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LENT/EASTER WORSHIP

Mid Week Worship is held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on March 5th and 12th more inside ➤

Lent IV, Sunday, March 2nd

8 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Service of the Word/
Holy Baptism
Girl Scout Sunday (10:30 a.m.)

Lent V, Sunday, March 9th

8 a.m. Service of the Word 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
First Holy Communion for 5th Graders at 10:30 a.m.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday), March 16th

8 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Service of the Word
Blessing of Palms/Children's Parade (10:30 am)

Maundy Thursday, March 20th

Holy Communion at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Stripping of the Altar)

Good Friday, March 21st

Community Service 12 Noon-3 p.m. @ St. John's UCC, Howertown
(Hope Church leads worship 12-12:30 p.m.)
7 p.m. Tenebrae Service at Hope Church

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (Easter Sunday)

March 23, 2008

Holy Communion at 6, 8, and 10:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 7-10 a.m.

Easter II, Sunday, March 30th

"The Celebration Continues!!"
8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Daffodil Sunday

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As we approach Holy Week worship I would like to share with you a simple story I heard some time ago...

On a particularly windy overcast early spring day, a little girl stood at a window. The tears on her face looked like raindrops rolling down the window. Out in the back yard, past the garden, her daddy and big brother were burying her best friend---a puppy that had died.

Her grandfather came and stood next to her.

Gently he took her by the hand and led her to the other side of the house, to another window that looked out over the front yard over mom's flower garden. Kneeling next to the little child, grandpa pointed to a small flower that was just starting to come up through the soil.

And he whispered, "Little one, you've been looking out the wrong window."

I recently received a card from a woman in a parish I served in Pine Grove many years ago. She lost her husband to a heart attack a few months ago. She is struggling as she looks out the "back window" and tears stream down her face like rain in her life.

Someone just knocked on my door as I write this article for the newsletter. The person just wanted to talk. It's a story that I hear often. "Pastor, I'm depressed. I'm not happy. I cry a lot. Sometimes I think I'm going crazy and I really don't want to live."

On Easter morning the disciples expected to find Jesus in the tomb, for they were looking out the "wrong window." Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord, changed everything. It reminds us that with God all things are possible. Even to bring new life out of death. Life in Christ means a new perspective.

May you be blessed this Easter with a renewed perspective of life knowing our Lord's forgiveness, mercy, compassion and the "freedom that will make you free indeed."

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISMS

Pastor Kuntz officiated at the baptisms.

Cole Alexander McLaughlin, son of William McLaughlin

and Christina Herrman was baptized on February 3, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service.

Corry Andrew Benninger, son of Corry L. Benninger and Crystal Almond was baptized on February 17, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service.

Emily Kay Milford, daughter of Tim Milford and Lindsay Rabenold was baptized on February 17, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service.

Please welcome Cole, Corry and Emily into our church family here at Hope and pray for their growth in faith.



FUNERALS



***Walter A. Miller**, entered eternal life on February 10, 2008 at the age of 72 years. Funeral services were held at the Harding Funeral Home with interment at Indianland Cemetery. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

Shirley L. Pysher Cherry entered eternal life on February 21, 2008 at the age of 79 years. Funeral

services were held at Reichel Funeral Home in Nazareth, with interment at the Forks Church Cemetery. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

**non-member*

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Walter and Shirley. May God continue to be their guide and strength.



PRAYER NAMES FOR MARCH

The Congregational Council is encouraging all of 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. Below is March's prayer list.

