



# HOPE HOME NEWS

Hope Lutheran Church  
Cherryville, PA

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MARCH, 2010

## WELCOME TO HOPE

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

#### LENT III

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Service of  
the Word

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010

#### LENT IV

8 a.m. Service of the Word

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

*Girl Scouts participate at 10:30 Worship*

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

#### LENT V

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Service of  
the Word

*Welcome Pastor Jami Possinger*

*Daffodil Sunday*

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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

#### PALM SUNDAY

8 a.m. Service of the Word

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

*Blessing of the Palms/Children's Parade (10:30am)*

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*Mid-Week Worship on Wednesdays March 3, 10, 17, 24*

*@ 11:00 am & 7:00 pm. (more inside)➤*

## FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT...

### The Journey of Shame

Have you ever been thoroughly humiliated? I don't mean slightly embarrassed - I mean humiliated! Are you familiar with the play by Lorraine Hansberry, *A Raisin in the Sun*? It is about an African American family on Chicago's Southside. The father dies and leaves a small legacy in the form of an insurance policy worth several thousand dollars. The mother has had a life-long dream of buying a little bungalow for the family - a nice place they can finally call their own. That insurance policy represents the realization of her modest dream.

The son in the family has a dream of his own. He wants to take the money and start a business. After all, he has never had a decent job - not even an opportunity for one. Now, a friend has agreed to let him in on a deal, a "deal that can't fail". The son pleads with the mother to give him this one chance, the chance he has never had. You have probably already guessed how the story turns out. The mother gives in, although reluctantly. What mother would have done differently? His happiness is more important to her than her own, and so she gives him the money. He gives it to his friend, and his friend promptly skips town.

Now the young man is left alone with his family. His shoulders are slumped, his head is bowed low as he tells them that his friend and his money are both gone. His sister, Benatha, immediately rips into him. She screams at him and calls him names. In every way possible, she lets loose on him with contempt and scorn. When she finishes her tirade, the mother speaks: "I thought I taught you to love him."

Benatha shouted back, "Love him? There is nothing left to love!"

That must have been how the disciples and the friends of Jesus felt following his terrible beating and total humiliation. The disciples had forgotten Jesus' promise that he would come back to them. All they knew was that their Lord had been mocked, humiliated, and beaten like no one they had ever known before. And now, he was dead. There was nothing left to love.

But, Jesus could say the same thing about each of us. He has watched us travel our own journey of shame and humiliation. He understands our situation and is willing to lift us out of the darkness of shame into the light of eternal life. Thanks be to God!

## PASTORAL ACT

### HOLY BAPTISM

**Liam Joseph Sekol**, son of Matthew and Julie Sekol was baptized on February 21, 2010 during the 10:30am worship service. Ernie Siegfried officiated.

*Please welcome Liam into our church family at Hope and pray for his growth in faith.*



### WELCOME PASTOR JAMI POSSINGER

Following a resounding acceptance vote on February 7<sup>th</sup>, all the necessary call processes have been completed, leading to the beginning of Pastor Jami as our Senior Pastor. Indeed, our excitement builds as we look forward to Pastor Jami's arrival on March 21, 2010 to be our spiritual leader. Let's plan to be part of a show of welcome and support that she will long remember.

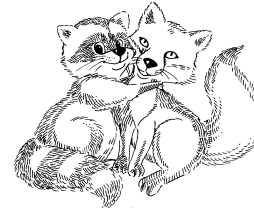


### GRATITUDE TO ERNIE

Despite the helpfulness of our Interim Pastor Denton Kees, the past 17 months have laid a particularly heavy burden on our Pastoral Assistant Ernie. He has been the glue keeping us from falling apart, and the quality of his performance has been outstanding. We owe Ernie a great debt of thanks for all he has done and for all he has been for us during these burdensome times. Please continue to show him your appreciation and support by your presence and helpfulness.



## THANK YOU NOTES



### Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Hope Church Congregation: Thanks to all of you who sent "get well" cards or called via telephone to express good wishes for a speedy recovery from the injury (broken left arm) I sustained from a fall while working in the kitchen for Pastor Kees' going away luncheon on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, many thanks to the ladies

who cooked delicious meals for my husband and me. It was quite difficult to wrestle with pots and pans in order to cook when I had only one usable arm to do it. In any event, our sincere thanks to all who were so kind to us. Sincerely,

Loretta and Don Neustadter

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, phone calls and visits (from Ernie & other parishioners) while I was recently hospitalized at Lehigh Valley, Muhlenberg Campus. I'm on the road to recovery because of an excellent hospital staff and all the caring people who have prayed for me and ministered to my needs. I appreciate each and every one of you.

