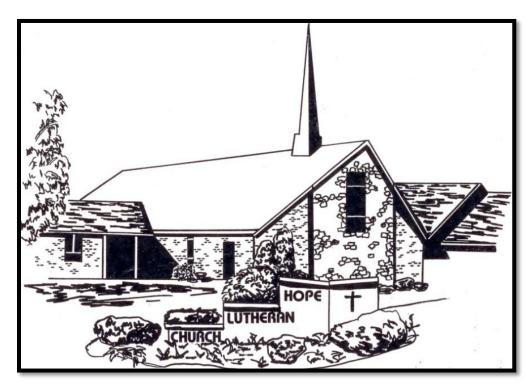
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OUR MISSION AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 doing so, seek to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in the world."

Greetings from the Pastor.....



Maybe you've seen the commercial on TV. It is one of my favorite commercials. I think it was a Staples advertisement. Anyway, a dad or mom is pushing a shopping cart down

the store aisle - dumping all sorts of binders, pencils and other school supplies into it – all the while singing and dancing to the Christmas words "it's the most wonderful time of the year."

I laugh every time I see it. And probably, at least once or twice in my life, it really was the most wonderful time of the year. As our children grew older they got bored with summer much quicker and the start of another school year was a blessing – for them and for me!

But this year was different. This year Mitch and I sent Scott, the last of our three children, off to college. Leaving him on the campus in Washington, D.C. was a bittersweet moment. We were excited for him and the challenges and opportunities that we know will come his way. And we were recognizing that our lives were taking yet another turn.

It's really not so much about being empty nesters - the kids seem to return on a regular basis and we love that. It is more about the change. It is more about the fact that life moves on whether we are ready or not. It is more about the fact that life will be different and we don't know what that will "look like" yet.

I imagine that the disciples felt this way too. Imagine what their lives were like for three years...traveling about with their beloved teacher. Eating together, sleeping together, walking together – living a communal life in all of its aspects. They probably thought they would live this way forever. And then one day Jesus is gone – arrested, tried, crucified. Sure, he came back – at least for a little while. But the day came when he left for good – when, just before his ascension, he gave them their assignment to spread the gospel...without him. And

they must have thought, "We weren't ready for this." Life was changing. Things would be different. And they didn't know what that would "look like" yet.

The key to Jesus' departure though was in the words he used. "I am with you always." That's what he said. And somehow it was just what those disciples needed to hear because we know the rest of the story of how they spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. And it is with those same words ringing in our ears that we gather our strength, our hope, our courage for those times in our lives when we may not be ready for the changes that are coming – when life will be different and we don't know what that will "look like" yet.

You may not be sending your last child off to college like we did. But you may be facing the death of a loved one. You may be moving from the only home you've ever known. You may be waiting anxiously for the diagnosis from the doctor. You may be attending a new school. You may be looking at the words "divorce" on a legal paper. Whatever it is that you are facing that is uncertain, uncomfortable or unlike anything you've faced before – Jesus has something to say to YOU. "I am with you always." I'm clinging to that promise. Are you?

Blessings, Pastor Jami

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewarding God's Gift of Time By Pastor Tim Coltvet



Probably one of the finest lessons taught to me about time came from a wise and learned friend from Tanzania. As a part of our growing congregational partnership, we

were able to spend time together as ordinary people learning from one another and listening deeply to what the other had to share. "You see, Pastor Tim" he would say, "in America you have watches, but in Tanzania we have time!"

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Implicit in his message was a critique of what he was seeing here in America—busy people with busy looking calendars, living very busy lives. Also found in his words was a call for a new look at life and the measuring of our days—time to live, laugh, mourn, dream, slow down and time to be. In that very moment, as I was basking in the glory of time standing still, I was equally convicted and blessed by my friend's words.

The Bible offers us a helpful distinction when considering the gift of time. In Greek, "chronos" time is quantitative, and has to do with framing the world in terms of minutes and seconds (a very American notion, I would say). "Kairos" time, however, is more qualitative in nature, framing the world in terms of events, special experiences and relationships—a much different way of keeping time. After thinking on such things, I could not help but see how time is truly a gift from God. How will I, and other Christian parents, steward this gift with our children and teens?

PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISMS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following baptisms.

Shannon Nicole Kacsur and her children, Anthony
William Kacsur and Avery Rose Kacsur were
baptized on Sunday, August 5, 2012 during the 9:30
AM worship service. Shannon is the daughter of
Curtis Bauder and Louise "Minnie" Beers. Anthony is
the son of Nicholas and Shannon (Bauder) Kacsur.
He was born on January 15, 2008. Avery is the
daughter of Nicholas and Shannon (Bauder) Kacsur.
She was born on December 10, 2011.

