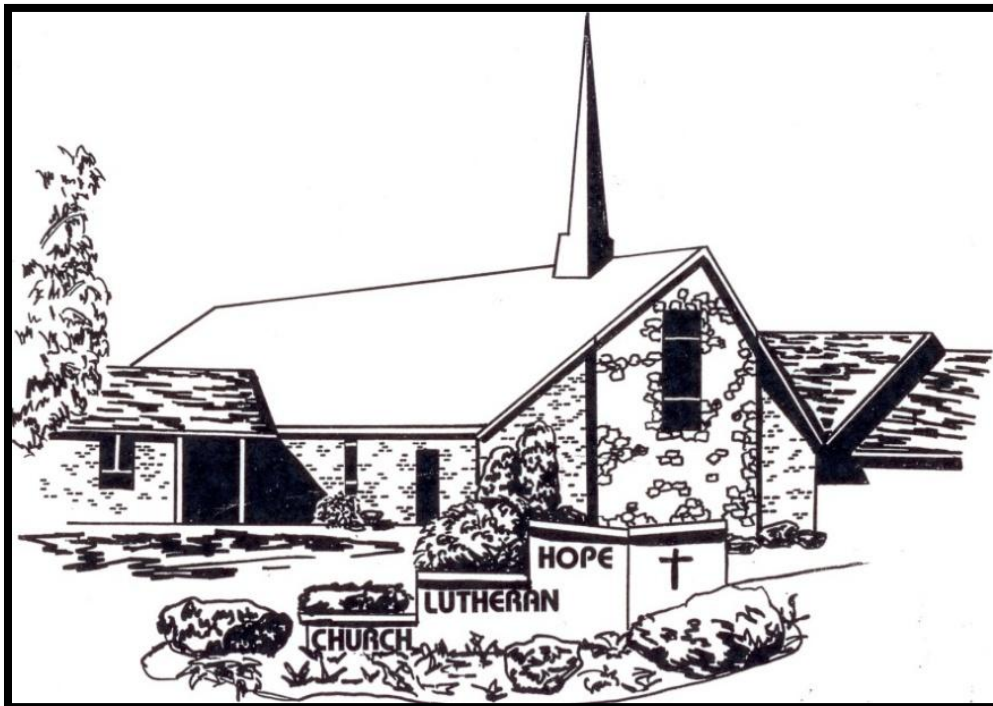


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OUR MISSION AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.....



It seems like this fall has been a time to clean up and clean out! As we look around the building there are many areas that have been spruced up. But the biggest change has been in one of the oldest and most heavily-used sections of our facility. Over the past month our sexton, Bonnie - with the help of her husband John – have dismantled the library, recycled hundreds of books and readied Hanson Hall for renovation. But they weren't the only ones at work. Sunday School teachers cleaned out classrooms, the Senior Center cleaned out cupboards and the work continues. If you haven't seen it yet you must walk down the hall by our offices and take a look at the newly refreshed Hanson Hall. It looks like a new addition to our building. The walls are repainted, the carpeting has been replaced, the ceiling tiles are new and the tracks for them are repainted as well. It is bright and inviting for our seniors who use it during the week, for meeting space and on Sunday mornings for Sunday School.

All these renovations happened because people continue to contribute to the building fund. I know that most of us think of "building funds" as money that goes toward new construction – and that is often true. But congregations like ours, who have been around for almost 40 years, use building fund income to refresh and refurbish "worn out" places in our facilities is critical. Why? Because the first two things visitors notice about us are:

- How friendly and open we are to new people among us
- What our building looks like

We do a wonderful job greeting and welcoming guests and we are taking seriously the need to keep up our facility as well. So thank you to all who regularly give to the building fund – it really does make a difference! And thank you to our property committee, sexton, staff and members who helped complete this project!