Tom Sidor

Dear Members of Hope, I just wanted to thank you very much for the scholarship money I received. I will use it to purchase books this semester. Thank you again for your support, Sincerely,

Alisha Wainwright

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, Thank you for selecting me to be one of the participants in receiving the Hope Scholarship for my studies. Currently I am studying abroad in Norwich, England and the money will be useful to my studies and experience here! It is so comforting to know how many people support your education, even when you are an ocean apart! Thank you very much for your constant support and having a hand in making me the person I am today! God bless!

Sincerely,

Allison Schell

Dear Hope Church, thank you for caroling for us and for the wonderful fruit basket and ornament. It meant a lot to us to be remembered by the church members.

Paul and Clara Haydt

**THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...**

I would just like to say a quick thank you to the members of the Hope Lutheran Church community for the scholarship money that I am given each semester. The money is very much appreciated and helps pay for the numerous costs involved in the higher education experience! I am on my way to the end of my undergraduate career, and am excited to soon graduate. Next fall I will be student teaching, and will graduate in the winter of 2010. I cannot wait to teach and am constantly hoping that some social studies positions will open just in time! It seems like each semester moves faster than the last, and although now I can't wait for graduation, I am sure when it is here I will wish I had another semester. Wilkes University is serving me well, and I think I am serving it well also. Thank you all again.

Rachel Tretiak

To the Hope Church Community, I would like to thank everyone for the generous scholarship donation. The money has gone toward books that I have needed during my first two semesters. I am currently enrolled at Northampton Community College and am studying Radiological Sciences. I am on track to graduate in the Spring of 2011 with a degree in Radiology. Currently I am an intern at Lehigh Valley Hospital Muhlenberg on Tuesdays and Thursdays where I work one on one with patients while taking x-rays. On Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays I am on campus taking classes in order to further my knowledge in Radiological Science. I would again like to thank everyone for the generous donations that I have received from Hope Church. They have helped to alleviate part of the financial stresses of college. Thank you,

Jarrad Hantz

Dear Members, I would like to thank you for the scholarship I received from Hope Lutheran Church. The money will help to lower the cost of my college expenses. I appreciate the generosity and it will be put to good use in the future.

Joe Pauker



**THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...**



Hope Lutheran Church, Thank you very much for the generous scholarship award I received from Hope Lutheran Church. The money will be put to good use, as I begin my 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of my Senior Year at Millersville University. Again, thank you for the scholarship gift I was given. It certainly helps defray the costs of books for my two majors – Special Education and Elementary Education. Sincerely,

Lauren Thompson

Members of Hope, Thank you very much for all the cards, prayers, telephone calls, and visits while we were hospitalized. Also, thanks to Ernie Siegfried for his visits and prayers. We appreciated all you've done for us. Sincerely,

Delores and Karle Smith

To Hope Church's Bell Choirs, thank you so much for coming to Liberty during the holidays and allowing our residents to hear the bells!

Beth Kuntz  
Director of Therapeutic Rec.  
Liberty Nursing & Rehab

**GRIEFSHARE:**

**YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY**

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

The next GriefShare group will run for 6 weeks, every Tuesday starting March 16th and ending on April 20th. The sessions will run from 7-8:30pm. If you, or someone you know would be interested in attending the sessions, or if you have any questions, please contact Ernie Siegfried or the church office.

## HOLY WEEK

**PASSION SUNDAY/PALM SUNDAY –**  
*March 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*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 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*11:00 am and 7:00 pm*  
✘ Holy Communion

- ✘ Symbolic Washing of Disciples Feet (7 pm)

**GOOD FRIDAY - April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*12 Noon-3 pm and 7 pm*

- ✘ 12 Noon – 3 pm- Community Friday Worship at St. Paul's UCC, Indianland (Hope's time begins at 12:25pm)
- ✘ 7 pm Tenebrae Worship at Hope Church



**EASTER SUNDAY- THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
*April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:00, 8:00 & 10:30 am*  
✘ Holy Communion at every service  
✘ Breakfast in Kuntz Hall (7:00 –10:00 am)



## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Worship at 11:00am and 7:00pm each Wednesday in Lent. The evening's worship theme is "Life on the Edge of Faith". We will hear from five different characters that bear witness to a world-changing event, which forces them to the limits of their faith.

