



HOPE HOME NEWS
Hope Lutheran Church
Cherryville, PA

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, May 4, 2008

8 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER 7

10:30 a.m. Service of the
 Word; Children's
 Message/Baptisms

SUNDAY, May 11, 2008

8 a.m. Service of the Word

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

**A RED LETTER DAY—WEAR SOMETHING RED TO
 WORSHIP**

Confirmation of Level II Catechetical Youth at 10:30 a.m. worship!

SUNDAY, May 18, 2008

8 a.m. Holy Communion

THE HOLY TRINITY

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word;
 Children's Message

SUNDAY, May 25, 2008

8 a.m. Service of the Word

PENTECOST 2

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion/
 Baptism

*Almighty God, we your children pray: let your glory
 come down.
 Let the Fire fall on us gathered as on that first Day of
 Pentecost.
 Revive our spirits, fill us with new excitement, with joy
 unspeakable
 And compassion for a dying world.
 Empower us to speak your Word; to utter your words
 of Life;
 Using a variety of languages to bring the good news to the poor.
 Lord, let your fire fall once again on Hope church, on our community,
 On our country, and on all the families of the earth.
 In Jesus name and in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.*



**PENTECOST
 PRAYER**



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 9:00am-3:00pm

PASTORAL ACTS



HOLY BAPTISMS

Emily Cora Mack, daughter of Matthew and Pamela (Smith) Mack was baptized on April 6, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

Alexander Daniel Freed, son of Bryan and Anna (Lorah) Freed was baptized on April 13, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

Please welcome Emily and Alexander into our church family here at Hope and pray for his growth in faith.

FUNERALS

Martha M. Rex entered eternal life on March 30, 2008 at the age of 91 years. Services were held at Harding Funeral Home with interment at Skyview Memorial Park, Tamaqua. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

Arlene E. Ruch entered eternal life on April 3, 2008 at the age of 91 years. Services were held at Hope Church with interment at Greenwood Cemetery. Ernie Siegfried officiated and Pastor Kuntz assisted.

***Thomas L. Kemmerer** entered eternal life on April 5, 2008 at the age of 70 years. Services were held at Schisler Funeral Home with interment at Indianland Cemetery. Pastor Lisa Borrell officiated.

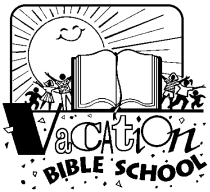
**non-member*

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Martha, Arlene and Thomas. May God continue to be your guide and strength.



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**. See registration form in the center of the newsletter.



THANK YOU NOTES

The Hope Lutheran Basket Committee wishes to thank the groups and committees who meet at Hope Church for their generous donation of "baskets" (sometimes in the form of gift cards or cash) to The Spring Basket Social. Each year more and more people look forward to both the spring and fall socials. As a Committee we're seeing increased amounts of baked goods and snack items (always a "look forward to" as part of the entrance fee ticket), and we'd like to also say a special thank you to all those who contribute to the "goodie" table. A page in this newsletter is devoted to the report from the April 11th Social. Elsewhere is a list of businesses that contributed to this Social. THANK YOU, EACH AND EVERY ONE!

Thank you for all the cards that I received throughout the year from Sunday School children, Evangelism Committee and many others. Thank you, they brighten my day.

Virginia Hauck

Dear Pastor Kuntz, Ernie, Jane and Members of Hope, We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and well wishes through our surgeries and recuperating. We are still on the mend and had a few minor setbacks, but we know the Lord is giving us the strength to endure everything in our paths. We thank God every day for all the love we receive from our family at Hope. We will keep you all in our prayers and again thank you for everything you have done to help us along this rocky road. God bless you all. In Christian Love,

Larry and Kathy Creyer





(A summary of what I said to the congregation on Sunday, April 20th)

Last week, I spoke to the Congregational Council and mailed a letter to all active households announcing my retirement as of August 31, 2008. At hearing the news, some have asked about my health. It is good...at least that's what I feel and my doctor agrees.

