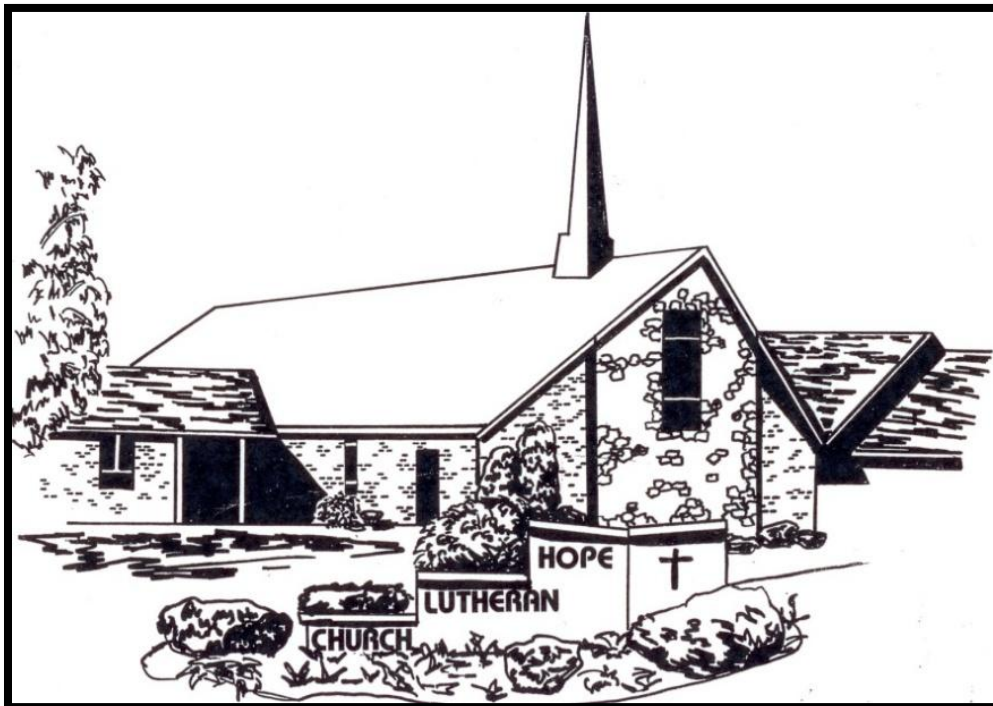


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OUR MISSION AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.....



Where did September go? I am sure that just yesterday it was Labor Day and here I sit writing my October newsletter article! As we approach October and I scan over the calendar I realize that we have a busy month ahead of us. While every Sunday is important because it is the day we have set aside to give some time to God in worship, I want to be sure to point out some significant events in the life of Hope Lutheran.

⚓ On October 14th we will gather as a congregation to vote on a new Assistant Pastor. I hope all of our members will take the time to meet our candidate on Saturday, Oct. 13th from 4 – 6 PM in Kuntz Hall and be present for worship and the congregation meetings which will follow each service on Oct. 14th. This is an exciting time for any congregation and a privilege for members to have input on their pastoral leadership. It is helpful for you to know that this Assistant Pastor position has two foci beyond what the church calls “Word and Sacrament Ministry.”

- One of those is oversight of the Christian Education components of our ministry which includes Sunday School, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, Bible Studies, and any other ministries that develop around education. The second is Youth Ministry which includes our current youth group and other programming that is created around youth ministry. The Pastor will be a liaison and offer staff support to the volunteers who are already leading our Youth Group, Sunday School, Confirmation program, and Vacation Bible School – ***not a replacement for those people who currently do such a wonderful job!***
- The job description also calls for this Pastor to visit, teach, share in celebrating the sacraments, and preach as scheduled – generally “Word and Sacrament ministry.”

⚓ October 21st is Consecration Sunday – the day we make our commitments to the ministry of Jesus here at Hope Lutheran Church. During each service that morning we will offer our commitments and following each service you are invited to a celebration brunch in Kuntz Hall. Although you will be receiving personal invitations to worship and the brunch I encourage all members to make this Sunday a priority for their spiritual growth.

⚓ October 28th is Reformation Sunday when we celebrate Martin Luther - his call from God to reform the church of his day and how his works influenced our understanding of what it means to “be” Lutheran. Join us for a special celebration which will include special music and special guests!

I say it all the time and I mean it every time I say it – ***we are blessed as a congregation to have so much LIFE and vibrant ministry happening here at Hope.*** All of this ministry happens because of YOU and the talents you offer, the time you sacrifice and the treasure you share.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Give First
By Chick Lane



I recently had two very interesting conversations on the same day. The first was with a pastor who asked, “Why has stewardship work gotten so much more difficult in recent years?” The second was with a different pastor who reported a conversation with a parishioner this way, “I was talking with a woman in the congregation recently, and she brought up her giving. She reported that their family was giving \$20 each week to the church and she felt this was about all they could afford to give. Their household income is well in excess of \$100,000, so they are giving less than one percent of their income, and they feel they are maxed out.”

