



# HOPE HOME NEWS

Hope Lutheran Church  
Cherryville, PA

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## WELCOME TO HOPE

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009

#### LENT I

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Service of the  
Word/Baptisms

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

#### LENT II

8 a.m. Service of the Word

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

*Girl Scouts participate at 10:30 Worship*

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009

#### LENT III

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Service of  
the Word

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009

#### LENT IV

8 a.m. Service of the Word

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

*Daffodil Sunday*

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

#### LENT V

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

*First Holy Communion for Fifth Graders at 10:30 Worship*

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*Mid-Week Worship on Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25 and  
April 1 @ 11:00 am & 7 pm. (more inside➤)*

## MARCH PRAYER LIST



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.

- 3/01/09 Kelly Green and family
- 3/02/09 Paul Mishko and family
- 3/03/09 Elizabeth Kuntz and family
- 3/04/09 Jeffrey Ritter and family
- 3/05/09 Nancy McCarty and family
- 3/06/09 David, Jennifer, Alexis, Aislin, Xander McDonald and family
- 3/07/09 Michael, Kim, Taylor Kurinec and family
- 3/08/09 Jason, Tara, Karissa, Jevin Fritz and family
- 3/09/09 George Saunders and family
- 3/10/09 Bert, Naomi Beil and family
- 3/11/09 Mark Blaukovitch, Melissa Solt-Blaukovitch, Cory Vaupel, Cassidy Blaukovitch-Solt and family
- 3/12/09 Edward, Mary, Michael, Adam Seko and family
- 3/13/09 David, Suzanne Schneck and family
- 3/14/09 Donald, Sanday, Jeremy Benninger and family
- 3/15/09 Ashley Little and family
- 3/16/09 Steven, Monica, Felicia Paly and family
- 3/17/09 Bruce, Darlene Mack and family
- 3/18/09 Dennis, Roxanne, Payton, Jacob Marunich and family
- 3/19/09 Cynthia Snyder and family
- 3/20/09 Nancy Licini and family
- 3/21/09 Steven, Alexandra Tretiak and family
- 3/22/09 Georgeana Schmall and family
- 3/23/09 Jason, Hope, Haley, Skyler, Willow Romanuski and family
- 3/24/09 Larry, Lois Hinkel and family
- 3/25/09 Lewis, Olivia Romanishan and family
- 3/26/09 Jarrid Landis and family
- 3/27/09 Loretta Weil and family
- 3/28/09 Nicholas, Kimberlee Dotter and family
- 3/29/09 William, Arlene Ruch and family
- 3/30/09 Louis Rabenold and family
- 3/31/09 Mary Rudelitsch and family

## THANK YOU NOTES



Dear Hope Church, Sorry it took so long for me to thank council and everyone who gave me gifts for Christmas. I appreciated the gifts very much. Also, I want to thank all the members of Hope Church who have welcomed me as your new sexton, and giving me a good word on

the job that I am trying to do to keep our church clean. If anyone has a complaint or a concern, please leave me a note in my mail slot in the hallway by the church office. If you have any helpful hints that will help me with my job, please let me know. Thanks to everyone. Bless you all!

Bill Fritzing, Sexton

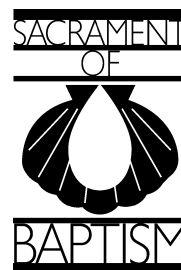
From VA to PA – much appreciated are the greetings from Hope to Thelma Heiberger. The cards and letters or note cards from individuals who remember my husband who served Hope in a pastoral capacity. Also, remembered for his famous huge ties! Wherever he went, Hope continued to follow him, sending your newsletters, visiting with your children's groups, home made soup, happy smiles. We (pastor) and I loved children, and their visits revived memories of our own two girls at similar ages. I am a widow of almost 3 years. We moved to Virginia 5 years ago, to the home of our eldest daughter and her husband. They serve me (and also Bob for the first 2 ½ years) with love. Without a BREAK you caught up with us in VA. How many churches/individuals continue that quality of LOVE! Thanks and blessings, with love,

Thelma Heiberger

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, We would like to express our gratitude for allowing our cheerleading squads the use of your facilities for indoor practices. Without support like yours, our Lehigh Township girls would not be able to excel. We truly appreciate your generosity. (\$200.00 donation enclosed)

Sharon Hornyak, LTAA Cheerleading  
Coordinator and Coach  
Nicole Heffelfinger-Coach

## PASTORAL ACTS



### HOLY BAPTISM

**Kacee Anne Medei**, daughter of Dan and Katie (Kuntz) Medei was baptized on February 8, 2009 during the 10:30am worship service. Pastor Kees and Pastor Kuntz officiated.

*Please welcome Kacee into our church family here at Hope and pray for her growth in faith.*

### FUNERALS

**Keith A. Mohr**, entered eternal life on January 24, 2009 at the age of 43 years. Services were held at Trexler Funeral Home with a private interment at the family's request. Pastor Kees officiated.

\***Ruth N. Rehrig**, entered eternal life on February 10, 2009 at the age of 86 years. A memorial service was held at Hope Church with interment at Lehigh Zion Cemetery (Lower Macungie Township). Ernie Siegfried officiated.