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"The New Frugality"

By Chris Farrell, Comments by Chick Lane



The title of Chris Farrell's book caught my eye, probably because my colleague Grace Duddy uses the word frugality a lot and with specific meaning. She contrasts being frugal with being cheap. So does Chris Farrell. He points out that cheapness tries to buy as much as possible for as little as possible. He says, "The frugal approach seeks out quality, not quantity." (p. 8)

What strikes me most positively about "The New Frugality" is how Farrell stresses the importance of intentionally grounding your personal finance in the values that are at the core of who you are and who you want to be.

He says it this way: "Personal finance is really about deciding how to live your life, figuring out what you really cherish and value, then putting your money behind those goals and beliefs. It's about trying to create a good life." The practical plans and ideas that fill the rest of this excellent book flow from this conviction.

When I was a parish pastor, I used to tell people that the purpose of the annual stewardship program was to help people ask themselves two questions, "How do I feel God has blessed me in the past year?" and "How do I feel God is calling me to respond?" I used to also say, "As long as people ask themselves these two questions, I don't so much care about the answers they give."

I wonder if it isn't the same way with personal finance. If we ask ourselves important values questions like, "What is really important to me?" and "How can I align my spending with what I value?" the specific answers aren't nearly as important as getting to these questions.



ASSISTANT PASTOR

It's official – Hope has a new Assistant Pastor! **On Sunday, October 14th members voted to extend a call to Rev. Paulette Obrecht to become our Assistant Pastor.** Pastor Obrecht was available to meet with members the day before her trial sermon and between services on Sunday and immediately after the vote was tallied she accepted the call. Her tentative start date will be the first Sunday in Advent – December 2nd. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Paulette to our staff.

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami Possinger officiated at the following pastoral acts.

HOLY BAPTISM

Carson Michael Meckes was baptized on Sunday, September 30, 2012 during the 10:30 AM worship service. Carson is the son of Gary Meckes and Diana Milkovitch-Slepetz. He was born on April 17, 2012.

Please welcome Carson into our church family at Hope and pray for his growth in faith.

MARRIAGES

Michelle Meyers and Jonathan Tice exchanged marriage vows on September 29, 2012 at the Green Pond Country Club in Bethlehem, PA.

Anthony Derosa and Rebecca Lobus exchanged marriage vows on October 12, 2012 at the Stroudsmore Country Inn in Stroudsburg, PA.

Congratulations to these couples and please pray that they will always remember the vows made before God on their very special day.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2013



Copies of the proposed budget for 2013 will be available at worship (and in the narthex) on Sunday, November 4th. This proposal will be reviewed at the Council meeting on Monday, November 5th and pending any changes will be brought to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 11th for approval.

DID YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?



Did you sign the hospitality sheet indicating that you received communion this year? Please make sure you complete one the next time you receive Communion (if you didn't or you're not sure). Our constitution requires active members to receive Communion regularly.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please note: Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4, 2012 this year. Please don't forget to turn your clocks **back** one-hour before retiring on the evening of November 3, 2012.



PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER

The youth group is hosting its second annual pork and sauerkraut dinner on Sunday, November 4, 2012 from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. The meal will include roasted pork, sauerkraut, homemade mashed potatoes, roll, a salad, a selection from assorted desserts, and a beverage. The cost is \$9 per ticket and can be purchased at the door. Children between ages 3 – 7 will be \$5 a ticket at the door. Children 2 and under are free. Hotdogs will be available as an alternative for children. Dinner proceeds will benefit the Kuntz Hall kitchen renovation project.

SENIOR FALL FEAST



On Saturday, November 10, 2012 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 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 entertainment. The feast will end at approximately 2:30 PM. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. We hope to see you there!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregational Meeting



Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 11th, at 9:15 AM. Sunday School will be held at the normal time

with a movie being shown for the younger grades that allows teachers to attend the meeting. At least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum that morning. Please sign the sheet on the narthex bulletin board indicating that you are able to attend. Thank you!

