



HOPE HOME NEWS

Hope Lutheran Church
Cherryville, PA

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✠ ✠ LENT/EASTER WORSHIP ✠ ✠

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday), April 5, 2009

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

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2009

Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. and 7 p.m. (*Stripping of the Altar*)

Good Friday, April 10, 2009

Community Service 12 Noon-3 p.m. @
Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, Emmanuelsville
7 p.m. Tenebrae Service at Hope Church

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (Easter Sunday)

April 12, 2009

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

Easter II April 19, 2009

8 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

Easter III April 26, 2009

8 a.m. Service of the Word 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion



EASTER: THE QUEEN OF SEASONS!

Easter is the great feast of the church, the week of weeks, a fifty-day festival of rejoicing. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed with shouts of alleluia, and there is good news for everyone: death has been put to death, humanity has been restored, even the face of the earth is renewed with life, the desert flowering into a garden.

**SEE YOU IN WORSHIP...AS THE EASTER
CELEBRATION CONTINUES....**

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The Rev. Clark W. Kuntz, II, Pastor Emeritus

Our Mission as a congregation is... "to witness to the love of God through both words and actions so that we may make others aware of God's claim on their lives and in so doing, seek to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in the world."

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7:30am-4:00pm
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SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Prayers This
Month



PRAYER NAMES FOR APRIL

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 April's prayer list.

- 4/01/09 Richard, Carol Moore and family
- 4/02/09 Robert, Dolores Brown and family
- 4/03/09 Patricia Schoch and family
- 4/04/09 Ginger, Jacqueline, Sarah, Carolyn Frohnheiser and family
- 4/05/09 Larry, Karen, Samuel, Emily Koplín and family
- 4/06/09 Fred, Arlene Koran and family
- 4/07/09 Albert, Michelle, Crystal, Nicholas, Michael Rock and family
- 4/08/09 Jennifer, Evan Knouss and family
- 4/09/09 Nolan Ritchie and family
- 4/10/09 Keith Derhammer and family
- 4/11/09 David, Annette, Nathaniel, Mikayla Xander and family
- 4/12/09 Kevin Bailey, Tiffany Miller and family
- 4/13/09 James, Donna, Briana Fritchman and family
- 4/14/09 James, Susan, Matthew, Andrew, Jessica Bahnick and family
- 4/15/09 David, Janet, Mark, Melissa Filchner and family
- 4/16/09 Brent Krock and family
- 4/17/09 Glenn, Joan, Dylan Sherwood and family
- 4/18/09 Tim, Rebecca, Elizabeth Moore and family
- 4/19/09 Marianne, Doug, Andrea, Megan, Paul, Todd Hetrick and family
- 4/20/09 Kent Hittinger and family
- 4/21/09 Kevin, Vicki, Danielle, Brianna Weaver and family
- 4/22/09 Daniel, Patricia, Daniel Neff and family
- 4/23/09 Clarence, Erma Green and family
- 4/24/09 Eric, Melinda, Jenna, Elijah Shoemaker and family
- 4/25/09 Paul, Julie, Joshua, Katelyn Graver and family
- 4/26/09 Sterling, Shirley, Lorrie, Kari Graver family
- 4/27/09 William, Tanya, Aaron Lamparter and family
- 4/28/09 Jennifer, Molly, Owen Laury and family
- 4/29/09 Stanley, Sheryl, Krissi, Chad Schaffer and family
- 4/30/09 Robert, Janet, Robert, Carlie Small and family

GRACEDALE EASTER VISIT

On Saturday, April 4th 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. All are invited to go along. We will meet at Hope Church at 10:30am. We should return to the church about 2:30pm.

Catechetical students – this is a great outreach opportunity.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK ANNUAL DINNER

The annual potluck dinner for the food bank will be held on Tuesday, April 21st. Barbeque and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. The meal begins at 6:00pm; the meeting will be at 7:00pm.

A large and sincere “THANK YOU” to all who helped at the Food Bank in March. Also, to those who baked for the craft fair. We are now serving about 345 clients, so the need is great, your response is Tremendous.