- 3/1/08 Alex, Priscilla Oncheck and family
- 3/2/08 Ruth Frisch and family
- 3/3/08 Jason and Damian Blose, Lisa Deutsch and family
- 3/4/08 Helen Romano and family
- 3/5/08 Edward and Evelyn Kohler and family
- 3/6/08 John and Thelma Livermon and family
- 3/7/08 Julie, Garrett Kunkel and family
- 3/8/08 Thomas, Carol, Sarah and David Galloway
- 3/9/08 Mark and Rhiannon Kocher and family
- 3/10/08 Eugene and Leann Chandler and family
- 3/11/08 Tabitha Walters and family
- 3/12/08 Kevin, Kelly, Kyle Kromer and family
- 3/13/08 Sue Bond and family
- 3/14/08 Timothy, Marjorie, Paige Beil and family
- 3/15/08 Stacey, Tina, Rachel Brown and family
- 3/16/08 David Mast, Adrienne Rauch and family
- 3/17/08 Nancy Creyer and family
- 3/18/08 Stanley, Sandra Nocek and family
- 3/19/08 Janice Simms and family
- 3/20/08 Kenneth, Estella Beers and family
- 3/21/08 Melissa Beil and family
- 3/22/08 Donald, Carol, Matthew Gross and family
- 3/23/08 Kara Zavilla and family
- 3/24/08 Merion, Michelle, Nathan, Lauren, and Jonathan Miller
- 3/25/08 Dawn Ford and family
- 3/26/08 David, Dawn, Gina, Eric Riso
- 3/27/08 Anthony, Deborah Pagotto and family
- 3/28/08 Herman, Kathleen Kunkel and family
- 3/29/08 Lois Davis and family
- 3/30/08 Leo, Betty Livengood and family
- 3/31/08 Merion, Jane Marsh and family

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Hope Church, Thank you for the second half of my scholarship money. As always it helps with book funds and other college utilities. I am currently attending East Stroudsburg University as a senior with only one more semester to go. Thank you again. Sincerely,

Michelle Meyers



Members of Hope Lutheran Church, I wanted to thank you for the scholarship that I received for school. The extra money helps out a lot. I put the money towards the cost of my flight training and other flight supplies. My fall semester went very well. I did well in all of my classes and enjoyed my position as Resident Advisor. Being in charge of 30 freshmen, college students can get annoying at times but it has its ups and downs. I joined the ultimate Frisbee club down here called "The Dirty Birds" and was chosen to play on the team. It has been a lot of fun and it keeps you in shape. I also got certified to be an open water scuba diver. The underwater environment is absolutely amazing! This semester is also going well. I am still getting the hang of some of my classes but they are all pretty interesting. My favorite among them is my air traffic control class. We get to use an air traffic control simulation lab where we get to control planes. Everything is set up like an actual air traffic facility so we are going to be learning a lot. As we progress through the class we will be learning more advanced things. We are currently learning the Daytona Beach International Airport airspace. Next semester, we will be learning Orlando's airspace. I am looking forward to actually controlling planes for real some day in my future. I hope everyone is doing well up in Pennsylvania. Florida is ok. It has been pretty chilly down here lately, but nothing like how cold it is up there. Everyone stay safe and take care. Thank you all again,

Aaron Lamparter

**THANK YOU NOTES
CONTINUED...**

Dear Hope Church, Thanks once again for the scholarship I received. It has been very useful over the years and again I am very grateful. It's hard to believe there is only one semester left! Thanks for your support.

Steph Ziegler

Dear Hope Church; Thank you very much for the scholarship that you sent me. It helps out a lot with all of the expenses of being in college. Thank you again!

Lauren Thompson

To the Hope Lutheran congregation, this is an overdue show of gratitude for the generous scholarship money you provided me with. New York Chiropractic College runs a tough but worthwhile program. Money can get tight, but your financial gift helps Tiffany and I to have one less thing to worry about. Thank you again! In Christ,

Kevin Bailey

Dear Hope Church Members, Thank you for all the yarn you generously donated for the Liberty Nursing and Rehab Center "Stitches of Love" Group. Your yarn will help to make many special blankets to comfort preemies in the Lehigh Valley. Thanks again,

Beth Kuntz,
Director of Ther. Rec.