So why retire? "It's time."

It's time.... after nearly 37 years as an ordained pastor...22 years here at Hope church...and admittedly some "weariness" at the often 50 + hour-weeks...it's time.

-Time ...to spend more time with my family who has been patient with me over these many years as I have gone off in the morning only to return from the church at 9-10 pm at night.

-Time to spend some time with my hobbies of sailing, reading, tennis and running (OK, so the running is shorter and slower these days!)

-Time to have more control over the hours spent in "pastoring", supply preaching, teaching or other types of "part-time" work.

-Time.... God's time...I believe that God is calling me in this direction... just as I was certain he was calling me to Hope Church almost 22 years ago.

It is important that you (and I) realize that in fairness to the pastor(s) that follow, I will not be your pastor or be able to worship with you after August 31st. But, the good news is that Ernie Siegfried desires to remain as pastoral assistant and he will be there for you as he has been these past five+ years. Our Congregational Council, in an overnight retreat (April 18-19th), met with Pastor Glenn Simmons, Associate of the Bishop, and discussed the process that will be followed to call the right pastor to Hope in a Spirit-led, healthy and timely manner. This process will include the congregation's input via questionnaires. The Congregational Council will keep you informed of this process all along the way.

I want you to know that you have been a gracious congregation---nurturing my family and I with your love. I couldn't have asked for a more caring and supportive staff and Christian community. Hope congregation will always be "our" church as I remember all that we have shared over the years.

In the days and months ahead please keep Hope Church and our ministries as well as my family and I in your prayers. As we share our personal farewells, let us continue to be about our mission of praising Christ in worship and sharing His gracious love in all we do. God bless each of you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation for our level II class will be on Sunday, May 11th, Pentecost Sunday, at the 10:30 service.

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.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Christian Education Committee has collected information from all of the Sunday Church School staff and leaders to have background checks. We hope to have all of them completed by the start of the new SCS year in September.

MAY 25TH MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 25th, Memorial Day weekend, we will have a special craft for the SCS classes that want one.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

ANNUAL MEETING

All are invited to attend on Tuesday, May 6th beginning at 6:00pm at Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Northampton. Please bring a covered dish to share. For more information, please speak to Marge Zimmermann.

CATECHETICAL UPDATE

Since we are very near the end of the catechetical year, it is **MOST** important that you check the progress charts in the narthex and make sure that you are up to date on all the requirements. Talk to the Pastor or any catechetical teacher if you have questions.



LEVEL I – 24 Students

✓ Complete the church, Sunday Church School by Sunday, June 8th. Even if you completed an outreach project, consider helping with our Gracedale Trip on Monday, May 2nd or our Nursery School Programs on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, May 20-22nd.

LEVEL II – 20 students BUSY TIME!!

✓ Catechetical Weekend Retreat at Camp Onas is scheduled for April 25-27th.

✓ Saturday, May 3rd 3:30 - 5 pm Rehearsal for Confirmation followed by Mentor Picnic and Game Night from 5-7 pm



Confirmation
Sunday- May 11th

✓ Sunday, May 11th 9:15 am Photos of Class/Final rehearsal; **10:30 am Worship- Confirmation Service**; 11:45 am Reception in Fellowship Hall. Certificates presented.

CATECHETICAL MENTORS...Thank you for your participation in our Catechetical Program so far this school year. There is **one more event**, a picnic/game night, on Saturday, May 3rd from 5:00-7:00 pm. You will receive a post card asking for some help with the food. Also, you might bring along a favorite table game...and **THANKS AGAIN!**



GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2008



Geraniums will be placed near the altar on Pentecost Sunday, May 11, 2008. Their beautiful red flowers will help us remember the “fire” of that first Pentecost. Sponsors are needed (Cost = \$5.00 per sponsor) to help with the cost of purchasing and planting these flowers around the church (hopefully that same day). If you would like to remember a loved one or honor a family member or friend by being a sponsor, **(CONFIRMATION PARENTS, WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD’S SPECIAL DAY, WE WOULD LIKE ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE FLOWER SPONSORED)**, please fill out the form below by Sunday, May 4th. Money must accompany orders and orders and money should be placed in a plain white envelope marked “Geraniums” and placed in the offering box or locked box in the narthex. Thank you!