## LENTEN COIN FOLDER



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

LUKE 6:38

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.

## EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 4<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 3<sup>rd</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.*



## 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. 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:

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

**PLEASE DROP IN OFFERING PLATE**



**HOPE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
EASTER FLOWER SALE – 2010**

**(PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM  
FOR EACH PLANT!!!)**

- |                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ LITTLE CROCUS - \$3.50 | _____ AZALEA - \$9.50   |
| _____ LITTLE IRIS - \$3.50   | _____ HYACINTH - \$6.00 |
| _____ TULIP - \$6.00         | _____ LILY - \$8.00     |

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you **will not** be picking up your plant –  
all plants left will be taken to homebound or hospitalized members.

Orders will be taken after the worship services in the narthex.

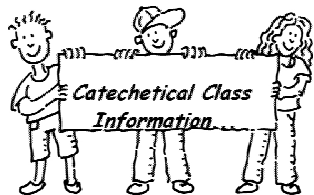
Please make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church.

*Any questions should be directed to Deb Gardner at 610-767-8421.*

**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER  
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 21st  
(after the late service). Thank you!**



## . CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### PALM SUNDAY PARADE

On Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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 learn more about Holy Week and Easter. When church is ready to start the children will be lead 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

Just a reminder that the next Christian Education Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm at the church. Some of the dates to mark on your calendar include:

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 21, 2010** – First Holy Communion-Fifth grade students (10:30am service)

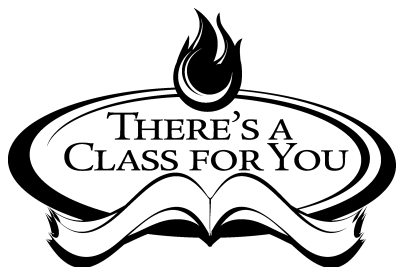
**April 4, 2010** – Easter Sunday, No Sunday School

**May 9, 2010** – Mother's Day/Father's Day Program

**May 23, 2010** – Pentecost (Confirmation @ 10:30 service) and the Last day of Sunday School.

### TEACHERS NEEDED

A few teachers will be taking a "break" from teaching after this year, so we will be looking for a few teachers to take their places. Please think about helping with one of our classes, and let Lynn LaBarre know if you would be able to take on this exciting and fulfilling challenge.



## CATECHETICAL CLASSES UPDATE:

Please let 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

- ✓ **Mentoring Movie & Ice Cream Social, Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:30pm**

### LEVEL II

- ✓ **Lord's Prayer Retreat, Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:15am – 12:00pm**
- ✓ **Mentoring Mystery Dinner, Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm-2:00pm**
- ✓ **Weekend Retreat is April 23<sup>rd</sup> –25<sup>th</sup> as announced last September. This is a mandatory retreat in preparation for confirmation on May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Craig Carvin, Bill Fritzinger, Linda Derr and Paul Mishko. Thank you to all of our faithful donors.



### MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm the Miller Keystone Blood Center personnel will be available to accept blood donations in Hope's Kuntz Hall for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual blood drive in loving memory of Doug Gable. To help meet the need for blood products especially at this time of year, it is important for everyone to seriously consider sharing this valuable gift. To make an appointment, please call Sharon at 610-760-9891. The blood donated that day will be credited to Hope Lutheran Church blood bank, which covers all members.

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Hope members who were hospitalized from January 19<sup>th</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup> were: Arnold Kuntz, Lucille Foster, Doris Zellers, Karle Smith, Alex Oncheck, Gary Furry, Priscilla Oncheck, Delores Smith, Tom Sidor, Pat Demko and Jane Fisher.

Please keep these persons in your prayers.



## DAFFODIL SUNDAY



Will be held on **Sunday, March 21, 2010**. 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.



## BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND



### **GET ON BOARD!**

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to the beautiful Lancaster area to the Sight and Sound Theater to see Joseph on Saturday, May 8, 2010. This production that we are going to see is entirely different than the one our choirs will be doing in June. Anyone who has been to prior shows at Sight and Sound knows that the productions there are always wonderful. There are still many seats available for the bus. Details and sign up sheet are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your price includes the bus, the show, your meal at Shady Maple and some snacks on the bus. Sign up now! Your seat does not have to be paid in full until April 1. In order for this trip to happen, we need you to sign up and fill that bus. The trips to Lancaster always prove to be fun for all. (Just a special note of encouragement---our adult seats are \$92; the same bus trip was advertised elsewhere for \$128 so you are getting a great price). Join us!

## IRON PIGS GAME

All of the tickets for the Iron Pigs game are taken. Money is payable NOW to Wayne Weidner. The game is Sunday, April 18, 2010, Game Time: 1:35pm and the tickets cost \$35.00 each including the 2-hour all-you-can-eat buffet and unlimited soft drinks. You can add your name to the waiting list, and we will let you know if any tickets become available.



## 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!



*Thank you for your many blessings: The ability to love and be loved; the many opportunities we have a being of service to others; to worship You with fellow Christians; for our families, jobs, and friends; good health; the glorious miracle of the nature around us; and for every day things we take for granted. We thank you for the opportunity to serve your people - our congregation of Hope and the community that surrounds us. Help us not to take even one of these things for granted. Be in our thoughts, words, actions, and deeds that they would reflect your will and bless those around us and give glory and honor to Your Holy Name. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen*

**MARCH PRAYER LIST:**

3/01/10 Albert, Michelle, Nicholas, Michael Rock and family  
3/02/10 Richard, Ann Sassaman and family  
3/03/10 Kay O'Donnell and family  
3/04/10 Kenneth, Gloria, Jarrad, Thyler Hantz and family  
3/05/10 Tommy Correa, Cynthia Sallustio and family  
3/06/10 Gregory Smith and family  
3/07/10 Zachary Hildebeidel, Jill, Shelby, Tori Millheim and family  
3/08/10 Trey Szwast and family  
3/09/10 Nancy Licini and family  
3/10/10 Eric, Melinda, Jenna, Elijah Shoemaker and family  
3/11/10 Kenneth, Diane, Shawn Silfies and family  
3/12/10 Steve, Robert Corby and family  
3/13/10 Wayne, Linda, Stephen Mery and family  
3/14/10 Leo, Betty Livengood and family  
3/15/10 Annette, Mikayla, Nathaniel Xander and family  
3/16/10 Kristy Weidner, Mackenzie, Dominic Gonzalez and family  
3/17/10 Brooke Cooper and family  
3/18/10 Eleanor Meckes and family  
3/19/10 Stephanie, Kaitlyn, Morgan, Hannah Messinger and family  
3/20/10 Rachel Greenawalt, Gail, Gabrielle, Samantha Molitoris and family  
3/21/10 Mark, Tracie, Heather, Ryan, Brooke Conway and family  
3/22/10 Nancy McCarty and family  
3/23/10 David, Jennifer, Alexis, Aislinn, Xander McDonald and family  
3/24/10 Frank, Carol Groller and family  
3/25/10 Greg, Tammy, Janelle, Jordan Demko and family  
3/26/10 Kim Satow and family  
3/27/10 Karen Derr and family  
3/28/10 Laura, Jacob, Jeffrey Graser and family  
3/29/10 Jennifer Silfies and family  
3/30/10 Kelsy Rego and family  
3/31/10 Candi Lynn, Kevin Strohl and family

**2010 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL INVITATION**

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Walk-in Basket Social on **Friday, April 16, 2010**, to be held in Kuntz Hall, 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 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.

**We also invite you to help with this event** by 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, April 15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.).

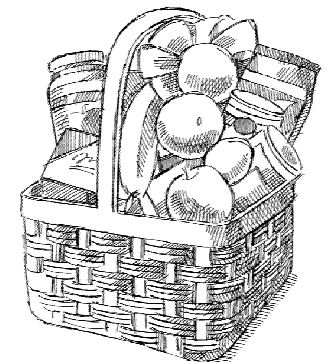
Questions should be directed to the Hope Church Office by calling 610.767.7203.

Thank you! The Basket Committee looks forward to seeing you on April 16<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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

\*Special Note to Committee Members – meeting date is Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Hanson Hall.



