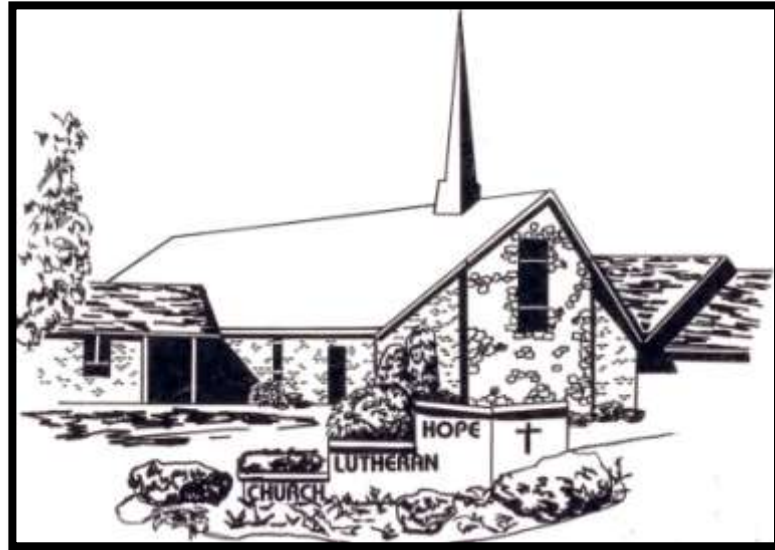


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Our Mission as a congregation is... "to witness to the love of God through both words and actions so that we may make others aware of God's claim on their lives and in so doing, seek to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in the world."

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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....

There are so many times that God is working behind the scenes prodding us and pulling us and sometimes...even dumping things on our laps. That is exactly what occurred to me on the weekend of Pentecost. Here's what happened.

Our confirmation youth were helping with the late service – the service during which they would be confirmed. They had planned to take the sermon time by doing a “video” reading of the lesson, some commentary and then go into the congregation to have members participate in an activity. As we were rehearsing the day before I realized that there would be a time when the youth would be busy with our members and it would cause some “down time.” So I decided to fill that in – but I had no idea what I would say. One of our confirmation students had some make-up work to turn in and she gave it to me that Saturday morning – the day before confirmation. As I read what she wrote I realized that God dumped into my lap what the congregation needed to hear. So I thought I would share it with all of you. Here are some excerpts of what she wrote.....

“Why is it important to come to church after confirmation? Well the answer to that is because confirmation is not graduation from church! Coming to church as an adult allows us to be closer to God and it is also one of the 10 Commandments, ‘Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.’ Another reason why you should come to church even after confirmation is to follow our church’s Mission statement which is: ‘Our mission as a congregation is to witness 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.’ That means that as a congregation we need to share and spread the word of God. If we don’t follow the mission statement by not coming to worship anymore we are letting a lot of people lose out

on sharing God's love! Personally I think that everyone should come back to church after we get confirmed. I know that most of us could benefit from coming to church and becoming closer to God in our lives. We all need to realize how important worship is in our lives."

Now, in my book, that is a compelling case and words that we should all heed. Worshiping God is not about fulfilling a commitment to a program like confirmation – it is realizing our need for the One who loves us unconditionally and taking just one hour a week out of our lives to give thanks to God for that love through our worship. Maybe the Bible was spot on when we read..."a child shall lead them."

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Not Bach's "Gloria." Yours!

By Carol Watson



I recently read "Cutting for Stone," a very good book by Abraham Verghese. In a conversation between a mother and her young son whom she is encouraging to become a surgeon, he asks, "Why must I do what is hardest?" Her answer was "Because, Marion, you are an instrument of God. Don't leave the instrument sitting in its case, my son. Play! Leave no part of your instrument

unexplored. Why settle for 'Three Blind Mice' when you can play the 'Gloria'?"

When her son protested that he could not dream of playing Bach, she said, "No, not Bach's 'Gloria.' Yours! Your 'Gloria' lives within you. The greatest sin is not finding it, ignoring what God made possible to you."