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST ON MAY 11, 2008
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MAY 4, 2008
COST FOR SPONSORSHIP: \$5.00

GERANIUM ORDERS

NAME _____

CIRCLE ONE:

IN CELEBRATION OF...

IN HONOR OF...

IN MEMORY OF...

BY: _____

MY ENVELOPE # IS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

I CAN HELP PLANT GERANIUMS: _____

PHONE # (IF HELPING PLANT): _____

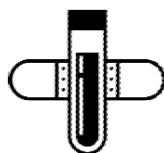


MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

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.

BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope Church who have recently donated blood at the Keystone Blood Center are: Arnold Kuntz, Bill Fritzingler, Bev Goll, Lisa Heberling, Trudy Mertz, Stanley Royer, Brenda Mack and Clark Kuntz. Thank you!



BLOOD DONORS

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following members were hospitalized from March 26th through April 22nd;
*Thomas Kemmerer, Fern Anthony, Betty Billig, LuAnn Smith, Kathy Creyer, Dan Shook, George Saunders and Ray Edelman. Please keep these persons and their families in your prayers.

SHARE-A-MEAL

We have again started to take meals to those who can use a little help for various reasons such as medical, etc. A list of names is needed for this. If you can help, please call Dolores Reenock at 610-767-6698 or Marge Zimmermann at 610-767-8901, or sign your name on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!



PRAYER NAMES FOR MAY

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 May's prayer list.

- 05/01/08 Verna Biege and family
- 05/02/08 Mandy Hoysan and family
- 05/03/08 Daniel and Mary Shook and family
- 05/04/08 Mary Gallagher and family
- 05/05/08 Avery Gill and family
- 05/06/08 Rodney, Catherine, Nicholas, Lucas Miller and family
- 05/07/08 David, Pearl Beers and family
- 05/08/08 Cheryl Holmes and family
- 05/09/08 Rose Kocher and family
- 05/10/08 Lester, Ellen Derhammer and family
- 05/11/08 Audrey, Juan, Sean, Owen Rosario and family
- 05/12/08 Lori Ann Wisser and family
- 05/13/08 Gladys Werley and family
- 05/14/08 John, Jane Grason and family
- 05/15/08 Pearl Sipple and family
- 05/16/08 William, Jean Fritzingler and family
- 05/17/08 Brenda, Jason Rice, Brian Schaff and family
- 05/18/08 Catherine, Zakkary, Marcus Neith and family
- 05/19/08 Rebecca Steward and family
- 05/20/08 Paige, Dylan Kemmerer and family
- 05/21/08 Robert, Joann Nemeth and family
- 05/22/08 Bertus, Christina, Danicha Barnard and family
- 05/23/08 Lee, Georgene Blose and family
- 05/24/08 Dan, Diane, David, Devin Deiter and family
- 05/25/08 Douglas, Donna Arnwine and family
- 05/26/08 John Livermon and family
- 05/27/08 Francis, Treena, Michael, Lauren Haggerty and family
- 05/28/08 Sonya Newton and family
- 05/29/08 Debra Nelson and family
- 05/30/08 John, Beth, Christopher, Noah Wolfel and family
- 05/31/08 Wanda Strohl and family



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. Cost is \$70.00 for adults; \$54.00 for youth (13-17) and \$44.00 for child (3-12). The cost includes the bus, the show, a meal at Shady Maple and a tip for the bus

driver. The show must be paid in full by July 30th, and checks should be made payable to Hope Lutheran Church (please make a notation on your check that it is for the Christmas show) Sign up sheet is located on the narthex bulletin board. Only a few spots remain!

