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**HOPE LEADERSHIP**

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

<b><u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS</u></b>	
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding New Membership, Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, Change of Address, Van Requests, Worship Memorial Sponsors, Hospital Admissions, Room Reservations for Meetings or Social Events...**Call the Church Office at 610-767-7203**

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Youth Group	Steph/Stacey Ziegler	610-262-9197
Senior Center	Edith Knauss	610-767-2977
Tae Kwan Do	Rich Mullen	610-760-0958
Yard Sale	Ralph Fisher	610-392-4985

## Greetings from the Pastor....

Just the other day my husband, Mitch, and I decided to take a hike on the newly created trails in the Lehigh –Trexler Game Preserve. It was a beautiful day - sunny with a nice breeze - and we were excited about setting off for the first time. The first thing we did was to grab a trail map so we could track our journey. I noticed right away that this was not going to be easy. There are 13 different trails listed and other icons on the map key that should help with orienting oneself - but it was extremely complicated at first glance to discern which route to take and where we would end up.

We decided to just start hiking and turn around and follow the trail back if we couldn't figure it out as we went along. With map in hand we ventured forth! About ½ hour into our trek we realized that even with the map the trails wound around, intersected and sometimes came to a dead end. Looking for familiar landmarks we kept moving along – trusting that we would find our way – and eventually getting off the trails completely and taking a road we knew would lead us back to our car. We didn't do very well with the trail map as our guide!

As we walked and walked I couldn't help thinking how this little hike reminded me a lot of our lives. We have, in our minds, the map of our lives and we use that to set our course. The problem is that lots of things get in the way and we veer off course – we lose the right path – we need to be redirected – we wander and wander without getting anywhere. And, to be honest, most times we rely on ourselves to do all this – trusting that we will figure it out.

There is another way to approach the map of our lives though. Instead of thinking we have to decipher the map key ourselves - instead of relying on our own map-reading abilities - instead of trying to figure it all out on our own – it would be most helpful to have God as a part of the mix. This is not to say that we'll never

have bumps in the road or walk into dead ends. But with God as our guide we have someone to walk the journey with us. We have someone who will guide us and redirect us when we get lost. We have someone in whom we can place our trust – knowing that God’s desire for us is to live lives that are full and abundant. Truth is...if there is one compass we need it is not the one we carry in pockets – it is God. With God as our “true north” we know we are always headed in the right direction.

So next time you hike be sure to look at the map if you have one and carry a compass. Next time you do some life-planning be sure to look to God for wisdom, discernment and direction because God is the only compass you’ll need!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jami

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

#### ***Following Jesus***

*Matthew 6:25-33 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life...But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches the crowds and his disciples about their relationship with God and their discipleship in the world. In these verses, Jesus speaks about how God provides for our every need and how undue concern for our possessions can get in the way of our living as his disciples.

These words speak to us today as we wrestle with the daily realities of our lives. We often find ourselves over-scheduled, over-extended, and over-drawn. Our lives are cluttered with too many commitments, too many possessions. We can be consumed by it all—we wonder “Will I have enough?” We fear not wearing the right clothes, not driving the right car, not having the latest electronic toy,

not living in the right house. Too often our things define who we are. Jesus comes to us in the midst of our fears and announces— “Do not worry! God has provided for all of your needs!” What does it mean for us to live in relationship with Jesus? How might our daily discipleship help us to live more simply, trusting in God’s abundance?

### **HELP THE SAINTS GO MARCHIN’**

The youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering in July are coming to the home stretch with their fundraising efforts. While we are nearing our goal we are not there yet. Our last “fundraiser” is one in which we hope everyone who wants to can have a part. Here’s how it will work.....On the youth bulletin board will be 150 envelopes numbered 1 through 150. Those numbers represent a dollar amount. We encourage people who are interested in supporting our youth to take one of those envelopes; place in it the amount listed on the front **along with your name, address and phone number**; and place it in an offering plate or return it to the church office. As a “thank you” for supporting us here’s what you will receive in return.....

- ! The opportunity to help create a life-changing moment for our young people
- ! A personal post-card from our youth while they are at the gathering in July
- ! An invitation to a post-trip luncheon to thank you for supporting us and giving you the chance to hear – first hand – what our young people witnessed and what it means in their lives
- ! The knowledge that through your generosity our youth will grow in faith, find joy in serving and share God’s love beyond the walls of our church

What a wonderful way to connect with our young people and make a difference in so many lives!

