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9:00am-3:00pm

Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop #242 News

Hope Lutheran's 51st Eagle Scout is Timothy Quant. 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.

February Events

Saturday 2

Run WEBELOS Winter event Station.

Sunday 3

Scout Sunday, Scouts to Run 10:30 Church; Service Rodney Sr.

Thursday 7

Snow Tubing: Meet at the church 4pm

Tuesday 12

PLC Meeting 7:00

Thursday 14

Collections: Leader lead discussion on collections Trains & Coins

Snow Ball Fight & outdoor fun; second half of meeting.

Wednesday 20

Skateaway Roller Skating: Free passes to get in money needed for Skate Rentals and Snacks Meet at the Church at 5:30 return 9:00

Thursday 21

Scouts to bring in and show their collections; also work on skits and Cheers for Family Night. Final sign up and money due for Winter Camp.

Thursday 28

Family Night, Skits Patrol Cheers, Advancements

Fri. 2/29 to Sun. 3/2

Winter Fun Camp cost \$20 leave 5:30 Friday return Noon Sunday

Scouting is about teaching life skills, learning First Aid, Out Door Skills, and Leadership Skills all while having 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Heifer International Outreach Project

We want to thank everyone who contributed to the Heifer International outreach project sponsored by our Sunday Church School. Thus far we have collected \$899.54. Your participation in this project has enabled many poor people in other parts of the world to be able to feed and support their families.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We want to thank LeAnn Chandler for writing and directing the program and Janet Filchner and Bev Goll for selecting and teaching the music. Also thank you to Jean Leibenguth, Lorilee Lambert, and Kathy Fogle for helping in many ways. The program was a huge success, even though it had to be postponed until after Christmas. The favorable response we had to having it the Sunday after Christmas has led the CE committee to decide to have it the Sunday after Christmas next year again.

We'd also like to thank everyone who donated food for the refreshments after the program and everyone who helped set up and clean up afterwards. Your help was very much appreciated.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The fifth grade class has started their preparation for first communion, which will be held on March 9th.

PARENT'S DAY PROGRAM & PROMOTION

Since Pentecost falls on Mother's Day this year the CE committee had decided to not have their annual special day for parents. However because of so many people saying they were disappointed the committee reconsidered their decision. Since we can't have it on Mother's Day as in the past, we are having a special Parent's Day Program on Promotion Sunday, June 8th our last day of SCS. We hope all of the parents of our SCS children will be able to attend.

THANK YOU NOTES



Dear Hope Congregation; Thank you for all of the expressions of love and support at the death of my mom. Your words, cards, calls, visits and prayers were most helpful during this difficult time. The beautiful flowers at the funeral and gift of \$500.00 to Zion's memorial fund in

memory of my mom are deeply appreciated. Thank you for being such a caring community. Your support and our faith in God's loving promise have made this time much easier for our family.

Pastor Kuntz and Family

Dear Ernie, Jane, David, Trudy, Audrey and Debbie, Thank you for your many expressions of sympathy at the death of my mom. Your gift of \$100.00 to Zion and the beautiful flower basket, are greatly appreciated. Mostly, I am thankful for your caring partnership during both happy and sad times in our lives. Blessings to you all in the New Year.

Clark

Dear Members of Hope Church, Thank you for the very generous monetary gift at Christmas. It will come in handy for some clothing and books as I go shopping in the New Year. Thank you for your love and support all year long.

Pastor Kuntz

Ernie and Deb Siegfried extend sincere thanks for all the gifts, cards and prayers received during the Christmas season. Your kindnesses are deeply appreciated. May the peace and joy of the newborn Christ child remain with you throughout the year.

Ernie

Dear Council and Congregation, Thank you so much for the Christmas bonus I received on Christmas Eve. It is very kind of the council and congregation to remember me in such a fine way each year. I wish everyone a healthy and happy new year.