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Obviously, these two conversations are connected. One reason stewardship work has gotten so much more difficult is that our culture of consumerism has enticed many people to make long term financial commitments that render generous giving almost impossible. For someone to report that giving less than one percent of their income has them maxed out, is, of course, absurd. What people should acknowledge is the choices they have made about the house(s) they will live in, the cars they will drive, the clothes they will wear, the lifestyle they will live. After all these choices have been made first, then there is nothing left to give to God's work in the world.

William T. Cavanaugh writes powerfully of this in "Being Consumed: Economics and Christian Desire". In two particularly powerful sentences, he writes, "Rather than turning away from material things and toward God, in consumer culture we plunge ever more deeply into the world of things ... One can always send a check to help feed the hungry, but one's charitable preferences will always be in competition with one's own endless desires."

When we think of Stewardship do we think about the importance of giving to God first, and living on the rest? In the face of our culture of consumerism, if people give what they have left after they have taken care of all their needs and wants, generous giving will simply never happen. The Bible speaks clearly of the importance of giving to God first. When Moses is on Mount Sinai (for the second trip), God says, "The best of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God." (Exodus 35:26) Just before the people enter the promised land, God says to the people, "When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground ... and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name." (Deuteronomy 26:1-2)



CANDIDATES FOR ASSISTANT PASTOR



At a special meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2012 and with a unanimous recommendation from the Call Committee, our congregation council met to interview a candidate for the position of Assistant

Pastor at Hope Lutheran Church. Following the interview, the council voted unanimously to recommend the individual to the congregation for your consideration. Here is the schedule of events for that process:

October 13th-14th – "Meet and Greet" receptions will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Sunday, October 14th from 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM in Kuntz Hall. This will be an informal opportunity for you to meet the candidate prior to the election. We encourage you to attend on of these receptions.

October 14th – The candidate will lead worship and preach a trial sermon at both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services (Sunday School will be cancelled this Sunday). A congregation meeting will be called and, after each service, voting members will be able to cast a single ballot. Constitutionally, no absentee ballots are permitted. Following the 10:30 AM service, ballots will be tabulated and election results will be announced.

This is an exciting time for Hope Lutheran Church as we continue to look boldly into our future. Your attendance at worship and participation in the election process on October 14th is a privilege and we strongly encourage you to be present and have a voice as we move forward in ministry in Jesus' name.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 11th, between worship services beginning at 9:15 AM. At least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum that morning. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Thank you!

Consecration Sunday

Consecration Sunday is coming October 21, 2012.

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

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

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

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

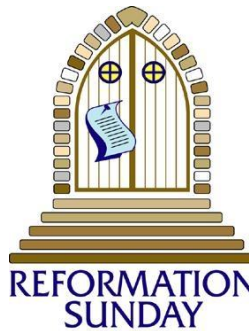
Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she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

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

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

Wayne Weidner
Council President

REFORMATION SUNDAY



Reformation Sunday is celebrated in Protestant and Lutheran churches on the Sunday nearest October 31, the anniversary of the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenburg. The day is devoted to a restatement and reaffirmation of Protestant doctrines and to thanksgiving for the heroic people of Christian history. Hope Church will celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 28th.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

It is so exciting to see so many people back at Sunday school. We've averaged 194 in attendance for the first 3 weeks of class. Thanks to everyone for their support. The Cherub Choir will sing on Sunday, October 7th at the 10:30 AM service. In addition, there will be NO Sunday school on October 14th due to the "Meet & Greet" hour for the candidate for the Assistant Pastor position. The next Christian Ed meeting will be held on Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lynn LaBarre
Superintendent of SCS

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF 2012 – 2013

Superintendent of SCS	Lynn LaBarre
Assistant of SCS	Nancy Creyer
Secretaries of SCS	Nancy and Dennis Biechy
Treasurer of SCS	Nancy Creyer
SCS Office Support	Julie Sekol, Monica Paly
Superintendent of Cradle Roll	Kathy Ziegler
Cradle Roll	Pat Demko, Erica Szwast
3-Year Nursery	Amy Nichols, Trish Ninos, Mikayla Ninos, Emily Nichols
Pre-Kindergarten	Dawn Wainwright, Loretta Weil, Carol Gross, Natasha Sawickij
Kindergarten	Jean Anderson, Emily Hassler, Kim Lahr, Donna Neetz
First Grade	Judy Chase, Debra Kalbach, Lori Kerper
Second Grade	Rita Hulsizer, Debbie Leibenguth, Mikayla Xander
Third Grade	Carol Galloway, Kay O'Donnell
Fourth Grade	Kim Eckroth, Karen Lockard
Fifth Grade	Robin Zamadics, Katie Biechy
Sixth Grade	Laurie Christman, John P. Zmyewski
Level I Confirmation	Steph Ziegler, Dolores Reenock
Level II Confirmation	John Schuon, Rachel Holencik
Post Confirmation	Vicki Zmyewski
Adult A	Andrew Szwast
Adult B	Bob Small
Music/Cherub Choir	Vicki Steiner

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Please note: Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4th this year. Please don't forget to turn your clocks back one-hour before retiring on the evening of November 3rd.

