



## HOPE HOME NEWS

Hope Lutheran Church  
Cherryville, PA

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### WELCOME TO HOPE

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST 18

*World-wide Communion/Friendship Sunday*

8 am and 10:30 am Holy Communion

*This is a special day with many "friendly" surprises!*

*Bring a friend!*

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST 19

8 am Service of the Word      10:30 am Holy Communion

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST 20

*Healing Service*

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

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> REFORMATION SUNDAY

8 am Service of the Word      10:30 am Holy Communion

#### HEALING SERVICE

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate St. Luke's Evangelist Day. You will be invited to come to the altar during the prayers that morning for the "laying on of hands and anointing." This rite is based on examples provided by Jesus Christ as he performed acts of healing and also on traditions practiced by the early church. (*James 5:14-15*)



## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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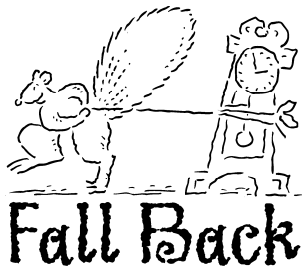
Ms. Trudy Mertz

CHURCH OFFICE: Mon., Wed., Thurs. Fri. = 7:30am – 4:00pm  
Closed Tuesdays

October 2009



Mary Jackson (not her real name) sat in the church pew feeling alone and isolated, although her husband, Jim, sits right next to her. She suspects that Jim has been having an affair, although he denies it, and their lives are growing further and further apart. Even worse, she has discovered a growing attraction to a co-worker... "What's the point anymore?" she thinks. Now is the time. The time to get help. Before it's too late to overcome broken trust. Call Diakon Family Life Services for information on counseling, whether you come as a couple, or need to work through some things on your own. It's affordable, confidential, and may help to save your family, and your own self-respect. 610.682.1337 or 1.888.499.2699 (toll free), or visit [www.diakon.org/fls](http://www.diakon.org/fls).



#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please note: Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Please don't forget to turn your clocks back one-hour before retiring on the evening of October 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### GERANIUM THANK YOU

Thank you to Bob Wescott for watering the geraniums and the new shrubs this year. The geraniums were beautiful during the summer and looked great when driving by Hope Church. Thank you again for your participation in helping to make our church more beautiful.

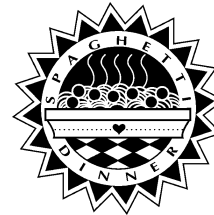
#### GRACEDALE TALENT NIGHT

Gracedale talent night will be on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will leave the church at 6:00 pm. **If you, or your child, or grandchild, would like to share talent with a very appreciative audience, please let Marge Zimmermann know (610-767-8901).** Cookies, brownies, and snacks are also needed for this visit and can be dropped off in the vestibule area before that evening. Thanks! (*catechetical students – this would count as a social ministry/outreach event!*)



#### SENIOR FALL FEAST

On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> the Social Ministry Committee invites any senior citizen or homebound member in our congregation to our annual Fall Feast. We will begin with worship of Holy Communion in the church at 11:30am, and then enjoy a dinner of turkey, filling, cranberry sauce and all the "fixins." To conclude the day, there will be surprise guest entertainment. The Feast will end at approximately 2:30pm. Sign up sheet will be posted on the narthex bulletin board.



#### RESCUE MISSION SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our Social Ministry Committee will be helping with the Rescue Mission Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to go along and help with this very worthwhile event. Meet at Hope Church at 3:00pm to travel to Asbury Methodist Church.

#### CRAFT FAIR

The Northampton Area Food Bank will be holding a bake sale at the annual craft fair; which will be held at the Northampton Community Center on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Please see Marge Zimmermann, Lynn LaBarre or Marion Druckenmiller for more information.

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.

