

# SEPTEMBER

## HOPE HOME NEWS

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✠ ✠ SUNDAY WORSHIP ✠ ✠

### Sunday, September 4, 2011 – Pentecost 12

8 a.m. Holy Communion                      9:30 a.m. Service of the Word

### Sunday, September 11, 2011 - Pentecost 13

*Remembrance Service for September 11*

*Sunday School Rally Day*

*Recognition and Installation of Sunday Church School Staff*

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

### Sunday, September 18, 2011 - Pentecost 14

*Bibles presented to the third grade class at both services*

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

### Sunday, September 25, 2011 - Pentecost 15

*Harvest Home Sunday*

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

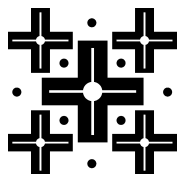
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### SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

begins for the Fall on Sunday,  
September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15a.m.  
with classes for ALL ages. Please  
register before the 12<sup>th</sup> if you were  
not on last year's roll.



**Classes for All Ages**



**CHURCH WORSHIP** resumes regular times on  
September 11<sup>th</sup> with worship at 8:00 and **10:30 a.m.**  
Holy Communion is celebrated at the early service  
on the first and third Sundays and at the late service  
on the second and fourth Sundays.

### PASTORAL ACTS

#### HOLY BAPTISMS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following  
baptisms.



**Maci Lynn Dovico** was baptized on

July 3, 2011 during the 9:30am worship service. Maci is the  
daughter of William and Laurie (Scholl) Dovico.

**Maxwell Alec Hove** was baptized on July 24, 2011 during the  
9:30am worship service. Maxwell is the son of Temba and  
Kristy (Weidner) Hove.

**Please welcome Maci and Maxwell into our church family at  
Hope and pray for their growth in faith.**



#### FUNERALS

Funeral Services

**Clara E. Haydt** entered eternal life on July  
29, 2011 at the age of 84 years. Services  
were held at the George Bensing Funeral Home with interment  
at Danielsville Union Cemetery. *Pastor Jami officiated.*

**Harold A. Kuehner** entered eternal life on July 31, 2011 at the  
age of 88 years. Services were held at Hope Church with  
interment at Jerusalem Cemetery, Trachsville. *Pastor Jami  
officiated.*

\***John M. Roberts** entered eternal life on August 12, 2011 at  
the age of 70 years. Services were held at Hope Church with  
interment at Indianland Cemetery. *Pastor Jay Wettzel  
officiated. \*non-member*

**Our sympathy to family and friends of Clara, Harold and John.  
May God continue to be their guide and strength.**

#### NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

If you know of someone who is interested in  
becoming a member of Hope Church, please  
invite him or her to our new members classes,  
which will begin in October. Classes will be  
held from 9:15-10:15am on the following Sundays; October 2,  
9 & 16 and 23. New members will be received on Sunday,  
October 23.



## Greetings from the Pastor...

Sometimes when I read the newspaper I glance at the headlines to see if there is an article I am interested in reading. Lots of times I skip the articles about international problems – the crisis in Libya, the collapse of the Greek economy, soldiers fighting in Afghanistan, the tension between Israel and Palestine and people starving in the horn of Africa seem so remote to my life. The world is a big place and I have enough trouble wrapping my head around things closer to home. It can be overwhelming and there isn't anything I can do to help anyway. I think many of us feel that way at times.

In August I spent a week in Orlando, Florida acting as a delegate from the Northern Lehigh Mission District to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's national assembly. And what I learned there helped me to see those articles I often skip in a very different light. During the week we spent time every day in worship and Bible Study and lots of time in plenary sessions where we heard speakers and voted on actions that came before the assembly. As we moved through the week I came to appreciate how grateful I am that we – you and me and Hope Lutheran Church – belong to the ELCA. Why? Because we are a church that touches the lives of those people I only read about in articles. Because we are a church that puts a human face on the news. Because we are a church that doesn't just sit around talking about what's happening in the world – we do something about it – we take action! The ELCA is on the front lines of disaster response throughout the globe – and we don't leave until the work is done. The ELCA is feeding people in refugee camps in the horn of Africa through our World Hunger program. The ELCA is praying for peace in war-torn lands and advocating for adversaries to reconcile. The ELCA is ministering to soldiers who are on the front lines or come home from war missing limbs through ELCA chaplains.