**Walter D. "Hank" Hoanzl** entered eternal life on February 20, 2009 at the age of 85 years. Services were held at Trexler Funeral Home with interment at Egypt Cemetery. Pastor Kees officiated.

\***non-member**

*Our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of Keith, Ruth, and Walter. May God continue to be your guide and strength.*



### MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICES WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Worship at 11:00am and 7:00pm each Wednesday in Lent. The theme for the 7:00pm service this year will be about the Trial of Judas (the punishment phase). More information on our Lenten theme will be published in the weekly bulletins. Come join your friends at Hope this Lenten Season – a powerful, life-changing journey that calls to prayerful and honest repentance.



## HOLY WEEK

**PASSION SUNDAY/PALM SUNDAY –**  
*April 5th*  
*8:00 and 10:30 am*

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



**MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*11:00 am and 7:00 pm*  
✘ Holy Communion  
✘ Symbolic Washing of Disciples Feet (7 pm)

**GOOD FRIDAY - April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*12 Noon-3 pm and 7 pm*  
✘ 12 Noon – 3 pm- Community Friday  
Worship at

- ✘ 7 pm Tenebrae Worship at Hope Church



**EASTER SUNDAY- THE  
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
*April 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:00, 8:00 & 10:30 am*  
✘ Holy Communion at every service  
✘ Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall  
(7:00 –10:30 am)



## EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00am. Join us in Kuntz 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, April 11<sup>th</sup> to help set up and also for food preparation. Please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 **11:00pm** on Good Friday until **5:00am** on 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 call the church office. 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 11:00pm Good Friday to 5:00am Easter morning.*

**PRAYER REQUEST(S)**

*Please pray for:*

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Requested by:

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\*Please indicate if prayer request is for military personnel.

**PLEASE DROP IN OFFERING PLATE**



*Prayer Vigil*

**LENTEN COIN FOLDER**



**GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU**

LMR 638

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.

**RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED**

Hope members who were hospitalized from January 28<sup>th</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup> were: Chad Rehrig, Priscilla Oncheck, Krysta Wagner, Al Steiner, Dale Beers, Pearl Beers, \*Walter Hoanzl, Elaine Newhart, William Reichard and Bertha Hantz. \*deceased  
Please keep these persons in your prayers.



**DAFFODIL SUNDAY**



Will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2009**. 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.

**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!

## **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 Kuntz Hall to meet with Pastor Kees where he will talk about Holy Week and Easter. When church is ready to start Pastor Kees 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 April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING**

Just a reminder that the next Christian Education Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 @ 7:00pm at the church. Some of the dates to mark on your calendar include:

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- March 29, 2009 – First Holy Communion-Fifth Grade students (10:30am service)**
- May 10, 2009 – Mother's Day/Father's Day Program**
- May 31, 2009 – Pentecost and Confirmation – (10:30 service)**
- June 16, 2009 – Last day of Sunday School (Indoor Picnic)**

### **TEACHER NEEDED**

Because Jessica Skelton is retiring in June, we are looking for a teacher for the Post Confirmation Class. Please think about this group of wonderful young adults and let Lynn LaBarre know if you would be able to take on this exciting challenge.



## **YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**



### **OVERNIGHT RETREAT**

Break out your sleeping bags! We have lots of things to do this spring that we will be working on at this retreat. A lot of our time will be spent preparing for our Youth Sunday that is coming up in May. We will be working on the clown skits, talking about songs we may want to do, and creating our video lessons all in these two days. But that's not all!!! We will also be making Easter candy, redecorating the bulletin boards for church, playing games, etc. Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, cost is \$10.00 per person for food. Sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board.

### **YOUTH SHORE TRIP**

To Wildwood, NJ on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Cost to be determined. We will stay at Trinity Lutheran Church – 2 blocks from the “wide” beach! Only a few spaces still available, please call Wayne Weidner ASAP at 610-767-1512 if you are interested in going. Youth Group is for young adults in grades 7-12.



### **EASTER CANDY**

The youth group will be selling Easter candy, which they will be making at their overnight retreat. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins on this very sweet fundraiser.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009**

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled this year for the week of **July 6, 2009** with the closing program at 9:30am on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Bible School will run from **9:00am to 12Noon. Registration forms**

**will be available in April's edition of the Hope Home News. Also, you will be able to register online. Look for more info. SOON!**

**THE BOOK PEOPLE**

Will have their items on display from March 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>. This sale helps our Nursery School get free books for the classrooms. Thank you to everyone for your support.



**HOPE NURSERY SCHOOL** – A few spaces still remain for our 3 and 4 year old nursery school program at Hope Church. Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 with any questions or to register.

**THINK SPRING**

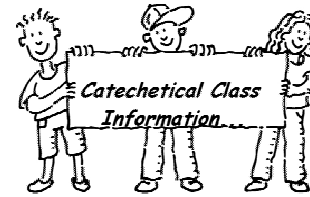
Spring is just around the corner! Why not come and join the weight class that meets at Hope each Wednesday? Shed some of those unwanted pounds! Begin Spring with an improved “you”! The class is open to men and women of our church and our community. It is a warm, friendly group. The only requirements 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!