Dear Friends, I appreciate that you included me in the prayer chain, February 1, 2008. Although I received the card a week later, and was unable to express my personal needs, I'm sure my other friends had many of the same needs. I appreciate you remembering me. Thank you. Blessings,

Marian Burkhardt



THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Hope Church, thank you so much for the monetary gift at Christmas. I appreciate your continued support and all the love so many members have shown to me throughout the years. God Bless You, (*thank you note missed in last month's newsletter*)

Trudy Mertz



Dear Hope Church, on behalf of Lehigh Township Athletic Association cheerleaders, coaches and parents, we extend our thanks and gratitude to Hope Lutheran Church. The cheerleaders enjoyed a successful season, thanks in part to the church allowing u to use the Fellowship Hall for practices.

Thank you again, (*\$200.00 donation enclosed*)

Sharon Hornyak and
Sabina Grather

HANDBELLS AT HOPE CHURCH



Handbells Are Ringing in the New Year!! Yes, we now have two active handbell choirs: a two-octave choir and a three-octave choir, and they have been rehearsing since January. Both choirs made their debut on February 24 at both services, and will ring again at future services. It's an

exciting and fun time, as the ringers get to know each other, and develop a bond of friendship and musicianship together. The two-octave choir has room for growth, and if anyone is still interested in joining a handbell choir, call the church office or Janet Filchner. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at the 10:30 am worship service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT- March 5 & 12

11am Worship – Service of the Word
7pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship
followed by Dessert and Conversation

“JOURNEY OF STONES”

... a powerful, life-changing journey that calls us to prayerful and honest repentance. The powerful messages center around the compelling metaphor of stones as representative of our sins. As you enter the sanctuary each week you are invited to pick up a stone as a concrete symbol of each sermon’s theme; then as the message concludes, the stones are placed at the foot of the cross.



LUNCH AND LUTHER

Bring a bag lunch and we’ll supply dessert as we venture into *The Lutheran Course II* on Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25th. A series of lessons over lunch from 12-1:30 pm each Tuesday. The course, based on *The Lutheran Handbook II*, digs deeper into classic Lutheran doctrine, relating 16th century theological

concepts to 21st century life with wit and wisdom. **As always, saints and sinners welcome!**



FINANCES FOR JAN. 2008 REGULAR FUND:

Income: \$22,709.95 Expenses: \$24,994.21 Balance (-2,284.26)

Comment: Income is up by \$1,404.40 over last year or 6.5%. Initially that looks good! BUT... our budget calls for an increase of about 7.6%. We are encouraged to not only grow toward a tithe (10% or better) in our regular envelope giving but also redirect a share of our previous building gift to regular for increased ministries. *Please don't just stick those Building Gifts of 2007 in your pocket. Consider that at least a part of those Building Fund gifts could support other ministries in the name of Christ. Yes, the building is a paid...now does it belong to us OR to work and ministries of Jesus Christ? hmmm?*

HOLY WEEK

PASSION SUNDAY/PALM SUNDAY

- March 16th
8 and 10:30 am

- ✘ Children involved in a Palm Sunday parade at the 10:30 am worship
- ✘ Passion according to St. Matthew



MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 20th
11am and 7 pm

- ✘ Holy Communion
- ✘ Symbolic Washing of Disciples Feet (7 pm)

GOOD FRIDAY - March 21st
12 Noon-3 pm and 7 pm
✘ 12 Noon – 3 pm- Community Friday Worship at St. John’s UCC (Howertown)
(Hope Church responsible for the first segment)

- ✘ 7 pm Tenebrae Worship at Hope Church



EASTER SUNDAY- THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

March 23rd – 6, 8, & 10:30 am

- ✘ Holy Communion at every service
- ✘ Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall – 7 –10:30 am

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH SENIOR CHOIR
EASTER FLOWER SALE – 2008**

(PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PLANT!!!)

_____ 6" MUMS - \$8.00 _____ 6" LILY - \$ 8.00

_____ TULIPS - \$6.00 _____ AZALEA - \$9.00
 (6 BLOOMS) (HARDY)

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF: _____

BY: _____

IN HONOR

OF: _____

BY: _____

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU **WILL NOT** BE PICKING UP
YOUR PLANT – ALL PLANTS LEFT WILL BE TAKEN TO
HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS.