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## Greetings from the Pastor continued...

The ELCA is reaching out to other Christian denominations and other religions trying to create an atmosphere of forgiveness and understanding instead of fear and hatred. The ELCA is discussing difficult, ethical problems – recently passing a social statement on Genetics, Faith and Responsibility. And during the assembly the ELCA launched a campaign to eradicate the deadly disease malaria.

Now how do we accomplish all of these things? First, we rely on the offerings you and I give to our congregation. From those offerings Hope sends benevolence money to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod who, in turn, sends a percentage to the national church to fund the ministries I mentioned above. Second, the ELCA has dedicated staff and – more importantly – volunteers who take our ministry into the world – all around the world! Third, the ELCA acts as a good steward of our income making sure that we are able to touch lives and share the gospel.

The ELCA cannot do that without you and me and what we are willing to give to God through our offerings. And that's how I realized that I am helping to change the world. I may not be serving in a refugee camp or setting up mosquito nets to fight off malaria or praying with soldiers on the battlefield, but I can give freely so that others can be there for me. The world is a big place but I can still be a part of what happens in it through my involvement in the ELCA. And you can too. That is exactly why our tagline is "God's work. Our hands."

Blessings,  
Pastor Jami



## SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR – 2011/2012

Our Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 11<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.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2011-2012

**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, Jennifer Edwards

**3-YEAR NURSERY:** Amy Nichols, Trish Ninos, Mikayla Ninos, Emily Nichols

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

**KINDERGARTEN:** Elsie Thompson, Kerry Follweiler, Donna Neetz, Kim Lahr

**FIRST GRADE:** Judy Chase, Debra Kalbach, Lori Kerper

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

**THIRD GRADE:** Carol Galloway, Julie Holland, Kay O'Donnell

**FOURTH GRADE:** Kim Eckroth, Karen Lockard

**FIFTH GRADE:** Robin Zamadics, Katie Biechy

**SIXTH GRADE:** Diane Deiter, Michele Miller

**LEVEL I CONFIRMATION:** Steph Ziegler, Dolores Reenock

**LEVEL II CONFIRMATION:** John Schuon, Rachel Tretiak

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

**ADULT A:** Dale Newhart

**ADULT B:** Bob Small

**MUSIC:** Vicki Steiner



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Christian Ed update-The summer meeting was a planning session for the coming year. The next Christian Ed meeting is October 10, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the church.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY** - our first day of Sunday School, September 11<sup>th</sup> will be a RALLY DAY for all teachers, parents and students. The students will go to their classrooms and parents are asked to go into the church and wait for the children. The short program will begin at 9:25am with some singing, prayers and the collection of offering. Sunday School teachers will be installed that morning during both worship services.



### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

*-You are never too old to learn something new-you are never too mature that you cannot grow in faith.*

**Adult A Class**-led by Dale Newhart will begin the year with the material "God Instructs the People of God" focusing on the books Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. Join Dale and his class in the room adjoining

Kuntz Hall as they review this early church material.

**Adult B Class**-led by Bob Small will begin in Genesis and Exodus-the beginning of the Bible. His class can be found in the kitchen of Hanson Hall.

There are no quizzes or tests in the Adult Classes. You will come away with new insights from either of our classes that are applicable to our lives today.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### “The Generous Man” a stewardship story by Darminto M Sudarmo

**Mr. Gembrul** was the richest man in my village. He had a nice house, surrounded by a wall that was topped by spiky shards of glass. He also owned large rice fields. He owned not just one or two cars, but several. Unfortunately he was also very tight-fisted. His house was always locked and looked haunted. No neighbors ever visited the house unless they had a very good reason.



One day my father and some villagers went to Mr. Gembrul's house to discuss something. My mother explained to me that my father and some villagers wanted to ask Mr. Gembrul to share the cost of building a floodgate at the end of the village. With a proper floodgate the water could be managed better and channeled to all the rice fields around the village, including of course to the fields of Mr. Gembrul.

Mr. Gembrul's response was very disappointing. "Mr. Diding," he said, "I can grow enough rice even without water. I have never been short of water. So why should I contribute? I can't help you. I am very sorry. My business is not going too well at the moment and I just don't have the money." He was weeping crocodile tears. However, the villagers were determined to build to floodgate, and they did. Everybody agreed to contribute, and they were all happy with the result. Everybody now got a fair share of water without all the arguments they had before.

