



HOPE HOME NEWS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, October 2nd PENTECOST 16

8 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Service of the Word
New Members Class @ 9:15am
Blessing of the Animals @ 12:00Noon

Sunday, October 9th PENTECOST 17

8 am Service of the Word 10:30 am Holy Communion
New Members Class @ 9:15am
Christian Ed Coffee Hour

Sunday, October 16th PENTECOST 18

8 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Service of the Word
New Members Class @ 9:15am

Sunday, October 23rd PENTECOST 19

8 am Service of the Word 10:30 am Holy Communion
Consecration Sunday – Breakfast after each service

Sunday, October 30th REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:00 am and 10:30 am Holy Communion
New Members Received/Reception @ 9:15am
Installation of Eucharistic Ministers at both services

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 30th.***



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following pastoral acts.

HOLY BAPTISMS

Makinley Taylor Freed was baptized on September 18, 2011 during the 10:30am worship service. Makinley is the daughter of Bryan and Anna Freed.



Khy Jeffrey Lehr was baptized on September 18, 2011 during the 10:30am worship service. Khy is the son of Devin and Tuasha Lehr.

Please welcome Makinley and Khy into our church family at Hope and pray for their growth in faith.



FUNERAL

William Russell Malcolm Fritzing entered eternal life on September 13, 2011 at the age of 75 years. Services were held at Hope Church.

Our sympathy to family and friends of Bill. May God continue to be your guide and strength.

FALL BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP

The Evangelism Committee of Hope will offer a Bible study entitled "Fruit of the Spirit" written by Hazel Offner. This study will begin on Wed. Oct 5, 2011 at 6:30 PM. This is designed to be a group study and consists of nine weekly individual studies. You do not have to be a Bible scholar to enjoy and participate in this group. Hopefully, we will all learn and grow from each other. These sessions will be very informal and each session will last approx. one to one and one half hours. Please sign up for the study on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cost of the study will be \$6.80 for your booklet. Please call Sharyn Kratzer (610 261 1277) with any questions.



Greetings from the Pastor...

Over the years I have had people ask me, “Why does the church ask us to make a financial commitment? Isn’t just giving what I can enough?” My initial feeling is that the people asking the question don’t really want to hear an answer – they want the opportunity to tell me all the reasons they can’t – or won’t – make a commitment to the ministry of their congregation. I usually find myself defending the practice making a financial commitment to a congregation like Hope Lutheran by telling my story of tithing – and I know sometimes it falls on deaf ears.

As we approach another Consecration Sunday when we will ask you to write down your estimate of giving for 2012, I am reminded how important it is to give thanks to God for what we have and recommit our time, talent and treasure to God’s ministry here at Hope. I am a big fan of this habit and here are five reasons why:

1. Taking Time to Assess What You Value

It has been said, “Show me your checking account and I can tell you what is important in your life.” Taking time to reflect on your gifts as a household and how you spend your money is a great way to see what you value and how you can share your blessings. These things are at the core of discipleship and spiritual growth.

2. Sharing - not Losing

I can remember the time before I became a tither. Whenever I would sit in the pews and see the offering plate coming, I would fumble through my wallet. It was an awkward moment while I hoped for a bill that was "enough," but "not too much." I will admit now that tossing that crumpled bill into the plate felt more like losing than sharing. Giving sporadically and last minute does not usually feel generous and that is because it comes from a moment of pressure that does not make time for the reflection I mentioned above. **Planning to give** connects us to our offering in a thoughtful and joyful way that can transform our understanding of sharing what we have.

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Greetings from the Pastor continued...

3. Worthy Gifts

Many people do not make a commitment because they don't think the amount they give is worthy of being proclaimed and promised ahead of time. Yikes – where did they get that idea??!! Whether you commit to sharing \$1 or \$1,000 a week, **it matters and it makes a difference**. Whatever you have to give is worthy of being shared.

4. Word and Deed

Making a promise and acting on it again and again is a physical lesson about God's love for us. God never ceases to offer us life and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Making a commitment is a bold and simple way to respond to God's love and action in our lives.