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

On Saturday, May 2, 2009 we will be helping with the “Dutch Dinner” for the Allentown Rescue Mission at Asbury Methodist Church. We help serve the dinner. We will leave Hope Church at 3:30pm. If you cannot be at church at 3:30, you can meet us at Asbury Church, which is located at Springhouse and Walbert Avenue. Questions, call Marge Zimmermann at 610-767-8901.

Catechetical students – this is a great outreach opportunity.

GRACEDALE TALENT NIGHT

On Monday, May 4th, we 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, please speak to Marge Zimmermann. Cookies may be dropped off on the narthex table before 6:00pm that evening.

Catechetical students – this is a great outreach opportunity.



GIVE
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LENTEN COIN FOLDER

Remember to return your coin folders. Monies collected will be used to support the ministries at our church. Please return your coin folder as soon as possible.

HOPE FEST 2009

Mark your calendars for Hope Fest 2009, to be held **RAIN OR SHINE** on Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.



RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following members were hospitalized from February 26th through March 18th; Ed Cherry, *William Reichard, Hilda Furry, Krysta Wagner, Frank Horwath, Anthony Kutzler, Priscilla Oncheck, Amanda Kernan, Delores Smith, James Kramer and Connie Nagy. Please

keep these persons and their families in your prayers. **deceased*

Boy Scout Troop 242

Annual "Activity Fund"

Flame Roasted Chicken Dinner & Bake Sale

Roasted over a Pit Fire, it doesn't get better than this.

Saturday, May 2, 2009, 2:00 – 6:30 PM

Hope Lutheran Church

For tickets see a Troop 242 Scout or call Hope Lutheran at 610-767-7203

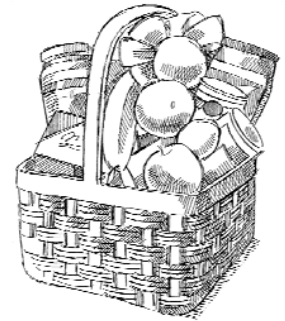
Adults: \$9.00 A Half Chicken and all the side dishes.
Child: \$5.00 A Chicken Leg Quarter and all the side dishes.
(Children 11 and under)

Side Dishes include: baked potato, pepper cabbage, applesauce, dinner roll, drink (ice tea, lemonade, coffee or tea) and your choice of baked beans or corn.

Take out orders are available

SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

You are invited to attend the Spring Theme Walk-In Basket Social on Friday, April 17, 2009. Doors open at 4:00pm and tickets may be deposited until 7:15pm. The drawing begins promptly at 7:30pm and winners will be notified via phone that same evening. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 at the door for adults and \$3.00 for a child age Kindergarten through 6th grade.



Proceeds will be divided between The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope Church's Good Samaritan Fund. Each person attending is also invited to bring along a canned good or non-perishable item for the Food Bank.

We welcome your help with this community event with donations of theme baskets, gift certificates, bottled water, canned soda, or baked goods. Any of these items could be dropped off in the fellowship hall the evening before the social (Thursday, April 16th from 6:30-8:30pm).

If you have any questions, they can be directed to the Hope Church Office at 610-767-7203.

We are in need of four ticket sponsors this year. Tickets are \$30.00 per sponsor. If you can help our social in this way, please contact Linda Sidor at 610-767-8372.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS will be matching \$400.00 to our basket social for the Northampton Area Food Bank. THANKS!



HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hope Church offers scholarship money to full-time college students. Funds are available for the 2009-2010 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 2009**
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 24, 2009.** (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 2010.)

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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. 2009 (IF KNOWN)

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 9th
11:00 am and 7:00 pm
✂ Holy Communion
✂ Symbolic Washing of Disciples Feet (7 pm)

GOOD FRIDAY - April 10th

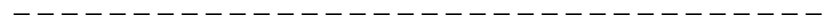
- 12 Noon-3 pm and 7 pm
- ✂ 12 Noon – 3 pm- Community Friday Worship at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church Emmanueltown, PA
 - ✂ 7 pm Tenebrae Worship at Hope Church



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

PRAYER VIGIL

Our Prayer Vigil is from **11:00pm** Good Friday to **5:00am** Easter morning.