**PASTORAL ACTS**

*Ciara Alyese DeLaurentis* was baptized on Sunday, May 20, 2012 during the 10:30 AM worship service. Ciara is the daughter of Ashlee Meyer and Robert DeLaurentis and she was born on January 7, 2002. *Please welcome Ciara into our church family and pray for her growth in faith.*

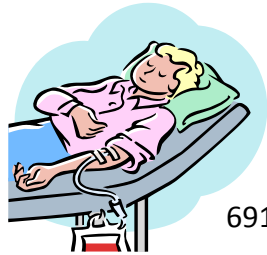
**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**

Beginning Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> our summer worship hours will begin. The worship services will be at 8:00 and **9:30 AM**, no Sunday Church School.

**SECRETARY HOURS**

Jane Tretiak’s hours will be changing in June. Beginning on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> her hours for June will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM. She will continue to be off on Tuesdays. Her salary is based on 30 hours from September to May, and on 26 hours for June, July, and August. July and August will be a summer schedule as she will use her extra hours worked as “comp” time, watch the weekly bulletins for updated office hours.

**RECENT BLOOD DONORS**



The following members of Hope Lutheran Church have recently donated blood: Steven Hetrick. Thank you to our faithful blood donors. If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at (610) 691-5850.

***Donor Group Activity Report (Hope Lutheran Church):***

Annual Donation Goal	<b>36</b>
Number of Donations as of March 2012	<b>16</b>
Number of Donations for April 2012	<b>1</b>
Number of Donations YTD (2012)	<b>17</b>
Number of Donations to Reach Goal	<b>29</b>

**JUNE PRAYER LIST**

- 6/1/12 Bonita, Mary Young and family
- 6/2/12 Todd Benninger and family
- 6/3/12 Ryan, Suzanne, Brynne, Brooke Rockovits and family
- 6/4/12 Randall Binder and family
- 6/5/12 Devin, Tuasha, Khy Lehr and family
- 6/6/12 Karle, Delores Smith and family
- 6/7/12 Rose Fritz and family
- 6/8/12 Lori, Jessica, Ryan Holota and family
- 6/9/12 Barbara Burns, Kasey Frey and family
- 6/10/12 Julie, Garrett Kunkel and family
- 6/11/12 Fay Roberts and family
- 6/12/12 Steven, Alexandra Tretiak and family
- 6/13/12 Bill, Laurie Dovico, Maci and family
- 6/14/12 Ralph Sr., Jane Fisher and family
- 6/15/12 Chris Becker and family
- 6/16/12 Jennifer, Katelyn Fike and family
- 6/17/12 Martha Hontz and family
- 6/18/12 Bruce, Darlene Mack and family
- 6/19/12 Miriam Burbes and family
- 6/20/12 Dennis Jr., Conner, Tegan Simms and family
- 6/21/12 Kelly, Dennis Jr., Alexis Santee, Jake Hart, Dylan Williams and family
- 6/22/12 Darlene Hock and family
- 6/23/12 Ruth Edelman and family
- 6/24/12 Douglas, Declan, Alexia Unangst and family
- 6/25/12 Kimberly, Olivia, Sophia Eckroth and family
- 6/26/12 Nicholas, Teresa Lalik, Nathaniel, Zander Rhode and family
- 6/27/12 Carl, Gloria Derhammer and family
- 6/28/12 Sharon, David, Miah Hornyak and family
- 6/29/12 David, Suzanne Schneck and family
- 6/30/12 Lester, Ellen Derhammer and family



### **WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED**

When being admitted give our Church Code #251 Give your permission for the hospital to release your admittance information to the church when we call. Have someone call the church office (610) 767-7203 when being admitted to the hospital if you desire a visit.

### **THANK YOU NOTES**

Jesus said, "I am among you as the one who serves." *Luke 22:27*

Thank you for your servant heart and for all that you have done to inspire the youth and adult members at Hope Lutheran Church's Sunday school program.

- ❖ Kris Doncsecz
- ❖ Jennifer Edwards
- ❖ Diane Dieter
- ❖ Kerry Follweiler
- ❖ Shelly Miller
- ❖ Dale Newhart
- ❖ Elsie Thompson

"Well done my good and faithful servant." *Matthew 25:23*

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank you for the lovely birthday cards. It was so kind and thoughtful of you to remember me. I miss being able to attend Hope Lutheran Church and seeing you folks. We have different church services held in our auditorium that I attend. I wish all of you folks happy holidays.