JEWELRY FOR HOPE FEST

The basket committee of Hope Church is looking for your gold, silver, costume, even broken jewelry. The ladies are selling jewelry at Hope Fest on June 27th and June 28th. Anything, new or used including watches, tie and money clips, pins, necklaces, rings, etc. even the jewelry box itself. Please drop off your donations in the marked "jewelry" box in the narthex. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Come visit us at Hope Fest to look for a new treasure to wear home. *All proceeds from the jewelry sale will benefit Hope Church.*

DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who supported Daffodil Sunday on March 30th here at Hope Church. Our total raised this year was as follows:

Bears/Bunch	\$150.00
Vase/Bunch	60.00
Bunches	<u>392.00</u>
Total	\$602.00

A special thank you to Maureen Kuntz for helping us this year.

Doris Royer and Linda Sidor



SYNOD ASSEMBLY- The 21st annual synod assembly of the Northeastern PA Synod is scheduled to be held at Split Rock Resort, Lake Harmony from May 29-31, 2008. Pastor Kuntz, Ernie Siegfried, Wayne Weidner, Vicki Steiner and Linda Mery will attend. Since Bishop Strobel has announced that he intends to retire at the end of this term, a major agenda item for this assembly is the election of a new synod bishop. More info can be found in the Synod News elsewhere in this Newsletter or at www.godslove.org.

2008 Choir Camp for students in 4th-8th grades is sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Lutheran Kinderchor at Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall from July 21-25, 2008. More info by contacting Michael Bodnyk at 610-435-0451 or visit www.MusicAtFaith.com.



Children's Choir Camp



PENTECOST SUNDAY- WEAR SOMETHING RED for this red-letter day on May 11, 2008--- *Pentecost ("the fiftieth day") is one of the prominent feasts in the Christian liturgical year, occurring on the Fiftieth day after Easter Sunday (the tenth day after Ascension Thursday). Historically and symbolically related to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, it celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the Book of Acts, Chapter 2. On Pentecost we will will decorate the church in RED as we celebrate God's Holy Spirit among us. It is a day of red geraniums filling the chancel. It is a day when we will confirm 20 young people at Hope Church...truly a RED-LETTER DAY!. So, join the celebration. Come to worship on May 11th and WEAR SOMETHING RED!!*

YOUTH SHORE TRIP - Again this

Summer, the Youth Group (Jr.-Sr. Hi) will travel to the New Jersey Shore for several days of fun and fellowship. The dates are Friday, July 18th – Sunday, July 20th We will be going to Wildwood again this year and staying at The Luther Inn at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Cost per youth/adult is \$75.00 for transportation, five meals and two nights of lodging. If you signed the sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board, please give a \$25.00 deposit to “Hope Lutheran Church” by Sunday, May 18th to solidify your interest and attend a brief meeting (youth should have at least one parent present) on Sunday, May 18th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will review the guidelines and what you need to bring along on the trip.



FINANCIAL UPDATE – end of March, 2008

Regular Income	\$89,708.00
Regular Expenses	83,649.17
Regular Balance (3/31/08)	6,058.83

*Thank you for your regular offerings. Easter was early this year and that helps the finances at this point. Please, don't wait till Christmas to generously contribute...our church needs your regular offerings to continue and “grow” our ministries NOW!
Thank you!*

PHILLIES BASEBALL TRIP

A TRIP to the
Phillies



We're going to see the PHILLIES play the CARDINALS at Citizens Bank Park on Wednesday July 9th. We will leave the church at 4:00 pm for a 7:05 game time. Fireworks will follow the game. We will probably get home after 1 am. Cost for bus trip and game ticket in the 400 section is \$45.00/person. Sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Payment due when you sign the list. Please make checks payable to “Hope Lutheran Church.”

2008 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

The 9th Annual Spring Basket Social was held in Hope's Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 11, 2008. Monies raised were divided equally between The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope Church's Good Samaritan Fund.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who in some way helped to make this evening successful! Special thanks from The Northampton Area Food Bank to everyone who brought along a canned good or non-perishable item.

