



# HOPE HOME NEWS

Hope Lutheran Church  
Cherryville, PA

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Please note that worship times are 8 am and 9:30 am during July/August*

### July 6 Pentecost 8

8 am Holy Communion  
9:30 am Service of the Word  
VBS Staff Installation at both  
Worship Services

### July 13 Pentecost 9

8 am Service of the Word  
9:30 am Vacation Bible School  
Closing Program

### July 20 Pentecost 10

8 am Holy Communion  
9:30 am Service of the Word

### July 27 Pentecost 11

8 am Service of the Word  
9:30 am Holy Communion/  
Holy Baptisms

### August 3 Pentecost 12

8 am Holy Communion  
9:30 am Service of the Word

### August 10 Pentecost 13

8 am Service of the Word  
9:30 am Holy Communion  
Scholarships Awarded at each  
Worship Service

### August 17 Pentecost 14

8 am Holy Communion  
9:30 am Service of the Word/  
Baptisms

### August 24 Pentecost 15

8 am Service of the Word  
at the Outdoor Chapel  
9:30 am Holy Communion

### August 31 Pentecost 16

8 am & 9:30 am Holy Communion  
Pastor Kuntz's last Sunday at Hope



WELCOME  
TO HOPE CHURCH

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Mon., Wed., Thurs. -  
8:00am-12:30pm  
Fri. - 8:00am-3:30pm  
*Closed Tuesdays*



Don't Take  
a Vacation  
from Church



### FATHANK YOU NOTES

Pastor Kuntz and Ernie, Thank you so much for baptizing little Henry! It was a wonderful service and it really meant a lot to both Henry and I. You both are such wonderful and special people. I

hope you realize how much you touch people's lives. You are such an inspiration to me. Thank you again! Love,

Sonya, Henry and Little Henry

Dear Clark, Please extend a thank you to all the members of Hope Lutheran Church, who helped the residents at a recent Sunday's worship service. The room was packed. Their singing was beautiful and added immeasurably to the spirit of the service. Hope Lutheran Church, a true blessing to us. A special thanks also to Paul Zimmermann and Don Saunders, who have helped again and again over several Sundays.

They've really come to know the residents who look forward to chatting and worshipping with them. Sincerely,

Bill Horn, Good Shepherd Home

Dear Hope Church Members, We would like to thank all of you that donated to our son, David Deiter's Lutheran Summer Music Academy opportunity. Once he returns near the end of July, I am sure he will give an update in church of his wonderful experiences. We would also like to thank Pastor Kuntz, Ernie and David Ziegler for all their support and instruction to help develop David both spiritually and musically.

Danny and Diane Deiter

Dear Pastor Kuntz and Ernie and Members of Hope Church, thank you to everyone who remembered me with prayers, cards and visits during my recent hospital stay and my recuperation at home. Thank you for the many meals prepared for us by the share a meal ladies. Everything meant a great deal to me.

Thank you again and God Bless all of you.

### THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Hope Church, thank you for the generous contribution to help defray

my Seminary expenses. It was a great help with my community expenses this year. It was also a help because as I read the kind message from Pastor Kuntz and the church council, I could feel the warm wishes and spiritual support of the whole congregation. I also thank you for the many graduation cards and verbal messages of congratulations. It feels good to be done with studies and I look forward to be called to a congregation. Thank you, Hope Church, for your words of encouragement, your prayers, and your kindness on my journey through Seminary. God bless you for the work you do in Christ's names. Your sister in Christ,

Paulette Obrecht

To our friends at Hope Church, thank you so much for your kind words, thoughts and prayers during Paul's recent illness. Thanks especially to Pastor Kuntz and Ernie for their hospital visits and support. Paul is on the mend and with God's blessing cancer free! Thank you, again for being there for us.

Paul, Debbie and Kailee Leibenguth

Hope Lutheran Church, We are enclosing a check for \$50.00 in appreciation for our usage of the Fellowship Hall for our monthly meetings. Sincerely,

Indianland Garden Club

Pastor Kuntz and Ernie, Thank you for letting me use my Sunday School room for my Daisy Girls this past year. It was a great help knowing the girls could reach the table to do crafts. They all had a great time. Thanks again.