***Marian Burkhardt***

Dear Pastor Jami, Marge, and all of your helpers,

Thank you so much for the visits, prayers, communion, and the CD player. We appreciate it all. Thank you and God bless you all. We love you all.

***Ella & Ray Edelman***

A special thank you to everyone who helped make the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Blood Drive in Memory of Doug Gable, on May 12<sup>th</sup> a very successful venture. 40 donors registered that day and 38 units of blood were collected.

The following people were donors that day: Trish Wieder, Cory Wieder, Fran Shehab, John Torpeano, Bob Ehlacher, Gail Chicello, Heather Weist, Craig Weist, Don Bush, Steph Simock, Adele Schwartz, William Mondjack, Dominic DeCesaris, Sheri Martinez, Luther Musselman, John O'Brien, Brian Schwartz, Anita Hozza, Paula Schleicher, Kelly Winkelbauer, and Gary O'Brien.

The following donors are faithful members of Hope: Cathy Fairchild, Nancy Biechy, Katie Biechy, Linda Deer, Kim Eckroth, Carla Green, Andrew Green, Al Honyak, Kenneth Silfies, Kerry Follweiler, Sharon Schell, Kim Belletti, Dan Belletti, Helene Mery, Rudy Christman, Ed Tretiak, Jane Tretiak, Arlene Fasching, and Frank Zamadics.

We thank all of these donors and anyone who donated at the Miller Keystone Blood Center, because of scheduling conflicts. Thank you all for donating. The gift of blood is the gift of life.

***The Gable Family***

Dear Fifth Grade Communion Class,

Thank you so much for the beautiful chalice you made for Northampton Village to use for our monthly religious services with Rev. Mraz and the wonderful parishioners of Hope Lutheran Church who volunteer their precious time. It was so thoughtful of your class to do this for our residents. Congratulations to all of you and may God bless and keep you, love and lead you, guild and teach you today and always.

***Gloria & the Residents of Northampton Village***



A very special thank you to EVERYONE who celebrated secretary's day with me. The lunch was delicious, and what a wonderful time for fun and fellowship. Thank you for the monetary gift (I can't wait to go shopping!) and also for the gift certificate to purchase flowers. Each and every one of you are truly a gift to me and to Hope Church. A very special thank you to Judy Dieter for organizing the luncheon every year (what a task that must be)!

**Jane Tretiak**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We would like to thank all of our Sunday School teachers and the Christian Education Committee for all of their hard work and dedication for another wonderful year. A special thank you to our Christian Education director, Lynn LaBarre. Thank you also to Vicki Steiner for all of her help with our cherub choir. A few new teachers and helpers will be needed in September. Please call Lynn LaBarre at (610) 767-0880 or Nancy Creyer at (610) 767-8942 if you can help. The Christian Ed. Committee will meet on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. Classes will resume September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**NURSERY SCHOOL**

The Hope Lutheran Church Nursery School is still accepting registrations for the 2012-2013 school year. To register your child or for more information, please contact Deb Gable at (610) 767-7523.

**We are now on**



Hope Lutheran Nursery School



Please help us spread the word and our page!

Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranNurserySchool](http://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranNurserySchool)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012**



Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held Monday, July 9, 2012 through Friday, July 13, 2012 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM. New this year, the closing program will be on Friday, July 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Our theme this year is "Shake It

Up Café." It's easy to register by going online at [vbs.hopecherryville.org](http://vbs.hopecherryville.org) or from your mobile phone using the same URL. Children ages 3 (potty trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (completed 2012) are eligible to register. Many volunteers are also needed. So come see what's cooking and spice up your summer by attending our VBS where you can learn about Jesus and his disciples. Paper registration forms are also available in the narthex.



**2012 GRADUATES**

Congratulations to all 2012 graduates! Graduate recognition will be on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at both services.

***College Graduates***

<b>Tammy Bauer</b>	<b>School:</b> Lehigh Carbon Community College <b>Degree:</b> Associate in Applied Science/PTA <b>Future Plans:</b> Work as a physical therapist assistant.
<b>Jonathan Bednar</b>	<b>School:</b> Penn State University <b>Degree:</b> M.S. Engineering <b>Future Plans:</b> Work as a structural analysis engineer at Boeing Phantom Works in Ridley Park, PA.
<b>Justin Bunce</b>	<b>School:</b> Penn State University <b>Degree:</b> B.S. Economics <b>Future Plans:</b> Work for Lehigh Valley Financial Group as a financial and insurance advisor.