CATECHETICAL CLASS UPDATE



All confirmation students are reminded that they should be attending church and completing their worship resource sheet (these count as their attendance slips) and Sunday Church School on a regular basis. In addition they

must fulfill their assigned duties as worship assistants (acolyte, crucifer and nursery). It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot fulfill your duty for Sunday and call the church office (610) 767-7203 with the replacement!

ALSO, there are several events in the coming months, which will fulfill the "Outreach" requirement for catechetics. During October, several youth are needed to help at a Sing-A-Long Night at Gracedale (October 1st from 6:00 PM until 8:45 PM) and the Basket Party (October 12th from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM). In November a few youth are needed to help with the Senior Fall Feast (November 10th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM) and the Nativity Display on (November 24th and November 25th). Parents are also welcome to help with these events. Keep on top of these and DO IT NOW!!!

RECENT BLOOD DONORS



The following members of Hope Lutheran Church have recently donated blood: Rene Budahas, Rudy Christman, Steven Paly, and Vicki Steiner.

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 July 2012	70
Number of Donations for August 2012	7
Number of Donations YTD (2012)	77
Number of Donations to Reach Goal	0

OCTOBER 2012 PRAYER LIST

- 10/01/12** Ed and Jane Tretiak and family
10/02/12 Russell and Lucille Kromer and family
10/03/12 Nellie Krock and family
10/04/12 Robert, Janet, Robert, Carlie and family
10/05/12 Alena, Claudia, Pereira Roth and family
10/06/12 Rachel Follweiler, Lilah Gruver and family
10/07/12 Dawn Ford and family
10/08/12 Theodore, Lucille Foster and family
10/09/12 George Saunders and family
10/10/12 Andrew, Erica, Delaney, Andi Szwast and family
10/11/12 Christine, Christal, Tiffanie, Anita Rose Wrenn and family
10/12/12 Alan, Irene Leheup and family
10/13/12 Dennis, Roxanne, Payton, Jacob Marunich and family
10/14/12 Katharine Ganovsky and family
10/15/12 Kenneth, Diane, Shawn Silfies and family
10/16/12 Lori, Brittany Smith and family
10/17/12 Luann Smith and family
10/18/12 Glenn, Judith Milositz and family
10/19/12 Robert, Dolores Brown and family
10/20/12 Barbara Tobisch and family
10/21/12 Steven, Linda Romano and family
10/22/12 Todd, Sara Woodring and family
10/23/12 Jessica, Maggie Borger and family
10/24/12 Dennis, Alicia Unangst and family
10/25/12 Timothy, Karen, Douglas, Kelly Lockard and family
10/26/12 John, Karen Leibenguth and family
10/27/12 Beth, Robert, Megan Smith and family
10/28/12 Michael Stevens and family
10/29/12 Wendy, Ethan Kish and family
10/30/12 Nelson, Patricia Stahley and family
10/31/12 Donald, Carol, Matthew Gross and family

THANK YOU NOTES

To the Congregation of Hope Lutheran Church,

I would like to sincerely thank you for choosing me to be a recipient of the Hope Lutheran Scholarship. I am currently attending Bloomsburg University in pursuit of a degree in Audiology and Speech Pathology. I hope to one day become an audiologist. Thank you so very much for supporting the continuation of my education.

Sarah Galloway

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Hope Lutheran Church Yard Sale. Whether you gave a great item, helped set-up or clean-up, worked the yard sale, cooked, baked, or just came and purchased items, we appreciate and thank you for contribution. The total profit so far for the yard sale is about \$8000.00. There are still some more funds coming in from eBay sales. Friday was a very busy day. So much so, that we almost ran out of food. Friday was the first time for the early bird shoppers special. We made \$210 on the early bird shoppers. After 9 years of being the head of the yard sale, I will be retiring. It's hard to believe that 9 years ago the late Sharon Weidner asked about other fund raisers and I suggested a yard sale. After agreeing to run it we it, we made \$1100.00 our first year. Now, 9 years later, we made \$8000.00. I hope to stay on as a consultant in the years to come. Start saving for next year's yard sale! Thank you to all the members of Hope Lutheran Church, the community of Cherryville, and the late Sharon Weidner for your support and trusting in me.