Daisy Troop #8837 Leader, Kay O'Donnell  
Daisies-Lauren, Lydia, Miranda, Cassy & Sierra





### **THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...**

Dear Pastor Kuntz and Ernie Siegfried, Just a few words of gratitude for your kindness and gentleness. Thank you for all your visits to my sister, Dolores. She would tell me when you had visited. Thank you Pastor Kuntz for the service you provided to my siblings and me on the Thursday afternoon

of her passing. We will always remember that precious time we spent together. Pastor Kuntz, your gentleness and kindness gave me peace. And Ernie, when I realized that you were there it put my heart more at ease. I guess what I'm trying to say is that because I know both of you, it made me feel better. When the two of you walk in a room you bring the whole room up to a higher level of awareness and kindness. You have something special that comes out of both of you and that shows on your faces, and of course that's God's handy work. Thank you for being God's servants. God is love and both of you show love. May God fill your lives with his blessings. Sincerely,  
*(donation enclosed in memory of my sister, Dolores Derhammer)*  
Phyetta

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Lutheran Congregational Services, Inc. and those persons whom LCS serves, I want to thank you for your gift of \$1000.00. May God who called us to service through baptism into Christ continue to bless your ministry and the ministry of the people of Hope Church. Together we are making a good and faithful witness in the world. Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Dennis S. Ritter  
President and CEO (LCS)

Dear Hope Church, thank you for letting us use the church for our Girl Scout meetings on Monday nights.

Brownie Troop #8635 & Leaders,  
Ruth and Jamie Heffelfinger, Wanda Strohl and Laurie Leiberan

### **THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...**

Dear Members of Hope, I wish to extend a sincere thank you for your prayers, well wishes and cards during my surgery. Thanks also to the Christian Education Committee and Sunday Church School staff for the Applebee's gift card. I am grateful for your kindness. Very truly,  
Carol Galloway



Heartfelt Thanks

To the Members of the Christian Education Committee and SCS staff, thank you so much for the gift of flowers. It was a difficult stay in the hospital but, when they arrived, the day became bright. They lifted my heart. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Gratefully,

Pastor Dan

### **TEA SOCIAL**

The tea social previously scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. Watch upcoming newsletters for a new date and more information.

### **CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

The directories have arrived! If you had your picture taken, you are entitled to a free directory. Please stop by the church office or watch for members of the Evangelism Committee after the church worship services.

### **CHURCH COOKBOOKS**

Hope Church's cookbooks have arrived. Each copy is \$10.00. You can purchase your copy after the worship services or by stopping in the church office. They are beautiful cookbooks, with many wonderful recipes. They also make great gifts! *We would like to thank everyone who shared his or her favorite recipes with us. We were overwhelmed with the response. We received over 600 recipes. God Bless and thanks again.*

# RETIREMENT RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **THANK YOU LEAVING TEACHERS**

We would like to thank the following teachers who decided to take some time off from teaching: Natalie Savage, Penny Fasching, Jean Leibenguth, Maureen Kuntz, Dolores Reenock, LeAnn Chandler, Kathy Fogle, Lorilee Lambert, Terry Ritter, Lou Ventura, and John Schuon. We appreciate all that you have done to help make the Christian Education program at Hope the success it is. Your unselfish participation in our program has been invaluable. We hope that after some time off you will decide to come back.

We would also like to thank Kathy Fogle for all of the time she has spent on the Christian Education Committee. Kathy has always gone beyond to help us with our various projects each year.

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### **SCS TEACHERS NEEDED**

As you can imagine, with so many teachers leaving we are in need of a few more teachers. The Lord has greatly blessed us with people who have already volunteered to teach in some of these openings. As a result, we are in need of only three or four teachers in the older classes. If you think you might be interested please call the church office, 610-767-7203 or talk to Bonnie Schwartz, 610-767-8392, or cell number, 610-704-0830 about it. Talking and finding out about what grade levels are needed and what is taught does not obligate you to the SCS program.