### High School Graduates

<b>Kendall Belletti</b>	<b>School:</b> Northampton High School <b>Future Plans:</b> Attend Philadelphia University to pursue a degree in Architecture.
<b>William Christman</b>	<b>School:</b> Northampton High School <b>Future Plans:</b> Attend Moravian College
<b>David Deiter</b>	<b>School:</b> Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts <b>Future Plans:</b> Attend Susquehanna University to pursue a degree in Music Performance.
<b>Kevin Heberling</b>	<b>School:</b> Northern Lehigh High School <b>Future Plans:</b> Attend Wilkes University.
<b>Amanda Kernan</b>	<b>School:</b> The PA Cyber Charter School <b>Future Plans:</b> Attend Moravian College to pursue a degree in Sociology.
<b>Tyler Medina</b>	<b>School:</b> Northampton High School <b>Future Plans:</b> Attend Full Sail University to pursue a degree in Game Development.
<b>Kyle Stephens</b>	<b>School:</b> Northampton High School <b>Future Plans:</b> Start summer sessions at Northampton Community College. Hopes to attend Cornell University in 2 years.
<b>Julie Wainwright</b>	<b>School:</b> Whitehall High School <b>Future Plans:</b> Attend Moravian College in the fall.
<b>Victoria Zmyewski</b>	<b>School:</b> Northampton High School <b>Future Plans:</b> Attend Northampton Community College to study Criminal Justice.



### INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB

Thanks to everyone who supported the garden club's recent plant auction. There was a wonderful turnout and there certainly were plenty of plants to choose from. There were indoor and outdoor plants, plus shrubs and bulbs. Our auctioneer was great and it was very successful. Since this is an annual event and everyone enjoys the evening, we hope everyone will come out again next spring for the 2013 plant auction.

The next monthly meeting of the garden club will be held on Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 PM, in Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville. Speaker Doug Files will talk about the history and care of roses. You will want to hear what Mr. Files has to say about roses - one of the most loved flowers.

Members may bring specimens, houseplants and arrangements for judging. There will be light refreshments and a business meeting. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, please call (610) 767-8420.

### BASKET COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church would like to take this opportunity to thank Kris Doncsecz for her years of helping fund raise for Church and Community. Kris, we wish you well as you take on new adventures! Godspeed! If anyone is interested in joining The Basket Committee, please call Linda Sidor at (610) 767-8372. Details will follow in the summer issue of "Hope Home News". Thank you!!! Have a good day.



### **LEAVE A LEGACY FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION**

Remember: If you have no Will or Trust, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary. To learn more about how you can make charitable gifts to your church or other charities from your estate call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at (570) 374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800/638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at [www.elca.org/fo](http://www.elca.org/fo)

### **PHILLIES BUS TRIP**

Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> Hope Church will once again go to see the Phillies. Cost for the game and bus trip is \$50.00 (which also includes a hoagie and a drink). Watch for the sign-up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board. Any questions call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512. Checks can be made payable to Wayne Weidner.



### **YOUTH SHORE TRIP**

The youth will be going to Wildwood, NJ from Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17. They will stay at the Luther Inn. The youth will have group time and discussion as well as time at the beach, boardwalk, mini golf and more. Watch for more information coming soon!



### **SENIOR BIRTHDAY PARTY**

On Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Birthday Party for any senior member (the age has changed, no longer need to be 75+) of Hope Church. The party/picnic will begin at 11:30 AM in Kuntz Hall. There will be food, fellowship and entertainment. Mark your calendars now. Watch for more information and a sign-up sheet soon!



### **SENIOR CENTER FOOD VOUCHERS**

The Senior Center will be again distributing the Farmer's Food Vouchers on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please call Edith Knauss, director of the Senior Center at (610) 767-2977 for more information.

### **WELCA**

On Tuesday, June 5, the WELCA ladies are invited to St. Paul's in Indianland to hear Carl Blose who was raised at the Bethany Children's Home in Pennsylvania. Meet at the church at 10:30 AM. or go directly to St. Paul's church. Program is at 10:45 AM. Also, Tuesday, June 12 is a picnic at Judy's house at 12:00 noon. No meeting Tuesday, June 19 for WELCA.