David Ziegler, Director of Music

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Sunday Church School Staff and Teachers,
Thank you for your kind gift of \$215.00 to Hope Church's Memorial Fund in memory of my mom. This gift along with your words and cards of encouragement and prayers have been a wonderful comfort to me and my family.
Sincerely,

Pastor Clark Kuntz



To Hope's Council and Congregation, thank you so much for the Christmas gift check. I appreciated it very much, and I can't wait to go shopping! It is always nice to be remembered especially at the very busy holiday season. Thank you again for everything, have a very blessed 2008! Love,

Jane Tretiak

Dear Congregational Council, Thank you for the monetary gift I received at Christmas. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I look forward to 2008. Sincerely,

Deb Gardner, Financial Secretary

Dear Council, thank you for the monetary Christmas gift. I appreciated it very much. Thank you for your generosity. Have a wonderful new year.

Audrey Rosario, Sexton

Cub Pack 242 would like to thank everyone, especially the congregation for the wonderful support on the attempt of our first breakfast on December 9th. We had a great time and wonderful turn out. Thanks again,

Cub Pack 242

Dear Hope Church, thank you for the second half of my college scholarship. I used it toward my books, and it was very much appreciated. I am doing well at Wilkes University and thank all of you for thinking of me and keeping me in your prayers.

Rachel Tretiak

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, I would like to thank you for your generous scholarship gift. I know it will come in handy soon, as it is just about time for me to purchase my second semester textbooks – and we all know this is no small endeavor. I am still at Penn State University's Altoona campus pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering, being a role model to younger swimmers on our men's team, and keeping faith. I hope the winter weather this year does not prove too challenging for those early service goers! Thanks again,

Jonathan Bednar

Bonnie & Christian Ed., Thank you very much for the beautiful nativity snow globe. It's a beautiful addition to my collection of nativities and one I can add next year to our church's display. A special thank you for your help with the Christmas program and helping to make it a success and a special event for the children. Thank you again,

LeAnn Chandler

Dear Christian Ed Committee & SCS Staff, Thank you for the \$25.00 contribution to the Scholarship Fund in memory of our mother and grandmother.

Tom, Bonnie & Jill Schwartz

Dear Members of Hope, We want to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during our mother's (and grandmother's) illness. Your cards and expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated.

Tom, Bonnie, & Jill Schwartz

TO: Arnie Kuntz, Dear Arnie, The Christian Education Committee and SCS staff would like to thank you for putting shelves in the cabinets of our SCS rooms. That really makes it much nicer to keep our supplies. Now we can see what we have in the cabinet. We really appreciate what you did for us. Also thank you for fixing the lock in the third grade classroom. Sincerely,

Bonnie Schwartz on behalf of
the CE Committee and SCS staff

**★ Thank You! ★
★ Thank You! ★**

**THANK YOU NOTES
CONTINUED...**

Pastor Kuntz and Hope's Congregation,
thank you so much for the gifts that you have given the three-year-old girl at Christmas. She was blessed with Love, Joy and Happiness and we thank every one for the gifts given to her and the prayers and many blessings. Love in Christ,
"Little Miss"

Thank you to the Hope Church Christmas carolers. We enjoyed the carols very much and the fruit basket was also deeply appreciated and very delicious. Thank you for thinking of us.
Sincerely,

Mary Rudelitsch and Evan Balliet

To Hope's Christmas carolers, thank you so much for the visit over the holidays. We enjoyed the music very much, and we also enjoyed the delicious fruit basket. Thank you for thinking of us. We appreciate it very much.