5. Moving God’s Kingdom Forward

Have you ever watched commitment cards pile up in a basket or offering plate? Those promises add up to do miraculous things in the name of God. Committing to share your gifts means standing together with your Christian brothers and sisters in ministry and mission for a purpose beyond yourself. It means trusting that together our gifts are abundantly more than enough to change the world!

So there you have it – 5 great reasons why it is important for you to give – important for your own spiritual life and important to the life of the church. May God open your heart this year as you complete your Estimate of Giving Card.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami



CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING – OCTOBER 23, 2011

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Wayne Weidner, Council President

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



"One has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when one plants trees under which one knows full well he or she will never sit." **D. Elton Trueblood**

This is a beautiful statement on giving. So much of the giving that we witness in life comes with the expectation of some sort of gratification in return, either in the form of thanks or recognition, that sometimes we lose sight of what true giving is meant to be. But there is in our hearts a concept of true giving, and that is giving with absolutely no conditions or expectations attached. If I plant a shade tree today that won't mature for forty or fifty years, I can almost guarantee you that I won't be around when others are enjoying its shade--and that should not matter to me one bit.

But it doesn't stop there. Trueblood here tells us that this giving is "a start on discovering the meaning of human life." Can he really be saying that giving is behind the meaning of life? Perhaps it could be true, for unconditional giving can be the result of a grateful attitude for all the God has given us and of unconditional love and respect for our fellow human beings. And perhaps that's what life and love are all about.

There are many things that I can give today for which I'll never see any results. A compliment here, a bit of encouragement there, a smile over there, and I'll be planting seeds of positiveness, seeds that I won't see grow into whole trees or even tiny flowers, but which most certainly will be positive parts of this world in which we all live. And, I imagine, my giving unconditionally to the church will result in planting seeds of ministry which I may never see but which will carry on the work of Jesus for years to come.



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Hope Church Family, We would like to take the time to say thank you to everyone for their warm wishes and multiple blessings for Maxwell's baptism in July. Our family was honored to have so many people attend the service and the reception afterward. We send a special thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the absolutely beautiful afghan and to all of those who brought gifts and cards. Maxwell was surely showered with love and kindness that day as he was welcomed into God's family by so many in his new Hope family. Thank you for making him, and us, feel so special and loved. With sincere appreciation,
Temba and Kristy Hove
Mackenzie, Dominic, Wayne, Mark, Laurie, Sue....and Maxwell :)

Dear Ms. Dieter (WELCA); thank you so much for the cleaning buckets you recently delivered to us. They are already on their way to help needy families. God bless the members of your church for reaching out. Yours truly, *(this was one of our Vacation Bible School projects)*

Barbara Reimers, Kits Coordinator
Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, I wanted to extend my thanks and gratitude for awarding me the scholarship grant for the fall of 2011. The money will help me pay for books as I start my senior year at Bloomsburg University studying Public Relations. Thank you very much.
Chris Martrich

Hope Lutheran Church fellow members, Thank you for the scholarship. It is most appreciated and will be going towards books. It sounds minor, but books are a large expense in college. It means a great deal to me to have the support of my church family. Thank you again,

Rodney Christman Jr



Catechetical Class Notes

CATECHETICAL CLASS UPDATE

All confirmation students are reminded that they should be attending church and completing their worship resource sheet (these count as their attendance slips)

and Sunday Church School on a **regular** basis. In addition they must fulfill their assigned duties as worship assistants (acolyte, crucifer and nursery). 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 3rd from 6:00pm until about 8:45pm) and the **Basket Party** (October 7th from 6:30-9:30pm). In November a few youth are needed to help with the **Senior Fall Feast** (November 12th from 11:00am-2:00pm) and the **Nativity Display** on (November 26th and November 27th). Parents are also welcome to help with these events. Keep on top of these and DO IT NOW!!!

LEVEL II – mentoring breakfast on Saturday, October 15th from 8:30 – 10:00am.