### **KNOEBELS TRIP**

It's time to look ahead to summer! Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> we have a pavilion reserved for you at Knoebel's Amusement Park and Picnic Grove in Elysburg, PA. We have the pavilion from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM. Lunch will be served at about 2:00 PM; we'll have burgers, hot dogs, salads, dessert and drinks. The cost is \$12.00 per person, children 4 and under are free. Included in the \$12.00 cost is drinks and snacks that will be available all day long or as long as they last.

Knoebel's has free parking, free admission and free entertainment all day long. The park is handicapped accessible. They also have stroller, wheelchair, scooter, and wagon rentals. There are numerous exhibits, a coalmine museum and much more. Knoebel's has something for every one of all ages. There are over 50 rides, from kiddie rides up to 2 world-class wooden roller coasters! Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex. Money can be paid as soon as possible. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church and please specify Evangelism outing on the memo line. Call Ernie Doncsecz at (610) 767-6339, John Zmyewski at (610) 767-7260, or the church office at (610) 767-7203 with questions.



## HOPE FEST 2012

Hope Fest 2012 will be held rain or shine on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hope Fest is open nightly from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Attractions include:

- *Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>*: Sister Sound (6:00 – 10:00 PM)
- *Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>*: Jack Sparrow Variety Show (7:00 PM)
- *Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>*: Rehrig Brothers (6:30 – 9:30 PM)

## HOPE FEST – DID YOU KNOW...



Every year the Hope Fest committee uses the income from the festival to benefit an organization in our congregation or in the wider community. This year the committee has decided to donate all the proceeds to upgrading our kitchen in Kuntz Hall!

Hope Lutheran hosts quite a number of events where the kitchen is used heavily – funeral luncheons, dances, Boy Scout dinners, Youth Group Valentine dinner and many more. That kind of use and the normal wear and tear have taken its toll on the counters and some of the equipment.

How can you help? Mark your calendars for Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and attend Hope Fest. Come for dinner, to play bingo, listen to the bands, spend time with people you know – all for a wonderful cause – helping Hope to maintain an efficient, high-quality kitchen!

## HOPE FEST HELP IS NEEDED

June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are needed for 2- hour shifts. A set-up and clean-up crew is also needed. Watch for sign-up sheets soon! Cakes and goodies are needed for the raffle, as well as soups to be sold at the stands. Call Bonnie Zmyewski at (610)767-7260 for more information. Please help; we can't do this without YOU!

## HOPE FEST CHINESE AUCTION

Chinese Auction items needed. Please help by donating “NEW” items to our auction. Items or gift certificates can be dropped off in the church office. Your donations are very much appreciated.

## JEWELRY FOR HOPE FEST



The basket committee of Hope Church is looking for your gold, silver, costume, even broken jewelry. The ladies are selling jewelry at Hope Fest on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anything, new or used including watches, tie and money clips, pins, necklaces, rings, etc. even the jewelry box itself. Please drop off your donations in the marked “jewelry” box in the narthex. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Come visit us at Hope Fest to look for a new treasure to wear home.

## HOPE'S YARD SALE



As you are spring cleaning, don't forget about Hope Church's yard sale to be held on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. More details to follow.

## CAMP EVERGREEN WEEKEND

Camp Evergreen Weekend is a children's bereavement program that will be held July 27-29, 2012. This camp is designed for children ages 8 through 16 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Campers will have time to swim, challenge themselves on an adventure course, participate in a group and individual activities that allow them to express their feelings and grow stronger. Camp Evergreen is free of charge to all participants. Staffed by professionals and trained volunteers, the camp will be held on the grounds of Valley Youth House-Camp Fowler, Orefield, PA.

Registration deadline is July 13, 2012. Please call 1-888-882-4530 to obtain registration materials.

**THE LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY SAYS...**  
***"DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FREE CHILD ID"***

On Saturday, June 9, the Lehigh Township Historical Society is sponsoring a combined Miniature Golf Day and a Child ID Event. Activities begin at 11 a.m. at the Blue Mountain Drive-In, Blue Mountain Drive, Danielsville. In case of rain, the event will be held the next day, Sunday, June 10.

Tickets are available for this fun event! A \$5 ticket entitles you to a free hot dog, beverage, and one game of golf. Special rates for families. For tickets, call 610-767-5906 or 610-767-6379. Limited tickets will be available on the day of the event at the Blue Mountain Drive-In. Miniature golf is an outdoor game for all ages. It provides exercise in the fresh air and is enjoyable for the whole family.

You may purchase delicious ice cream throughout the day. There will be a special prize to the "good" golfers with a hole-in-one. Besides miniature golf, there will also be a Chip and Putt contest, train rides, a drawing and other prizes.