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### **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

If your child has not attended SCS in the past please register them for SCS as soon as possible. SCS registration has to be completed by the end of VBS on Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>, so that material for the new year, which starts Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> can be ordered. Pink registration forms are in a basket on a table in the narthex. You can also register on phone by calling the church office at 610-767-7203 or Bonnie Schwartz at 610-767-8392.

**CELEBRATE PASTOR KUNTZ'S  
22+ YEARS OF MINISTRY  
AT HOPE CHURCH**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008  
NORTHAMPTON MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM  
DINNER SERVED AT 6:30PM**

*FAMILY STYLE DINNER WILL INCLUDE:  
Fruit cup, salad, chicken, beef, filling,  
mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, ice cream, cake,  
soda, juice, coffee and tea*

**ADULTS = \$25.00  
CHILDREN (5-12years) = \$23.00  
CHILDREN (4years & under) = Free**

**DJ GREG DEMKO  
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED BY CALLING  
JEAN LEIBENGUTH AT 610-261-0826  
Tables may be reserved for 8, 9 or 10 people  
DEADLINE to order tickets is August 22, 2008**



**RETIREMENT GIFT FOR PASTOR KUNTZ**

Hope Church would like to present a monetary gift to Pastor Kuntz at his retirement dinner in September. If you would like to donate a contribution (in any amount) please drop it in the church office. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please speak to Jane Tretiak.

**HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Hope Church offers scholarship money to full-time college students. Funds are available for the 2008-2009 school year and are 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 deadline for applications to reach the church office is **Friday, July 25, 2008.** (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at the August 10<sup>th</sup> worship service to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be **sent** the first week in January 2009.)

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

(as of May 31, 2008)

**Regular Fund:**

**2008 Income: \$133,341.17**

**2008 Expenses: \$141,256.51** Balance: -(\$7,915.34) *help!!*

**Please note: We need your help with “regular” regular giving *especially* during the Summer. Finances are usually “slow” during these months. We’re about to spend lots \$\$ for our oil ...we all are aware of that increase! Expenses for our mission and ministries continue even during the summer. Please, do not fall behind while you’re away on vacation. If you are behind or you can give an extra gift, use the envelope enclosed in the center of this *Newsletter*. Thank you! Have a GREAT Summer!!**

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(cut ✂ here and insert in envelope with offering)

**SUMMER OFFERINGS**

←←←← Please use the envelope attached to this *Newsletter* for...

- Summer offerings that were (or will be ) missed because of vacations, etc. (*circle* = REGULAR or BUILDING)
- An extra gift for the summer expenses (*example- Our heating oil for next year is paid in June and continues to climb – as you know from auto and household expenses*)
- A special gift in (*circle*) memory or in honor of ...

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed...\$ \_\_\_\_\_  \$250.00  \$100.00  
 \$75.00  \$50.00  \$25.00

Please make checks payable to: “Hope Lutheran Church”. THANK YOU!

**YOUTH SUMMER SHORE TRIP-JULY 18-20<sup>th</sup>**

Youth and adults are signed up for our annual trip to the New Jersey shore. This year the trip is from Friday, July 18-Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. A



**A TRIP TO THE BEACH!**

brief meeting will be held after the late worship service (about 10:30 am) on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> to handle some last minute details. Departure time is 8 am on Friday and returning home approximately 8 pm on Sunday evening. Participants should be at the meeting on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES- ORIENTATION MEETING**

#### **-SUNDAY AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am**

✓ Confirmation Classes are completed for this school year. The 24 students in the First Level will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Class beginning in September pending completion of all the requirements (a few students still have make-up work for the Lord's Prayer or Seminary Trip... due ASAP).



✓ An orientation meeting with students and parents of students entering the first or second level will be held on Sunday,

**Catechetical Classes** August 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the church nave. Requirements and schedule will be reviewed for the upcoming school year.

✓ Second Level Students just received in the mail a request for Mentor suggestions. Please complete the form and return it to Pastor Kuntz by July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRAYER EMPHASIS-**

Don't forget to say a prayer for one of our church families each day of the month. These names are listed in this Newsletter and weekly lists are in each Sunday bulletin.