The Basket Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank **Jane Tretiak and Betsy Vasquez** for 13 years of dedication, hard work & the pooling of resources while creating beautiful baskets for the basket fundraisers. We wish Jane & Betsy Godspeed as they pursue other avenues of interest.

Ticket sponsors for this spring social were Kathy & Larry Creyer, Kathryn & Howard Strohl, and Pat & Daryl Amey. In lieu of ticket sponsorships, Joanne & Arnold Kuntz contributed toward the cost of expenses. Monetary donations were also received from many on the Committee toward the cost of food or paper supplies.

Catechetical students/parents were given the opportunity to help the committee set-up for the social the evening before or work with them the evening of April 11th. Their involvement with the basket social counted toward community service requirements.

Connie Cuellar donated many Longaberger baskets, which continues to add HUGE excitement to the evening. There are MANY folks, too numerous to mention, (you know who you are & we salute you!) who work side.by.side with basket committee members each year to ensure that the evening runs smoothly. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matched \$800.00 of monies raised to The Northampton Area Food Bank as part of their community outreach program. *continued next page...*

2008 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL CONTINUED...

Following is the financial report from the 2008 Spring Theme Basket Social:

Beginning Balance \$6,234.00

Expenses \$144.00 (hotdogs, paper goods, rolls, etc.)

Profit \$6,090.00, plus \$800 from Thrivent = **\$6890.00 total**

*(**\$118.00** was donated toward expenses.) All foods served were donated.

Amount given to The Northampton Area Food Bank:

\$3845.00 (3,045.00 + 800.00 matching funds from Thrivent

Financial for Lutherans.

Amount given to Hope's Good Samaritan Fund: \$3045.00.

THE 2008 FALL BASKET SOCIAL IS ON OCTOBER 10, 2008 (proceeds to Hope's Building Maintenance Fund).

Respectfully submitted by Linda Sidor, Kathy Fogle & The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORTED THE SPRING 2008 BASKET SOCIAL AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, CHERRYVILLE, PA

Greg Demko, A-Treat

Tom's Bagels

Perrier Nestle Co.

Connie Cuellar, Longaberger

Doris Royer, Home and Garden Party

Kim Ritter-Roth, Mary Kay

Linda Mery, Tastefully Simple

Tom Sidor, CPA (Walnutport)

Annette Xander, Pampered Chef

THANK YOU!!!

*Please, if any business was inadvertently missed, let the church office know by calling 610.767.7203.



SEEKING "APPLICANTS"

FOR

THE HOPE CHURCH BASKET COMMITTEE

"BENEFITS" = A GOOD FEELING DEEP INSIDE YOUR SOUL BECAUSE YOU GAVE OF YOURSELF TO HELP OTHERS...PLUS...ONE SUMMER PICNIC OF GOOD FOOD, LAUGHTER AND FUN (USUALLY THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST FROM 6 P.M. UNTIL ?)

"CREDENTIALS" = COMMITMENT TO TWO MEETINGS EACH YEAR (USUALLY THE FIRST MONDAY EVENING IN APRIL AND THE FIRST MONDAY EVENING IN OCTOBER), TWO SET-UP EVENINGS (THE THURSDAY BEFORE EACH BASKET SOCIAL FROM 6:30 TO 8 P.M.), AND TWO BASKET SOCIALS (GENERALLY THE SECOND FRIDAY EVENING IN APRIL AND THE SECOND FRIDAY EVENING IN OCTOBER – DOORS OPEN AT 4 & YOU MAY GIVE AS MUCH TIME AS YOU ARE ABLE THE DAYS OF THE SOCIALS).