Ted and Sis Foster

Christian Ed. & SCS Staff, Thank you for the gift card for our wedding it was a thoughtful and unexpected gesture.
In Christian love,

Verna & John Schuon

REDNERS' SAV-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Hope Church continues to participate in the Redners' sav-a-tape program. You **must** use a sav-a-tape card in order for your receipts to qualify. The church receives 1% of all receipts submitted. Sis Livermon organizes and totals all of the register tapes, and takes them to the store. Redners then sends the church a check. Last time over \$800 in receipts did not qualify, because a sav-a-tape card was not used. Please continue to bring in your register tapes, and if you don't have a card, they are available in the church office. Call Jane Tretiak in the church office with any questions. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR 2008

As you take communion for 2008, please fill out a communion card and give it to an usher. This will help us keep our records up to date. Remember, you only have to fill a communion card out once every year. Thank you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled this year for the week of **July 7, 2008** with the closing program at 9:30am on Sunday, July 13th. Registration will appear in next month's *Home News*. You will also be able to register on line at www.hopecherryville.org Please **note**: Bible School will run from **9:00am to 12Noon**.



IS THERE CHURCH??

If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday (or Wednesday) this winter and you're wondering if Sunday School or worship services are cancelled, please check the church website (www.hopecherryville.org), call the church office (610-767-7203), listen to radio station WAEB (AM790), or watch the WLEV television station.

CHERRYVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Would you like to add one to your list? Are you tired of sitting at home? If you are 60 or older, you are invited to come to the Cherryville Senior Center to meet new friends and join in activities such as Bingo, quilting, exercise, crafts, parties, bus trips, cards, puzzles or perhaps you might like to volunteer for a sing-a-long, bingo caller, games, maybe even help in the kitchen. You need not be a member of Hope Lutheran Church. The center is open to all. A lunch and transportation is offered for a donation. Monday through Friday, the center operates under auspices of Northampton County Area Agency on Aging. Make that first step and call 610-767-2977 for more information.

SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

Mark your calendars now for Friday, April 11, 2008. This is the date set aside for Hope's Spring Basket Social. Please note: this fundraiser benefits The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund.

MARDI GRAS – AKA ALL MALE COOK OFF

Men/boys of Hope Church, get your recipes ready! Our all male cook off will be held on Sunday, February 3rd in the fellowship hall. Categories include breakfast, casserole, entrée, chili, soup, vegetable/salad or dessert. All are welcome to attend and to sample all of the delicious dishes and vote for your favorite.



BEAR CREEK DAY CAMP

Mark your calendars – Bear Creek Day Camp will be held at Hope Church from July 28 – August 1st from 9:00am –3:00pm. More information in next month's newsletter.

COOKIES FROM HOME

The Girl Scout troops that meet here at Hope are participating in "Cookies from Home". They will be taking donations of any amount, preferably \$3.50 (the cost of a box of cookies) or \$7.00, etc. to purchase boxes of Girl Scout cookies to send to the military troops stationed throughout the world. The Girl Scout council is working with USO to ship them and distribute them to our soldiers. A Girl Scout cookie display will be set up here at Hope on Sundays, February 10 & 17. Please help with this very worthwhile cause. You may also purchase cookies for yourself at these times. Please contact LuAnn Smith at 610-760-9576, or Karen Zimmerman at 610-760-1887 or Natalie Savage @ 610-767-8569 for more information.



Girl Scout Cookie Time

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

Hope Church is responsible to help volunteer at the Food Bank for the month of March. Volunteers are needed on the following dates:

Monday, March 3rd at 12:30pm to **unload and pack food.**

The remaining hours are to get orders ready for clients.

Monday, March 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm

Monday March 17th from 9:00am-12:00pm or 6:00-8:00pm.

Tuesday, March 18th from 2:00-4:00pm.

Wednesday, March 19th from 9:00-11:00am.

Thursdays, March 6, 13 & 20 either from 2-4:00pm or 6-8:00pm.

If you can help, please put a note in the social ministry mail slot or call Marge Zimmermann at 610-767-8901.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER

The food bank will be holding a basket bingo on Sunday, February 3rd at the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Northampton. Donations of baked goods, finger foods and Chinese auction items would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Marge Zimmermann at 610-767-8901, Linda Sidor at 610-767-8372 or Marian Druckenmiller at 610-767-1720 if you can help with any of these donations.