PRAYER REQUEST(S)

Please pray for:

Requested by:

*Please indicate if prayer request is for military personnel.

PLEASE DROP IN OFFERING PLATE



EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 12th 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 11th 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.*

FROM THE SYNOD OFFICE

(3-4-09) Please note: The changes in synod staffing are providing an opportunity to re-examine all of the synod publications. While current staff looks at communication strategies, *Synod News* and *Thanks to You*, along with the online publication *Partners in the Spirit*, will not be produced. Updates on these and other publications will be posted as decisions are made on how best to keep in touch with synod leaders and congregations. The March 2009 issue is the last issue of *Synod News* that was produced.

PRAYER VIGIL



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. A sign-up sheet is

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.*

YOUTH SHORE TRIP

To Wildwood, NJ on Friday, July 23rd – Sunday, July 26th. 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.



HOMEMADE EASTER CANDY

The youth group is selling homemade peanut rolled eggs. The cost is \$10.00 per box. Please see any youth group member. Candy will also be sold after Sunday worship services.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

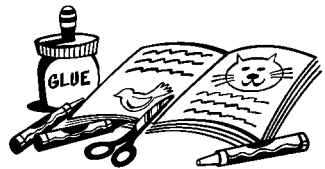
Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled this year for the week of **July 6, 2009** with the closing program at 9:30am on Sunday, July 12th. Bible School will run from 9:00am to **12Noon**.

Registration forms are included in this newsletter. Also, you will be able to register online at vbs.hopecherryville.org.



THE BOOK PEOPLE

Will have their items on display from March 23rd through April 6th. 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 1st. Please contact Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 with any questions or to register.



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, has begun here at Hope on Thursday, March 19th, at 7:00pm. If you, or someone you know could benefit from this program, please speak with Ernie Siegfried. There is still time to join the group; the **deadline to register is Thursday, March 26, 2009.**

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. You can also register online at www.bearcreekcamp.org

BEAR CREEK DAY CAMP

Mark your calendars – Bear Creek Day Camp will be held at Hope Church from July 27th – July 31st 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 in next month’s edition of the Hope Home News. Mark your calendars **NOW!!!**



BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Brenda Mack, Sandra Fuquay, Lisa Heberling, Linda Derr and Beverly Goll. 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 16th in loving memory of Doug Gable.



MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 16th 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 15th 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.

HOPE CHURCH GOING TO THE PHILLIES...

On Thursday, July 9th, 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 call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512 for more information. Games start the end of April....Sunday evenings.

CALL PROCESS

Dear members and friends,

We are carefully and deliberately moving more deeply into the call process. We ask that all members of the congregation continue in unceasing prayer about this important time in our history.

The call committee has been formed. At its most recent meeting, Monday, March 9th, the church council learned that the final member of the call committee had accepted the council's nomination to serve on the committee. Six members of our congregation have accepted the council's request to serve in this capacity. They are: David Filchner, Linda Derr, David Roth, Jen LaBarre, Brian Schell and Betty Rock. It will be some time before they organize. Their work now is to pray about the task that lies before them. At some point an associate of the bishop will meet with them to answer questions they have and provide training for the interview process. They will elect their own chair.

Members of the congregation are requested to resist all temptations to speak to the call committee members about what they are doing or how things are going. The call committee will share general information about their work, as it seems appropriate and helpful to the membership. Their work must be confidential as a candidate will likely be serving a congregation and word of conversations with another congregation must not get back to the congregation the candidate serves. In the call process, a candidate is testing the situation at the invitation and recommendation of the Bishop and his staff to see if God is issuing a call to new ministry.

I also remind you that there are other steps in the call process, which will occur some time after Easter, in the last Spring and beyond. They include a survey of the congregation, meetings with the church council and/or his staff, the training of the call committee, and the development of a profile of the congregation to be shared with potential candidates; and also to guide the Bishop and staff in their work to identify potential candidates.

Dennis Biechy, Council President

COUNCIL/STAFF/CALL COMMITTEE RETREAT

The annual church council and staff retreat (this year will include the call committee) will be held on Friday evening, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th. It is important that everyone be in attendance. **Mark your calendars now.** More information will be forwarded to you as soon as all of the plans are finalized.