INTERESTED??? = APPLY BY CALLING LINDA SIDOR AT 610.767.8372, OR SPEAK TO ANY PERSON ON THE BASKET COMMITTEE. PRESENT MEMBERS ARE: Delores Derhammer, LeAnn Chandler, Kathy Fogle, Jean Fritzingler, Rita Hulsizer, Lorilee Lambert, Jean Leibenguth, Janet Pauker, Diane Reenock, Betty Rock, Linda Sidor, Doris Siegfried, Diane Silfies, Kimberlee Dotter, Shelly Stolz, Kathryn Strohl and Dawn Wainwright

THANK YOU!



Are We There Yet?
 The Story of Moses and The Exodus
 A church musical that tells the Exodus story, capturing the humor and humanity of Moses, Miriam, Aaron, Joshua, and the Pharaoh, as well as communicating the eternal truths within the story.

Church Musical *Are We There Yet?*

Sunday, June 15th at 10:30 am worship at The Roxy Theater in Northampton. (An 8 am worship service will be held at Hope Church that morning)



OOPS....page 14 and 15 were mixed up in printing. Sorry!!

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH **NURSERY SCHOOL**

Possible openings for the 3 and 4-year-old classes for the 2008-2009 school year. If interested, please call Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 as soon as possible. Children must be 4 by September 1st.



ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of Altar Guild volunteers. Please consider helping! Call the church office if you can join an existing team or would be willing to form a new team. Thank you!

HOPE CHURCH'S YARD SALE



The yard sale at Hope Church will be held separate from the Hope Fest again this year. The date of the yard sale will be Friday, August 29th and Saturday, August 30th. Start cleaning those basements, garages and attics and get your items ready for our annual yard sale. Items will be able to be dropped off early in August. Watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for more information.

LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES, INC.

LCS concludes the celebration of its 35th Anniversary at its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 in the Great Room of Seegers' Union. Special Guest speaker is Mr. Trevor Ferrell. As an 11-year-old boy growing up in Philadelphia area, he raised to national prominence the plight of the homeless in 1983, when he began with his parents' assistance to distribute blankets and sandwiches to the homeless on the streets of Philadelphia. Plan to join us to hear his remarkable story. Please call the church office if you wish to attend for more details.

MEMORY BOOK FOR BISHOP STROBEL

Dear Partner in Ministry, I am writing for the Transition Team of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. As you may already know, Bishop David Strobel has announced his retirement as bishop of the synod. On May 30, a reception honoring Bishop David and Doris Strobel along with the entire synod staff will be held at the Assembly. At that time, we will present a memory book of messages gathered from within and without the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. We invite you to participate in this project. The Transition Team is collecting messages of congratulations, messages of thanks and memories until May 1st. If you would like to have your message included in the memory book, please send it to: Transition Team, C/O The Rev. Denton Kees, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1742 Dinkey Road, P O Box 250, Ashfield, PA 18212 or email it to prdinkic@ptd.net. We look forward to hearing from you and including your message in what we are sure will be a treasured memory of Bishop Strobel. Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Denton Kees
For the Transition Team

GRACEDALE TALENT NIGHT



On Monday, May 5th, Hope Church will travel to Gracedale to entertain the residents for "Talent Night". Everyone is welcome to come along! The residents especially like when **children** visit with their parents. We will leave Hope's parking lot at 6:15pm. The

program begins at 7:00pm. Talent and cookies are needed for this evening of fun. To volunteer your talent, speak to Ernie Siegfried or Pastor Kuntz. Cookies may be dropped off on the narthex table before 6:00pm that evening. Thank you!

Catechetical students – this is a great outreach opportunity if you still need to meet that requirement for confirmation.

HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hope Church offers scholarship money to full-time college students. Funds are available for the 2008-2009 school year and all full-time college students who are members in good standing of Hope, Cherryville, and are in their second year (or higher) of study are encouraged to apply. The requirements of eligibility are:

1. **attending an accredited college or university full time**
2. **will be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2008**
3. **is a member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA**

Applications can be picked up from the church office or can be obtained by phoning 610-767-7203 or by writing to PO Box 1030, Cherryville, PA 18035. The deadline for applications to reach the church office is **Friday, July 25, 2008**. (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at an August worship service to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be **sent** the first week in January 2009.)