LEVELS I & II - don't forget your upcoming retreat on Saturday, October 29th from 8:30am – 12:30pm.

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 member's classes, which will begin in October. Classes will be held from 9:15-10:15am on the following Sundays; October 2, 9, 16 and 30. New members will be received on Sunday, October 30 with a reception for new members at 9:15am in Kuntz Hall.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – OCTOBER 2ND AT 12:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi saw all of God's creation – especially the animals – as partners. Many stories have been told about his love for animals. It is said that, one day, while Francis was traveling with some companions, they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on either side. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds". The birds surrounded him, intrigued by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away. The tale is told that St. Francis on his deathbed thanked his donkey for carrying and helping him throughout his life, and his donkey wept.

Another legend tells that in the city of Gubbio, where Francis lived for some time, was a wolf who devoured men as well as animals. Francis had compassion upon the townsfolk, and went up into the hills to find the wolf. When he found the wolf, he made the sign of the cross and commanded the wolf to come to him and hurt no one. Miraculously the wolf closed his jaws and lay down at the feet of St. Francis. "Brother Wolf, you do much harm in these parts and you have done great evil...", said Francis. "All these people accuse you and curse you... But brother wolf, I would like to make peace between you and the people". Then Francis led the wolf into the town, and surrounded by startled citizens made a pact between them and the wolf. Because the wolf had "done evil out of hunger", the townsfolk were to feed the wolf regularly, and in return, the wolf would no longer prey upon them or their flocks. To show the townspeople that they would not be harmed, St. Francis blessed the wolf.

Many churches throughout the world celebrate St. Francis' legacy by holding a service to "bless the animals." Hope Lutheran will be holding a Service of Blessing for the Animals on Sunday, October 2nd at 12:00 PM in the grassy area by the pavilion. Come and bring your pet – whatever it may be – to be blessed. There will be a brief service and time for fellowship among the animals! In case of inclement weather the service will be held in Kuntz Hall.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 13th, **between worship services beginning @ 9:15am.** At least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum that morning. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Thank you!

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following persons were hospitalized from August 25th through September 19th: Susan Hildebrand, Eric Riso, Leslie Daniel, Kathy Creyer and Lynn Patterson. Please keep these persons and their families in your prayers.



WORSHIP ARTS TEAM

Will be celebrating in a special way at both worship services on Sunday, October 9th and are asking for donations of cupcakes. Please sign the sheet on the narthex bulletin board and let us know how many dozen you will be making. We need 350 cupcakes.



NURSERY SCHOOL

HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Is now accepting applications for next year (2012-2013). 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. Your child must be either 3 or 4 years of age by September 1st in order to register. Thank you.

2011 FALL BASKET SOCIAL INVITATION

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the 17th Annual Fall Walk-in Basket Social on **Friday, October 7th 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 Kuntz Hall the evening before the social (Thursday, October 6th, 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 7th!

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.

Finding Peace. Peace is one of those elusive goals that everyone strives for, but few achieve. Part of the problem is that the world is much too loud - headlines screaming, gossip shouting, problems screeching. So if you're looking for peace, start by opening the Word. Soon you'll hear more of the Father's voice and less of the noise of the world. Then converse with him in prayer. Be still and experience the joy of God's peace. (from Bible Answers for the New Year)

1 Timothy 2:1-2 Urge you first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others that are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity.