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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER CONTINUED...

One day the villagers heard that Mr. Gembrul's oldest daughter was to be married. Everybody got an invitation, nobody was forgotten. According to Uncle Salim who worked as a gardener for Mr. Gembrul, everybody was expected to bring \$50 as a contribution. If all villagers came, that would make a tidy sum!

Mr. Gembrul prepared enough food and drink for a lot of people. According to custom, all heads of family brought an envelope with money whenever a wedding was being celebrated. Mothers and other female guests brought a gift to hand to the host.

The day of celebration arrived. Everybody looked very gay and almost everybody was there. Only one or two people had not brought a present. Mr. Gembrul looked very happy. His smile grew wider and wider. Meanwhile his mind was busy counting the number of guests and calculating the sum of money he would receive. Finally the celebration came to an end and all queued to congratulate Mr. Gembrul and to hand over the envelopes. The envelopes were all closed with glue.

When the guests had left, Mr Gembrul rushed to his room to count the money. His wife followed him and looked over his shoulder. But how surprised they were to find all the envelopes empty! Mr Gembrul fell unconscious and his wife screamed out loud. The other family members got a shock, because they did not know what had happened.

My father explained that the whole village had taught Mr Gembrul a lesson to make him change his behavior for the better. And it is true, Mr. Gembrul has changed. Now he likes to give to the poor. Now they even call him a generous man. Mr. Gembrul was surprised himself, because even though he now contributes to people in need, he remained a wealthy man. In fact his income sometimes more than doubled!

## **HARVEST HOME SUNDAY**

Harvest Home will be celebrated at both worship services on Sunday, September, 25, 2011. All are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items (examples: applesauce, jello, pudding, soups, tuna, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, peanut butter, etc) to the church on or before Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. **Any food items donated before Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> will be part of the altar display.** Paper bags will be distributed to the Sunday School students on their first day of class, September 11<sup>th</sup>; and will also be available on the table in the narthex for all members to pick up. A special thank you to Giant Food Stores for their donation of brown grocery bags. Food donations collected will be taken to the Northampton Area Food Bank. Monetary gifts will also be donated to the Food Bank.



"Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am." Isaiah 58:9

## **September Prayer List**

- 9/01/11 Zachary Zellers and family
- 9/02/11 Wayne, Linda, Stephen Mery and family
- 9/03/11 Beverly, Jenna, Shane Gessner and family
- 9/04/11 Brian, Sharon, Erin, Allison Schell and family
- 9/05/11 Brian, Valerie, Briana Lewis and family
- 9/06/11 Douglas, Debbie Riedy and family
- 9/07/11 Michael, Chastity, Payton, Dylan Neff and Kacey Biegley and family
- 9/08/11 Christopher Zimmerman and family
- 9/09/11 Elsie, Lauren Thompson and family
- 9/10/11 Dale Newhart and family
- 9/11/11 Jason Amey and family
- 9/12/11 Mark, Anna Solt and family
- 9/13/11 Stacey, Alyssa, Kaelah Horwath and family
- 9/14/11 Abbie Bednar and family
- 9/15/11 Robert, Anna Taschler and family
- 9/16/11 Nancy McCarty and family
- 9/17/11 Daryl, Patricia Amey and family
- 9/18/11 Wayne, Mark Weidner and family
- 9/19/11 Michael, Kimberlyann, Taylor Kurinec and family
- 9/20/11 Gary Furry and family
- 9/21/11 Dennis, Donna, Colleen, Marissa Smith and family
- 9/22/11 Charlene Hoffman and family
- 9/23/11 Michelle Arndt, Brianna Schaff and family
- 9/24/11 Robert, Margaret, Julia, Clinton Weber and family
- 9/25/11 Jennifer, Lindsie, Courtney Henninger and family
- 9/26/11 Larry, Kerry, Larissa, Lucy Follweiler and family
- 9/27/11 Christopher, Susan Rehrig and family
- 9/28/11 Scott, Alicia, Dante Keen and family
- 9/29/11 Dean, Dylan Greenawalt and family
- 9/30/11 Stanley, Sandra Nocek and family