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HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

We need names of high school/college/university graduates from Hope's members who are graduating this spring! They will be included in our July/August issue of The Hope Home News. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible! Thanks!

STUDENT'S

NAME _____

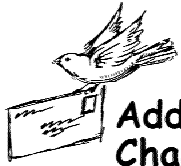
GRADUATING

FROM _____

FUTURE

PLANS _____

ADDRESS AS OF SEPT. 2008 (IF KNOWN)



Address Change

NEW ADDRESS

Pastor Dan and Mary Shook have moved. Their new address is 300 N. State Road, Springfield, PA 19064. Their new phone number is 484-472-7762. Drop them a line, they would love to hear from Hope Church members. You can email (Dan)

learner820@yahoo.com and (Mary) dessert930@yahoo.com.

CARD SHOWER

Irene Oplinger will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, May 11th. Please remember her with birthday cards. Her address is 17 S. 2nd Street, Coplay, PA 18037.

LEHIGH TWP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Give Mom a break from cooking during Mothers' Day weekend by purchasing a barbequed chicken dinner. Dinners include 1/2 of a cooked chicken, a baked potato, applesauce and a roll. Tickets for the dinners can be purchased by calling Beverly at 610-767-3634. The dinners will be available for pick-up on Sat., May 10th, at St. Paul's UCC Indianland Church, during the afternoon. Baked goods will also be for sale. Buy your tickets early as we always sell out. All proceeds from our events go towards work on the Trading Post building and restoration work on the Indianland schoolhouse. Thank you for your support.

NEIGHBORHOOD GIRL SCOUT DAY CAMP

For Girls finishing kindergarten and up. Blue Mountain Day Camp 2008, "I Believe in Fairies, I do, I do" from July 21 -25, 9:00am - 3:30pm at Indian Trail Park Rt.248, Lehigh Twp. Program Aids are teen helpers who have finished the seventh grade and would like to help at camp and will receive training. Think about it, your daughters can come for half price if you would like to volunteer! Childcare available. Contact: Karen Zimmerman at 610-760-1887 bluemtdaycamp@entermail.net



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Register Now for Summer Camp! Brochures and information available on the table in the narthex or from Jane in the church office.

BEAR CREEK DAY CAMP AT HOPE CHURCH

Mark those calendars for July 28th - August 1st. This is a day camp for children entering grades 1 - 6. 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. Mark your calendars NOW!!!



Pre-Registration for Bear Creek Day Camp
(July 28 - August 1, 2008 at Hope Church, Cherryville)

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Grade (9/08) _____ Telephone _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Emergency Number _____

Anything Staff should be aware of?

I can be an adult helper with some small tasks during the week _____

(Return to Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA with **\$35.00**. Registrations on a "first come" basis).



INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB **ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**

Join the Indianland Garden Club for their next meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m., at Hope Lutheran Church in the large Fellowship Hall for their popular annual plant auction. This meeting is open to the public. Members bring houseplants and plants from their gardens, which are auctioned off, to the highest bidders. This is

a fundraiser for the club and plants are sold for very reasonable prices. Come out and join the fun and support the Garden Club. You will find many varieties of plants to "spruce up" your garden!

Members are reminded to bring plants for the sale and all plants should be labeled. Members are also asked to bring an item to share for the refreshments of the evening.

There will be a short business meeting following the plant sale. Flowers and plants will also be judged. The artistic design categories are: Remembering Mama - your own interpretation; For Those Who Have Served - Memorial Day arrangement using red, white and blue; and Daffy Duck - an arrangement using daffodils and a duck as an accessory. The houseplant category includes types of begonias, ferns, African violets, wildflowers to be named (do not pick endangered species), and a choice of houseplants. Some of the specimens include iris, tulips, roses, lilacs and wildflowers. Refreshments may be enjoyed during the plant auction.