OCTOBER PRAYER LIST

10/1/11 Rachael Richard and family
10/2/11 Rob, Linda Asbath and family
10/3/11 Andrew, Elyse, Emily, Amanda Kernan
10/4/11 Pamela, Katlyn Rehrig, Jacob Rehrig-Hicks, and family
10/5/11 Nancy Creyer and family
10/6/11 Kenneth, Marilyn Kemmerer and family
10/7/11 Amy, Stephen, Zachary Thomson and family
10/8/11 Michael, Colton Arndt and family
10/9/11 Carl Nemeth and family
10/10/11 Steven, Star Paly and family
10/11/11 Jonathan Distler, Lorilee, Samantha Lambert and family
10/12/11 Timothy, Rebecca, Elizabeth Moore and family
10/13/11 David, Rhonda, Bradley, Marissa Wagner and family
10/14/11 Dorothy Beers and family
10/15/11 Trudy Mertz and family
10/16/11 Paul, Margaret Zimmerman and family
10/17/11 Sara Gruber-Maureka, John Maureka and family
10/18/11 Amy Nyce, Alexis Soltis, Giada Nyce and family
10/19/11 Shawn Trone and family
10/20/11 Shirley, Kimberly, Tiffany Beers and family
10/21/11 Donna Myers and family
10/22/11 Kimberly Rice and family
10/23/11 Virginia Hauck and family
10/24/11 John, Jennifer, Justin, Kaitlin Nixon and family
10/25/11 Gerald, Karen, Tyler, Jeremy, Kurt, Jessamy Zimmerman and family
10/26/11 Ginger, Thomas, Jacob, Emily Bachman and family
10/27/11 Dennis, Linda Kressley and family
10/28/11 Nancy Waltz and family
10/29/11 Richard, Gloria Cole and family
10/30/11 Tammy, Joshua, Corinne Hall and family
10/31/11 Nancy Rehrig-Seitzinger and family



GRACEDALE TALENT NIGHT

Gracedale talent night will be on Monday, October 3rd 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!)***

RESCUE MISSION SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our Social Ministry Committee will be helping with the Rescue Mission Dinner on Saturday, October 8th. 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 (corner of Springhouse and Walbert Avenues, near Cedar Crest); or you can meet us there at 3:30pm. ***(catechetical students – this would count as a social ministry/outreach event!)***

SENIOR FALL FEAST

On Saturday, November 12th 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. ***(catechetical students – this would count as a social ministry/outreach event!)***

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please note: Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6th this year. Please don't forget to turn your clocks back one-hour before retiring on the evening of November 5th.

MEMORIAL GARDEN – “AN ETERNAL GARDEN OF HOPE”

We hope to begin interring cremains in the Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Garden in spring of 2012. The cost of the interment of cremains is \$1000.00. Purchase agreement and authorization for engraving forms are available in the church office, on the website at hopecherryville.org or on the table by the crossometer. If you desire to give a memorial gift or a donation to the Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Garden or have questions please contact the church office at 610-767-7203.

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.

PRAYER SCARVES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Attention all parents of college students... Hope's Prayer Shawl Ministry is currently knitting and crocheting scarves for all of our college students. It's a surprise! We plan to ship them out when the weather gets cold – letting our students know that we continue to pray for them as they study. Here's how you can help...please call (610-767-7203) or email the church office (office@hopecherryville.org) and give us your child's address. We will be sending to all students in college, trade or technical schools and community colleges. If your child is living at home and commuting we need to know that as well. Please let us know as soon as possible so we make enough for everyone!

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

October 1 (12:00 - 6:00) **POTATO PICKING** - On this Saturday, the youth group will travel to Berks County to pick potatoes for our local food banks. We will pick, clean, and bag potatoes then take them home with us and distribute them to food banks in our area. We need YOUR help to make this work. Sign up on the youth group board or facebook to let us know if you would like to attend. We need to know how many people plan to attend this event so we can find drivers if needed. **Confirmands, this would count as an outreach event!!**

We also need a few adult volunteers to help transport youth AND a few volunteers with pickup trucks to help us bring back potatoes. If you can help us out with either of these tasks, please speak with Steph or Stacey Ziegler.

October 12 (5:30 - 8:00) **POW** - This is the return of Pizza On Wednesdays! Come to the church at 5:30 for pizza, a game, and a discussion then go with us to Emmanuel's Lutheran Church for a contemporary worship service.

October 21 (time TBA) **Waldorf Hotel** - Our haunted event this year is the haunted hotel in Palmerton. See the youth group board, facebook, or the church website for further details as the time approaches.