**CALLING ALL MUSIC READERS!** Hope's Bell Program is looking to begin an auditioned bell choir. This choir will be for people of all ages who have strong music skills. If you read notes and rhythms well and would like to be part of a bell choir in September, come try out! You must be able to read music, although prior bell experience is not necessary. Community people also are invited so tell your friends and neighbors. Auditions will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Tuesdays, August 30 and September 6. Auditions can also be scheduled at other times by calling to make prior arrangements. Our bell program will continue to have a non-auditioned bell choir also. People of all ages who are interested in joining a bell choir, but do not want to audition, are welcome to join this bell choir. Community friends and neighbors are invited to join this bell choir also. Share the good news! Contact Janet Filchner for more details about either bell choir, or to schedule an audition at. 610-262-5215 or [bells@hopecherryville.org](mailto:bells@hopecherryville.org)

**SEXTON NEEDED:** Hope Lutheran Church is accepting applications for a part-time (20 hours per week) Sexton who is responsible for general housekeeping and minor maintenance of the church building and facilities. The primary responsibilities include cleaning of all areas of the church building, church lock-up in the evening, preparing the church facilities prior to each wedding, funeral and other scheduled church events, and ability to make minor repairs which require the use of basic hand tools. Individual must be able to work evening hours 4 to 5 days a week as well as be available on weekends as needed. Interested individuals should contact the church via email [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) or call at 610.767.7203 to request an application. Job description is available upon request. All applications must be submitted by September 15, 2011 for consideration for this position.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST**

Hope Lutheran Church in Cherryville is accepting applications for a part-time Communications Specialist to oversee all aspects of media and standard communication for the church. The primary responsibilities include creating the church's communications (written and electronic) including, but not limited to newsletters, brochures, fliers, web postings, mass emails and other social media as appropriate. The successful candidate will work with the church staff as well as volunteers to gather the information needed to perform these duties. Qualifications: An Associate's degree in a related field or equivalent experience is preferred. Experience with a variety of software packages related to publishing is expected and the ability to work independently within the congregational structure and within the policies of the church.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, academic transcript (if available) and contact information for three professional references. For full consideration, please submit these materials by September 15, 2011 to Hope Lutheran Church, 4131 Lehigh Drive, PO Box 1030, Cherryville, PA 18035 or to [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org). A job description is available upon request. For additional information please contact the church via email or at 610.767.7203.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

### **What is youth group?**

Our name says it all! We are a group of youth (7th - 12th grade) who typically gather twice a month. This is an excellent place to make new friends of the same faith. We go on trips, host dinners, attend church services, sleepover at the church, community service events, plan and deliver Youth Sunday, and have lots of fun together. Come on out and give us a try.

### **Must I attend all events?**

This is not a requirement of the confirmation program or of the church. You can come to any of the events that you choose to attend. If you need to leave an event early or come late, just let a leader know.

### **How do I sign up for youth group?**

There isn't an official "sign-up" method for the general youth group. There will be sign-up sheets for each event posted on our youth group board in the narthex when events are getting close. All you have to do is add your name to the sheet and show up. We also have a Facebook page for anyone who is on Facebook. Events are posted there every month and this is another place you can sign up. Join our page "Youth Group Rocks" to start receiving events. Even your parents can join the group. Upcoming events are also listed on our church website [hopecherryville.org/youth.php](http://hopecherryville.org/youth.php)

### **Must I fill out any forms?**

Yes. We now have a permission slip for youth group that is good for an entire year. We call it our permanent permission slip. This keeps us from filling out paper work every time we have an event. You can find one on our website, print one out, bring it with you to your first event, and you are good to go until September 2012!

### **Is it fun? Are the kids friendly?**

We take in new youth every year! We always have a great time and once you are in the youth group, you are there to stay. The youth are very welcoming and take in everyone. Our congregation is also very supportive of the youth group. Still not sure you want to join? Talk to a youth group member! *Continued on the next page...*

### **YOUTH GROUP CONTINUED...**

#### **Can I bring a friend who isn't a member of our church?**

Sure! We welcome friends to most youth group events. Just be sure to sign them up too so we know how many supplies we need for events. Also, they need a permission slip as well. They don't need a permanent one, just a general permission slip also found on our website. Print one out, fill it out, and bring it along to the event.

#### **I have more questions. Who can I ask?**

Steph and Stacey Ziegler and Wayne Weidner lead the youth group. You can speak with any of them on a Sunday morning or email [youthgroup@hopecherryville.org](mailto:youthgroup@hopecherryville.org) any time.

