basket Committee would like to send a very special thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this year's fall basket social. The businesses that supported the social were:

Revolution	Cherryville Animal Hospital
Guignet's Floral Shop	Subway
Ice Cream World	Kern's Flower Shop
Neff's Hotel	Bechtel's Pharmacy
Kim Ritter Roth (Mary Kay)	Bernie's Hair Salon
Pizza Como	Lehigh Township Lioness
Harhart's Service Station	Henry's Service Station
Northampton Coin & Jewelry	Miller's Market
Jenn Andrews (Scrapbooking)	Weis Markets
The Terrace Restaurant	Southmoore Golf Club
Hi-Way Restaurant	Tom's Bagels
Panera Bread	Thomas Muffins
Linda Mery (Tastefully Simple)	Tom D.Sidor (CPA)
Doris Royer (Home & Garden)	Greg Demko (A-Treat Soda)
Connie Cuellar (Longenberger)	D'Soprano's Pizzeria



MONTHLY PRAYER NAMES FOR DECEMBER

As you pray for your fellow brothers and sisters at Hope these next two months, don't forget to forgive those that have wronged you in some way. "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was you." (God's Little Devotional Book)

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:14,15

12-1-07 Alfred Silfies
12-2-07 Andrew, Erica, Delaney Szwest
12-3-07 Dennis & Marilyn Keenly
12-4-07 Linda Derr
12-5-07 Kristen, Jade, Kaira Zamadics
12-6-07 Barbara Burns & Kasey Frey
12-7-07 Clark, Maureen & David Kuntz
12-8-07 Robert & Elaine Scheetz
12-9-07 Kenneth & Eunice Reph
12-10-07 Allen & Delores Derhammer
12-11-07 Nicole, Nicholas, & Caleb Young
12-12-07 Harold & Joyce Itterly
12-13-07 Nadia Kowalchuk
12-14-07 Wendy, Cassidy & Lauren Pitts
12-15-07 Chad, Christy, Ethan & Aubrey Rehrig
12-16-07 Michael, Vicki & Ella Bonser
12-17-07 Arthur & Madeline Reph
12-18-07 Bertha Hantz
12-19-07 Walter & Jean Hoanzl
12-20-07 Todd Kunkel
12-21-07 Nora Sekol
12-22-07 Joseph, Pamela & Aaron Holubowski
12-23-07 Bryan Kunkel
12-24-07 David, Lori, Alexander & Andrew Beers
12-25-07 Laura, Jacob & Jeffrey Graser
12-26-07 Martha Hontz
12-27-07 Ralph, Deborah, Andrew, Ashley & Brandon Fisher
12-28-07 Larry & Linda Fisher
12-29-07 Matthew Druker
12-30-07 Horace & Linda Obert
12-31-07 Bruce, Rhonda, Alexander & Eric Ward



MONTHLY PRAYER NAMES FOR JANUARY

Pray for "new beginnings"

01-01-08 Floyd & Irene Williams
01-02-08 Mark Walters
01-03-08 Tracy O'Donnell
01-04-08 Betty Billig
01-05-08 Kyle, Jennifer & Hunter Zehner
01-06-08 Harry & Kathleen Kunkle
01-07-08 John, Jeanette & Trent Moyer
01-08-08 Earl & Alberta Bloss
01-09-08 Karen Reinert
01-10-08 Walter & Diane Beil
01-11-08 Miriam Borger
01-12-08 Lawrence & Catherine Rhoads
01-13-08 Dale & Dorothy Beers
01-14-08 Barbara Romig
01-15-08 Gary, Susan, Kristin & Kyle Stephens
01-16-08 Beatrice Burbes
01-17-08 Larry, Kerry, Rachel, Larissa & Lucy Follweiler
01-18-08 Karyn, Ashley & Anthony Diodoardo
01-19-08 Christine & Logan Steigerwalt
01-20-08 Sheila & Ryne Barrall
01-21-08 Virginia Hauck
01-22-08 Bridgett Reese
01-23-08 Chad Rapchak
01-24-08 Richard & Kelly Kulp
01-25-08 Andrew, Christine, Brian & Annelise Lutz
01-26-08 Gregory Smith
01-27-08 Rhonda Shaffer
01-28-08 Isabella Gmitter
01-29-08 Glenn & Judith Milositz
01-30-08 Stephanie, Kaitlyn, Morgan & Hannah Messinger
01-31-08 Donald & Betty Reph



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: SCS OUTREACH PROJECT

We had a video in the nave on Sunday, October 28th to kick off our outreach project for this year, Heifer International. Many banks were given to Pastor Kuntz and then placed on a table in front of the altar on Sunday, November 25th. If anyone still would like to give money we are still accepting it. Just bring it to the Sunday Church School office. We want to thank everyone who participated in this project, including those people who purchased animal gifts on their own.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 16th during the 10:30 service. Donations of finger food for the refreshments after the program would be greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

There will be Sunday Church School on December 30th. The primary classes will gather, probably in Hanson Hall, to view a video. The rest of the Sunday Church School will view a different video, probably in the nave. After viewing the videos we will have a sing-a-long of Christmas music.

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2007 SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL TAX STATEMENTS

Statements to be used for income tax purposes will be given only to those who request them. Please complete the information below and have your child give this form with their offering, or phone Nancy Creyer at 610-767-8942 (leave message). Statements will be completed in January of 2008.