All of us are instruments of God—not all the same instruments, but unique instruments. All of us have our own "Gloria's" to play. One instrument can be beautiful and sometimes preferred, but it is when many different instruments begin to play together that grand music is made.

Let's not keep our instruments packed in their cases, but begin playing them in the ways that God has entrusted to us by making music and using the gifts and talents in our church and community. Let's not ignore what God has made possible to us as we worship, serve, learn and give. Don't settle for "Three Blind Mice." Play your "Gloria's."

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following pastoral acts.

HOLY BAPTISMS

Mia Rae Mansueto was baptized on Sunday, June 10, 2012 during the 9:30 AM worship service. Mia is the daughter of Sarah Possinger and Michael Mansueto and she was born on March 30, 2012.

Mason James Newton was baptized on Sunday, June 17, 2012 during the 9:30 AM worship service. Mason is the son of Sonya (Xander) and Henry Newton, Jr. and he was born on April 28, 2012.

Dino Malcolm Mason was baptized on Sunday, June 17, 2012 during the 9:30 AM worship service. Dino is the son of Cristyna Coney and Dino Mason and he was born on March 20, 2012.

Please welcome Mia, Mason and Dino into our church family at Hope and pray for their growth in faith.

FUNERAL

***James P. Schiffert** entered eternal life on June 6, 2012 at the age of 80 years. His funeral service was held at K. V. Knopp Funeral Home in Allentown, PA with interment at St. Mark's Cemetery.

Our sympathy to family and friends of James. May God continue to be their guide and strength.

JULY 2012 PRAYER LIST

- 7/01/12 Bryan Kunkel and family
- 7/02/12 Grace Knappenberger and family
- 7/03/12 Barron, Terry Ritter and family
- 7/04/12 Paul Mishko and family
- 7/05/12 Kim Satow and family
- 7/06/12 Michael, Lisa, Amber, Olivia Saylor and family
- 7/07/12 Christine, Brian, Annelise Lutz and family
- 7/08/12 Mitchell, Jami, Sarah, Scott Possinger and family
- 7/09/12 Lisa Deutsch and family
- 7/10/12 Howard, Kathryn Strohl and family
- 7/11/12 David, Lori, Alexander, Andrew Beers and family
- 7/12/12 Brent Krock and family
- 7/13/12 Albert, Michelle, Nicholas, Michael Rock and family
- 7/14/12 Terry, Shirley Green and family
- 7/15/12 Gene, Christina, Amanda, Luke, Bryce Thrash and family
- 7/16/12 Charles, Jayne, Alyson Kunes and family
- 7/17/12 Keith Derhammer and family
- 7/18/12 E Thomas Raber and family
- 7/19/12 Mark, Roxanne, Felicia Leibensperger and family
- 7/20/12 Arthur, Madeline Reph and family
- 7/21/12 Richard, Felicia, Caleb, Morgan Mullen and family
- 7/22/12 Doris, Traci Siegfried and family
- 7/23/12 Earl, Alberta Bloss and family
- 7/24/12 Leo, Betty Livengood and family
- 7/25/12 Rachael Johnston and family
- 7/26/12 Terry, Penny, Lily, Holly Fasching and family
- 7/27/12 Ryan Ritter and family
- 7/28/12 Elizabeth Krupa and family
- 7/29/12 Brad Schoch and family
- 7/30/12 James, Donna Hoppes and family
- 7/31/12 Bernard, Tina, Bernard, Cheyenne Kressley and family



RECENT BLOOD DONORS



The following members of Hope Lutheran Church have recently donated blood: Jeffrey Barber, Denice Budihas, Charles Kutzler, Trudy Mertz, Paul Mishko, and those who donated at the 18th Annual Blood Drive in Memory of Doug Gable. 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	36
Number of Donations as of April 2012	19
Number of Donations for May 2012	43
Number of Donations YTD (2012)	62
Number of Donations to Reach Goal	0