A TABLE WILL BE SET UP IN THE NARTHEX TO TAKE
ORDERS AFTER BOTH CHURCH SERVICES ON SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 2 & 9.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYALBE TO HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH.

ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO DEB
GARDNER AT 610-767-8421.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER
FINAL DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 9th
(AFTER THE LATE SERVICE). THANK YOU!

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 23, 2008 from 7:00-
10:00am. Join us in Fellowship Hall
on Easter morning. A suggested \$3.00
per person would be appreciated (6
years old and up); baskets will be
available in the center of each table for your convenience.



Donations of baked items would be appreciated. Any help
would be appreciated on Saturday, March 22nd to help set up
and also for food preparation. Please call Wayne Weidner at
610-767-1502 for more information and times of set up.

*Catechetical students and parents – helping the night before, or
the morning of the breakfast would count as a social outreach
event.*

GRACEDALE EASTER VISIT

On Saturday, March 15th a group from Hope Church will travel
to Gracedale to deliver Easter baskets. Donations of the
following would be greatly appreciated to fill the Easter baskets
for the residents of Gracedale. Small individual packets of
crackers, pretzels, cookies. Also, individual servings of Jell-O
and pudding, candy and oranges. All are invited to go along.
We will meet at Hope Church at 11:00am. We should return to
the church between 2:00 and 2:30pm.

PRAYER VIGIL

Again this year, we will have a prayer vigil
from the close of Good Friday worship until
Easter Sunday morning. This means we
need volunteers to spend an hour in the
church sanctuary during these hours in
prayer and reflection. Watch for a sign-up



sheet to be posted on the rear wall of the nave. Any questions,
please speak to Pastor Kuntz. Thanks for your help! ***Please see
next page for prayer vigil request form, please return to
church by Good Friday.***

PRAYER VIGIL

**Our Prayer Vigil is from 9:00pm Good Friday to 5:00am
Easter morning.**

PRAYER REQUEST(S)

Please pray for:

Requested by:

*Please indicate if prayer request is for military personnel.

PLEASE DROP IN OFFERING PLATE



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PALM SUNDAY PARADE

On Palm Sunday there will be a parade through the nave with the children from the Cradle Roll class through the second grade class. After the Cherub Choir sings they will go to Fellowship Hall to meet with Pastor Kuntz where he will talk Holy Week and Easter. When church is ready to start Pastor Kuntz will lead the children into the nave to parade around it. After the parade parents can pick up their children in their SCS classrooms. Children older than second grade may participate in the parade also.

EASTER SUNDAY

This is a reminder that **there is no Sunday Church School on Easter Sunday.** Classes will resume the following week on March 30th.

TOYS IN SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

It has been brought to our attention that some of the younger children have been bringing toys to their SCS classes. We are asking parents to not allow their children to do that. It has become a problem in the classrooms. The children want to play with what they brought along rather than participate in class. This also disrupts the lesson for the other children. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.



2008 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL INVITATION

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the Spring Walk-in Basket Social on **Friday, April 11, 2008**, to be held in the social hall of Hope Lutheran Church. **Proceeds** will be divided equally between The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope Church Good Samaritan Fund.

Doors open at 4 p.m. and tickets may be purchased until 7:15 p.m. The drawing begins at 7:30 p.m. Winners will be notified via phone that same evening. The cost of a ticket is \$5 at the door per adult and \$3 per child age K through 6th grade. Refreshments will be sold.

Special thanks to ticket sponsors Pat & Daryl Amey. Two additional sponsors are needed (\$30/sponsorship). Please call Linda Sidor at 610.767.8372 if you would like to sponsor tickets.

Each person attending is also invited to bring along a canned good or nonperishable item for the Food Bank.

We also invite you to help with this community event by donating a theme basket, gift certificate, bottled water, canned soda, or baked good. Any of these items may be dropped off in the fellowship hall the evening before the social (Thursday, April 10th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.).