HOPE'S MEN'S GROUP

Has scheduled a trip to see the Philadelphia Phantoms Ice Hockey game on *Monday, February 18th (President's Day). Cost of the trip is **\$25.00** (transportation, snacks and game ticket). Game time is 4:00pm (leave Hope Church at 1:30pm). Sign up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. *(note date change)

IRON PIGS vs. RICHMOND BRAVES

Hope Church Trip – Inaugural Home Game on Friday, April 11th at 7:00pm. Picnic patio includes game ticket and two hour buffet featuring BBQ chicken, hamburgers, salads, dessert. Fireworks and commemorative ticket and frame are part of the nights' festivities. Cost: \$25.00 (**Please sign the waiting list that is posted on the bulletin board**).

DAFFODIL SUNDAY-MARCH 30, 2008
ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

*An insert will be included in bulletin
and cancer prayer read*



DAFFODILS TO BE ORDERED
**Only one name per order form please!*

	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COST</u>
Bunch = \$8.00 (10 flowers)		
Vase of Hope = \$15.00 (10 flowers in a green vase)		
Bear & Bunch = \$25.00 (Boyd's Bear "Bea R. Hope" and daffodils)		
TOTAL.....		\$ _____

PAYMENT: PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO L.V. UNIT, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY (NOT HOPE CHURCH) NO MONIES ARE KEPT BY HOPE CHURCH.

In Honor of Survivor _____

In Memory of _____

*Thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society's programs of education, patient services and cancer research!
 March is National Colorectal Cancer awareness month.*

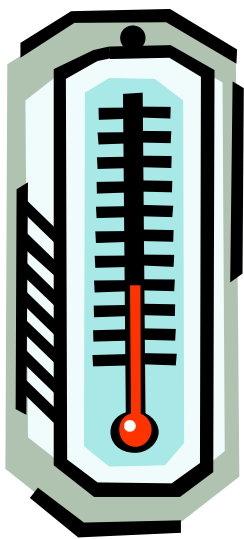
ORDER DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2008 (NO LATE ORDERS)
DID YOU KNOW...according to the Canadian Cancer Societies' website, daffodil days began in the 1950's in Toronto as a fundraising tea and the tables were decorated with daffodils.
Please place order form and check in an envelope and place in the locked box in the narthex!

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY –
 January 14, 2008

- Pastor Kuntz opened the meeting and led devotions.
- **Election of Officers for 2008:** President – Linda Mery, Vice President – Greg Demko, Secretary – Jean Leibenguth, Treasurer – Trudy Mertz and Finance Secretary – Deb Gardner.
- Secretary minutes and treasurer's report for December were approved.
- **Pastor's Report:** Highlights for December: Worship services, Christmas Eve and Advent activities. Thank you to everyone for your gracious support in the death of his mother.
- **Pastoral Assistants' Report:** Highlights for December: Worship services included Advent services and Christmas worship for seniors and shut-ins.
- **Youth:** Church decorating and caroling; Progressive dinner with Emmanuel's Church, Good Shepherd and Holy Trinity. Post Confirmation class planning a Valentine's Day dance on February 9, 2008. Planning a lock-in/famine for March.
- **Social Ministry:** Good Shepherd home is now a continual every Sunday visit. Resignation of Jean Leibenguth from the committee.
- **Worship and Music:** No meeting.
- **Property:** Looking into new heat pump for the fellowship hall; more information to follow.
- **Evangelism:** Working on the pictorial directory.
- **Christian Ed Committee:** No meeting.
- **Stewardship:** No meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00pm.





New Thermostats have been installed for three rooms in our new building as a pilot program for greater energy efficiency and to monitor heating and air conditioning costs. The thermostats were installed in Fellowship Hall, the Adult Sunday School Room and the Choir Room. The new devices are connected to our computer network and can be monitored and controlled by authorized users from outside the building. When the fellowship hall is booked, the computerized schedule will turn on the heat or air condition at the appropriate time. And more importantly, turn it off at the conclusion of the event.