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Hope Lutheran Church,
Thank you for supporting the Work-Based Learning Program for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21

I would like to thank whoever found my spinal cord stimulator control unit. I lost it around Mother’s Day when I noticed my jacket was missing, thinking I left it in my jacket; I looked everywhere for it. I checked the doctor’s office, the hospital, even a restaurant up north thinking I left it behind. I have an old control unit, but it does not work correctly, so controlling my back pain was difficult. Again, thank you to the person for finding it and putting on the table in the narthex. I never thought I would see that unit again. May God’s blessings be with you always.

Ralph Fisher

Dear Pastor Jami, Pastor Mraz, the Luncheon Committee, and Friends of Hope Church,

We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers, your heartfelt thoughts, and sympathy cards at the time of my husband and our father, Monroe Hall's passing. To Pastor Jami and Pastor Mraz, your visits to our home so Monroe could receive Communion and your visits to the hospital lifted Monroe's spirits. We thank you for your support during his and our time of need. To the Luncheon Committee, we thank you for your time and efforts spent providing us with a delicious luncheon after Monroe's funeral service. Everything was beautifully presented! To the congregation, we thank you for the birthday card shower for Monroe. He truly appreciated all the wishes. Monroe passed away 5 days after his 91st birthday. We thank you all for helping us make his last birthday special. Whether you sent a card, said a prayer, cooked or baked for us, your actions during this most difficult time has been comforting. May God bless each and every one of you.

Anna Hall and Family

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the confirmation reception, which was held in honor of the 2012 confirmation class. The reception followed the 10:30 AM confirmation service on May, 27 2012. This was a large class and the Evangelism Committee was very appreciative for all the help given to us with your donations of baked goods and your time to set up, serve, or clean up. Thank you again. May God bless the class of 2012 and their families.

Hope's Evangelism Committee

Dear Members of Hope,

Thank you so much for the shower of cards that my mother received. The thoughtfulness of all who sent a card really made my mom's day special.

Martha and Judy

To Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for taking the time to make a CD of the music we use for our religious services with Rev. Mraz and the wonderful parishioners who volunteer each month at Northampton Village. The organ music is so great to sing with, plus it makes it more "church-like" for the residents. The residents are blessed to have the loving people of Hope Lutheran Church in their lives. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. May God bless you all.

Gloria and the Residents of Northampton Village

PENNY PARTY



The Northampton Area Food Bank is sponsoring a Penny Party on Sunday, August 19th in Kuntz Hall of Hope Lutheran Church. Doors open at 12:00 PM and the fun begins at 1:00 PM. There will be refreshments, a raffle, and bake sale in addition to the Penny Party. So bring your pennies, spare change and even a few dollars for a chance to win food or household items and even some baked goods for just pennies at this fun-filled event. For additional information, please call Barbara Budnik at (610) 262-6156. Hope to see everyone there!

INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB



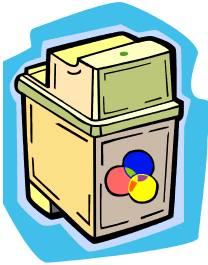
The next meeting of the garden club will be the annual picnic for members. It will be held on Tuesday, July 17, in the Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, starting at 6 PM. Members are reminded to bring a covered dish or food item to share. Also, bring two unwrapped items for the raffle. For the August meeting, speaker will be Kay Johns from Point Phillips Perennials. The meeting begins at 7 PM (doors open at 6 PM) at Hope Lutheran Church. Mrs. Johns will be available to answer any questions you may have about gardening. For more information, please call 610-767-8420.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Studies during the summer months. However, this group will resume in the fall. Look for further information at that time. Everyone is welcome to join in on the studies. We are not Bible scholars but we do learn and grow through our discussions as we study the Word of God. The Bible studies will probably be held again each week on Wednesday evenings.