Questions should be directed to the Hope Church Office by calling 610.767.7203.

Thank you! The Basket Committee looks forward to seeing you on April 11th!

Sincerely,

Linda Sidor & Kathy Fogle, co-chairs for the Spring Social
The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Hope members who were hospitalized from November 28th through February 26th were: Gary Furry, Alan LeHeup, Lois Davis, Louise Beers, *Herb Baum, Loretta Neustadter, *Lee Herman, Florence Kline, Arlene Ruch, George Binder, Joyce Itterly, Donald Benninger, Lester Snyder, Donald Neustadter, *Shirley Cherry, Delores Zayaitz, Art Repp, Jane Silfies, Estella Beers, Thomas Kemmerer and Karle Smith. ***deceased**



Please keep these persons in your prayers.

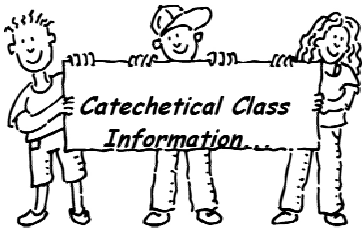
DAFFODIL SUNDAY

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)*. Thank you to everyone who ordered daffodils for this very worthwhile cause.

LENTEN COIN FOLDER



Remember to fill your coin folders. Daily or regular contributions to the coin folder encourage a discipline of one's own self-sacrifice, which in turn, moves one to respond to the needs of his or her sisters and brothers in Christ. Monies collected will be used to support the ministries at our church. Please return your coin folder by Easter. A return envelope is included in the center of this newsletter.



CATECHETICAL CLASSES

UPDATE:

Please let either Pastor or Sunday Church School teacher know if there are any problems or concerns. Attendance needs to be monitored by each student/parent. This is especially important for Level II since your year is shorter with Confirmation (Pentecost) so early this year! Missed assignments must be made up at the initiative of the student. Lent/Easter with extra worship is a good time to get to church to worship!

LEVEL I – 24 Students

- ✓ Lord's Prayer Mini-Retreat Sunday, February 24th was attended by 21 students.
- ✓ Seminary /Franklin Institute Trip is planned for Saturday, March 8th. Leave church at 9 am (sharp) and return about 7:30 pm.

LEVEL II – 20 Students

- ✓ 19 students and several brothers and sisters with parents attended the workshop on Parent-Youth Communication.
- ✓ Seminary /Franklin Institute Trip is planned for Saturday, March 8th. Leave church at 9 am (sharp) and return about 7:30 pm.
- ✓ Mentor Event- Mystery Dinner, Sun., March 30th 12 Noon-1:30pm
- ✓ Workshop on Death and Dying is scheduled for Sunday, April 6th
- ✓ Weekend Retreat is April 25-27th as announced last September. This is a mandatory retreat in preparation for confirmation on May 11th (Mother's Day...sorry moms!)

HOPE CHURCH GOING TO THE PHILLIES...

On Wednesday, July 9th, we will be going to see the Phillies play the Cardinals for 7:05 game at Citizens Bank Park. We will leave the church at 4 pm.

Fireworks are scheduled after the game. So, we will probably not get home until about 12:30 am or later.

Cost for a 400 level seating and chartered bus transportation is \$45.00/person. Sign up on the narthex bulletin board.



NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

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

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

Thursday, March 20 either from 6-8:00pm.

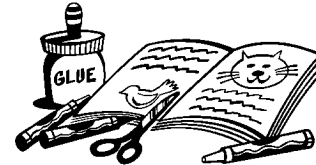
If you can help, please sign the sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK BAKE SALE

A bake sale will be held at the Annual Craft Fair at the Northampton Community Center on Sunday, March 9th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the community center from 7:00-9:00am (or at your earliest convenience). All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the food bank.

THE BOOK PEOPLE

Will have their items on display from February 29th through March 14th. This sale helps our Nursery School get free books for the classrooms. Thank you to everyone for your support.