The youth group will be holding a Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on Saturday **November 5** from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. Dinner will include a beverage, soup, pork and sauerkraut, and a dessert. A children's meal will also be available consisting of a beverage, hotdogs and mashed potatoes, and a dessert. Prices will be announced in the bulletin and tickets will be on sale in October. Watch for details!

2011 ZION CHORAL CONCERTS

October 16	The Church of Good Shepherd 35 West Philadelphia Ave. Boyertown, PA	3:00pm
October 23	Grace Bible Fellowship Church 1128 Hampden Blvd, Reading, PA	3:00pm
October 30	Palm Schwenkfelder Church 833 Gravel Pike, Palm, PA	3:00pm
November 6	Quakertown United Methodist 1875 Freier Road, Quakertown, PA	3:00pm
November 13	Penn Valley Church 320 North Third Street, Telford, PA	3:00pm
November 20	Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church 1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown	3:00pm & 7:00pm

For more information – visit their website: www.zionchoral.com

NATIVITY DISPLAY

Mark your calendars now for the beautiful and meaningful nativity display, which will be shown in Kuntz Hall on Saturday, November 26th and Sunday, November 27th. 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.



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.

CRAFT FAIR/BAKE SALE

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 16th during their annual craft show. Donations of baked goods (*pies, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, etc.*) would be greatly appreciated. Please bring items to the Community Center between 7:00 & 9:00am that morning.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK VENDOR BINGO

Sunday, October 23, 2011 at the Northampton Fire Company. Doors open at 12:00Noon, bingo starts at 2:00pm. Prizes are donated by the vendors. Tricky tray, door prizes and refreshments available. For tickets or more information call Barbara at 610-262-6156. Other food bank events include the Food Bank Walkathon on Monday, October 29th and Scouting for Food Drive on Saturday, November 12th.

CELEBRATE – RECYCLE ELECTRONICS

America recycles day – November 15, 2011 Drop-Off Event

Advanced Green Solutions

40 3rd Street

Walnutport, PA 18088

(next to Diamond Fire Hall)

Tuesday, November 15th from 9:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday, November 19th from 9:00am to 12:00pm

A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex with more information and items that will be accepted

RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Church have recently donated blood to the Miller Memorial Blood Center; *Linda Derr and Doug Hetrick.*

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.



BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS

The following third graders either received their Bibles on Sunday, September 18th or will receive them in Sunday School. (if they were unable to be here that Sunday).

Ashley DiOdoardo, Grant Doklan, Seth Hankee, Garrison Hassler, Morgan Heffelfinger, Nicholas Miller, Thomas

Nichols, Noah Reichelderfer, Sean Rosario, Alex Tarantino and Hunter Zehner. ***It is Hope's prayer that this gift given to each student may fill him/her with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience and godliness.***

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We would like to find out if anyone would be interested in becoming a part of a special volunteer program here at Hope Church. We currently have a program to temporarily supply meals to people who cannot, due to some illness or handicap, cook for themselves. We're thinking of a volunteer program that would supply people with all kinds of assistance, such as taking them to the doctor, light yard work, snow removal, light household chores, picking up grocery items, a ride to church, etc. Put your talents to good work. We all have something special to offer no matter how trivial we think it is. Youth Group and mentors are included. For any feedback or suggestions on this please contact; Georgene Blöse at 610-767-1755.



UPDATE OUR CHURCH RECORDS

If your address and phone number has changed, please contact the church office and give us your new information. (office@hopecherryville.org)



BELL CHOIR UPDATE: Our bell program has undergone some restructuring as we begin our fourth full year of ringing. Several ringers have decided to stop ringing, and auditions were held with the hopes of creating a bell choir for strong music readers. The result is we will have one three-octave bell choir and one small bell ensemble. The bell choir will begin weekly 6:30 PM Tuesday rehearsals on September 20th, with plans to ring a monthly anthem, the first one in October. The small ensemble will not rehearse weekly, but rather target three or four services throughout the year at which to ring, and rehearse four to six weeks prior to each of the targeted services.