### **OCTOBER PRAYER LIST**

*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" James 5:16*

- 10/1/09 Daryl, Patricia Amey and family
- 10/2/09 Ashley Little and family
- 10/3/09 Jennifer Gerhart and family
- 10/4/09 Marney, Alison Lorah and family
- 10/5/09 Janice Simms and family
- 10/6/09 Kyle Shoemaker and family
- 10/7/09 Jesse, Sandra, Steven, Jason Fuquay and family
- 10/8/09 Mildred Gardner and family
- 10/9/09 Jean Gerding and family
- 10/10/09 Lisa, Anthony Fronti and family
- 10/11/09 Jason, Tara, Karissa, Jevin Fritz and family
- 10/12/09 Paige, Dylan Kemmerer and family
- 10/13/09 Betty Reph and family
- 10/14/09 Brian, Tracy, Ryan, Brady Rimple and family
- 10/15/09 Brian, Valerie, Briana Lewis and family
- 10/16/09 Thomas, Carol, Sarah, David Galloway and family
- 10/17/09 William, Jean Fritzing and family
- 10/18/09 Katharine Ganovsky and family
- 10/19/09 Douglas, Donna Arnwine and family
- 10/20/09 Ginger, Jacqueline, Sarah, Carolyn Frohnheiser and family
- 10/21/09 Michael Roberts and family
- 10/22/09 Stacey, Alyssa, Kaelah Horwath and family
- 10/23/09 Robert, Janet, Robert, Carlie Small and family
- 10/24/09 Audrey, Juan, Sean, Owen Rosario and family
- 10/25/09 Andrea, Michael Dombroski and family
- 10/26/09 Steven, Linda, Keith, Mark Romano and family
- 10/27/09 Shirley, Tiffany, Kimberly Beers and family
- 10/28/09 Rob, Linda Asbath and family
- 10/29/09 Beverly, Fred Goll and family
- 10/30/09 Mark, Roxanne, Felicia Leibensperger and family
- 10/31/09 Christopher Zimmermann and family



### **MILITARY ADDRESSES**

If you know of a member of our church who is serving in any of the armed forces, please call the church office. With the holiday season just around the corner, we would like to update our military addresses. Thank you!

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the late worship service. At least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum that morning. Please sign the sheet on the narthex bulletin board indicating that you are able to attend. Thank you!

### **NATIVITY DISPLAY**

Mark your calendars now for the beautiful and meaningful nativity display, which will be shown in Kuntz Hall on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The more nativity sets we have, the more beautiful the display. Watch for updated information in future bulletins and newsletters. Even if your nativity set has been on display in previous years, we would still like to include your nativity set(s) in our display. Thank you! Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated.



### **Hospital List**



### **RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED**

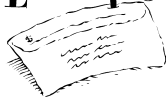
The following persons were hospitalized from August 18<sup>th</sup> through September 21<sup>st</sup>: *Kay O'Donnell, Fred Goll, Thomas Mack, Delores Derhammer, Tyler Kreider and Curtis Renner*. Please keep these persons and their families in your prayers.

### UPDATE OUR CHURCH RECORDS

If your address and phone number has changed, please contact the church office and give us your new information. ([office@hoepcherryville.org](mailto:office@hoepcherryville.org))



### Offering Envelopes



### OFFERING ENVELOPES

You will be receiving your new supply of offering envelopes in the mail shortly. If you do not receive them by the end of the month please call the church office.

### FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

Will be celebrated at both worship services on Sunday, October 4, 2009. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage your family and friends to worship with your church family at Hope. It is also a great chance to encourage church members to come back to worship. A coffee hour will follow after the services in Kuntz Hall. Donations of baked goods and snack foods are welcomed!!



### BEAR CREEK CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The following youth were presented with a small scholarship at the beginning of each worship service on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following youth for attending Bear Creek Camp this summer. *Emily Andrews, David Deiter, Devin Deiter, Nathaniel Kramer, Emily Nichols, Cory, Logan and Sarah Ninos and Noah Roth.* Did we miss you???? Anyone else who attended Bear Creek Camp and is interested in the scholarship, please notify the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

### WEIGHT GROUP



Our weight class here at Hope Church meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. (Weigh-in begins at 6:15pm). The class meets in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classroom behind the library in Hanson Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME. All weights are kept confidential. Persons attending the weight class are asked to donate \$3.00 per meeting (if you are able), which is used to help our church and our community. For more information, please contact Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277.

### BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS

Hope Church presented Bibles to the following third graders during one of the worship services on September 20<sup>th</sup>. *Emily Bachman, Jessica Bahnick, Paige Beil, Claudia Bentelspacher, Amanda Clewell, Julia Doklan, Alixea Follweiler, Steven Fuquay, Katelyn Graver, Ethan Kish, Ivy Larkin, Dylan Penshishen, Brynne Rockovits, Haley Romanuski, Joshua Roth and Carey Strohl.* ***It is Hope's prayer that this gift given to each student may fill him/her with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience and godliness.***



### WALNUTPORT CANAL FESTIVAL

A group from Hope Church will be making funnel cakes again this year at the Walnutport Canal Festival on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Come out and enjoy a delicious funnel cake or some deep fried Oreos. Also, enjoy the beautiful fall festival. Proceeds benefit Hope Church.