Ralph Fisher

Dear Vacation Bible School,

I want to thank everyone for their generosity to raise money for my granddaughter, Madison Brown. She was diagnosed with Leukemia at 15 months and must go through Chemo treatments regularly for the next two years, even though she is in remission. She was again recently hospitalized for an infection but is now doing better. This is a tough time for my daughter, Katelyn, being a single mother trying to support her little girl and take care of all her medical needs. I extend my deep appreciation to you for helping take some of the burden off my daughter by raising money for Maddie's medical needs. From the bottom of my heart thank you to everyone! God Bless you all!

Jessical Strohl & Family

I'd like to thank everyone, who remembered me in prayer and get well wishes during my recent hospital stay; with knee surgery. I'm doing well, thanks to my wonderful surgeon, nurses, church family, and the greatest physician of all!

Gary Reenock

Hope Members,

I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers while I was going through treatment and also for the good meals, which you delivered to us.

Rita Hulsizer

Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

I wanted to take the time to thank you for the generous scholarship money you have awarded me. I am entering the last year of my physician assistant studies and you have been very helpful to me. God Bless.

Alisha Wainwright

To All the Good People at Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for the scholarship award. I am entering my junior year at DeSales University and I will use it toward the purchase of the many books I need. I appreciate the generosity.

Rachel Wainwright

The Hope Community,

Thank you for the wonderful scholarship again gifted to me this year. The continuing support Hope provides is invaluable going into my final year of undergraduate education.

Andrew Greer

Hope Lutheran Church,

I wanted to convey my thanks to my fellow members in their support of Bear Creek Camp and especially its campership ministry.

Rev. Don Hayn

To All My Friends at Church,

I want to say thank you for the many cards I received on my 90th birthday. A special thank you to the WELCA ladies who attended my surprise birthday celebration. Thank you for all the wonderful gifts and the fun we shared that day. I still can't believe it.

Mary Rudelitsch

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MEETING

The next pictorial directory meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall.

CHURCH DIRECTORY SIGN-UPS

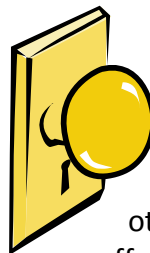


Church Directory Sign-Ups

Put names with faces and be a part of our new church family directory. We

are partnering with Lifetouch to tell our story. These very convenient photographs will be taken at the church. The session includes: professional photographers, immediate portrait viewing, a free 8x10, a free church directory, and the opportunity to purchase additional portraits with delivery by Christmas. Sign-ups are coming soon. Portrait dates are as follows: November 13th & 14th, November 23rd & 24th, and November 27th – December 1st. Portraits are valued family keepsakes. The directory will not be complete without you!

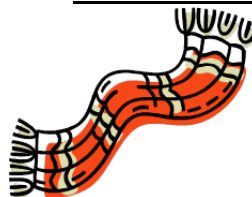
PLEASE USE THE FRONT DOOR



We would like to ask that all church members, groups, and committees use the front door of the church when entering the building after 4:00 PM.

Please do not use and/or prop open other entrances to the building. This is in an effort to ensure the security of the building and keeping our heating/air-conditioning costs manageable. We appreciate your understanding in fulfilling this request.

PRAYER SCARVES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



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

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).

13th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE NATIVITY DISPLAY



Hundreds of nativities will be on display at the 13th Annual Open House Nativity Display. The event will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 24th from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM and Sunday, November

25th from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Admission is free for everyone and refreshments will be provided. All are invited to share your nativities for the weekend display. For more information, please call the church office at (610) 767-7203. We hope to see you there to "Keep Christ in Christmas!"

WALNUTPORT CANAL FESTIVAL

A group from Hope 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 Church.

HANSON HALL CLOSED



Hanson Hall will be closed to all members, groups, and committees from October 8th – 19th due to upgrades. The upgrade schedule is as follows:

October 7th – All furniture will be removed from Hanson hall and the classrooms in that area

October 8th – The Senior Center will be relocated to Kuntz Hall through October 19th. Painting will begin this day.

October 16th-18th – New carpet will be installed in the areas mentioned above.

October 20th – All furniture will be returned to Hanson Hall.

We appreciate your understanding during the upgrade process.

RESCUE MISSION SPAGHETTI DINNER



Our Social Ministry Committee will be helping with the Rescue Mission Dinner on

Saturday, October 6th. All are invited to go along and help with this very worthwhile event. Meet at Hope Church at 2:45 PM to travel to Asbury Methodist Church (corner of Springhouse and Walbert Avenues, near Cedar Crest); or you can meet us there at 3:15 PM. Catechetical students, this would count as a social ministry/outreach event! For questions, call Marge Zimmerman at (610) 217-8324.