A new feature this year, sponsored by the owners of the Blue Mountain Drive-In, will be the Child ID Community Program from 11 to 3 p.m. The ID process will be done by the Lehigh Valley Community Resource Center. The system used employs advanced digital technology to capture and store high definition forensic quality fingerprinting, photos, and physical descriptions of the child and youth, a video recording and voice print. All information is compatible with the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System. Pertinent information is downloaded to a CD and given to the parent or guardian.

This is an easy process to provide you with an identification for your children. The ID card can be used when travelling, can assist police  
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in case of a problem, and will save valuable time should a need arise when personal information is needed. To ensure a child's safety, law enforcement officers highly recommend that children carry child ID cards. Take advantage of the opportunity on June 9 for the "free" Child ID.

The society is seeking sponsors for the golf day. If you would like to be a sponsor, please send a donation (any \$ amount), with your name, address and phone number to LTHS, P. O. Box 727, Cherryville, PA 18035. If you would like to sponsor a certain hole, let us know. Donors' names or businesses will be listed on signs. Also, you may sponsor a hole in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one, let us know. Names will be listed at the eighteen holes throughout the day.

We hope you will support the LTHS fundraiser and that you will benefit from the special Child ID service provided. Come out to Blue Mountain Drive-In - bring your family and friends and enjoy the day. For more information, call 610-767-5906. Thank you for your support!

**TENTATIVE NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

All committees, groups and persons submitting information for the church newsletter should follow the schedule listed below.

<b><u>Edition</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline for Articles</u></b>	<b><u>Collation Date</u></b>
July	Monday, June 18	Thursday, June 21
August	Monday, July 23	Thursday, July 26
September	Monday, August 27	Thursday, August 30

These dates are subject to change. More dates will be added in upcoming newsletters. Please email your articles to Steve Shermetta at [communications@hopecherryville.org](mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org). Thanks!

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

If you wish to strengthen your daily faith, here is a plan to read through the Bible in one year (Continued). These are the readings for the month of June.

	Sunday <i>Epistles</i>	Monday <i>The Law</i>	Tuesday <i>History</i>	Wednesday <i>Psalms</i>	Thursday <i>Poetry</i>	Friday <i>Prophecy</i>	Saturday <i>Gospels</i>
<b>Week 9</b> June 1-2						Isaiah 45-50	Matthew 23-25
<b>Week 10</b> June 3-9	Corinthians 3-4	Genesis 36-39	Ruth	Psalms 27-29	Job 19-20	Isaiah 51-55	Matthew 26-28
<b>Week 11</b> June 10-16	Corinthians 5-6	Genesis 40-43	Samuel 1-5	Psalms 30-32	Job 21-22	Isaiah 56-61	Mark 1-2
<b>Week 12</b> June 17-23	Corinthians 7-8	Genesis 44-47	Samuel 6-10	Psalms 33-35	Job 23-24	Isaiah 62-66	Mark 3-4
<b>Week 13</b> June 24-30	Corinthians 9-10	Genesis 48-50	Samuel 11-15	Psalms 36-38	Job 25-26	Jeremiah 1-6	Mark 5-6



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE JUNE 2012

<p><b><u>Sunday, June 3, 2012</u></b> <b><i>2012 Musical</i></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Godspell Jr. – Roxy 2:00 PM Godspell Jr. – Roxy</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, June 10, 2012</u></b> <b><i>Summer Worship Hours Start</i></b> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, June 17, 2012</u></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Service of the Word</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, June 24, 2012</u></b> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>

## FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 30, 2012

	YEAR 2012		YEAR 2011	
<b>REGULAR FUND</b>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 51,591.04		\$ 6,895.69
Income - April	\$ 42,803.73		\$ 36,225.28	
Income - Jan.-Mar.	87,315.60		79,572.99	
Total Income	129,919.33		115,798.27	
Expenses - April	25,087.65		24,559.37	
Expenses - Jan.-Mar.	78,322.43		72,245.34	
Total Expenses	103,410.08		96,804.71	
Net Income		26,509.25		18,993.56
<b>SPECIAL APPEALS</b>				
Income - April	3,588.00		2,765.80	
Income - Jan.-Mar.	3,802.00		378.00	
Total Income	7,390.00		3,143.80	
Expenses - April	3,588.00		2,765.80	
Expenses - Jan.-Mar.	3,802.00		363.00	
Total Expenses	7,390.00		3,128.80	
Net Special Appeals		-		15.00
Equity End of April		\$ 78,100.29		\$ 25,904.25
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 129,840.65		\$ 100,974.91
Income - April	\$ 5,338.72		\$ 3,378.77	
Income - Jan.-Mar.	8,899.07		17,459.35	
Total Income	14,237.79		20,838.12	
Expenses - April	-		287.10	
Expenses - Jan.-Mar.	1,919.01		669.01	
Total Expenses	1,919.01		956.11	
Net Income		12,318.78		19,882.01
Equity End of April		\$ 142,159.43		\$ 120,856.92
<b>MEMORIAL FUND</b>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 88,274.75		\$ 77,040.44
Equity End of April		\$ 86,705.39		\$ 87,960.82
<b>SCHOLARSHIP LOAN/CAP IMP FUND</b>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 84,119.44		\$ 88,786.77
Equity End of April		\$ 95,992.69		\$ 97,714.12


#### **SUMMARY:**

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of April by \$17,516.08, and for the year 2012, income exceeded expenses by \$26,509.25, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$78,100.29. Last year the net income for the same period was \$18,993.56 with a balance of \$25,904.25.

Budget Comparison—Total Regular Fund Budget for 2012 is \$373,622.00. 18/53 of that figure is \$126,890.49. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the four months were \$129,919.33. So, we are ahead of budget by \$3,028.84.

**MAY 2012 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

- ⚓ Delegates for the 2012 Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly are Johnny Zmyewski and Michelle Costanzo.
- ⚓ Council discussed progress on two of the emphases that came out of the 2011 visioning event – Confirmation ministry and Young Adult involvement. Both areas are places that will need continued support and development
- ⚓ Mutual Ministry committee presented a job description for another full-time pastor which was reviewed and approved.
- ⚓ The synod has given Hope the name of a potential Assistant Pastor candidate. Council worked on developing a list of names to be contacted for a call committee to begin the interview process with this candidate.
- ⚓ The new church sign will be installed by the week of May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ⚓ Property committee is currently receiving bids for new carpet and painting in Hanson Hall.
- ⚓ The youth group held a successful Mother’s Day buffet. The proceeds from it will be used to fund the trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. Many thanks to the people who volunteered and those who supported the buffet by purchasing tickets. There is one more fundraiser scheduled before the trip.
- ⚓ Summer worship hours will begin on June 10<sup>th</sup> and run through Labor Day weekend. Worship hours will be 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM during that time.
- ⚓ The performance date and times for our musical “Godspell” – Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM at the Roxy Theater. Tickets are needed but there is no charge for them.
- ⚓ Bob Small has agreed to run a congregational bus trip to see the Dead Sea Scroll exhibit at the Franklin Institute on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and lead a class covering information about the Dead Sea Scrolls on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ⚓ General fund giving continues to be strong and council thanks our committed members for their support of our ministries.



**Just for KIDS**

*Joyful Psalms*

Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are joyful songs!  
They all begin and end with the same sentence.

*Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares.  
Read down the second column to see the sentence from Psalms.*

A			



FEAST  
KHAKI  
MOUTH  
ESSAY  
LLAMA  
ORBIT  
CARRY  
UDDER  
BRUSH  
ITEMS  
APPLE  
LEARN  
CIDER

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ !

Answer: Praise the Lord!

# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

June 2012

## Special Gifts Make a Difference

In February the Synod Council wrestled with the realization that the synod faces a \$200,000 shortfall in our income this year. This meant an immediate cut in our support of ministries of the wider church and the prospect of staff cuts in the near future.



The synod council and Bishop Zeiser both wrote to rostered leaders and congregations about this situation. The response has been wide-spread and supportive. At meetings of rostered leaders across the synod, concern was expressed that the ministry of the synod needed to be continued.

Special gifts have arrived at the synod office, over and above the mission support commitments already made. One congregation reflected on the words they had just read from Acts: "Everything they owned was held in common . . . it was distributed to each as any had need." That congregation sent an immediate gift and pledged a special offering. Another wrote, "We value highly the work we do together in the name of the Lord, and it is painful for us to know that many of our vital shared ministries are in jeopardy." Yet another donation was accompanied with the prayer "that our important work of Christ may continue with



vigor and spirit, and that our gift may help make a small difference to the witness and service of the Church."

These gifts have totaled over \$7,000. Of course, that doesn't solve the problem, but it does

encourage us. We give thanks for all of the rostered leaders, congregations, and individual members who are the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, who make our ministry together possible, and who help us discern what matters most and what God is calling us to do.