**GRACEDALE**



Do you or someone you know have a loved one who needs short-term rehabilitation, long-term care or skilled nursing care? Gracedale in Nazareth, a premier facility in a garden-like setting, is now open to full capacity to meet your immediate needs. We are Medicare and Medicaid certified with no resource or asset limits. Contact our Social Services/Admissions Department at 610-746-1930 to schedule a tour or inquire about our services. Let our caring staff assist you in making the right choice.

### GRACEDALE EASTER VISIT

On Saturday, March 27<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, pudding and oranges. All are invited to go along. We will meet at Hope Church at 11:30am. We should return to the church between 2:00 and 2:30pm.

### LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES ANNUAL DINNER

Will be held on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Muhlenberg College in Moyer Hall. Cost is \$24.00 per person. The guest speaker will be Leslie Velez, Director for Access to Justice, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service. The cost is \$24.00 per person and you can register by calling 610-770-9205. All are welcome to attend.



called Diakon Family Life Services for information about options to help him through this difficult time. He learned that counseling can be valuable even when one spouse refuses to attend, and very well may be the key to saving his marriage, even when all hope appears to be gone. At the very least, he would have support to help him deal with the pain, confusion, anger, and fear that have become a regular part of his life since the separation. Call DFLS 610-682-1337 or (toll free) 1-888-499-2699 (toll free) for information about whether and how counseling can help in *your* individual situation.

Bob recently separated from Carol after nearly 15 years of marriage. She is not interested in reconciling and Bob is devastated. He

### YOUTH SHORE TRIP

To Wildwood, NJ on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost to be determined. We will stay at Trinity Lutheran Church – 2 blocks from the “wide” beach! More details will be included in upcoming bulletins and newsletters. Youth Group is for young adults in grades 7-12.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is *Hero Headquarters*. It is scheduled this year for the week of **July 12, 2010** with the closing program at 9:30am on Sunday, July 18<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!

### 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 6:15pm in the Hanson Hall. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend!



### MISSION DISTRICT BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Our mission district will be holding a breakfast at Hope Church on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in Kuntz Hall. The breakfast will be open to all and will be by donation. The proceeds raised will help the victims of Haiti. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

### **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 **Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 7:00pm in Hanson Hall.** 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 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.

### ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Daisy Troop 837 is collecting donations for The Center for Animal health and welfare, a no kill animal shelter until March 8, 2010. The shelter is in need of canned cat food, litter, toys, paper towels and cleaning products (that are safe to use around animals). There is a box in the narthex for your donations.

### INDIANLAND CEMETERY

The annual plot holder's meeting for Indianland Cemetery will be held at Hope Church on Sunday, March 7 at 2:00pm. (snow date = March 14).

### NATIVITY

A small clay tepee type nativity piece was missing from one of our nativity sets that were on display. If you find it, please call the church office. Thank you!

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

Troop 242 normally meets in Kuntz Hall or at the Outside Pavilion area at Hope Lutheran Church Cherryville, PA from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years old are invited to join us.

<u>March</u>	<u>Service Patrol: H2O</u>	<u>Theme: Cooking</u>
Thursday March 4	Learn to Cook	Kendall arrange Pete Patrol Meeting
Thursday March 11	Cooking Merit Badge review	Patrols plan meals for McKeever Camp 6:30 PLC meeting
Thursday March 18	Food Shopping & Prep for McKeever Camp	
Friday March 19 – Saturday March 20		McKeever Camp Cooking Camp
Thursday March 25	Elections	

### April Service Patrol: Diamond Back Theme: Technology & Fishing

Thursday April 1	No Meeting (Maundy Thursday)	
Thursday April 8	Laser Tag	Dillon to get information
Thursday April 15	Fishing Techniques / Pick Skits	
Thursday April 22	Prep for fishing weekend/ Practice skits	
Thursday April 29	Family Night H2O Snacks; Diamond Backs drinks	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> - May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fishing Trip	

Scouting is about teaching life skills, learning First Aid, Outdoor 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 Scout run Boy Scout Troop #242 simply come to a meeting and join the fun or call Scout Master Kenneth Mann at 610-951-4112 or e-mail him at [kmann@ptd.net](mailto:kmann@ptd.net).

Yours in Scouting, Kenneth Mann Sr.