SENIOR FALL FEAST

On Saturday, November 10th the Social Ministry Committee invites any senior citizen or homebound member in our congregation to our annual Fall Feast. We will begin with worship of Holy Communion in the church at 11:30 AM, and then enjoy a dinner of turkey, filling, cranberry sauce and all the "fixins." To conclude the day, there will be surprise guest entertainment. The Feast will end at approximately 2:30 PM. Sign-up sheet will be posted on the narthex bulletin board. Catechetical students, this would count as a social ministry/outreach event!

THE ARC'S FRIENDSHIP DANCES

The Arc's friendship dances will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM. Registration is not required. Questions, please call Darlene Pioli at (610) 760-0761.



New Bible Study Group

BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible study and discussion group will begin Wednesday October 3rd at 6:30 PM. We will be using the study "DAVID Developing a Heart for God" It includes 12 studies based on the life of David where

we will learn that David had weaknesses, fears, doubts and sins but was also a man of faith with a great trust in God and a great desire to please God. As we use this study, we too are reminded we are human and experience many the same problems and desires that David did. Come and join us at the Bible study. As always, you do not have to be a scholar to participate in our study as we learn and grow together. Six of the studies in this guide are based on readings from 1 Samuel, 4 are based on 2 Samuel and 2 are based on 1 Chronicles and such topics as true friendship, finding strength in our Lord and more will be discussed. The cost will be approximately \$6.80 for the booklet. Please plan on joining us at the study on Oct 3rd. There is a sign -up sheet on bulletin board (this is only to give us an approximate idea of how many books we must order). For further information, please contact Sharyn Kratzer. Thank you.

Hope's Evangelism Committee

HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Is now accepting applications for next year (2013-2014). The school's structured learning environment helps to prepare the children for their formal school experiences. Activities include: music, crafts, gym, painting, language arts, field trips and much more. Please call Debbie Gable at (610) 767-7523 for more information or to register your child for Nursery School. Your child must be either 3 or 4 years of age by September 1st in order to register. Thank you.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

You should have received your new supply of offering envelopes in the mail recently. If you did not receive them please call the church office at (610) 767-7203.

YOUTH GROUP



What is youth group?

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

Must I attend all events?

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

How do I sign up for youth group?

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

Must I fill out any forms?

Yes. We now have a permission slip for youth group that is good for an entire year. We call it our permanent permission slip. This keeps us from filling out paper work every time we have an event. You can find one on our website, print one out, bring it with you to your first event, and you are good to go until September 2013!

Is it fun? Are the kids friendly?

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

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

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

I have more questions. Who can I ask?

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

ROAD TO RECOVERY



Despite remarkable progress in the fight against cancer, there are many patients whose greatest challenge isn't lack of treatment, it's lack of transportation. The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program provides free rides for patients traveling to

treatment. In the Lehigh Valley, the request for rides has grown to an unprecedented high since July. There are not enough drivers to satisfy these requests which, put patients right back where they started – without a ride. Many drivers are needed Monday through Friday, mornings and afternoons. If you have a vehicle, a safe driving record, and some free time, you can give a cancer patient a fighting chance. Training is provided. To learn more about Road to Recovery or to volunteer, please call Karen Schiavone at (610) 921-2329.

INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB



The next meeting of the Indianland Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, 7:00 PM, in the Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The doors will open at 6:00 PM. Linda Kortz of the Moorestown Garden Club will demonstrate how to make a fall

wall hanging. This will be a hands-on workshop for members. Members may bring dried flowers, seed pods, glue guns, etc. to make the wreaths. There will also be election of 2013 officers. For further information concerning the garden club meetings or activities. call (610) 767-8420.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent mum sale and WUFC's bake sale. It was a successful day for the society and the ladies. October is the last chance for you to visit the historical centre for the season. The historical centre will be open on Sunday, October 14, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Basically, it is a self-guided tour but members will be on hand if you have any questions. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated. We look forward to your visit! The monthly meeting in October will be held on Monday, October 8th, at 7:00 PM, in the LT Historical Centre in Pennsville. You are welcome to attend. For any information regarding society activities or meetings, please call Ken at (610) 767-5989.