### FLU SHOTS

The Senior Center at Hope Church will be offering flu shots on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:00pm. Please call the senior center director, Edith Knauss at 610-767-2977 with any questions.

**Chef Ed J. Petruccelli &  
Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop 242  
Present**

**Little Italy Buffet at Hope Lutheran Church  
An all you can eat Italian style buffet Dinner**

**Sunday, October 25**

**Adults \$9.95, Children under 12 \$3.95,  
Children under 3 free  
Served from 11am - 6pm**

**Caesar salad**

Romaine lettuce and croutons Parmesan  
cheese in rich garlic dressing.

*(Choice of 2 other dressings will also be available)*

**Minestrone soup**

Rich red broth with vegetables and pasta

**Penne Pasta Station**

With your choice of sauce

Red pasta sauce or Alfredo sauce

Cooked to order

**Sausage with peppers and onions**

Bite size slices of fresh Italian sweet sausage with  
roasted peppers and onions in tomato sauce

**Shrimp Scampi Pasta**

**Chicken with garlic wine sauce**

**Italian style green beans**

**Garlic rolls**

**Choice of ice tea, coffee also juicy drinks for the kids**

**Bake sale desert table**

Proceeds will be used to maintain Hope Lutheran's  
Troop 242 equipment and defer to the cost of some Troop  
Outings. Tickets available from Troop 242 Scouts or the  
Church office

**HOPE LUTHERAN'S BOY SCOUT TROOP #242 NEWS**

Troop 242 normally meets in the Large Fellowship Hal (Kuntz 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.

<u>October</u>	<u>Service Patrol: A-Team</u>	<u>Theme: First Aid</u>
Thursday Oct 1	Elections	Back Pack Check, Pick Summer Camp
Friday Oct 2 – Sunday Oct 8	Second Class First Aid	Back Packing
Thursday Oct 8	Second Class First Aid	One on One Teaching
Saturday Oct 10	Lehigh Football Outing Game	\$10 Activities, Food,
Thursday Oct 15	First Class First Aid	One on One Teaching
Thursday Oct 22	First Aid Merit Badge	Merit Badge Councilor
Sunday Oct 25	Italian Dinner	
Thursday Oct 29	Family Night	Install New Leadership

<u>November</u>	<u>Service Patrol: H2O</u>	<u>Theme: First Aid</u>
Thursday Nov 5	First Aid Merit Badge review for first aid Meet	
Wednesday Nov 11	First Aid Meet	
Friday Nov 13 – Sunday Nov 15		McKeever Camp Shelter Building \$20
Thursday Nov 19	Individual Advancement, Lashings, Fun & Games	

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.

**2009 FALL BASKET SOCIAL  
INVITATION**

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend the Fall Walk-in Basket Social on **Friday, October 9, 2009**, to be held in Kuntz Hall, Hope Lutheran Church. **Proceeds** will be donated to the Hope Church Building Maintenance Fund.



**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** is matching \$200.00 of monies raised (thank you!).

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

**Special thanks** to Judy & Vince Dieter, Joanne & Arnold Kuntz, Rapid Return (Betty Rock) & Dragonfly Soaps (Jackie Barth/Tom Sidor) for sponsoring the four sets of tickets that were needed.

**We also invite your help** of donating a theme basket, gift certificate, bottled water, canned soda, or baked good. Any of these items may be dropped off in the fellowship hall the evening before the social (Thursday, October 8th, 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 Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,  
Rita Hulsizer & Jean Leibenguth, co-chairs for the Fall Social  
AND  
The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR – 2009/2010**

Our Sunday School began on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers are ready to have a good year with their students. Please note that Sunday School begins at 9:15am and ends at 10:15am. Please make giving a weekly offering each week a priority with your children. We have classes for age two through adult.