NAME(S) _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

THANK YOU NOTES

Pastor Kuntz and Ernie Siegfried, thank you for serving as the Pastors at the funeral of Henry Burbes. Your kind words of comfort from God's Word will long be remembered by the family. Also, please express our thanks to all who prepared and served the wonderful luncheon. We are grateful for their time. It made things easier for our family during this difficult time.

Miriam Burbes and Family

Hope Lutheran Church, enclosed is a gift from the Indianland Garden Club in appreciation of our use of your facility. If you need us for anything, please let us know. (\$100.00 enclosed)

Sincerely,

*Indianland Garden Club
Bonnie Kotch, Treasurer*

Thank you to Pastor Kuntz, Ernie and Jane, to all who sent thoughts, prayers, cards. To the Women of ELCA, to all who contributed to Hope Church and Hospice in Ed's memory. Thank you to Janet Filchner for the beautiful music, to the ladies and gentlemen who took care of the memorial service luncheon. All of these things contributed to Ed's peaceful transition from this life to the next.

Leah Warnke and Family

HOPE CHURCH COOKBOOK

It has been 30 years since our last cookbook. We decided it was time for another one. So get your grandmothers, mothers, sisters aunts, neighbors or your own favorite recipe to share with us. We would like to have the cookbook finished before Hope Fest 2008. Use the forms available in the church narthex and drop it in the church office or email your recipe to

cookbook@ptd.net

Lori Wisser, Carol Groller and Donna Hoppes



BEAR CREEK WINTER CAMP

DECEMBER 26-28, 2007

(For youth in grades 7-12)

Catch up with camp friends and make new ones as you experience Bear Creek Camp under a blanket of snow (hopefully). Enjoy lots of your favorite camp activities and try some you will never do at summer camp, like snowball fights with counselors and playing **on** the lake. Don't make Frosty mad, call your friends and make plans today to spend part of your Christmas break at Winter Camp 2007.

More information and registration forms available at www.bearcreekcamp.org

FLOWER CHART

Our new flower chart for 2008 will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex very soon. Two sponsors (*and only two*) are needed each week, at a cost of **\$15.00 per sponsor**.

Sponsor envelopes are next to the chart, the sponsor money and the envelope is due in the church office two weeks before the sponsorship. A special thank you to Sis Livermon for making our flower chart.

BULLETIN CHART

Our bulletin chart for 2008 will also be posted on the narthex bulletin board shortly. Three sponsors needed per week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor. Thank you to Nancy Creyer for making our bulletin chart.

PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISMS

Cara Marie Thomas was baptized on November 25, 2007 during the 10:30am worship service. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

Connor William Simms was baptized on November 25, 2007 during the 10:30am worship service. Pastor Kuntz officiated. *Please welcome Cara and Connor into our church family at Hope Church and pray for their growth in faith.*



MARRIAGES



Samantha Jo Wisniewski and Thomas

Louis Mahalick exchanged wedding vows on November 10, 2007 at Hope Church. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

Jessica Lynn Schuon and Christopher

Michael Skelton exchanged wedding vows on November 10, 2007 at a small ceremony in their home. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

Jerry Binder Jr. and Jessica Shepock exchanged wedding vows on November 10, 2007 at Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Northampton.

Marcus Allen Solt and Kristen Joyce Stone exchanged wedding vows on November 17, 2007 at Hope Church. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

John William Schuon and Verna Christine Druckenmiller exchanged wedding vows on November 24, 2007 at Hope Church. Ernie Siegfried officiated and Pastor Kuntz assisted. *Congratulations to all of these couples. Please pray that they may always remember the promises made before God on their very special day.*

Pastoral Acts continued on the next page...

PASTORAL ACTS CONTINUED...

FUNERALS

Brenda L. Emerick entered eternal life on October 17, 2007 at the age of 58 years. A memorial service was held at Hope Church on October 27, 2007; Pastor Kuntz officiated.

***William C. Rabenold, Sr.** entered eternal life on November 3, 2007 at the age of 73 years. Services were held at Reichel Funeral Home with interment at Fairview Cemetery, Northampton. Pastor Kuntz officiated. *non-member

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Brenda and William. May God continue to be your guide and strength.



Funerals



CUB PACK BREAKFAST

Cub Pack 242 will be holding a breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, December 9, 2007 at Hope Church between the hours of 7:00am and 1:00pm. The cost

will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 5-11 and children under 5 are free. The scouts will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, cream chipped beef, toast, coffee, tea, juice and hot chocolate. For advance tickets, please see a Cub Scout or contact scoutmaster Josh Larkin at 610-844-5832. Tickets will also be available after the worship services next Sunday. The scouts are raising money for a year-end trip to see and Iron Pigs baseball game in the new Coca Cola Ball Park. Cub Scouts consist of first (Tiger Cubs), second (Wolves), third (Bears), Fourth (Webelos I) & fifth (Webelos II) graders. We meet the first and third Thursdays of the month for den meetings and the fourth Tuesday of the month for pack meetings. For more information regarding cub pack 242, please contact committee chair, Felicia Mullen at 610-760-0958.



HOLIDAY - KID – SITTING

By Cadette – Senior Girl Scout Troop#8880

Red Cross Certified

Friday Night

December 14, 2007

6PM-10PM

Hope Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

Would you like an evening out –
without the kids, to shop and dine?

\$10.00 Each Child

Includes lots of: fun, snacks, crafts, games, stories, and movies.

Tips are graciously accepted.

Contact: Karen Zimmerman 610-760-1887

kzsews@entermail.net



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O God our loving father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise man. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

-Robert Louis Stevenson