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 *October 2012*.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2012

<p><u>Sunday, October 7, 2012</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member Class 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 14, 2012</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Congregational Meeting/Reception 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:30 Congregational Meeting</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 21, 2012</u> <i>Consecration Sunday</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Consecration Sunday Breakfast 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word 11:30 AM Consecration Sunday Breakfast</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 28, 2012</u> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> <i>Reception of New Members</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member Class 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>

SEPTEMBER 2012 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ⚓ Hanson Hall is getting a “facelift!” After services on Sunday, October 7th Hanson Hall and the classrooms in that wing will be cleared out so that painting and re-carpeting can be completed. This project is slated to take two weeks so Hanson Hall will not be available through October 20th. Assistance will be needed on the 19th or 20th to move the furniture back into Hanson Hall for Sunday School on October 21st. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.
- ⚓ Council says “thank you” to everyone who continues to contribute to the building fund. That is the fund which facilitates upgrades and renovations to our building so it is critical that we all make contributions to the building fund as well as to the general fund.

- ⚓ A team of members formed our new Pictorial Directory committee and has selected *LifeTouch* to help us put together a new directory. Church members should look for additional information in newsletters and bulletins to schedule appointments to have their picture taken.
- ⚓ The council set October 14, 2012 as a “Trial Sermon” date for the candidate for Assistant Pastor of Hope Lutheran. A “Meet and Greet” reception will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 4 – 6PM and Sunday October 14th from 9:15 – 10:15 AM in Kuntz Hall for members to get a chance to meet the candidate. On Sunday, Oct. 14th the candidate will preach at and lead both worship services. After each service a congregational meeting will take place during which members will vote on the candidate. According to the constitution: C8. 02.c Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year. And C10. 05. Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted.
- ⚓ David Zehner was appointed by council to serve on the Mutual Ministry Committee. David will complete Dale Newhart’s term on this important committee. Thank you to Dale Newhart - one of the original committee members – for his work these past two years.
- ⚓ A new Bible Study will begin on October 3rd at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board so that the leader can purchase books for all attending.
- ⚓ Permits are being filed to begin work on the Memorial Garden. Because of some unexpected legal costs for zoning hearings council has agreed to support the completion of the Memorial Garden using the Memorial Fund if necessary.
- ⚓ Council received numerous thank-you notes from college students who received scholarships this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 31, 2012

	YEAR 2012		YEAR 2011	
<u>REGULAR FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 51,591.04		\$ 6,895.69
Income - July	\$ 32,439.00		\$ 33,681.99	
Income - Jan.-June	174,314.41		161,604.59	
Total Income	206,753.41		195,286.58	
Expenses - July	24,695.67		23,135.77	
Expenses - Jan.-June	157,097.69		155,219.26	
Total Expenses	181,793.36		178,355.03	
Net Income		24,960.05		16,931.55
<u>SPECIAL APPEALS</u>				
Income - July	2,806.00		550.00	
Income - Jan.-June	11,431.92		3,931.80	
Total Income	14,237.92		4,481.80	
Expenses - July	2,821.00		550.00	
Expenses - Jan.-June	11,416.92		3,906.80	
Total Expenses	14,237.92		4,456.80	
Net Special Appeals		-		25.00
Equity End of July		\$ 76,551.09		\$ 23,852.24
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 129,840.65		\$ 100,974.91
Income - July	\$ 4,458.55		\$ 1,864.51	
Income - Jan.-June	18,608.67		24,466.85	
Total Income	23,067.22		26,331.36	
Expenses - July	15,125.00		-	
Expenses - Jan.-June	15,074.61		1,790.61	
Total Expenses	30,199.61		1,790.61	
Net Income		(7,132.39)		24,540.75
Equity End of July		\$ 122,708.26		\$ 125,515.66
<u>MEMORIAL FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 88,274.75		\$ 77,040.44
Equity End of July		\$ 75,360.82		\$ 88,109.38
<u>SCHOLARSHIP LOAN/CAP IMP FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 84,119.44		\$ 88,786.77
Equity End of July		\$ 93,773.78		\$ 97,995.63

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of July by \$7,743.33, and for the year 2012, income exceeded expenses by \$24,960.05, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$76,551.09. Last year the net income for the same period was \$16,931.55 with a balance of \$23,852.24.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2012 is \$373,622.00. 31/53 of that figure is \$218,533.62. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the seven months were \$206,753.41. So, we are behind budget by \$11,780.21.

FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST 31, 2012

	YEAR 2012		YEAR 2011	
<u>REGULAR FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 51,591.04		\$ 6,895.69
Income - August	\$ 22,963.30		\$ 20,094.25	
Income - Jan.-July	206,753.41		195,286.58	
Total Income	229,716.71		215,380.83	
Expenses - August	24,444.66		22,360.77	
Expenses - Jan.-July	181,793.36		178,355.03	
Total Expenses	206,238.02		200,715.80	
Net Income		23,478.69		14,665.03
<u>SPECIAL APPEALS</u>				
Income - August	46.00		-	
Income - Jan.-July	14,237.92		4,481.80	
Total Income	14,283.92		4,481.80	
Expenses - August	46.00		-	
Expenses - Jan.-July	14,237.92		4,456.80	
Total Expenses	14,283.92		4,456.80	
Net Special Appeals		-		25.00
Equity End of August		\$ 75,069.73		\$ 21,585.72
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 129,840.65		\$ 100,974.91
Income - August	\$ 2,635.70		\$ 1,123.18	
Income - Jan.-July	23,067.22		26,331.36	
Total Income	25,702.92		27,454.54	
Expenses - August	2,016.12		1,977.23	
Expenses - Jan.-July	30,199.61		1,790.61	
Total Expenses	32,215.73		3,767.84	
Net Income		(6,512.81)		23,686.70
Equity End of August		\$ 123,327.84		\$ 124,661.61
<u>MEMORIAL FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 88,274.75		\$ 77,040.44
Equity End of August		\$ 75,396.71		\$ 89,026.45
<u>SCHOLARSHIP LOAN/CAP IMP FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 84,119.44		\$ 88,786.77
Equity End of August		\$ 92,473.78		\$ 96,295.63

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$1,481.36, and for the year 2012, income exceeded expenses by \$23,478.69, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$75,069.73. Last year the net income for the same period was \$14,665.03 with a balance of \$21,585.72.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2012 is \$373,622.00. 35/53 of that figure is \$246,731.51. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the eight months were \$229,716.71. So, we are behind budget by \$17,014.80.

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>	<u>Collation Date</u>
November	Monday, October 22	Thursday, October 25
December	Monday, November 19	Monday, November 26
January	Friday, December 21	Thursday, December 27

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

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 October.

	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>
Oct. 1 – 6		Leviticus 10-12	II Kings 1-5	Psalms 78-80	Proverbs 8-9	Ezekiel 19-24	Luke 17-18
Oct. 7 – 13	Colossians 1-2	Leviticus 13-15	II Kings 6-10	Psalms 81-83	Proverbs 10	Ezekiel 25-30	Luke 19-20
Oct. 14 – 20	Colossians 3-4	Leviticus 16-18	II Kings 11-15	Psalms 84-86	Proverbs 11-12	Ezekiel 31-36	Luke 21-22
Oct. 21 – 27	I Thessalonians 1-3	Leviticus 19-21	II Kings 16-20	Psalms 87-89	Proverbs 13	Ezekiel 37-42	Luke 23-24
Oct. 28 – 31	I Thessalonians 4-5	Leviticus 22-24	II Kings 21-25	Psalms 90-92			

A LOOK AHEAD

October 2012

NAFB Craft Show/Chinese Auction

Saturday, October 6, 2012
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Hope Lutheran Church

Fall Basket Social

Friday, October 12, 2012
Doors Open 4:00 PM
Ticket Drawing Begins at 7:30 PM
Hope Lutheran Church

November 2012

Little Italy Buffet

Saturday, November 17, 2012
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Hope Lutheran Church

13th Annual Open House Nativity Display

Saturday, November 24, 2012
10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sunday, November 25, 2012
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

December 2012

Deck the Walls Weekend

December 22, 2012
2:30 PM Church Decorating
5:00 PM Caroling to Homebound Members



NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

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WHEN: **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012**

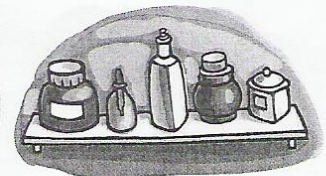
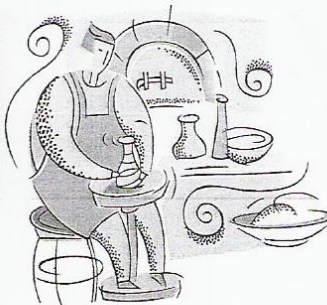
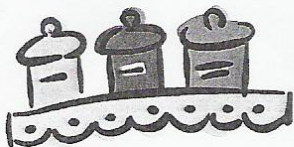
WHERE: **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, CHERRYVILLE**