<u>Cole Jacob Plascencia</u> was also baptized on Sunday, August 5, 2012 during the 9:30 AM worship service. Cole is the son of Alfredo and Kristin (Hydusko) Plascencia. He was born on August 4, 2011.

Please welcome Shannon, Anthony, Avery and Cole into our church family at Hope and pray for their growth in faith.



CHURCH WORSHIP HOURS

Regular worship hours will resume on Sunday, September 9th with worship at 8:00 AM and **10:30 AM**. Holy

Communion is celebrated at the early service on the first and third Sundays of

the month and at the late service on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. There is communion at both services on any fifth Sunday of the month.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday Church School will begin for the fall on Sunday, September 9th from 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM. Classes are available for children of <u>ALL</u> ages.

FALL OFFICE HOURS



Fall office hours will begin on Wednesday, September 5, 2012. The church office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 AM to 4:00

PM. The office will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Jane Tretiak continues to be off on Tuesdays; however Steve Shermetta will be here to help you with anything you may need. You may also call the church office at (610) 767-7203 anytime and leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member of Hope Lutheran Church, please invite him or her to our new members classes, which will begin in September. Classes will be held from 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM on the following Sundays; September 30th, October 7th & 14th. New members will be received on Sunday, October 14th.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new church directory is coming soon! Watch future bulletins and newsletters for information on scheduling appointments for pictures and for more general information. Our last directory was done in 2008 and many changes have happened with our membership since that time. The more members we have in our directory the better it will be; so get ready to say cheese!

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

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Harvest Home Sunday will be celebrated at both worship services on Sunday, September 23, 2012. All are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items (examples: applesauce, Jello,

pudding, soups, tuna, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, peanut butter, etc) to the church on or before Sunday the 23rd. Any food items donated by Saturday, September 22nd by 9:00 AM will be part of the altar display. Paper bags will be distributed to the Sunday School students on their first day of class, September 9th and will also be available on the table in the narthex for all members to pick up. A special thank you to Giant Food Stores for their donation of brown grocery bags. Food donations collected will be taken to the Northampton Area Food Bank. Monetary gifts will also be donated to the Food Bank.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir rehearsals resume in September for all vocal choirs. The dates are as follows:

Youth Choir - 6:15 PM Tuesday, September 4

Junior Choir - 6:00 PM Thursday, September 6

Senior Choir - 7:00 PM Thursday, September 6



All rehearsals until Christmas have been posted on the church calendar. Choir membership is open to anyone. Junior Choir 3rd to 6th grade; Youth Choir 7th to 12th grade; Senior Choir; post-high

school. Please contact David Ziegler with any questions or to sign up.

SPARE CD'S

We have a number of spare audio and video Compact Discs of our Sunday Worship Services. They can be found on the table in the side Narthex by the coat rack. If you would like to have some to listen to at home please take them. NO NEED TO RETURN THEM. PASS THEM ON TO FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS."

SEPTEMBER 2012 PRAYER LIST

RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Lutheran Church have recently donated blood: Daniel Husser, William Lamparter, Brenda Mack, Paul Mishko, and Raymond Swinger.

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 June 2012	65
Number of Donations for July 2012	5
Number of Donations YTD (2012)	70
Number of Donations to Reach Goal	0

WELCA

The Women United for Christ of St. Paul's Indianland invited us to attend a presentation by Katie McArdle, BS. on Tuesday, September 4th. The topic covered will be: If you have had a recent hospitalization and now need further services to recuperate, what is your NEXT STEP from here? This presentation will provide an overview of the different services available to you through the continuum of care after you have been hospitalized. There are many options available to patients, including: inpatient acute rehab, skilled nursing facilities, home health care, and outpatient therapies. The different levels of care of each of these services and their coverage through insurances will be discussed. If you plan to attend, please call Judy Dieter at (610) 767-9170.

WELCA IMPORTANT DATES

September 8 – WELCA breakfast at St. John's Nazareth 8:30 AM.

September 18 – Trip to Jonah (NO WELCA MEETING) **September 22** – WELCA Fall Cluster Event at St. John's Slatington 8:30 AM.