HOPE'S COOKBOOK

LAST CALL for recipes! It has been over 30 years since our last cookbook was published. Please submit your recipes to cookbook@ptd.net or fill out a recipe form printed on the next page or on the table in the narthex (you can submit as many as you like). The deadline to submit your recipes is MARCH 31st. Don't let your favorite recipes be missed, submit your best ones TODAY!!



EVANGELISM NEWS

Eighth Annual Nativity Open House Display

The Evangelism Committee sponsored the eighth annual nativity display on December 1st and 2nd. This was another successful year for the display. We had 350 nativities and wall hangings this year; this was the largest display thus far. We had over 400 people attend. Sadly, the ice and snow of Sunday prevented many people from coming (but we have been fortunate as this was the first time in the eight years of doing this that the weather interfered with the display). In the offering plate there was \$259.00, which was divided equally between Hope's disaster relief fund and the Northampton Food Bank.

New this year to our display was a program presented by Nick and Diane Seyfried; they used carols and dramatic readings to enlighten us with "The truth about Christmas-as seen through the eyes of the Shepherd." This was presented on Saturday evening after the Advent worship and had 72 people in attendance. A donation was given to the Seyfrieds for their ministry. They wrote a thank you note to the Evangelism committee thanking Hope Church for the invitation to share their ministry and also for the monetary donation given to them. They further stated that the donation given to them was later given to a family with several children in an attempt to make Christmas a little brighter because the father/husband had been killed by a drunk driver.

Thank you to the members of the Evangelism committee for all your hard work that is put into the annual display. Many hours are spent organizing this beautiful display. But also the annual nativity open house could not and would not be successful without the help and support given by the Hope Church family and community.

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EVANGELISM NEWS CONTINUED...

The Evangelism committee thanks EVERYONE who helped in any way to make the eighth annual display a success-advertisements, setting up, tearing down, baking, donations of greens and sharing your nativities-you did it all.

The congregation of Hope can be extremely proud of itself and this display. Thank you so very much.

The display in 2008 will be November 29th and 30th. We are already doing research to determine ways to add more space for more nativities! You bring them and we will find room for them!!! We are also searching for another program to enhance our display and help welcome in the Advent season. Any suggestions, please refer them to the Evangelism committee. If we are blessed to have the same support and enthusiasm in 2008 as we had in 2007, the ninth annual display will be yet another success and a wonderful outreach for Hope Lutheran Church. God's blessings to all,

Sharyn Kratzer and
the Evangelism Committee

EVANGELISM BUS TRIP

The Evangelism committee is planning a bus trip to Lancaster to the American Music Theater to see the Christmas program on November 1st. More information to follow. Watch for it in future bulletins and newsletters. Sign up sheet will be posted on bulletin board in narthex when further details are completed.

GRIEF SUPPORT

A grief support group has begun at Hope using GriefShare, a video assisted program intended to help persons understand and cope with the deep hurt they're experiencing as a result of the death of a loved one. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never before faced. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this program, speak with Ernie Siegfried.

THINK SPRING

Spring is just around the corner! Why not come and join the weight class that meets at Hope each



Wednesday? Shed some of those unwanted pounds! Begin Spring with an improved “you”! The class is open to men and women of our church and our community. It is a warm, friendly group. The only requirements to participating in the group are a desire to lose weight (be it 5 pounds or 500 pounds) and the positive attitude of trying to improve “you”, your health and your lifestyle. Don’t be shy and don’t be embarrassed. Come and be a loser and find yourself a winner! Our weekly session consists of a weigh in and a group discussion, of which both are **treated with utmost confidentiality**. Remember, spring is here! You can do this for you!! Hope to see you in our class, which meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Level I confirmation classroom (downstairs). Everyone is welcome; bring a friend!

YOUTH SHORE TRIP

To Wildwood, NJ on Friday, July 18 – Sunday, July 20th. Cost is \$75.00 per person. We will stay at Trinity Lutheran Church – 2 blocks from the “wide” beach! Adult chaperones needed. (Please sign youth bulletin board by March 15th so we can finalize our plans).