### **YOUTH GROUP SANDWICH SALE**

The youth will be selling sandwiches from September 9 - 18. Sandwiches will be made on September 22. Sandwiches cost \$2.50 and the choices are ham & cheese, turkey, and roast beef. Please see any youth group member or call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512 to place your order.

### **YOUTH GROUP SHORE TRIP**

On August 15, 15 youth and 8 chaperones traveled to Wildwood, New Jersey for a 5 day and 4 night vacation. The weather forecast was rain every day except Wednesday; thanks to your thoughts and prayers, the rain went around us almost every day! The youth were up each morning by 8:30, ate breakfast, and even went on a bike ride 2 days led by David Ziegler. They would spend their afternoons on the beach, evenings on the boardwalk, and returned each night for a bible study/group discussion and games before lights out at 1AM. The 15 youth created an excellent reputation for the church as they received compliments on their politeness and cooperation from both the caretaker of the Luther Inn and even the woman renting bikes at the bike shop. The evening discussions included technology and the importance of cell phones, money and greed, and creating disguises and self-image. Check out some of our pictures on our website [hopecherryville.org/youth.php](http://hopecherryville.org/youth.php) to see what a great time we had! Thanks to our chaperones: Ernie Doncsecz, Dolores Reenock, Bruce Schnabel, Wayne Weidner, David Ziegler, Stacey Ziegler, Steph Ziegler, and John Zmyewski.

### **YOUTH GROUP CLOTHING DRIVE**

Clean out those closets and drawers. Donate your clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, etc. to our yearly yard sale. All items that do not sell will be added to our youth group's clothing drive. The week of the clothing drive will be September 4<sup>th</sup> through September 9<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the clothing drive will benefit our youth group.

### **MEMORIAL GARDEN CROSSOMETER**

Don't forget to check out the crossometer by the scale model of the Memorial Garden. The "Crossometer" will help us see how close we are to our monetary goal of \$40,000.00 which will allow us to begin construction of the Memorial Garden near the outdoor chapel area of our campus. Money that is prepaid for the interment of cremains as well as other monetary donations or memorials will help us reach our goal. If you are someone – or know of someone – who is interested in placing their ashes in our garden please remember our "preconstruction special." **Through August 31**, the cost to inter ashes in the Memorial Garden is \$850.00 which includes the interment as well as having one's name engraved on the plaques. After August 31, 2011 the cost will be \$1000.00. Purchase agreements and Authorization for Engraving forms are available on the website ([hopecherryville.org](http://hopecherryville.org)) *look in sharing pages of Hope or in the church office.*

### **STORAGE SPACE**

If you currently have storage space in the downstairs storage room; we are asking all groups to please clean and straighten your area by **September 10th**. Please make a note that your area was cleaned with the date in which it was cleaned. Please remember that no food may be stored in those areas. Any items that are not needed can be donated to our yard sale. Questions, please call Ralph Fisher, our property chairperson at 610-262-5076.



### THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, I just wanted to thank you very much for the scholarship money. It means so much to me to receive it. It helps toward my book expenses. God bless you all.

Alisha Wainwright

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, I would like to express my gratitude to the congregation for the scholarship money which you sent to me this month. It's always very nice to receive the church's scholarship check and, like usual, I will put it towards my books and food. I'm hoping that this will be my last year of graduate school at The Pennsylvania State University. This fall I'll be studying mechanical engineering and working part time at The Penn State Applies Research Laboratory. Although I'll be taking one or two classes, most of my time will be spent doing research for my thesis paper. Thank you again for helping me through this time in my life. Best Regards,

Jonathan Bednar

Dear Members of Hope, Thank you for your cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy after the death of our father and grandfather, Harold Kuenher. Thank you to Pastor Jami for your visits, funeral service and special children's message. Thanks also to David, Jane, Bonnie and the funeral luncheon committee for your assistance. We appreciate everyone's care and concern during this difficult time.

Karen Koplín and Family and Kay Rogers and Family

To Kathy Ziegler.. All my kids LOVED VBS. They would come home and talk about lesson, arts and crafts, music, and the list goes on and on.... Thank you for all your hard work and effort you put into the program - it definitely shows!!! Thank you.

Vicki Weaver

### THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

To Kathy Ziegler...I would like to thank you for the wonderful Vacation Bible School program this past week that you and your crew worked so hard to put together. My Daughter, Abigail, had a blast! She loved it! She is actually sad that she will not be going back tomorrow. Thank you again!