Prayer is a wonderful gift from God and such an important part of the life of the church. When we hold each other up in prayer, we become closer to each other and closer to God. May each of you be blessed through this gift of PRAYER.



## **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.

### **July**

Thursday July 3	Tent pitching one on one instruction Sheldon Mann Lead & Patrol Meetings
Thursday July 10	6:15 PLC Meetings, Prep for Summer Camp
Sunday July 13 to July 20	Summer Camp Settlers Camp at Camp Trexler
Thursday July 24	Start Family Life Merit Badge, Kendall to arrange Council
Thursday July 31	Yearly planning meeting

### **August**

Thursday Aug 7	Campfire, Fire Safety, S'mores Sheldon Lead
Thursday Aug 14	Prep for Hiking, Start Hiking Merit Badge
Fri. Aug. 15 – Sat. Aug. 16	Hike
Thursday Aug 21	Hiking Merit Badge
Thursday Aug 28	Family Night, Advancements, Popcorn Kick Off Water Balloons, Patrol Skits & patrol Cheers

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 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](mailto:kmann@ptd.net).

Yours in Scouting, Kenneth Mann Sr.

### MILLER MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER

Needs our help. The summer months are historically a critical time for our community blood center. Since so many people are out of town, it is difficult to recruit an adequate number of donors to meet patient needs. Please call 610-691-5850 or 1-800-223-6667 to give the gift of life! Thank you! Recent donors to the blood center were: Brenda Mack and Wilson Beers. *Thank you to all of our faithful donors.*

### SUMMER HYMN SING

*a.k.a. "SING-ALONG WITH DAVID"*

*The all-request time  
Weekly on Sunday Mornings  
7:45 am and 9:15 am*



### 75+ BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Birthday Party for anyone 75 years or older at Hope Church. The party/picnic will begin at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fellowship and entertainment. If you know someone who is 75 years or older, please give the church office a call (610-767-7203) so that we can invite them. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

#### WALK - A - THON

Saturday, July 12, 2008. Registration begins at 8:00am in the Northampton Area Community Park (Pavilion B). Walk begins at 8:30am. All are welcome and encouraged to walk for this very worthwhile cause; if you are unable to walk, please consider making a pledge for another participant. (Pledge sheets available on the narthex bulletin board).

### SECRETARY'S SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> through the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>, Jane Tretiak will be in the church office from 8:00am to 12:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Friday, she will be in the office from 8:00am-3:30pm, and Jane will be off on Tuesdays. The answering machine is always on, please leave a message and someone will respond as soon as possible.

NOTE: the secretarial position here at Hope is a salaried one. The secretary is paid for 26 hours a week throughout the year, and hours worked over that are made up for with time off in the summer months.



### SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Our summer worship hours have begun. The worship services will be at 8:00 and **9:30am**, No Sunday Church School.



### SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING

Council members mark your calendars for Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. This "picnic" council meeting will be held at the home of the Tretiaks.

### HOPE CHURCH'S YARD SALE

The yard sale at Hope Church will be held on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 **after** Vacation Bible School, which ends with a closing program on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Please no clothing or large furniture items. Any questions, please call Ralph Fisher at 610-262-5076.



### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following persons were hospitalized from May 28<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Grace Knappenberger, Joyce Itterly, Jane Silfies, Elaine Newhart, Connie Nagy, Delores Derhammer, Kari Graver, Fred Koran, Ryan Bird, Dale Beers and Ann Sassaman. Please keep these persons and their families in your prayers.

### REMAINING SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

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)

### JULY/AUGUST BEAR CREEK CAMP NEWS

Camp is in full swing, but there is still a chance for all ages to enjoy camp at LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP. August 31 – September 3. It's summer camp for the whole family. Great meals, arts & crafts, games, recreation, worship, fellowship, swimming, hikes, and even a campfire.

*For questions about any of the Bear Creek Camp events or Bear Creek Camp information in general, please call the camp at 570-472-3741.*

### BEAR CREEK CAMP

On the next page you will find a registration form for Bear Creek Day Camp here at Hope Church. However, there are still openings available for a week adventure at Bear Creek Camp in the Pocono's. This is our church camp which offers children and youth who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade thru 11<sup>th</sup> grade a week long experience of swimming, boating, campfires, hiking, devotions, overnight camping, arts and crafts, campfires, singing, games and most importantly...making new friends. More information is available on the narthex bulletin board, or by speaking to Jane Tretiak. Please consider getting your kids to camp this summer.