INK CARTRIDGE AND TONER RECYCLING

Recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges and Hope Church will get \$2 back in Staples Rewards for each one. So not only will we save on future purchases, but we can also feel good about reducing waste in our landfills. Please deposit them in the box located in the narthex. **Did you know?** In 2011, Staples U.S. customers recycled more than 67 million ink and toner cartridges.



Their goal is to recycle 100 million each year, globally, by 2020.

GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

All are invited to a Gospel Concert by the Hinkle Family on Friday, July 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM, at St. John's UCC Church, 15 S. Second Street, Slatington, PA. This traveling three-generational family from Texas and West Virginia, uses their voices and instruments in a lively musical presentation of the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A fee-will offering will be taken.

CANCER PREVENTION STUDY

Help change the face of cancer for future generations! If you are between the ages of 30 and 65 and have never been diagnosed with cancer, enroll in the American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study, coming to First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem and St. Luke's University Health Network. Visit www.lehighvalleycps3.org or call 1-888-604-5888 to enroll and to find out more details about your participation in this historic study.

SEEKING "APPLICANTS" FOR THE BASKET COMMITTEE

"BENEFITS" = A good feeling deep inside your soul because you gave of yourself to help others...plus...one summer picnic of good food, laughter and fun (Usually the first Wednesday in August from 6:00 PM until???)

"CREDENTIALS" = Commitment to two meetings each year (Usually the first Monday evening in April and the first Monday evening in October), two set-up evenings (The Thursday before each basket social from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM), and two basket socials (Generally the second Friday evening in April and the second Friday evening in October – doors open at 4:00 PM & you may give as much time as you are able the days of the socials).

INTERESTED??? = Apply by calling Linda Sidor at (610) 767-8372 or speak to any person on the basket committee. Current members are: Delores Derhammer, LeAnn Chandler, Jessica Ebert-Fabel, Kathy Fogle, Jean Fritzinger, Darlene Hoch, Rita Hulsizer, Lorilee Lambert, Jean Leibenguth (presently on a leave of absence), Diane Reenock, Kim Ritter-Roth, Betty Rock, Louise Santee, Linda Sidor, Diane Silfies, Susan Stephens & Loretta Weil. THANK YOU!

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.

NURSERY SCHOOL

The Hope Lutheran Church Nursery School is 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

PHILLIES BUS TRIP

Friday, July 20th 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.



SENIOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Saturday, August 18th, 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!



2012 GRADUATES

Congratulations to Lauren Verret on her graduation from Misericordia University. Best wishes in your future endeavors!

KNOEBELS TRIP



It's time to look ahead to summer! Saturday, August 4th 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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - JULY 2012

<p><u>Sunday, July 1, 2012</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Service of the Word</p>	<p><u>Sunday, July 8, 2012</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, July 15, 2012</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Service of the Word</p>	<p><u>Sunday, July 22, 2012</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday July, 29, 2012</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>	

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 July.

	Sunday Epistles	Monday The Law	Tuesday History	Wednesday Psalms	Thursday Poetry	Friday Prophecy	Saturday Gospels
Week 14 July 1-7	I Corinthians 11-12	Exodus 1-4	I Samuel 16-20	Psalms 39-41	Job 27-28	Jeremiah 7-11	Mark 7-8
Week 15 July 8-14	I Corinthians 13-14	Exodus 5-8	I Samuel 21-25	Psalms 42-44	Job 29-30	Jeremiah 12-16	Mark 9-10
Week 16 July 15-21	I Corinthians 15-16	Exodus 9-12	I Samuel 26-31	Psalms 45-47	Job 31-32	Jeremiah 17-21	Mark 11-12
Week 17 July 22-28	II Corinthians 1-3	Exodus 13-16	II Samuel 1-4	Psalms 48-50	Job 33-34	Jeremiah 22-26	Mark 13-14
Week 18 July 29-31	II Corinthians 4-5	Exodus 17-20	II Samuel 5-9				