The new devices also provide detailed information on the run time of the various components of the heating system, e.g. stage 1, stage 2 and auxiliary heat (the most expensive of the three) as well as cooling costs and fan run time. Constant monitoring and analysis will ensure our heating and cooling system is working at maximum efficiency. This has already proved beneficial.

After converting Fellowship Hall, the thermostat indicated there was a consistent problem heating the hall and always required auxiliary heat. The property committee was alerted and discovered one of the heat pumps was defective causing the use of expensive resistance heat. The committee took corrective action and averted catastrophic heating costs this winter.

The system also sends pages, cell phone text messages and emails to key personnel to alert them of potential harmful conditions such as low temperatures, high temperatures and tampering.

A big thank you is extended to our property committee for the innovative and forward thinking of using technology to be good stewards of God's creation. And special thanks to: Arnold Kuntz and William Fritzingler for running the computer and HVAC wiring for the new thermostats; to Ralph Fisher Sr. and Ralph Fisher Jr. for connecting and monitoring the system on a regular basis; and to Jay Livermon for managing the project of replacing the dual heat pump for Fellowship Hall.



A Telephone and Computer Network expansion was completed this fall putting a telephone and internet connection in every classroom in the building. Many publishers are providing curriculums only for computer or internet based learning. This enhancement will enable classrooms to take advantage of these new curriculums as they are introduced.

Connections are secured to prevent unauthorized use or the unintended introduction of viruses into the network. Computers attaching to the network must be registered and authorized to use the network before an internet connection is made available. Although the infrastructure is completed, computers or network interfacing devices are still needed to make internet based learning a reality. Teachers who have their own laptops may register their computers with the office to gain access to the internet for instructional media or researching.

Telephones were also installed into every room as a means to broadcast messages and announcements to Sunday School rooms on a Sunday morning; provide paging facilities throughout the building and for increased security. All public telephones can call any other telephone within the building and emergency services. To call fire, police or ambulance, you must dial **9 + 911** from any public phone within the building.

Thank you to Arnold Kuntz and William Fritzingler for completing the wiring for the additional telephones.



RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Hope members who were hospitalized from November 28th through January 30th were: Clarence Green, Gary Furry, Alan LeHeup, Lois Davis, Louise Beers, Herb Baum, Loretta Neustadter, *Lee Herman, Florence Kline, Ruth Roth, Arlene Ruch, George Binder, Joyce Iterly, Donald L. Benninger, Donald Neustadter, Art Reph, Shirley Cherry, Jane Silfies, Estella Beers, and Thomas Kemmerer.

*deceased

Please keep these persons in your prayers.

COMMUNION SETTING

Setting 8 of our new hymnal was introduced for the first time on Sunday, January 6 and has been a hit ever since. This uplifting liturgy has a beat and uses drums, guitar and bass along with piano for congregational accompaniment. It has been reported that people are swaying, tapping toes and groovin' with the music. And the good part? It is 100% Lutheran. It is liturgy with which we are familiar; same words, different tune.

Reaction has been mixed; from amazement ("I didn't think I'd ever hear music like that here!") to fear ("Is this going to stop at the end of January?"). All comments have been supportive and encouraging to continue to musical setting. It is enjoyed by young and old alike.

A multiple person worship band assembles each Sunday morning for the communion worship service. On any occasion, you may see one or more of these people playing: Steve Corby, Todd Leibenguth, Stacey Ziegler (drums); Gerry Zimmerman, Kurt Zimmerman (bass); William Burch, Robert Corby, Bernard Kressley Sr, Jeremy Zimmerman (guitar)

Most, if not all, of these musicians regularly attend the 10:30 service and have been kind enough and flexible enough to switch services while we introduced this new setting. We are in need of musicians for the early service so we can keep the beat going. If you play drums, guitar or bass guitar and are interested in joining our worship band, please contact our director of music, David Ziegler. A rehearsal will be scheduled soon to train new musicians and expand the accompaniment to non-communion services. If you want to ensure this new setting continues, please volunteer your services now!