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2009-2010**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCS:** Lynn LaBarre

**ASSISTANT OF SCS:** Nancy Creyer

**SECRETARIES OF SCS:** Nancy and Dennis Biechy

**TREASURER OF SCS:** Nancy Creyer

**SUPERINTENDENT OF CRADLE ROLL:** Kathy Ziegler

**CRADLE ROLL:** Pat Demko, Tammy Demko, Jennifer Edwards

**3-YEAR NURSERY:** Kristy Gonzalez, Amy Nichols, Trish Ninos

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN:** Dawn Wainwright, Loretta Weil

**KINDERGARTEN:** Sandy Kramer, Donna Neetz, Elsie Thompson, Jane Tretiak

**FIRST GRADE:** Judy Chase, Debra Kalbach, Lori Kerper, Kay O'Donnell

**SECOND GRADE:** Rita Hulsizer, Debbie, Leibenguth, Kailee Leibenguth

**THIRD GRADE:** Carol Galloway, Bernard Kressley, Bonnie Zmyewski

**FOURTH GRADE:** Barbara Burns, Kim Eckroth

**FIFTH GRADE:** Stacey Ziegler, Stephanie Ziegler

**SIXTH GRADE:** Sanday Benninger, Michele Miller, Anna Solt

**LEVEL I CONFIRMATION:** Louise Santee, Joan Sherwood

**LEVEL II CONFIRMATION:** John Schuon, Sharon

**POST CONFIRMATION:** Kristina Doncsecz, John Zmyewski

**ADULT A:** Dale Newhart

**ADULT B:** Bob Small



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Nancy Creyer, Kerry Follweiler, Lori Kerper, Kay O'Donnell, Joan Sherwood and Lynn LaBarre.





### THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, I want to thank you very much for the scholarship money I received recently. It will go toward the purchase of books this semester. I am so very grateful for this gift. God Bless. Sincerely,  
Alisha Wainwright

Hope Church, thank you for the scholarship. The money will help me towards my books. It is greatly appreciated. Sincerely,  
Chris Martrich

Dear Members of Hope Church, Thank you very much for the scholarship money for this fall semester. It will help out tremendously with the books while attending Penn State. Thank you again!

Michelle Meyers

Hope Church, Thank you very much for the scholarship money. It will help me out with my books. Sincerely,  
Kate Steiner

Hope Lutheran Church: Thank you very much for the very generous scholarship award I received from Hope Church. I am sorry I could not be there to accept the check personally, but I have been working two jobs in Millersville this summer. I am in my Senior Year at Millersville University, majoring in Special Education and Elementary Education. Since I have a dual-major, I will need to go an extra semester – August 2010-December 2010. Again, thank you for the scholarship gift I was given. It certainly helps defray the costs of books for my two majors. Sincerely,  
Lauren Thompson

Hope Lutheran Church, thank you so much for the scholarship money, every penny helps when paying for school! It went right in my college account; we pay books, tuition, housing, etc. out of there. I know it was put to good use! Thanks again.

Rachel Tretiak



### THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Hope Church, I am a sophomore at Penn State Lehigh Valley. I am a business management major and I plan to graduate in May of 2012. I enjoy playing and watching all kinds of sports including baseball and snowboarding.

My favorite sports team in the Eagles. In addition to going to school full time, I work at Remco and in the winter at Blue Mountain Ski Resort. When I graduate I would like to become a financial advisor or stockbroker. Thank you for the scholarship money. Sincerely,  
Justin Bunce

Dear VBS Staff, Thank you so much for your thoughtful gesture and generosity. You all deserve a big thank you. Without you, VBS would not be such a huge success. I get goose bumps when I hear all those children sing at closing worship. It's then that I know it was worth all the time we put into it. Thank you,  
Kathy Ziegler

Dear children of Hope Lutheran Church VBS, Greetings! I am Commander Rob Beauchamp, the Commanding Officer of USS HALSEY (DDG 97). We recently received your letters and care packages. The crew was overjoyed to receive so many considerate gifts. HALSEY has a crew of almost 300 Sailors from all parts of the country. Some of our Sailors are engineers, some are tacticians, and some are cooks—one is an excellent donut-maker! Thank you for sending treats they will enjoy and, more importantly, for lifting their spirits. While our jobs can be difficult, especially as we are separated from our families for so long, encouragement from dedicated individuals like you touch our hearts and make our sacrifice worthwhile. We are proud to be serving the United States of America and citizens like you. Finally if there is anything our crew can do to support the education or interests of Hope Lutheran Church's children and young adults, please let me be the first to know. Sincerely grateful,

R. E. BEAUCHAMP  
Commander, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer  
USS HALSEY (DDG-97)



**THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...**

Hope Church VBS, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank your church for your support and kindness. Your package was very appreciated and put to good use. We are leaving Camp Taji Iraq soon and will be back in our loved ones arms shortly. Please

understand that people like you make a huge difference to the service members overseas. Respectfully,

SFC Toth

Hope Lutheran Church Basket Committee, Thank you for your generous donation to the Lehigh Township Country Fair Chinese Auction. This community event was sponsored by the Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 and was held at Indian Trail Park on July 16, 17 and 18. Once again, this event was a huge success! We realize that this success would not be possible without the generosity of area businesses and residents. All proceeds directly benefit the Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Company #1, which in turn directly benefit our area businesses and residents in their time of need. Once again, the entire Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Company organization thanks you and appreciates your support!