Kristi Kerksmar

To Jane and Hope Church, I wanted to say thank you very much for letting the Blue Mountain Day Camp use the church for our sleepover. The girls had a great time and since we were unable to use the park due to the Township needing to clean it up after the flood we would have had to cancel the sleepover. We appreciated your kindness. Sincerely, **(an \$80.00 donation was received)**

Kim Doust, Assistant Camp Director

The Hope Family, I am once again honored to be a recipient of the Hope Scholarship. Your support of me and my fellow student's education is greatly appreciated by each and every one of us. I plan on making the most of your investment in me. In thanks,

Andrew Green

Vacation Bible School Class, Thank you for donating all the wonderful gifts to the children of Camelot for the birthday closet. They will be so excited to pick from them on their birthday. It is great to know there are wonderful and generous people in the community like yourselves.

From all of us at Camelot! (Posted on Bulletin Board)

This is a heartfelt thank you to your congregation for the many prayers and acts of kindness for my daughter Line Hine. We are grateful for the prayer shawl sent and the many blessings that came with it. It is very useful as my daughter must sit up to sleep and the shawl is just perfect for her shoulders. Thanks again for the many prayers and this wonderful gift. Sincerely,

Alice Scitney and Daughter, Lisa Hine







### THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Council and Congregation Members, Please accept this donation of \$450.00 as an expression of our gratitude for the use of the fellowship hall for the Hope Tae Kwon Do program. The Tae Kwon Do program is now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year and has been very well

received by those members of the church and community who choose to participate. It is a joy to instruct a group of students that truly appreciated both the physical and mental aspects of studying this martial art. TaeKwon Do promotes the development of a strong Moral Culture centered of five core tenets (Courtesy – Integrity – Perseverance – Self Control – Indomitable Spirit). This is truly an example of our church demonstrating the advantages of a community outreach program and we are honored to be instructing such a fine group of people. Again thank you to the church and all of the people at Hope Lutheran that make this activity possible for our congregation members and the community. Sincerely,  
Rich Mullen 6<sup>th</sup> Degree ITF – Instructor  
and members of Hope Tae Kwon Do

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, I wanted to say a word of thanks for once again awarding me with the academic scholarship grant. This grant has helped me in pursuing my college degree in History and now will be put towards my graduate degree in Museum Studies! Thank you to all for your continuing support as I pursue my passion. God Bless! Sincerely,  
Allison Schell

Dear Friends of Hope, I wish to thank you for the beautiful afghan. It is beautiful and I appreciate receiving it. God Bless you all.

Janice Krock

Dear Hope Lutheran Church Thank you for awarding me funds from the scholarship fund for the 2011-2012 school year. I am currently a junior at the University of Pittsburgh studying Molecular Biology. These funds will be used to help with the costs of my books for the fall semester. Thanks again.

Briana Fritchman

### THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

To Hope Church, a very big thank you to Pastor Jami for her visits and the beautiful service and to all of the members of Hope who sent cards, thoughts and prayers during the death of Sterling Graver. A big thank you to the kitchen workers who helped with the funeral luncheon. We were so grateful to all of you. God's Blessings,  
Shirley, Lorrie and Kari Graver

### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

William Christman, a member of Hope Church is working to become an Eagle Scout. His project is replacing the Lehigh Township signs that we see as we enter the township. William is selling Subway hoagie tickets to help him with the costs of his project. You receive a coupon to purchase any 6" hoagie for \$4.00. Please call him at 610-760-1472.

### EVANGELISM THANK YOU

A special thank you to Lee Blöse who made new risers for our Evangelism Committee's Nativity Display. They are beautiful and will help the committee display even more nativities. Thank you Lee.

### NATIVITY DISPLAY

We know that summer isn't over yet; however don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual nativity display sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. The display will be held during the first weekend of Advent; Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following members from Hope Church were hospitalized from June 24<sup>th</sup> through August 24<sup>th</sup> were: Clayton Miller, John Zmyewski, Krysta Wagner, Susan Hildebrand, George Binder, Donald Saunders, Gary Furry, Steph and baby Sobler, Robin and baby Berger, Ray Edelman, Erma Green, Dot Beers and Carol Peters. ***Please keep these persons in your prayers.***



## 2011 FALL BASKET SOCIAL INVITATION

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Walk-in Basket Social on **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2011**, to be held in Kuntz Hall at Hope Lutheran Church, located along Route 248 in Cherryville. **Proceeds** will be given to the Church's Maintenance Fund. Hope Church hosts many community related groups and events throughout the year.