LEATHER HYMNALS

There are 4 leather ELW hymnals available to purchase. The cost per hymnal is \$45.00. Please call the church office if you are interested.

GRIEFSHARE – A GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

The death of a spouse, child, family member or friend is devastating. If you've experienced such a loss, it may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future. You've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. You should not try to go through the grieving process alone.

GriefShare, a grief recovery support group led by persons who have traveled this road before you, will begin here at Hope on **Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00pm.** If you, or someone you know could benefit from this program, please speak with Ernie Siegfried or Pastor Kuntz. Other information on bulletin board in the narthex.

POST CONFIRMATION VALENTINE DANCE



Saturday, February 9th at Hope Church. The dance is from 6:00-9:00pm in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$5.00 at the door, a raffle will also be held that evening with a few prizes, raffle tickets are \$1.00 a piece. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lehigh Township Historical Society presents "CIRCUS TRAINS". The program will be held at Hope Church on Monday, February 25th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. History, photos and display of circus trains presented by Sheldon Endy, Jr. Light refreshments, free admission. Additional information contact 610-760-1814). All are welcome to attend!

HOPE'S COOKBOOK

Many, many more recipes are needed to fill our new cookbook for Hope Church. It has been over 30 years since our last cookbook was published. Please submit your recipes to (you can submit as many as you like) cookbook@ptd.net or fill out a recipe form printed on the next page or on the table in the narthex. Let's make this a cookbook filled with all of our favorite dishes that we can enjoy for many years to come!

MONTHLY PRAYER NAMES FOR FEBRUARY

1 John 3:1, 24 From the beginning you were told that we must love each other. If we obey God's commandments, we will stay one in our hearts with him, and he will stay one with us. The Spirit that he has given us is proof that we are one with him.

- 2-1-08 Marian Burkhardt
- 2-2-08 Harvey, Althea Handwerk
- 2-3-08 Fay Roberts
- 2-4-08 John, Donna Pittman
- 2-5-08 Jennifer Silfies
- 2-6-08 Candi Lynn, Jennifer Strohl, Kevin Strohl
- 2-7-08 Natalie, Jacob Savage
- 2-8-08 Richard, Patricia Zavilla
- 2-9-08 Frank, Carol Groller
- 2-10-08 Fern Anthony
- 2-11-08 Kim Satow
- 2-12-08 Douglas, Kimberly, Kaitlynn, Jeffrey & Brianne Sell
- 2-13-08 Rachel Greenawalt, Gail, Gabrielle, Samantha Molitoris
- 2-14-08 Tami Gabrielsen
- 2-15-08 William, Eileen Lewis
- 2-16-08 Linda, Thomas Sidor
- 2-17-08 Christopher Zimmermann
- 2-18-08 James, Lisa, Jonathan, Michele, Kevin Heberling
- 2-19-08 Nancy Waltz
- 2-20-08 David, Patricia, Marc Bollinger
- 2-21-08 Jerry, Susan, Jerry Binder
- 2-22-08 Jeffrey, Sara Hall
- 2-23-08 Jean, Reece, Rorie Anderson
- 2-24-08 Jennipher Hiester, Tammy Keller
- 2-25-08 Sharon, David, Miah Hornyak
- 2-26-08 Bev, Fred Goll
- 2-27-08 George, Mildred Binder
- 2-28-08 John Schuon, Jessica Skelton
- 2-29-08 David, Judith Chase



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Kuntz officiated at the following baptisms

HOLY BAPTISMS

Jarod Baron Knouss, Jr., son of Jarod and Jennifer (Peters) Knouss was baptized on December 2, 2007 during the 10:30am service.

Dante Scott Keen, son of Scott and Alicia (Bachman) Keen was baptized on December 2, 2007 during the 10:30am worship service.