### BEAR CREEK DAY CAMP AT HOPE CHURCH

July 28<sup>th</sup> – 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.



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

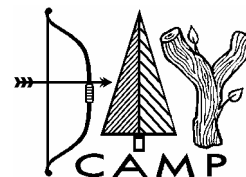
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### **Anything Staff should be aware of?**

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

*Return to Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA with **\$35.00**. (This is a reduced rate from approximately \$75.00 because of a grant from The Shafer Family Charitable Trust). Registrations on a "first come" basis.*

### 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. Contact:

Karen Zimmerman at 610-760-1887

[bluemtdaycamp@entermail.net](mailto:bluemtdaycamp@entermail.net)



### CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

The nursery school would like to send a very big thank you to everyone who graciously takes the time to donate your Campbell's soup labels. They earn lots of "free" items, which are very beneficial to the school. **The front panel product label can no longer be accepted, however the UPCs from the labels are accepted.** So PLEASE continue to clip those UPCs and drop them in the Campbell's containers in the narthex and in the hallway by the nursery school rooms. In addition to the soup labels, there is a list on the bulletin board of all products UPCs in which the nursery school can accept, including Franco American, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, V8 and Market Day. Thank you! *(Also, the nursery school does not participate in the Box Tops for Education program. However, our local elementary schools do!)*

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes are completed for this school year. 20 students were confirmed on May 11<sup>th</sup>. A class of 24 students will move on to the second level in the fall. However, students must complete all of the requirements of the first level before moving into the second level. Letters will be sent to all students (entering the first or second year) sometime in August. Please call the church office if you have not received your letter by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Have a great summer! Don't forget to worship regularly!

### CONFIRMATION PICTURES

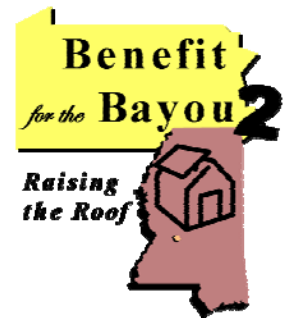
Recent confirmands – confirmation pictures have arrived! They are in the church office. Please pick them up as soon as possible. Thank you!

### 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LEHIGH TOWNSHIP COUNTRY FAIR

Sponsored by the Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Company #1  
<http://lehightownshipfire.com>  
Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thrivent Financial For Lutherans  
will match funds raised up to \$800

Dear Fellow Church Leaders:

The Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District has taken on the mission task of raising enough funds to build a house in Mississippi. Dean Gade has already sent a letter challenging each congregation to try to contribute \$1,000 towards the project.



Many of you may remember that we held the first Benefit for the Bayou event two years ago at Emmanuel's Church, Bath, PA. That event was successful in sending over 7 pallets of supplies and roughly \$7,000 to help with the efforts at that time. Unknown to many in our country the need continues to be great. Many people are still looking at leveled lots, and many are still paying mortgages for homes that no longer exist...struggling to try to make ends meet. We are hoping to repeat that wonderful day of fun, food and fellowship this year as we try to raise as much as we can toward the \$25,000+ that we need to fund a house for some deserving family in Mississippi.

A planning meeting for the Benefit for the Bayou 2: Raising the Roof event will be held on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Emmanuel's Church in Emmanueltown. Emmanuel's holds a contemporary outdoor worship service every Wednesday evening. Please plan to join the worship service at 7:00pm and for ice cream sundaes and an opportunity to learn more about the volunteer opportunities that are part of the Benefit for the Bayou 2 event following worship (approx. 7:45pm). If you plan to attend, please call the church office at 610-837-1741.