Plan to attend the plant auction - you may contribute a plant toward the sale if you wish (please bring the item in a pot and labeled), you may bring your daughter or another friend to participate in the auction, or just come and enjoy the display of plants and flowers. For more information, call 610-262-5737.

SOFTBALL **LEAGUE**

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Any confirmed youth or adult (men and women) interested in playing in the church softball league, or if you have questions, please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512. Games are on Sunday evenings. See schedule below.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

May 4 – Hope Church vs. Good Shepherd (Field 1)
May 11 – Bye
May 18 – Union Lutheran vs. Hope Church (Field 3)
May 25 – No Game – Memorial Weekend
June 1 – Bethany UMC vs. Hope Church (Field 2)
June 8 – Hope Church vs. St. John's UCC (Field 3)
June 15 – Hope Church vs. St. Elizabeth (Field 1)
June 22 – Faith Lutheran vs. Hope Church (Field 2)
June 29 – Good Shepherd vs. Hope Church (Field 2)
July 6 - Bye
July 13 – Hope Church vs. Union Lutheran (Field 1)
July 20 – Hope Church vs. Bethany UMC (Field 3)
July 27 – St. John's UCC vs. Hope Church (Field 1)
Aug. 3 – St. Elizabeth vs. Hope Church (Field 2)
Aug. 10 - Hope Church vs. Faith Lutheran (Field 3)
Aug. 16-17 – Tournament (rain date – Aug. 23-24)

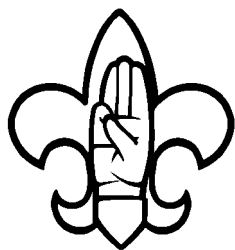
FIELDS

North Whitehall (Field #1) – North on Mauch Chunk Road, turn West onto Levans road at red light by elementary school, turn left into drive of N. Whitehall township building, field closest to the road (hard ball field).

North Whitehall (Field #2) – same as above, field by basketball courts.

Kolapecha Park (Field #3) – North on Mauch Chunk Road, turn West onto Levans Road at red light by elementary school. Turn right onto Maple Street, at the end of the road turn right onto Coffeetown road. Turn right into new sports complex, field closest to the playground.

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.

May

Thursday May 1	Knife, Axe, Saw and Fire Safety, Patrol Meetings
Thursday May 8	Orienteering Course William Christman
Thursday May 15	Jambo Gear & Volley Ball
Friday May 16 – 18	Jambo: Kutztown University
Thursday May 22	General Advancements: Sheldon Mann to Organize Pick Merit Badges for Summer Camp
Thursday May 29	Canoeing Strokes Patrol Meetings

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.

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 MINUTES SUMMARY

4/14/08

- ❖ President Linda Mery opened the meeting and Ernie Siegfried led devotions.
- ❖ Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report for March were read and approved.
- ❖ Pastor's Report: Highlights for March – Holy Week and Easter worship; bell choir, orchestra/choirs. New members received; First Holy Communion for eight youth; Catechetical events; Philadelphia trip and mystery dinner.
- ❖ Pastoral Assistant's Report: Highlights for March – First Communion visits; lunch with Luther sessions; GriefShare sessions and Good Friday services.
- ❖ Youth: April 4 & 5 – Survivor overnight activity, attended by 12 youth.
- ❖ Social Ministry: April 26, dinner for ARM at Asbury Methodist Church. April 27, volunteer recognition at Gracedale. Monday, May 5, Gracedale talent night.
- ❖ Worship and Music: Musical on Sunday, June 15 at 10:30am at Roxy Theater in Northampton. Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 11 at 10:30am. Reception after service.
- ❖ Property: Getting prices for cleaning the ceiling and fans in church and cleaning the downstairs storage room.
- ❖ Evangelism: Confirmation reception and bus trip to Lancaster to American Music Theater.
- ❖ Stewardship: Volunteer recognition Sunday, April 27, 2008. Pastor Jim Henderschedt will be speaker.
- ❖ Christian Ed: Background checks almost completed. Mother's Day/Father's Day program will be June 8, 2008.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2008 at 7:00pm