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. 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, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.).

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

Thank you! The Basket Committee looks forward to seeing you on October 7<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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

**SPECIAL NOTE TO BASKET COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Our business meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Hanson Hall.

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly was held at Muhlenberg College on June 17-18, 2011. Pastor Jami attended the assembly with Hope's delegates, John Zmyewski and Betty Rock.

Held in conjunction with LIFT (Lutherans in Faith Together) – a two-day event for all Lutherans in the synod to gather for fellowship, workshops, musical entertainment and worship - the highlight of that event was having Marty Haugen as the keynote presenter. Marty Haugen wrote *Holden Evening Prayer* – the service we use for our midweek Lenten and Saturday Advent Services.

Overall, it was a rather low-key assembly with no serious debates from the delegates. Most of the business consisted of receiving reports from synodical ministries, church-supported agencies and from the ELCA representative.

The assembly did approve two resolutions concerning the prevention of bullying and one encouraging peace in the Middle East through positive economic investments in Palestine while still supporting the state of Israel. Additionally, we passed a resolution which came from the Lutheran Youth Fellowship, calling for the reduction in the use of disposable water bottles.

Each year, the assembly reviews synodical Minimum Compensation Guidelines for rostered leaders (Pastors and Associates in Ministry) and approved the 2012 guidelines which called for a 1% increase over 2011. This report is available from Pastor Jami if you would like to see it. We attend the Synod Assembly yearly and are always looking for new faces to represent Hope. If you are interested in being delegate for the 2012 assembly please let a member of council know!

### WALNUTPORT CANAL FESTIVAL

A group from Hope Church will be making funnel cakes again this year at the Walnutport Canal Festival on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Come out and enjoy a delicious funnel cake or some deep fried Oreo cookies. Also, enjoy the beautiful fall festival. Proceeds benefit Hope Church.

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At one of the worship services on August 7<sup>th</sup> the following members of Hope, meeting all requirements of eligibility, received a scholarship check from Hope Church. Students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year or higher who are full time and have applied for a scholarship are:

Matt Bahnick	Jonathan Bednar	Justin Bunce
Rodney Christman Jr.	Briana Fritchman	Andrew Green
Jonathan Heberling	Shelly Heberling	Kailee Leibenguth
Christopher Martrich	Allison Schell	Sara Schnabel
Brittany Smith	Colleen Smith	Stephen Thomson
Lauren Verret	Alisha Wainwright	

***Congratulations to all!***

***May God bless these young people in their studies!***

### RECRUITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic ministers are members of the congregation who complete a training course so that they can take communion out to our homebound members as an extension of our Sunday morning worship. Typically Eucharistic ministers visit 3-4 homebound people each month. This is an incredibly rewarding ministry for both the visitors and our homebound members. Currently we are seeking to add members to our Eucharistic Ministry team. Training is provided through Lutheran Congregational Services and Hope covers the cost of the training. The next available training session is scheduled for **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:30pm at Hope Church** in Hanson Hall. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister, please speak to Pastor Jami or call our visitation pastor, Jerry Mraz at 610-440-3435. A meeting will be held for all of our new volunteers and our current Eucharistic ministers on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.



### BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS

Hope Church will present Bibles to the third grade Sunday school class during one of the worship services on September 18<sup>th</sup>. It is Hope's prayer that this gift given to each student may fill him/her with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience and godliness.

### FREE EYE EXAMS

The Lehigh Township Lions Club is offering FREE eye exams to residents of Lehigh Township, regardless of age, who are not covered by Eye Care Insurance. The eye exam will be performed by Walnutport Family Eye Care. To take advantage of this important and FREE opportunity, which ends Dec. 31, 2011, please contact Wayne Benninger, Community Action Chairman for the Lehigh Township Lions Club, at 610-349-3596 or any other Lehigh Township Lions Club member. As part of a public service project, the eye exam fees will be paid by the Lehigh Township Lions Club...serving Lehigh Township since 1951. This offer is limited to the first 200 qualified respondents.