October 16 - Next WELCA Meeting

DEAD SEA SCROLLS TRIP CANCELLED

The Dead Sea Scrolls trip to the Franklin Institute has been cancelled. Reimbursements will be made as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Bob Small at (610) 428-3231.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At one of the worship services on August 5th the following members of Hope, meeting all requirements of eligibility, received a scholarship check from Hope Church. Students in their 2nd year or higher who are full time and have applied for scholarships are:

Rodney Christman Jr.	Briana Fritchman
Sarah Galloway	Andrew Green
Thyler Hantz	Jonathan Heberling
Payton Marunich	Caitlin Perry
Allison Schell	Colleen Smith
Sarah Ventura	Alisha Wainwright
Rachel Wainwright	

Congratulations to all!
May God bless these young people in their studies!

FUNDRAISING NIGHT

There will be a fundraising night at Texas Roadhouse (4463 Southmont Way, Easton) on Monday, September 10th from 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM. 10% donation night for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Support this cause by presenting an invitation (available on the table in the narthex). If you have questions, call Amy Nichols at (732) 547-7118.

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION SPAGETTI DINNER



A spaghetti dinner supporting the Allentown Rescue Mission will be held on Saturday, October 6th at Asbury Methodist Church (1533 Springhouse Road, Allentown,

PA 18104). Members of Hope Lutheran Church that are interested in serving at the dinner can meet at Hope Church at 2:45 PM or meet at Asbury Methodist Church at 3:15 PM. If you have questions, please call Marge Zimmerman at (610) 217-8324.

WALNUTPORT CANAL FESTIVAL

A group from Hope Lutheran Church will be making funnel cakes again this year at the Walnutport Canal Festival on Sunday, October 21st. Come out and enjoy a delicious funnel cake or some deep fried Oreo cookies. Also, enjoy the beautiful fall festival. Proceeds benefit Hope Lutheran Church.

2012 FALL BASKET SOCIAL INVITATION

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the 18th Annual Fall Walk-in Basket Social on Friday, October 12, 2012, 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 4:00 PM and tickets may be purchased until 7:15 PM. The drawing begins at 7:30 PM. Winners will be notified via phone that same evening. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 at the door. Refreshments will be sold.

We also invite you to help with this event by donating a theme basket, gift certificate, bottled water, canned soda, or baked good. Any of these items may be dropped off in the fellowship hall the evening before the social (Thursday, October 11th, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM).

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 12th!

Sincerely,

Kim Ritter-Roth, 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, October 1st at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall.



CALLING ALL YOUTH 7th – 12th GRADE!



Youth group is off and running again this year and we are pumped and ready to go! We are starting off this year with the Potato Project in

Moselem Springs on Saturday, September 22nd. This meets the requirement of an outreach event for the catechism program. We will meet at Hope Church at 8:00 AM and return around 2:00 PM. All you need to bring along is a pair of gardening gloves. Our group will be assigned to a field where we will pick potatoes for a few hours. Anything we pick, we get to take home with us to donate to our local food banks. At the end of our shift, the people who own the fields usually fry up a batch of freshly picked potatoes (french fries) for everyone to snack on. We may need a few parent driver volunteers so if any parents are interested in joining, please let Steph or Stacey know. Sign up on our youth group board or facebook!

Are you on Facebook? So are we! Look us up and join our page "Youth Group Rocks" to keep up to date on events and other information.

Keep your eyes open for these upcoming events:

October 10, Wednesday – POW 5:30 - 8:00 PM
October 20, Saturday – Haunted Event TBD
November 2 & 3, Fri – Sat – Sleepover/Lock-In
November 14, Wednesday – POW 5:30 - 8:00 PM

CHERRYVILLE BUS TRIPS 2012



Wednesday, October 27th –
Cannin & Jammin activity at
Kitchen Village. Cooking
demonstrations at Hershey
Farm Resturant & Family style

lunch. Visit a quaint Amish Farm 6:45 AM Chvy; 7:00 AM Redner's Market/Northampton, 5:15 PM arrival at home. The cost is \$66.00 and you can make your check payable to: Cherryville Senior Center. Please send your payment to: Mrs. Audrey Heil, 1176 7th street, Catasaqua, PA 18032. If you have questions, you can contact Audrey Heil at (610) 264-1994.

LEAVE A LEGACY FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION

Who needs a will?

Every adult who owns anything, has children, and/or cares what happens to his or her estate at the time of death; also, anyone who believes in life-long stewardship and wants to remember his or her congregation and/or favorite ministries of the ELCA. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using your will or other ways to make charitable gifts 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

YOUR NEXT STEP

You are invited to attend a special presentation at St. Paul's UCC of Indianland, 787 Almond Road, Lehigh Township, on Tuesday, September 4th at 10:00 AM. A program to provide an overview of various services available to you after you have been hospitalized or recuperating will be presented by Katie McArdle, BS, Admissions Coordinator of the Next Step Acute Rehabilitation of Blue Mountain Health Systems. There are many options available to patients and there will be a discussion of different levels of care of the available services and their coverages through insurances.