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 2012

- ! Council reviewed two more of the goals that came out of the 2010 visioning event – Expanding and strengthening our member’s spirituality and community outreach to seniors and families in need. Some new ways we are reaching out include Eucharistic Ministry, DVD and CD recordings for homebound members, a new “hospital visitor” and participation in the Diakon Bereavement program. While we have added a weekly Bible Study to our programming, more attention to strengthening member’s spirituality is needed.
- ! Many thanks to Tim Moore for all his work on the new sign on Lehigh Drive. Council appreciates his attention to all the details and his follow through that helped to bring this project to a completion. Some work around the base of the sign still needs to be completed. This will be referred to the property committee.
- ! A review of the treasurer’s report indicates that we are entering the summer worship season in solid financial shape. However, knowing that people take time off during the summer as they vacation council encourages all members to remember to continue their regular giving even when they are away.
- ! The Call committee, charged with interviewing our candidate for Assistant Pastor, is actively working. Members of that committee are: Katie Biechy (chairperson), Kaitlin Doncsecz, Karen Koplín, Tim Lockard, Delores Reenock and Tony Pagotto.
- ! Council approved the implementation of a system to begin sending newsletters via email to those members who wish to receive them online. The process will involve gathering the names and email addresses of members who want the newsletter emailed while continuing to send through the regular postal system newsletters to members who do not have internet access or wish to receive a hard copy of the

newsletter. Look for more information in future newsletters and the weekly bulletins.

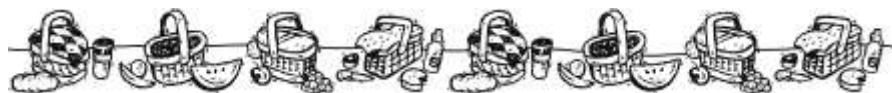
- ! Council member Robert Small is planning a trip for members to view the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Franklin Institute on September 8, 2012. The cost will be \$50.00 for adults and \$45.00 for children under 12 and will include the cost of the bus, entrance into the Franklin Institute and snacks. Lunch will be on your own. The tentative schedule is departure from Hope parking lot at 8:30 AM and returning around 5:30 PM. Look for sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- ! The worship committee has been authorized to look into a mounted video camera so that worship services can be recorded for our homebound members on a regular basis.
- ! The township approval for the Memorial Garden is continuing. The committee will be meeting with the supervisors on July 17th.
- ! Christmas Eve services this year will be held at 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:30 PM and 11:00 PM. Advent services will be moved from Saturday evening at 5:00 PM to Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM during the four weeks of Advent.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

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

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Deadline for Articles</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
August	Monday, July 23	Thursday, July 26
September	Monday, August 27	Thursday, August 30
October	Monday, Sept 24	Thursday, Sept 30

Please email your articles to Steve Shermetta by **12:00 PM** on the deadline date at communications@hopecherryville.org.



From: David Ziegler

To: The cast and crew of

Godspell Jr

Re: A job well done!

You were amazing

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| Justin Maurer * | Tim Lockard | Morgan Heffelfinger |
| Stacey Ziegler | Scott Possinger | Miranda "MJ" Heffelfinger |
| Tiffanie Wrenn | Rev Jami Possinger | Samuel Koplin |
| Kaitlin Doncsecz | Andrew Kim * | Alexis McDonald |
| Olivia Eckroth | Andrew Green | Aislinn McDonald |
| Shelbey Ziegler | Carla Green | Noah Roth |
| Mikayla Ninos | William Green | Joshua Roth |
| Marissa Smith | Tim Lockard | Sharon Schell |
| Kelly Lockard | John Bednar | Kris Doncsecz |
| Kristen Doncsecz | Stephanie Ziegler | Nancy Biechy |
| Michelle Neetz | Debra Frey * | John Zmyewski |
| Brianna Schaff | Karen Koplin | Bonnie Zmyewski |
| Christal Wrenn | David Roth | Abby Possinger |
| Vicky Zmyewski | Dolores Reenock | Gary Reenock |
| Kim Roth | Karen Lockard | Janet Filchner |
| Trish Ninos | Mark Weidner | Jean Fritzingier |
| Jeremy Zimmerman | Wayne Weidner | Deb Gardner |
| Kurt Zimmerman | Ralph Fisher | Tom Patterson |
| Alan Kitchen * | Kathy Ziegler | Gerry Zimmerman |
| Richard Saffron | Steven Fuquay | |