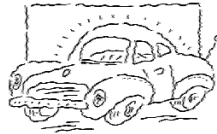
TAE KWON DO THANK YOU – the Tae Kwon Do group that meets at Hope gave a gift of \$1000.00 to Hope Church. The gift was a thank you to the church for allowing the group to meet here on Sundays and Wednesdays. A big thank you to Rich Mullen and the Tae Kwon Do

group for this very generous gift.

If you would like information about Tae Kwon Do or are interested in joining, please contact Rich at 610-760-0958.

AARP DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM

The Cherryville Senior Center (which is held here at Hope Church) will offer a Driver Training Program on the following dates. A 4 hour refresher class (for those who have previously taken the 8 hour class) will be held on Tuesday, April 28th from 1:00-5:00pm. The 8 hour class will be offered to all who have NOT taken the class in the past, Tuesday, April 21st and Thursday, April, 23rd from 1:00-5:00pm. The 4-hour and the 8-hour class each cost \$14.00 and cash or checks are acceptable. (checks should be made payable to AARP). To register or for more information, please contact Edith at 610-767-2977.



AARP
Driver
Training

LUTHERAN ACADEMY

The Lutheran Academy is holding a Boyd's Bear/Longaberger Basket Bingo on Friday, April 3, 2009 at 7:00pm at The West End Youth Center (N. 20th & Greenleaf Streets – 4 blocks north of Tilghman). tickets are only \$20.00 for 20 games. There will be baskets/bears, auction items, door prizes, and great food. Come join us for a great time and support the Lutheran Academy! For tickets, call 610-841-4144. Our school, located at 19th & Washington Streets, is dedicated to providing personal, nurturing, quality education in a Christian environment. We offer full time Kindergarten through Grade 8. Call the school at 610-842-4144 or visit our website at www.thelutheranacademy.org to learn more.

THANK YOU NOTES

A NOTE OF



Thanks so much for the valentines from the Evangelism Committee and also from Miranda. It was very thoughtful; also thanks to the Sixth Grade Class and church members for the Christmas cards.

Estella and Kenneth Beers

Dear Friends of the Food Bank, Thank you for your recent contributions to the Northampton Area Food Bank. We really appreciated your donation of \$75.00 from your youth pumpkin contest. Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, the volunteers, and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity. Very sincerely,

Pamela Kametz, NAFB

Dear Ernie, David and the Hospitality Team, Thank you for helping us keep Krista's dreams and wishes a beautiful reality. The Memorial Service, music and refreshment hour was absolutely perfect. Our family appreciated your graciousness and help coping with the loss of our cherished angel, Krista. God Bless you all!

Jeff, Val and Josh Harakal

Dear Hope Church, I can't thank you enough for making such a special day in my life so magnificent. Your celebration of my ordination was "over the top!" People marveled at the music, the enthusiasm, and the hospitality. Thank you for all your support and encouragement. I would not have been able to make this journey without all of you. You're the best! Blessings and love to all.

Pastor Paulette Obrecht

P.S. Thank you also for providing the beautiful red stole. It will always be very special to me.

Dear Pastor Kees, Thank you for visiting my father in the hospital and for the prayers you offered during his time of need. My mother and I will never forget your kindness and support at this very sad time for our family. Thank you, also, for conducting such a beautiful funeral service. Hearing Jason and Alison's memories of their grandfather meant so much to us. God Bless you. Sincerely, (\$50.00 donation enclosed)

Beverly Falk and Jean Hoanzl

PASTORAL ACTS

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT....

“Pops, what is rubble?” As usual, there were no introductory comments or statements. This was simply another of the questions I’ve become accustomed to getting from my eight year old grandson, Christian. And when I didn’t respond immediately, he repeated the query. “What is rubble? Pops”, he asked. I responded to his questions with one of my own. “Why do you want to know about rubble?” I asked. “Well, my dad walked into my bedroom the other day, looked around and said, “Christian, your room is a pile of rubble!” And when I asked what he meant, he just said, “Oh, never mind,” and walked away.