Cherie Zellner  
Chinese Auction Coordinator  
Lehigh Township Country Fair

Hope Church, Thank you so much for allowing The Northampton Area Food Bank to use your wonderful space for our penny party. This is for the utilities we used **(\$50.00 donation enclosed).**

Board of Directors, Northampton  
Area Food Bank

Dear Hope Church, thanks for letting us use your facilities all year! **(\$35.00 donation enclosed).**

Barb, Crystal and the Girls from

Junior Girl Scout

Troop #8953

**THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...**

Hope Members, I want to thank all those great people who put a lot of effort into cleaning Kuntz Hall, the Adult Sunday School room and the Narthex after the yard sale. Great job! It saved me a lot of work. We are truly blessed here at Hope to have such wonderful and helpful people. Love you all,

Bill Fritzinger



**FEELING WHOLE AGAIN  
DIVORCE RECOVERY MINISTRY**

Lutheran Congregational Services, Inc. will be offering a divorce recovery ministry in the Lehigh Valley this fall. It is entitled, *Feeling Whole Again*, for 5 Thursday evenings starting October 1, 2009 at Christ Lutheran Church, 69 Main Street in Hellertown. Each session in the series begins at 7:00pm and concludes by 8:30pm. Contact LCS on the web at [www.lutherancongregationalservices.org](http://www.lutherancongregationalservices.org) or at 610-770-9205 to register. Brochures are available in Hope's church office.

**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

In an effort to have the newsletter arrive in our homes closer to the first day of the month, we will be adjusting the "publication" dates of the monthly Hope Home News. All committees, groups and persons submitting information for the church newsletter should follow the schedule listed below.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Deadline for Articles</u>	<u>Collate</u>
November	Mon., October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs., October 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Dec/Jan	Mon., November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs., November 19 <sup>th</sup>
February	Mon., January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs., January 21 <sup>st</sup>

More dates will be added in upcoming newsletters. You can also check the deadlines on the calendar and in the weekly bulletins.



Please email your articles to Jane at [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org). Also, to all the wonderful volunteers who help collate the newsletter, please mark these dates in your calendars. Thanks!

### **FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT**

As this newsletter was being prepared, fall 2009 quietly arrived. How do you feel about the coming of fall? I know some persons who sink into a dark mood as the days shrink in length with darkness coming earlier each day. Someone recently said to me, “when fall comes, I feel like death is closing in on me.”

Meanwhile, others seem to take the change of seasons in stride. I have to admit that I welcome fall as a season of spectacular sights, sounds that capture my attention, and miraculous changes.



Fall gets a “bad rap” as it is often thought of as a time of death in nature. A time when the earth becomes lifeless and dormant. That has never been my view of the fall season. I’ve spent the past several days in the mountains of North central Pennsylvania. There I was privileged to walk and sit quietly while observing and listening to the arrival of fall. And, I have to say I failed to experience anything even close to a dying earth.

A cloudless blue sky and warm sunshine spoke of a fading summer. And yet, walking through the forest, my footsteps left a trail in the first frost of the season. Then fall touched me and put my senses into gear as I bumped a low-hanging pine bough and cold-water droplets fell on my neck. I sat on a tree stump and listened to the chatter of several squirrels as they scampered noisily from tree to tree. In the distance, I heard the scream of a red fox and pictured it in my mind, pouncing on a small rodent in the grass. Hawks were gliding so gracefully, effortlessly it seemed, high above me. As I got up from my perch and began walking again crows called to announce my presence to all the animals. Then, as I broke out of the trees and into an open grass field, three deer snorted and bounded away. Energy and life was everywhere!

Nature is alive! “God is everywhere,” I said aloud. How could anyone think that fall is a dead season?

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### **FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT CONTINUED...**

Oh yes, it is true that several months ago the mountains appeared to be dying as the trees were stripped bare of their leaves by insects.

The mountains took on the appearance of December in July. And yet, much to my surprise, within several weeks the trees recovered and produced new leaves. Yesterday, I stood in awe of God’s work as the first fall colors painted those new leaves. As if to say, “no, we’re not dead,” the trees are already gloriously dressed in bright red. A Pentecost moment in God’s forest. This is new birth, a sign of God’s love and care for his creation.