* denotes non-member

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

July 2012

Take the Plunge! Geneva and Taizé in Spring 2013



Next spring, a group of young adults will take part in a new initiative to deepen their spirituality and global awareness

through a visit to the ecumenical centers in Geneva, Switzerland, and Taizé, France.

It's called the **Plunge**, and it will happen **May 29-June 9, 2013**. For four days, young adults from Canada and the United States will visit the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches in Geneva to learn how we are connected across the globe through the church. Then they will travel to the Taizé community in southern France for a retreat week. There they will experience firsthand the unique style of worship and music that arises from that community as it welcomes youth from across the globe.



The Plunge experience is sponsored by two synods from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC):

- Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod (ELCIC)
- Northeastern Iowa Synod (ELCA)

Does this interest you? Do you know young adults (ages 18-29) in your congregation who might be interested in participating in this exciting initiative in 2013? Are **you** a young adult who would like to participate?

There are two ways you can take part in this new venture. First, sign up to participate (if you are a young adult) or encourage young adults in your congregation to apply for the 2013 group by contacting Pr.



Mark Anderson at andersonm@nelasynod.org for more information and an application form.

Second, talk with the synod's Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Team about ways our synod might encourage young adults to participate in this venture in 2014 or later. This should be more than just a one-time experience for a few young adults. The goal of this endeavor is to create a sustainable network that offers this opportunity annually.

Questions? Contact Pr. Mark Anderson at andersonm@nelasynod.org or Pr. Lanny Westphal at lanny.westphal@elca.org.



Plunge

Kelly Wallace, Former LYF President, to Speak at Youth Gathering



The former president of the synod's Lutheran Youth Fellowship, **Kelly Wallace**, is one of two featured speakers making a presentation on **Friday night** at the ELCA Youth Gathering!

You can read about Kelly on the Gathering website (www.elca.org/gathering) Click *What to Expect*, then *In the Dome*, then *Speakers*.

Be sure to watch for Kelly on Friday, July 20!



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

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2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering July 18-22, 2012

From July 18 to July 22, over 36,000 youth and adults will descend on New Orleans for the 2012 ELCA Youth

Gathering. Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will be represented by 687 people from 52 synod congregations. The theme for the gathering, *citizens with the saints*, is drawn from the second lesson for Sunday, July 22 (Ephesians 2:14-20).

Join the Gathering every night (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) from 8-9:30 p.m. EDT and Sunday, July 22, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EDT streaming online at www.elca.org/gathering.

On Sunday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m. EDT, the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering Closing Worship will take place in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. Your congregation is invited to join this worship from your own location. ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will be preaching. The Dome Creative Team will provide a detailed order of service ahead of time so that your congregation may view the entire service or just selected portions.



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 July is **Baptism: We challenge you to notice how God's love is shared with us through our baptism.**

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



For Your Calendar!

Jesus Calls Us ...to Action

Join other Lutherans from across the synod on **October 20, 2012**, for a day-long event that will focus on justice issues. The event will take place at Bern Lutheran Church, Leesport. More information will be posted as it is available.



Lutheran Day at the Capitol 2013

Join Lutherans from across the state for Lutheran Day at the Capitol.

The 2013 Lutheran Day at the Capitol will take place on **May 7, 2013**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, Pa. Watch for more information.



Learning Ministries Day 2014 January 25, 2014

Presenter: Tim Ternes, Director of *The Saint John's Bible* at the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library in Collegeville, Minnesota. Union Lutheran Church, Schnecksville.