YOUTH GROUP SURVIVOR NIGHT

The youth group will be holding a “survivor night” at Hope Church. The tentative dates for the overnight event are Friday, April 4th through Saturday, April 5th. They have asked the congregation to please take a few minutes and answer the questions to their family feud survey, printed on the next page. This will be a game played the night of their event. Thank you for your help. You can place your completed surveys in the offering plates on Sunday mornings or drop them in the youth group mail slot.

BEAR CREEK CAMP

REMINDER – early registration deadline – postmarked by April 1, 2008. Full payments must be included with your registration. Remember you also qualify for discounts if you have Pastor Kuntz sign your registration form and an additional discount for a Bear Creek Ambassador (Jane Tretiak) attending the annual meeting. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Please contact Jane Tretiak with any questions or for more information. New this year...register online at www.bearcreekcamp.org



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. Leaders from Bear Creek Camp will lead the children in songs, games, Bible lessons, etc. We will travel to a local park for a picnic and swimming! It is a lot of fun. Bear Creek Day Camp is usually very popular, and fills up quickly. Watch for registration forms soon. Mark your calendars NOW!!!

SOFTBALL



LEAGUE

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Any confirmed youth or adult (men and women) interested in playing in the church softball league should plan on attending a softball meeting on **Sunday, March 16, beginning at 1:30pm**. If you cannot make the meeting, or have questions, please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512. Games start the end of April....Sunday evenings.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

Please remember to notify the church if your address and/or phone number changes. It really helps us to keep our membership file current. Thank you!

HOPE'S PRAYER CHAIN

Our prayer chain continues to lift persons up in prayer as needed. Requests can be phoned into either Dolores Reenock at 610-767-6698 or Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203. The following is a list of our current prayer chain participants. You can also let anyone of these persons know of your prayer requests.

Dolores Reenock
Jane Tretiak

CHAIN 1 (daytime)

Pastor Kuntz
Maureen Kuntz
Loretta Neustadter
Margie Zimmermann
Donald Saunders
Gloria Derhammer

CHAIN 2 (daytime)

Jane Tretiak
Georgia Mohrey
Vicki Steiner
Florence Kline

Dolores Reenock
Nellie Krock

CHAIN 1 (evening)

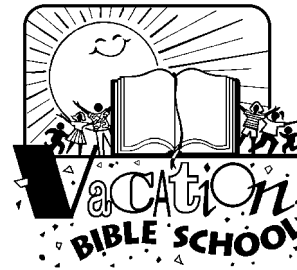
Karen Koplin
Linda Romano
Ann Sassaman
Jean Leibenguth
Nancy Creyer

CHAIN 2 (evening)

Sharon Weidner
Linda Derr
Linda Sidor
Beverly Goll
Sharon Schell

Please note that these persons will keep your requests in their prayers for **one month**. If your requests need additional prayers, please call again, so that the prayer chain can continue to pray for the persons in need of prayer.

Each week the bulletin lists the requests made during the week, and the names are also added to the prayer list that is read every Sunday morning. It is a very simple yet very important way for us to lift up those who are in need of our prayers.



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. 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.

BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Bev Goll, Donald Zellner, Bill Fritzing, 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.



MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

The 14th annual blood drive in memory of Doug Gable will be held in Hope's fellowship hall on Saturday, May 17th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Miller Keystone Blood Center is in dire need for all types of blood, especially at this time of year. Please consider sharing this valuable gift. Donations credited to Hope's blood plan benefits all members. To make an appointment, please call Shirley at 610-767-8109.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The church, like every other organization to which we belong, has rules we must follow if we wish to maintain our membership. Those rules are found in the constitutions of both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Hope Church. You and I, and all other Lutherans, are required to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion **and** make a contribution of record at least once in each calendar year.