I am reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “For the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout\_\_\_\_\_”

Life for us is no different. We are also the recipients of God’s loving care. Jesus assured us of that with these words: “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. Consider the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap, and yet God feeds them. Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.”

Wrapped securely in God’s cocoon of love and blessings, we live out his promise of hope and eternal life. Thanks be to God!



\* This message is dedicated to the

Glory of God and to a very special individual who has on many occasions shared my appreciation of God's creation.

### PASTORAL ACTS



#### MARRIAGE

**Jamie Heffelfinger** and **Gregory Schmalzer** exchanged marriage vows on September 12, 2009 at Hope Lutheran Church. Pastor Kees officiated. *Congratulations to Jamie and Gregory. Please pray that they always remember the promises made before God on their very special day.*

Correction from September's newsletter....**David Frenke and Roxanne Balliet** exchanged wedding vows on **August 15, 2009** at Hope Church. The date was printed incorrectly, sorry for the error.

#### FUNERAL SERVICE

A funeral service was held at Hope Church for Alfred "Opa" Steiner on August 31, 2009. Alfred entered eternal life on August 25, 2009 at the age of 84 years. Ernie Siegfried officiated.

*Our sympathy and prayers to family and friends of Alfred, may God continue to be your guide and strength.*



#### NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Classes will be held in Pastor Kees' office for anyone interested in becoming a member of Hope Church on the following dates; Sundays, September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. Classes will also be offered on Wednesdays, September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The classes are designed to provide an introduction to the Lutheran Church and to Hope Church. We will

briefly deal with the Lutheran Church History, Lutheran teachings (what we believe) and ministry opportunities within the community of faith and Hope Church. Questions, please call the church office at 610-767-7203.



#### RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Church have recently donated blood to the Miller Memorial Blood Center; Leslie Daniel, Ray Swinger, Brenda Mack and Paul Mishko. *Thank you to all of our faithful donors. Please help by calling the blood center today at 610-691-5850 or 1-800-223-6667.*

#### HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Is now taking applications for next year (2010-2011) for our church members. Registration will be open to the public beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The school's structured learning environment helps to prepare the children for their formal school experiences. Activities include: music, crafts, gym, painting, language arts, field trips and much more. Please call Debbie Gable at 610-767-7523 for more information or to register your child for Nursery School.



#### 2009 ZION CHORAL CONCERTS

##### *Celebrating 80 years of Music Ministry*

October 18	Shepherd of the Hills Church 527 Hoffmansville Road, Bethlehem	3:00pm
October 25	Trinity Great Swamp UCC 9150 Spinnerstown Road, Spinnerstown, PA	3:00pm
November 1	Central Schwenkfelder 2111 Valley Forge Road, Worcester, PA	3:00pm
November 8	Trinity Lutheran Church 102 N. Hellertown Avenue, Quakertown, PA	3:00pm

November 15	Soudertown Mennonite Church	3:00pm
	105 West Chestnut Street, Souderton, PA	
November 18	Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	3:00pm &
	1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown	7:00pm



## Catechetical Class

Notes

### CATECHETICAL CLASS UPDATE

All confirmation students are reminded that they should be attending church (attendance slips are in each church bulletin) and Sunday

Church School on a **regular** basis. In addition they must fulfill their assigned duties as worship assistants (acolyte, usher, nursery, etc). It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot fulfill your duty for Sunday and call the church office (610-767-7203) with the replacement!

**ALSO**, there are several events in the coming months, which will fulfill the “**Outreach**” requirement for catechetics. During October, several youth are needed to help at **Gracedale Talent Night** (October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm until about 8:45pm) and the **Basket Party** (October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30pm). In November a few youth are needed to help with the **Senior Fall Feast** (November 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:am-2:00pm) and the **Nativity Display** on (November 28<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>). You must sign up in your Sunday School classrooms...first come-first serve. Parents are also welcome to help with these events. Keep on top of these and **DO IT NOW!!!**

**LEVEL II** don't forget your upcoming events for October. Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Life and Death Retreat and on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – breakfast with your mentors.

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday is celebrated in Protestant and Lutheran churches on the Sunday nearest



October 31, the anniversary of the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenburg. The day is devoted to a restatement and reaffirmation of Protestant doctrines and to thanksgiving for the heroic people of Christian history. *Hope Church will celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 25<sup>th</sup>.*

---Charles L. Wallis