***Benefit for the Bayou 2: Raising the Roof will be held on September 6, 2008 from Noon until 8 PM at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, Bath, PA.***

## 2008 GRADUATES

*We recognized our graduates on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> during both worship services. Below is a list of graduates from our church.*



### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES & FUTURE PLANS (if known)

#### BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

**John K. LaBarre** – Cornell University (Engineering)

#### NORTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

**Brittany Beers**

**Justin Bunce** – Penn State University (Business Administration)

**Jarrad Hantz** – Northampton Community College  
(Radiography Program)

**Jessica Medina**

**Brandi Scherer** – Kutztown University

**Krista E. Smith** – Northampton Community College

#### NORTHERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL

**Donna Weil** – Lehigh County Community College (Education)

#### PALMERTON HIGH SCHOOL

**Brittany Smith**

**Cord Zellers** – Baltimore School of Massage Therapy

#### PA CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL

**Emily Kernan** – Nursing School

#### REAVIS HIGH SCHOOL, BURBANK, ILLINOIS

**David Vinson**

#### WHITEHALL HIGH SCHOOL

**Alisha Wainwright** – Kings College (Physical Assistant)

### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

**Melissa Filchner** – Virginia Commonwealth University Health  
System Dietetic Internship

**Kathy Fogle** – Cedar Crest College (B.S. in Management)

**David Kuntz** – Duquesne University (Doctorate of Pharmacy)

**Stephen Mery** – Connecticut College (B. A. in Physics)

**Amanda Zehner** – University of New Haven (M.A. in  
Industrial and Organizational Psychology)

## UPDATE ON PASTORAL TRANSITION

It's been about two months since Pastor Kuntz announced his plans to retire at the end of August. The Congregational Council would like to give you some information about the process that will take place and what we have done so far.

The process to call a new pastor to Hope will take probably a year or more. During that time period Hope will have an interim pastor who, working with Ernie Siegfried, will continue to help us move forward with our mission as a Lutheran congregation.

In the fall, we will be looking for your help to complete a congregational survey which will help us with information about what you think the congregation's strengths and needs are and the type of pastor you believe will help to move us forward. This information will be gathered and given to the Synod Bishop's staff, which will put together a booklet for pastors who may be interested in a call to our congregation. Also, during this time period, a call committee will be appointed which will be charged with finding a candidate to present to the congregation for consideration as the next pastor.

Since Pastor Kuntz informed us of his decision, the Congregational Council has been meeting with Pastor Mary Gade, who is our Mission District Dean and is the synodical representative we will be working with through this process. We have also been in contact with the Synod staff, which will be working with us to assign an interim pastor. As of now, Council expects to interview an interim candidate sometime in July/August. Council would like the interim to begin at Hope in September and continue with us until the election of a full time pastor.

The members of Congregational Council appreciate the support we have received and ask for your prayers as we move forward in this very important process.

Linda Mery for the Congregational Council

## PRAYER NAMES FOR JULY

7/01/08 Richard and Ann Sassaman  
7/02/08 Todd Benninger and family  
7/03/08 Paul, Clara Haydt and family  
7/04/08 Chad Kish and family  
7/05/08 Luther, Gloria Werley and family  
7/06/08 Sharon Hay and family  
7/07/08 Laura Rabenold and family  
7/08/08 Brittany, Katelyn Romig, Jessica Strohl and family  
7/09/08 Michael, Connie, Brittany, Brooke Gasper and family  
7/10/08 Kathryn Fogle and family  
7/11/08 William, Anita Vreeland and family  
7/12/08 Alan, Irene Leheup and family  
7/13/08 Jeffrey, Brenda, Marisa Lehr and family  
7/14/08 John, Bonnie, Sara, John, Victoria Zmyewski and family  
7/15/08 Kenneth, Diane, Shawn Silfies and family  
7/16/08 Carl, Gloria Derhammer and family  
7/17/08 Jennifer Beil and family  
7/18/08 Claudia Benninger and family  
7/19/08 Iris Bunk, Sheila Silfies, Ethan Silfies and family  
7/20/08 Gary, Robin, Michael, Andrea Hall and family  
7/21/08 Steven, Star Paly and family  
7/22/08 June Kinek and family  
7/23/08 Amy, Emily, Thomas Nichols and family  
7/24/08 Richard, Susan Demko and family  
7/25/08 Andrew, Jordan Chandler and family  
7/26/08 Kenneth, Gloria, Jarrad, Thyler Hantz and family  
7/27/08 Randy, Marlene, Clint, Britt Edelman and family  
7/28/08 Nancy Rehrig-Seitzinger and family  
7/29/08 Peggy Kulp and family  
7/30/08 Ronald, Shirley Gable and family  
7/31/08 Rose Fritz and family