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

TRICKY TRAY

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

A VARIETY OF VENDORS & CRAFTERS

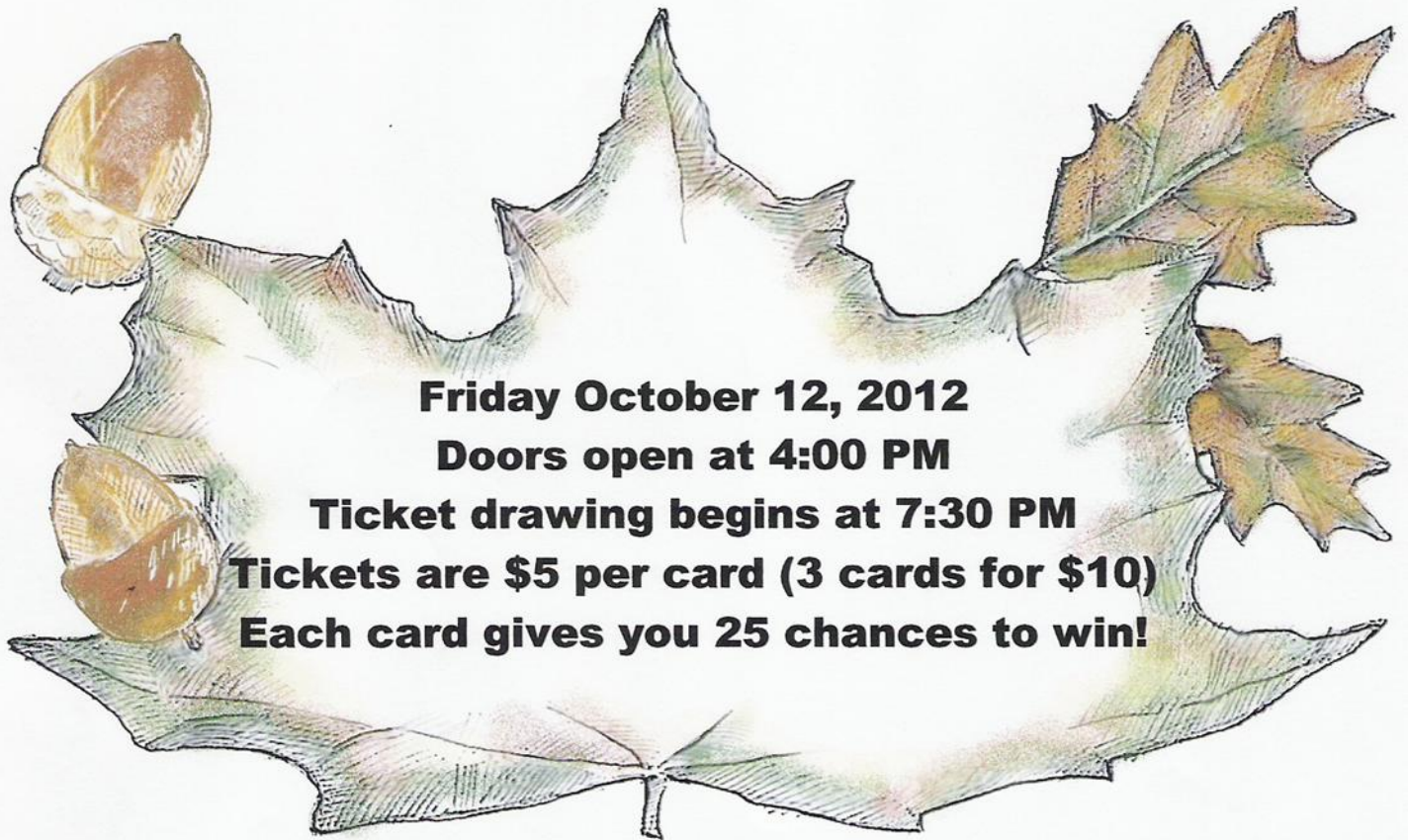


For directions and information call:

BARBARA BUDNIK @ 610-262-6156

18th Annual Fall Walk-in Basket Social

At Hope Lutheran Church



Friday October 12, 2012

Doors open at 4:00 PM

Ticket drawing begins at 7:30 PM

Tickets are \$5 per card (3 cards for \$10)

Each card gives you 25 chances to win!

Proceeds will be given to the Church Maintenance Fund



We invite all of you to donate a theme basket, gift certificate, bottled water, canned soda, or baked good. Items may be dropped off on Thursday, October 11th, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the fellowship hall.



Hope Lutheran Church
4131 Lehigh Drive, P.O. Box 1030
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www.hopecherryville.org



Little Italy Buffet at Hope Lutheran Church

4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville, Pa

An all you can eat Italian Style Buffet Dinner

Present by:

Chef Ed J. Petruccelli & Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop 242

Saturday, November 17, 2012 Served from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Adults - \$9.95, Children under 12 - \$3.95, Children under 3 - free

Mixed Greens with Choice of Dressing

Minestrone Soup

Rich red broth with vegetables and pasta

Penne Pasta Station

With your choice of sauce

Red pasta sauce or Alfredo sauce

Cooked to order

Baked Penne Pasta with Sausage

Chicken with Garlic Wine Sauce

Italian Style Green Beans

Meatballs in Marinara Sauce

Garlic Rolls & Dinner Rolls

Choice of Iced Tea, Coffee, and Juicy Drinks for the Kids

Bake Sale Dessert Table

Tickets available from Troop 242 Scouts or the Church office

Proceeds will be used to maintain Hope Lutheran's Troop 242 equipment and defer the cost of some Troop Outings