There is room to grow, and we can include new ringers in both groups! Are you wondering “do I have to read music?” or “can I join in the middle of the year?” or “which group would be best for me?” You can get answers to those questions or any other question by contacting Janet Filchner at bells@hopecherryville.org or calling 610-262-5215. Watch next month’s newsletter for the new names of both groups!

Mark this date on your calendar to personally ask questions about the bell program or to try ringing the bells yourself: Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 PM. This will be an “open bell rehearsal.” You can observe rehearsal from 6:30 to 7:30 and get a feel for how that time fits into your schedule, and you can even be assigned a ringer to shadow throughout the rehearsal. Then you are invited to linger after the rehearsal to talk with any ringer, and try ringing all the different sizes of bells. Arrive at any time between 6:30 and 7:30. Come and check us out!



NEW “CHURCH SECURITY” INFORMATION

A few months ago, at the recommendation of the property committee, the congregation council made a decision to limit access to our facility on weekdays and weekends by not having all the doors to the building unlocked at all hours. Many of our members have been used to the church being open all the time so communicating this information is important. Please take note:

Weekdays and evenings – the only door that will be unlocked will be the double glass doors on the large parking lot side of the building. The door to the Senior Center will be locked when the Senior Center Director leaves for the day. Preschool parents must enter the doors near the large parking lot.

Weekends – the church will be locked on weekends unless there is a function at which time the double glass doors near Kuntz Hall will be unlocked for the duration of the event. If you need to enter the building on weekends please contact the church office (610-767-7203) to make arrangements.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP POLICE - Have asked us to advise our congregation that recently a few area churches had cars broken into during their worship services. Please do not keep any valuables in your car and remember to lock your doors.

DID YOU KNOW...that some of our members provide and deliver meals to people who may be coming out of the hospital, recovering from an injury or dealing with the loss of a spouse? It’s true! Time and again throughout the gospels Jesus instructs the disciples to feed the hungry and care for the sick. At Hope, we take Jesus’ words seriously. That’s why our meal program was created. Georgene Blose is heading up the team of people who have agreed to participate in this ministry. Typically they will provide one meal - three times a week - for no longer than 2 weeks to people who are unable to cook for themselves because of their current situation. If you find yourself or a loved one in need of this ministry please contact Georgene at 610-767-1755.



BEAR CREEK CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The following youth attended our Lutheran Camp (Bear Creek Camp) this past summer. A small scholarship will be sent to each of these students. Congratulations to the following youth for attending the camp: *Emily Nichols, Cory and Logan Ninos and Noah Roth.*

WHY DO WE HAVE WATER IN THE FONT DURING COMMUNION SERVICES?

During our baptism – no matter how young or old we were – the pastor dipped his or her finger in oil and made the sign of the cross on our foreheads saying the words, “you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” It was a sign communicating the presence of the Holy Spirit and uniting us with Jesus. Even though we may not be able to see it when we look in the mirror, that cross is a permanent, indelible and eternally durable sign that reminds us we are a child of God. By dipping our fingers in the water and making the sign of the cross on our foreheads we recall that act from our baptism and remember that as God’s children we are called to live as children of God -bearing witness to the world. In remembrance of your baptism you may wish to dip your finger into the water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead as you come forward for communion.

FLU SHOTS

The Senior Center at Hope Church will be offering flu shots on Thursday, October 13th from 12:30-2:00pm. Please call the senior center director, Edith Knauss at 610-767-2977 with any questions.

THE IRA ROLLOVER IS BACK--AGAIN!

In December 2010 the **US Congress extended the IRA Rollover to 31 December 2011.** This act allows donors 70 ½ or older to make gifts up to \$100,000 from their Traditional or Roth IRA directly to a charity without any Federal tax implications this year. (This law does not apply to a 401k, 403b or other qualified pension accounts.)