## PRAYER NAMES FOR AUGUST

8/01/08 Charles, Sharon, Matthew Ross and family  
8/02/08 Todd Brown, Jennifer Kemmerer and family  
8/03/08 Gary, Dolores Reenock and family  
8/04/08 Monroe, Anna Hall and family  
8/05/08 Denice Budihas, Jessica, Tyler Medina and family  
8/06/08 Dean, Ginger, Thomas, Jacob, Emily Bachman, Francis Bilder and family  
8/07/08 Brian, Valerie, Briana Lewis and family  
8/08/08 Christine, Christal, Tiffanie, Anita Rose Wrenn and family  
8/09/08 Marion Beers and family  
8/10/08 Anthony, Cheryl, Ryan, Kevin Delgrosso and family  
8/11/08 Walter, Mildred Ostrom and family  
8/12/08 Nellie Krock and family  
8/13/08 Katrina Patterson and family  
8/14/08 Dustin Henritz, Amy Trone and family  
8/15/08 Lori, Jessica, Ryan Holota and family  
8/16/08 Bernard, Tina, Bernard, Cheyenne Kressley and family  
8/17/08 Lynn, John, John, Jennifer LaBarre and family  
8/18/08 Stephanie, Daniel, Carisa Giniewski and family  
8/19/08 Richard, Patricia Demko and family  
8/20/08 Hali, Hanna Dennis and family  
8/21/08 Norman Flick and family  
8/22/08 John, Susan, Abbie, Jonathan Bednar and family  
8/23/08 Lori Kerper, Justin Bunce, Shaye Kerper and family  
8/24/08 Walter, Margaret Holler and family  
8/25/08 Richard, Duran Flickinger and family  
8/26/08 Gerald, Martha Woodring and family  
8/27/08 Billy, Stacey, Julia, Lorelei Burch, Sage Mauser and family  
8/28/08 Kenneth, Marilyn Kemmerer and family  
8/29/08 Louis, Jennifer, Sarah, Daniel, Rebecca Ventura and family  
8/30/08 Otto, Karline Hontz and family  
8/31/08 Mary Ervin and family



## PASTORAL ACTS

### HOLY BAPTISMS

*Pastor Kuntz officiated at the following baptisms.*

**Sean Patrick Fabel**, son of Mark and Jessica (Beers) Fabel was baptized on June 1, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service.

**Ann Lorraine Sekol**, daughter of Matthew and Julie (Proctor) Sekol was baptized on June 8, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service.

**Dylan Clint Williams**, son of Clint Williams and Kelly Brandon was baptized on June 8, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service.

**Alexis Nichole Santee**, daughter of Dennis Santee, Jr. and Kelly Brandon was baptized on June 8, 2008 during the 10:30am worship service.

*Please welcome Sean, Ann, Dylan and Alexis into our church family here at Hope, and pray for their growth n faith.*

### MARRIAGES

**Todd Robert Brown and Jennifer Lynn Kemmerer**

exchanged wedding vows on May 17, 2008 at Hope Church. Pastor Lisa Borrell officiated.

**Jeffrey Ronald Nyce and Amy Melissa Rice** exchanged wedding vows on June 7, 2008 at Hope Church. Pastor Kuntz officiated.

*Congratulations to Todd and Jennifer and Jeffrey and Amy.*

*Please pray that they always remember the promises made before God on their very special day.*

### FUNERALS

**Dolores C. Derhammer** entered eternal life on May 29, 2008 at the age of 72 years. Services were held at Hope Church with interment at Zion Stone Church. Pastor Kuntz officiated and Ernie Siegfried assisted.

**Edward S. George** entered eternal life on June 3, 2008 at the age of 36 years. Services were held at the Trexler Funeral Home. Ernie Siegfried officiated.