Mackenzie Lyn Connell, daughter of Jonathan and Krissi (Schaffer) Connell was baptized on December 23, 2007 during the 8:00am worship service.

Dylan Jonathan Kemmerer, son of David and Jennifer (Blank) Kemmerer was baptized on December 23, 2007 during the 8:00am worship service.

Ivy Josephine Larkin and Lucas Xavier Larkin, children of Lisa (Mitchell) and ***Clinton Joshua Larkin** were baptized on December 23, 2007 between worship services.

*Adult baptism

Claudia Alyse Pereira, daughter of Glenn and Aléna (Roth) Pereira was baptized on January 27, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service.

Please welcome these children into our church family at Hope and pray for their growth in faith.



MARRIAGE

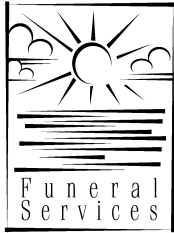
Chad Ryan Hall and Tammy Lynn

Gross exchanged wedding vows on December 1, 2007 at Hope Church. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

Congratulations to Chad and Tammy. Please pray that they may always remember the promises made before God on their very special day.



PASTORAL ACTS CONTINUED...



FUNERALS

Rose H. Kocher entered eternal life on November 25, 2007 at the age of 90 years. Services were held at Hope Church with interment at New Hope Cemetery. Pastor Kuntz officiated, Ernie Siegfried assisted.

***Richard Beers** entered eternal life on December 19, 2007 at the age of 56 years. Services were held at George Bensing Funeral Home. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

Lee H. Herman entered eternal life on December 23, 2007 at the age of 88 years. Services were held at Hope Church with interment at New Hope Cemetery. Ernie Siegfried officiated.

***deceased**

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Rose, Richard and Lee. May God continue to be your guide and strength.

BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Bev Goll, Donald Zellner, Bill Fritzinger, Tina Brown, Raymond Swinger, Daniel Husser, Brenda Mack and Paul Mishko. Thank you to all of our faithful donors. Mark your calendars now for our blood drive here at Hope to be held on Saturday, May 17th in loving memory of Doug Gable.



DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Will be held on **Sunday, March 30, 2008**. The daffodils, symbolic of Hope, have become powerful medicine in their own right. First, they raise the spirits and cancer consciousness of those who purchase them. Secondly, the money raised increases the chance that cancer and its very many forms will eventually be brought under control. *(taken from a Morning Call article, C/O Call Me Kelly 03/22/00)*. Order forms are printed on the next page.



FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Throughout the month of January, Pastor Kuntz and I focused our sermons on the subject of prayer. In doing so, we explored questions such as: What is prayer? Why should we pray? How and when should we pray? Does God really hear our prayers? Does prayer make a difference? Pastor and I trust we were able to answer some of your questions and that our messages were helpful and meaningful to your prayer life.

Now we are about to enter the Lenten season, a particularly important and appropriate time to turn to prayer. Lent should be a time of reflection; a time to pause in our busy schedule to ask some important questions as to how we conduct ourselves in daily life; a time to repent and ask God to forgive our sinful ways. As we enter this solemn time of examination and renewal, we are reminded again of how important prayer was to Jesus. He went to the Father in prayer constantly seeking strength. He taught his disciples to pray and throughout the scriptures calls each of us to prayer. Prayer is an essential part of our Lenten discipline and draws us closer to God.

I'm reminded of a song I've come to dislike over the years because its' words raise some disturbing thoughts. "I want to be just like you, Dad" are the words of a son as he follows his father through a life so preoccupied with "things" to do that he never seems to have time for the son. The words bother me because I'm sure I haven't always been there when needed by my children.

Such is not the case with our Heavenly Father who is always available to us, always ready to hear our prayers of repentance and to grant us forgiveness.

During this Lenten season, I encourage you to make time each day to go to the Lord in prayer to thank and praise him for all his blessings and to seek renewal for your life.