The donor does not have to pay income tax on the withdrawal nor does the donor receive a charitable tax deduction. Furthermore, the donation does not count against the maximum charitable gifts allowed in any year. The charitable gift cannot be used to fund a Life Income Agreement like a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust nor can it be donated to a Donor Advised Fund but can be used to fulfill a campaign pledge. The withdrawal to make a charitable gift can be used to satisfy the IRA required minimum distribution required by law. Please note: IRA plan administrators must make the check in the name of the charity but can send the check to the donor for delivery.

For a sample letter or for more information about how to use your IRA or other assets to make charitable gifts call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the Foundation of the ELCA, 800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit their website at www.elca.org/fo.

WALNUTPORT CANAL FESTIVAL

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

THE ARC’S FRIENDSHIP DANCES will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm. Registration is not required. Questions, please call Darlene Pioli at 610-760-0761 or Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, ext. 25.

Hope Lutheran Church
Summary of Congregational Council Minutes
September 12, 2011

Roll Call: Wayne Weidner, Jean Leibenguth, Dennis Biechy, John Schuon, John Zmyewski, Linda Mery, Bob Small, Tim Moore, Stacey Ziegler, David Roth, Pastor Jami, Christal Wrenn and Kris Doncsecz

Secretary's Report: *Motion to accept secretary's report by Linda Mery, motion seconded by Dennis Biechy.*

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

Correspondence/Transfer: In/Out None

PASTOR'S REPORT: Worship – 6 services (preached 6)
Funerals – 2
Counseling – 8
Pre-Baptismal Meetings -1
Pre-Marital Counseling – 1
Pre-Funeral Meetings – 1
Hospital Visits – 7
Home/Shut-in Visits – 2

What's coming up?
Hiring of Sexton and Communications Specialist
New Member Classes – October 2, 9, 16 and 30
Updating of Hope's Constitution
Working with Stewardship Committee on Fall Campaign
2012 Budget

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH: Potato picking – October 1, 2011
POW – October 12, 2011
Haunted Event (Waldorf Hotel) – October 21, 2011
Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner – November 5, 2011

Summary of Congregational Council Minutes continued...

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Healing Service- Will be held on January 29, 2012 rather than October 9, 2011. Communion will be by intinction.
Blessing of Animals – October 2, 2011 at noon. Will be held at the outside chapel, or if it's raining, in Kuntz Hall.
Reformation Sunday- October 30, 2011 with orchestra. Communion will be by intinction.
Rehearsal Changes- Senior Choir will rehearse on Thursdays 7-8:30PM; Junior Choir will rehearse Thursdays 6:00-6:50PM; Youth Choir rehearsal will remain the same, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15PM.

PROPERTY: Security Update- Ad Hoc committee has been appointed to look at options.
Phone System- Proposal from Blue Ridge Cable.

STEWARDSHIP: Consecration Sunday – October 23, 2011

EVANGELISM: Evangelism Committee will host coffee hour on Sunday, November 20, 2011.
Bible Study will begin on October 5, 2011 and will run for nine weeks starting at 6:30PM. This study will be on "Fruit of the Spirit" written by Hazel Offner.
Nativity Display – November 26, 10:00AM-8:00PM and November 27, 8:00AM-5:00PM. Set up will be on November 25, 2011 beginning at 9:00AM

PERSONNEL

/MUTUAL MINISTRY: Interviews to begin for Sexton and Communications Specialist week of September 20, 2011 and running through September 26, 2011.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Contribution News – Sales- \$21,755.00 total received.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Eucharistic Minister training will be held on October 29, 2011. Eucharistic Ministers will be installed on October 30, 2011.
Building usage: Jane Meyers, Sunday, November 6, 2011 for Basket Social to benefit MDA.

Matters for the Good

Of the Congregation: A special thank you to everyone involved in the September 11, 2011 service.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7pm

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**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 16, 2011

**Adults \$9.95, Children under 12 \$3.95, Children under 3 free
Served from 12:00Noon - 6pm**

Mixed green salad

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

Baked Penne Pasta

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

Meatballs in Marinara Sauce

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.