**GRIEF SHARE – A GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT**

The death of a spouse, child, family member or friend is devastating. If you've experienced such a loss, it may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future. You've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. You should not try to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare, a grief recovery support group led by persons who have traveled this road before you, will begin here at Hope on **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.** If you, or someone you know could benefit from this program, please speak with Ernie Siegfried.



**CATECHETICAL CLASSES UPDATE:**

Please let Pastor Kees or the Sunday School teachers know if there are any problems or concerns. Attendance needs to be monitored by each student/parent. 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 – 16 Students**

✓ **Lord's Prayer Retreat will be held DURING Sunday School on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**LEVEL II – 24 Students**

✓ **Mentor Event- Mystery Dinner, Sun., March 22<sup>nd</sup> 12 Noon-1:30pm**

✓ **Weekend Retreat is April 24<sup>th</sup> –26<sup>th</sup> as announced last September. This is a mandatory retreat in preparation for confirmation on May 31<sup>st</sup>**

## NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

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

Monday, March 2 – 1:00-2:00pm  
Thursday, March 12 – 5:30-8:00pm  
Friday, March 13 – 1:00-3:00pm  
Saturday, March 14 – 9:00am –12:00pm  
Wednesday, March 18 – 9:30-11:30am  
Friday, March 20 – 1:00-3:00pm  
Saturday, March 21 – 9:00am-12:00pm

If you can help, please sign the sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board ASAP. Thank you to all of our faithful food bank volunteers.



## BEAR CREEK CAMP

**REMINDER** – early registration deadline – postmarked by April 1, 2009. Full payments must be included with your registration.

Remember you also qualify for discounts if you have Pastor Kees sign your registration form and an additional discount for a Bear Creek Ambassador (Kim Roth) attending the annual meeting. Please contact Kim Roth (610-820-0587) with any questions, for a registration form or for more information. New this year...register online at [www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org)

## BEAR CREEK DAY CAMP

Mark your calendars – Bear Creek Day Camp will be held at Hope Church from July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> 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!!!



## 2009 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL INVITATION

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the Spring Walk-in Basket Social on **Friday, April 17, 2009**, to be held in the social (Kuntz Hall) of Hope Lutheran Church. **Proceeds** will be divided equally between The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope Lutheran Church Good Samaritan Fund. **As part of their Community Outreach Program, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match a designated amount of money (to be announced) toward the proceeds donated to the Food Bank.**

Doors open at 4:00 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 \$5.00 at the door per adult and \$3.00 per child age K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Refreshments will be sold.

**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 Kuntz Hall the evening before the social (Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>!

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

**BLOOD DONORS**

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Brian Schell, Bill Fritzing, Paul Mishko, Dan Husser, Lynn Patterson, Brenda Mack, and Raymond Swinger. 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 16<sup>th</sup> in loving memory of Doug Gable.



**MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE**

On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> the personnel of Miller Memorial Blood Center will accept donations in Hope's Kuntz Hall from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This will be the 15<sup>th</sup> annual blood drive in memory of Doug Gable. As the years have gone by, the faithful pool of donors has been shrinking due to age and health conditions. Many are still willing but unable to donate. There is a pressing need for younger people to roll up their sleeves to share this precious resource which has no substitutes. To make an appointment, please call Shirley at 610-767-8109. Blood donations will support Hope's blood plan which covers all members.

Ever wonder how Hope church compares with other ELCA congregations in worship attendance? Ours is around 300 per Sunday. In the March 2009 issue of The Lutheran magazine, pg.16, the following worship attendance figures were shared:

<u>Weekly Worship Number</u>	<u>Number of ELCA Congregations</u>
1 to 25	837
26 to 50	1,950
101 to 300	3,147
301 to 500	3,531
501 to 800	599
801 and more	78

Of the 10, 324 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Hope church is in the middle. In our synod we are in the top 15 percent.

**HOPE CHURCH GOING TO THE**

**PHILLIES...** On Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to see the Phillies play the Cincinnati Reds for a 7:05pm game at Citizens Bank Park. We will leave the church at 4:00 pm. Fireworks are scheduled after the game. So, we will probably not get home until about 12:30 am or later. Cost is \$45.00/person, which includes a hoagie and a drink on the bus. Sign up on the narthex bulletin board. Questions, please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512.



**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 **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00pm. This is a VERY IMPORTANT meeting as we will be discussing the possibility of changing leagues.** 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.

**CUB SCOUT BREAKFAST**

Cub Pack #242 of Hope Church will be holding a breakfast at Hope on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The breakfast will be in Kuntz Hall. Adult=\$6.00; Children (3-12yrs)=\$3.00; under age 3=free. Proceeds benefit the Cub Scouts.



**CUB PACK #242**

Cub Pack meetings are held at Hope Church the **FOURTH** Tuesday each month in Kuntz Hall beginning at 7:00pm. Den meetings are held the first and third Thursdays each month. If you are interested in getting more information about our Cub Pack, or for tickets for the breakfast, please contact Josh Larkin at 610-760-0367.