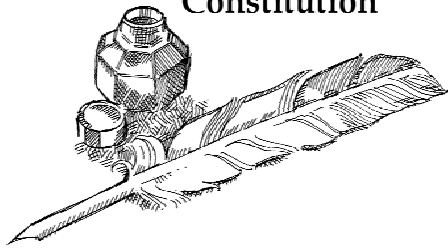
For Hope Church to maintain accurate membership records, you must do the following:

- 1) Receive Holy Communion **and complete a communion card at least once a year**. If you can't remember if you've done it previously in that year, do it again.
- 2) Make a contribution **of record** at least once a year. "Of record" means you must place your contribution in your giving envelope (or at least use your envelope number so we can identify and credit it to you). We can't credit a contribution of loose cash placed in the offering plate.

Parents and guardians are reminded that young persons who have been confirmed are members of the congregation to whom these provisions also apply. Please encourage and assist them in maintaining their membership.

*Please note, if you have not done **both** of these two requirements you have been placed on the Inactive status list as of January 1, 2008. If you do not fulfill these two requirements you will be removed from the rolls as of December 31, 2008. Please call the church office with any questions.*

Church Constitution



Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop #242 News

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.

March

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| Thursday 6 | Patrol Meetings, Scouting Games Bring cards, Board Games Steal the Bacon; Dodge Potato |
| Tuesday 11 | PLC Meeting |
| Thursday 13 | Communications Merit Badge |
| Thursday 20 | Laser Tag Planet Trog (This is a non BSA event) Leave 5:45 return 9:00 pm |
| Tuesday 25 | Pack 242 Crossover |
| Thursday 27 | First Aid review and skills check advancement Final Sign Up for Jambo Discount Fee See Jambo Flyer for details. |
| Saturday 29 | Day Hike Leave 8:00am Return 4:30 PM Zach lead |

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.

For additional information or to join Scout run 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.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL SUMMARY

February 11, 2008

Jean Leibenguth led devotions.

Linda Mery brought the meeting to order.

Visiting was Erica Chandick and David Galloway (Level I Youth).

Secretary's minutes approved by Ed Tretiak and Arnie Kuntz.

Treasurer's report approved by Tim Moore and Greg Demko.

Transfers into the church: Edward George- transfer from St. James Lutheran Church Allentown, PA, Dennis Santee- (restoration) and child Jake Hart, Kelly Brandon (Confirmation) and children Dylan Williams and Alexis Santee, and Brad (transfer from Faith Lutheran, Whitehall, PA) and Sharon Doklan (confirmation) and children Julia and Grant.

Pastor's Report: Highlights for January: Sunday morning services, taught Catechetical overnight retreat/church history workshop/first communion. Setting 8 for Holy Communion.

Pastoral Assistant's Report: Highlights for January: 2 staff meetings, grief share planning and area clergy for Good Friday service planning. Other activities: council staff dinner and rehearse setting 8 with David.

Evangelism: Nativity display went well. A bus trip set for early November. More information to follow. Confirmation reception will be held on May 11, 2008. Friendship Sunday will be held on October 5, 2008. Next meeting March 13 @ 7:30pm.

Property: Heat pump was replaced. Next meeting March 3 @ 7:00pm.

Worship and Music: 3 youth going to camp. The 4-week camp is David Dieter at Lutheran summer music. The 1-week camp is Young Lutherans sing to be held in Wisconsin. To be attended by Olivia Eckroth and Shelby Ziegler.

Social Ministry: The food bank raised \$9160.00 with the recent basket bingo. Thank you to everyone for their support. Gracedale visit Saturday, March 15. We will take Easter baskets.

Stewardship: No meeting.

Christian Ed: No report.

Meeting adjourned motioned by Marge Zimmerman and Greg Demko.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2008.



Name a book of the Old Testament

Name one of the 12 disciples

Name a reason someone comes to church

Name a parable

Name a part of the church service

Name a popular child's religious song

Name one of the 10 Commandments

Name one of the 10 plagues of Egypt

Name a bible story involving at least one animal

Name your favorite Christmas song

Thank you for filling out our survey