### GRADUATES

We want to recognize two graduates who were not included in the last edition of the Hope Home News. Congratulations to Lauren Miller who graduated from Northampton High School and will be attending IUP in the fall. Also to Nathan Miller who graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in May and will be attending Law School at the University of Pittsburgh this fall. *May God Bless Lauren and Nathan and all of their future endeavors.*

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who made the jewelry sale at Hope Fest a great success. The basket ladies raised \$780.25. The money will be given to Hope Lutheran Church's general fund to pay for summertime bills. Thank you to everyone who donated jewelry. We received a generous supply. Most outstanding piece this year was a woman's gold wedding band and a couple sets of beautiful silver earrings. We had a lot of customers, including three women that pulled up in a limo, ate and bought jewelry. Thank you again for your generosity.

*The Basket Committee*

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S  
ANNUAL YARD SALE  
4131 Lehigh Drive  
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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd  
8:00AM-3:00PM  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd  
8:00AM-1:00PM**

FOOD, DRINKS, SOUP, BAKE SALE

Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE  
FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER

TOYS, GAMES, PUZZLES,  
HAND TOOLS, YARD TOOLS,  
CRAFTS, GLASS WARE, CHRISTMAS ITEMS,  
BOOKS, PICTURE FRAMES, ETC. ETC.

**COME FIND "NEW" TREASURES**



**Roll Call:** Wayne Weidner, Jean Leibenguth, John Zmyewski, Linda Mery, John Schuon, Tim Moore, Dennis Biechy, David Roth, Pastor Jami and Kris Doncsecz.

**Absent:** Stacey Ziegler, Christal Wrenn and Bob Small

**Secretary's Report:** *Motion to accept secretary's report by David Roth, motion seconded by Jean Leibenguth.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Jean Leibenguth, motion seconded by David Roth.*

**Correspondence/Transfer:**

**Out:** Kathryn and Richard Kulp, Jr. to Emmanuelsville Lutheran Church  
Robert and Louise Radaker to Emmanuelsville Lutheran Church  
John and Crystal Moccia moved out of the area and currently looking for a church. *Motion to accept made John Schuon and seconded by Jean Leibenguth.*

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Summary of June and July 2011:

Worship – 18 services (preached 18)  
Baptisms – 3  
Funerals – 1  
Reception of New Members- 1  
Counseling – 6  
Pre-Baptismal Meetings -2  
Pre-Marital Counseling – 1  
Pre-Funeral Meetings – 1  
Hospital Visits – 20  
Home/Shut-in Visits – 5  
New member classes – 1

What's coming up?

Work on Staffing needs

Updating of Hope's Constitution.

Women's Retreat for 2011

2012 Budget

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***Summary of Congregational Council Minutes continued...***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**YOUTH:** 2 days at Pastor Jami's lake house

Meeting to organize for the ELCA Youth Gathering-August 7

Yard sale clothing fundraiser and clothing drive

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>- Pork and Sauerkraut dinner

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Senior birthday party- August 13, 2011

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Regular worship service hours will resume on Sept 11

Harvest Home- September 25, 2011

Auditions for bell choir will take place in late

August/early September.

**PROPERTY:** Security update – Ad Hoc committee has been appointed to look at options.

Storage space area needs to be cleaned out by groups that utilize this space.

New church sign- approval from council to move existing piece to Cherry Rd. and put up a new, larger sign on Route 248 to give us some exposure.

**PERSONNEL/MUTUAL MINISTRY:** Communications position available.

*A motion has been made by Wayne Weidner and Jean Leibenguth to regretfully accept the letter of resignation from Bill Fritzinger as Hope Lutheran's Sexton. Thank you Bill for your dedication and devotion.*

**MEMORIAL GARDEN:** We are ¼ of the way towards the funding of the memorial garden. We are welcoming donations. Deadline to receive discount is August 31, 2011.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Received \$450.00 from Rich Mullen, which has been allocated to new locks/security options.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Building Usage

September 10, 2011-baby shower at 1:00pm

*A motion has been made by David Roth and seconded by Linda Mery to grant the usage of a room on the first Thursday of every month for Lehigh Township Lioness Group.*

*A motion has been made by John Schuon and seconded by Linda Mery to allow the Zumba Class fundraiser with a rental fee and completion of the building usage form.*

Annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2011.

**Matters for the Good Of the Congregation:** Thank you to Bonnie Zmyewski for filling in as Hope's Sexton.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7pm