**Northeastern  
Pennsylvania Synod  
Assembly  
June 15-16, 2012  
Sovereign Center, Reading**



The 25th annual assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will celebrate *God's People Doing What Matters Together*.

**Highlights of the assembly** include worship, two forum sessions, interactive displays, and plenary sessions. Our **ELCA representative** is Ms. Jodi Slattery, Assistant to the Presiding Bishop for Governance.

Registration information and forms, the tentative agenda, and housing information may be found on the assembly page. Click the link on the home page at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org). A link to online registration is also on the home page.

Don't forget the special *Birds of a Feather* session on Friday evening from 7-7:45 p.m. More information is on the synod website.

**BIRDS  
of a  
FEATHER**

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**2012 Lutheran  
Youth Fellowship  
Assembly**

- ✓ Ask questions!
- ✓ Make new friends!
- ✓ Sing and dance!
- ✓ Laugh and play!
- ✓ Talk about the tough stuff!



Youth completing grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in this year's **Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly**, to be held **June 22-24 at Muhlenberg College, Allentown**.

*...Lord, shepherd,  
I shall not want.*

The focus of the event is Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd." We will be exploring questions such as—

- Learning:** On whom do we lean when we have difficult times? What friends can we count on? Mentors? God?
- Lifting:** What troubles, if any, are so awful that we can't lift them to God in prayer? What joys do we experience for which we can give God thanks?
- Leading:** Can we trust God and one another enough to be bold and lead where we are able? What gifts do we have for leadership?

If you are **not attending** the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, the assembly will give you a chance to meet other Lutheran youth in our synod. If you **ARE attending** the Gathering, you will be able to make connections with other youth who are attending the Gathering and help lead the rally day for the Gathering on June 24.



Don't let cost be a problem! Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance and scholarships are being offered for congregations sending young people for the first time. The cost of \$125 per person covers room, board, and activity fees if you register **before June 1**. After May 31, the cost is \$150 per person. The deadline is **June 15**.

For a registration, medical release, and photo release form, call Debbie or Karen at the synod office (610-266-5101) or go to the LYF assembly page on the synod website (click the link on the home page, [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)). Groups of three or more must be accompanied by an adult. **We hope to see you there!**

sign  
up  
now

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## Technical Help Is Just an Email Away



In need of a computer but aren't sure what to buy? Having trouble learning the latest word processing or newsletter layout program? Want to start a Facebook page or Twitter feed for your mission group but aren't sure what works best? Wish you had someone to talk to?



Now you do! We are forming a volunteer group that is interested in helping our congregations with their "burning" technology questions. Whether you are just starting out or feel you might want to join the "geeks," contact us at [neps.tech.help@gmail.com](mailto:neps.tech.help@gmail.com). In addition to your personalized answer, your questions might appear in an upcoming issue of *Synod News* or as part of a blog on the synod website. We want to share what works and doesn't work so that everyone can explore how technology can be used to spread the Word.

We look forward to hearing from you!



**Responding to God's Call  
2012 WELCA Convention  
June 9; Union, Schnecksville**



For more information about and to register for the convention, click the link on the synod website at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org).

## Family Faith Challenge



Take part in the monthly family faith challenges developed by the synod's Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Team!

The theme for **June** is **Creation**: *We challenge you to notice how God's creation is a big part of your life.*

For a list of the family faith challenges for each week in June (and the rest of the year), click the link on the synod home page at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org).



**A LOOK AHEAD**

**June 2012**

***Hope Fest 2012***

Friday, June 22, 2012 –  
Saturday, June 23, 2012  
5:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Hope Lutheran Church



**July 2012**

***Vacation Bible School 2012***

Monday, July 9, 2012 –  
Friday, July 13, 2012  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Hope Lutheran Church



**August 2012**

***Hope Yard Sale***

Friday, August 31, 2012 –  
Saturday, September 1, 2012  
Hope Lutheran Church



**“HOPE FEST” 2012**

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHERRYVILLE, PA (Rt. 248)



***JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>***

Opens 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM Nightly

FOOD ★ GAMES ★ BINGO  
CAKE RAFFLE ★ CHINESE AUCTION



**ENTERTAINMENT**

Fri. – Sister Sound\* (6:00 – 10:00 PM)

\*DJ/Karaoke

Sat. – Rehrig Brothers (6:30 – 9:30 PM)



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