Back to BASICS



Register now for the August *Back to Basics* event that will be held **August 25** at **Christ's United, Ashland**. The cost is only \$10.

Two popular workshops are part of this event: *Lutheran Basics* (led by AiM Marlane Druckenmiller) and *How the Bible Came to Be: From Papyrus to iPad* (led by Pr. Greg Frey).

For more information and a registration form you can **download and print**, or to register online, click the link on the synod website, www.godslove.org.



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FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 31, 2012

	YEAR 2012		YEAR 2011	
REGULAR FUND				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 51,591.04		\$ 6,895.69
Income - May	\$ 25,129.69		\$ 28,081.31	
Income - Jan.-Apr.	129,919.33		115,798.27	
Total Income	155,049.02		143,879.58	
Expenses - May	29,247.17		27,157.64	
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	103,410.08		96,804.71	
Total Expenses	132,657.25		123,962.35	
Net Income		22,391.77		19,917.23
SPECIAL APPEALS				
Income - May	2,198.92		748.00	
Income - Jan.-Apr.	7,390.00		3,143.80	
Total Income	9,588.92		3,891.80	
Expenses - May	1,796.27		748.00	
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	7,390.00		3,128.80	
Total Expenses	9,186.27		3,876.80	
Net Special Appeals		402.65		15.00
Equity End of May		\$ 74,385.46		\$ 26,827.92
BUILDING FUND				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 129,840.65		\$ 100,974.91
Income - May	\$ 2,359.09		\$ 2,282.18	
Income - Jan.-Apr.	14,237.79		20,838.12	
Total Income	16,596.88		23,120.30	
Expenses - May	17,100.00		-	
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	1,919.01		956.11	
Total Expenses	19,019.01		956.11	
Net Income		(2,422.13)		22,164.19
Equity End of May		\$ 127,418.52		\$ 123,139.10
MEMORIAL FUND				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 88,274.75		\$ 77,040.44
Equity End of May		\$ 87,095.99		\$ 87,181.23
SCHOLARSHIP LOAN/CAP IMP FUND				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 84,119.44		\$ 88,786.77
Equity End of May		\$ 95,992.69		\$ 97,714.12

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of May by \$4,117.48, and for the year 2012, income exceeded expenses by \$22,391.77, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$74,385.46. Last year the net income for the same period was \$19,917.23 with a balance of \$26,827.92.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2012 is \$373,622.00. 22/53 of that figure is \$155,088.38. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the five months were \$155,049.02. So, we are behind budget by \$39.36.

A LOOK AHEAD

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

Penny Party for NAFB

Sunday, August 19, 2012
12:00 PM
Hope Lutheran Church

Hope Yard Sale

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



NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

IS SPONSORING A

PENNY PARTY



WHEN: **SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012**

WHERE: HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, CHERRYVILLE

Doors Open 12:00 PM

FUN starts at 1:00 PM

REFRESHMENTS – RAFFLE – BAKE SALE



For directions and information call: BARBARA BUDNIK @ 610-262-6156

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL YARD SALE

Proceeds Will Benefit the Kuntz Hall Kitchen Renovation

Friday, August 31, 2012

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

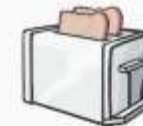
Saturday, September 1, 2012

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Food, Drinks, Soup, Bake Sale

Food and drinks will be available to purchase for breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Items may be dropped off in the church narthex weekdays from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM beginning Monday, July 16, 2012. For questions, please contact Ralph Fisher at (610) 392-4985



Acceptable Items Include:

Toys, Games, Puzzles, Books, Movies, CDs, Video Games, Sporting Goods, Arts & Crafts, Holiday Decorations, Picture Frames, Small Furniture, Small Appliances, Kitchen Ware, Hand & Power Tools
Please NO Clothing, Electronics, or Large Furniture



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