As our minds and bodies change, it is important to take better control of your health and your life. Ms. McArdle will offer valuable information and help you to plan for further services which are needed.

Please join us and benefit from the information available to you. There is no charge for this program. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.

INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB

The monthly meeting of the garden club will be held on Tuesday, September 11th, in Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM Speaker Sue Tantsits will speak about "Garden for Wildlife."

Members will be bringing the beautiful bounty of their gardens and the fruits of their labor. You will enjoy all of the varieties of flowers and vegetables presented for judging at this meeting. The flowers, at this time of year, are plentiful and varied and there is sure to be an assortment of specimens.

Visit the Garden Club - you are welcome to become a member! For more information regarding the garden club activities, call (610) 767-8420.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September will be a busy month for the historical society. Mark your calendar for the following dates:

September 9 and 23 – The LT Historical Centre will be open to visitors. We hope residents will take advantage of the open house on these two September Sundays from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. This is the last full month the historical centre will be open on a regular basis.

September 10 – Monthly meeting of the society will be held at 7:00 PM. in the rear of the historical centre - anyone interested in the history of the township is welcome to attend.

September 15 – St. Paul's Schoolhouse, Almond Road, Lehigh Township, will be open for visitors from noon to 4:00 PM. If you haven't visited the oneroom schoolhouse, please do so.

September 22 – Annual Mum Sale will be held from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. or until sold out. Purchase your mums to beautify your property. There will be various types and colors of mums to choose from. Prices remain the same as last year - we did not raise our prices. Come to the historical centre and purchase some mums - your support will be appreciated.

September 23 – Mum sale will continue from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM if not sold out on Saturday. Sale will continue until all plants are sold.

In conjunction with the Mum Sale, ladies of St. Paul's UCC of Indianland will conduct a Bake Sale so you can also purchase some delicious desserts when you buy plants. For further information regarding LTHS activities, please call Ken at (610) 767-5989.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday, September 2, 2012

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Service of the Word

Sunday, September 9, 2012 Regular Worship Hours Start Sunday School Instillation

8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, September 16, 2012

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Usher Meeting 10:30 AM Service of the Word

Sunday, September 23, 2012 Harvest Home Sunday

8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, September 30, 2012 Evangelism Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM New Member Class 10:30 AM Holy Communion

SYNOD NEWS

If you would like to read the SYNOD News for the month of September, please visit http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod_news.htm and select September 2012.

Knoebels Trip











NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

All committees, groups and persons submitting information for the church newsletter should follow the schedule listed below. These dates are subject to change.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	Collation Date
October	Monday, September 24	Thursday, September 30
November	Monday, October 22	Thursday, October 25

Monday, November 26

December

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

Thursday, November 29

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 September.

	Sunday <i>Epistles</i>	Monday The Law	Tuesday <i>History</i>	Wednesday <i>Psalms</i>	Thursday <i>Poetry</i>	Friday <i>Prophecy</i>	Saturday Gospels
Sept. 1			•				Luke 7-8
Sept. 2 – 8	Galatians 4-6	Exodus 37-40	I Kings 5-9	Psalms 66-68	Proverbs 2-3	Lamentations	Luke 9-10
Sept. 9 – 15	Ephesians 1-3	Leviticus 1-3	I Kings 10-13	Psalms 69-71	Proverbs 4	Ezekiel 1-6	Luke 11-12
Sept. 16 – 22	Ephesians 4-6	Leviticus 4-6	I Kings 14-18	Psalms 72-74	Proverbs 5-6	Ezekiel 7-12	Luke 13-14
Sept. 23 – 29	Philippians 1-2	Leviticus 7-9	I Kings 19-22	Psalms 75-77	Proverbs 7	Ezekiel 13-18	Luke 15-16
Sept. 30	Philippians 3-4						

A LOOK AHEAD

September 2012

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Dead Sea Scrolls

13th Annual Open House Nativity Display Saturday, November 24, 2012 Sunday, November 25, 2012





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What: A six week course to learn the basics of ringing handbells

When: Wednesdays Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 24, 31

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Where: Hope's sanctuary

Who: For anyone, any age, who would like to learn how to ring bells and read music

These sessions are designed to get you started in a fun, relaxing manner. There is no commitment to joining a bell choir. Come on out! Have fun!

Discover something new!

Contact Janet Filchner: 610-262-5215 or bells@hopecherryville.org