My grandson’s question about rubble triggered a memory of several years ago of an incident that took place in the Colorado high country. Just two weeks earlier, the largest forest fire in Colorado’s history had swept through those beautiful mountains and destroyed more than 300,000 acres and hundreds of homes and cabins. I stood that day with a family as they stared in disbelief at the charred ruins of what had been their beautiful log home. The wife finally spoke saying, “thirty five years here and all that left is a pile of rubble”.

Is it possible that those same words might describe my life? Either as a result of misfortune or my foolish ways, have I strayed away from God and turned my life into a pile of rubble? And, how about you? Lent is the time to reflect and think honestly about our lives. We are all sinners, but that is precisely why Christ suffered and died. He promises that if we will repent and change our ways, he will forgive and renew us.

As we journey together through Lent and Holy Week, the darkness and the agony of the season and of our lives is lifted as we remember God’s glorious promise of new life.

Finally, on Easter morning, we will join the angels and Christians around the world in their joyous proclamation of Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!



HOLY BAPTISMS

Pastor Kees officiated at the following baptisms on March 1, 2009 at the 10:30 am worship service.

Evan Joseph Knouss, son of Jarod and Jennifer (Peters) Knouss
Molly Rae Binder, daughter of Jerry and Jessica (Speshok) Binder
Ryan Timothy Kocher, son of Mark and Rhiannon (Eisenhart) Kocher

Please welcome Evan, Molly and Ryan into our church family at Hope. Please pray for their growth in faith.

FUNERAL

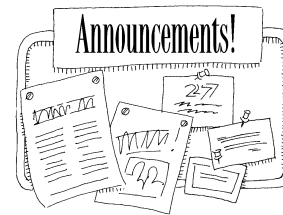
William J. Reichard, Sr. entered eternal life on February 27, 2009 at the age of 63 years. A memorial service was held at the Long Funeral Home in Bethlehem on March 6, 2009. *Please keep the family and friends of William in your prayers.*



NEW LOOK IN THE NARTHEX

A huge thank you to the youth and their leaders for the new bulletin board in the church narthex. Also, for their time and efforts to reorganize the existing boards. They completed this task during their recent youth retreat, and we really appreciate it.

They look great! What a great first impression for our visitors. Please note; the new bulletin board is **only** for Hope Church news, schedules, events, flower and bulletin charts, etc. You are welcome to advertise your fundraising events on the “Community Connection” bulletin board, but please be considerate and do not place any flyers on the Hope Lutheran News board or the Nursery School bulletin board.





LIFT
(Lutherans in Faith Together)
Get Ready for
LIFT 2009

June 13, 2009
Muhlenberg College

Did you attend the first LIFT event in 2007? Then you know you do not want to miss LIFT 2009!

Loads of Lutherans at Muhlenberg College...come and join in the singing, learning, playing, and celebrating at LIFT 2009.

- Music, Music, Music**
- Forty+ Workshops**
- Opportunities for Youth**
- Walk for World Hunger**

Mark Allan Powell (Key note speaker) The Rev. Dr. **Mark Allan Powell**, keynote speaker for LIFT 2009, is an internationally known theologian and Bible scholar. He is Professor of New Testament at **Trinity Lutheran Seminary** in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Powell—who began his journalistic career in the '70s as a rock music critic for The Houston Post—is also regarded as a leading expert on the subject of "contemporary Christian music." He has published over 1900 reviews of Christian recordings and is the author of a one-thousand-page encyclopedia that is regarded as the definitive reference work on the subject. He also was one of the writers of *Opening the Book of Faith*, the first resource in the **ELCA Book of Faith** initiative. **And More!**

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FEELING WHOLE AGAIN

Lutheran Congregational Services will be offering a divorce support ministry entitled, *Feeling Whole Again* for 5 Sunday afternoons starting April 19, 2009 at St. John Lutheran Church, 835 3rd Street, Fullerton. Each session in the series begins at 3:00pm and concludes by 5:00pm. Contact LCS at 610-770-9205 to register. The cost for the series is \$50.00. Limited financial assistance is available.