MITTEN TREE

The mitten tree will be on display in the narthex in the beginning of November through Sunday, November 25th. Your donations of knit or store bought hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, are welcome on the Mitten Tree. These items are part of the ingathering.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP



Please come and join us for Holy Communion at 11:00 AM or 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 for Thanksgiving Eve Worship. "God has given us

so much. We pray he might give us one more thing...a grateful heart!"

WORSHIP CDs FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Every Sunday volunteers record our worship services and put them on CDs for our homebound members. If you are unable to get to church for any reason (recently hospitalized, recuperating from surgery, doing rehabilitation) and would like a CD copy of the weekly service, please contact the church office. We also have small "boom boxes" to borrow if you need something on which to play the audio CD. We will make arrangements to get the CDs to you!

CATECHETICAL CLASSES



Good Job!! Youth and Parents have been taking advantage of the volunteer opportunities such as Gracedale Talent Night and the Basket Party, Thank you. Some opportunities in November are a few youth can help with our Sr. Fall Feast on Saturday, November

10th and many helpers are needed to set up and clean-up for the Nativity Display the weekend of November 24 -25. Sign up with your Sunday School teachers. **Don't forget...**check the progress /attendance charts in the narthex. Let Sunday school teachers know if there are any mistakes ASAP! **Don't forget...**complete a worship response sheet. They are available on the table in the narthex. Remember, this also counts as your attendance record. Thank you! **Keep an eye on your calendars and check upcoming events!**

HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

The Hope Lutheran Church 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.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Our annual Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 PM. There will be refreshments after the program in Kuntz Hall. Any donations of finger food items would greatly be appreciated. They can be dropped off in Kuntz Hall up to the start of the program.

CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The annual Christmas Ingathering of Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on **Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Union Lutheran Church, 5500 Route 873, Schnecksville, PA.** Packing of stockings and wrapping of gifts will begin at 1:00 PM. We will leave Hope Church at 12:15 PM. There will be an afternoon session only. The Ingathering will close with a Service of Dedication. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!** The ingathering provides gifts for people in area institutions. A basket containing slips of paper with suggested NEW items for Ingathering (**See list below!**) will be passed around the congregation on Sundays, November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. These gifts should be returned to the church **UNWRAPPED** by Sunday, November 25th. We will be packing the items on Wednesday, December 5th beginning at 6:30 PM here at Hope Church. ALL are welcome to help. Confirmands...this would be a great outreach event! Large cardboard boxes would also be helpful! (**Please no gifts with pins or glass bottles, plastic only**) Monetary donations are accepted and will be converted into gifts. ***Please mark on your envelope "Ingathering 2012" and make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church.**

INGATHERING WISH LIST

Sayre Child Center

Bibs (all sizes), toddler size forks and spoons, single fruit or vegetable foods (stage 2), infant cereal (rice or oatmeal), wash cloths, kitchen cloths and dish rags, art & craft supplies of any kind, tissues, sidewalk chalk and bubbles, playground balls, books (all ages up to age 10), puzzles (25-100 pieces), computer software (ages 4-10) diapers and wipes, batteries (AA, C, D) pencils, pens, markers, crayons, notebooks, drink mixes for afternoon snacks and field trips.

Gracedale

Male: Socks, Search-A-Word books, small combs, talcum, handkerchiefs, after shave lotion, pens, pencils, writing paper, flip open change purse, stamps, playing cards, small tablets.

Female: Perfume, panty hose, stuffed animals, socks, baby powder, small change purse, jewelry,

scarves, hair brushes, cologne, handkerchiefs, knee highs.

Topton

Male: Cologne, denture powder, pre-shave lotion, pajamas, underwear, ties, wallets, change purses, after shave lotion, socks, shirts (M-L), bedroom slippers with soles, socks.

Female: Sewing kits, towel sets, placemat sets, perfume, hair nets, needlework kits, purses, wallet with change purse, washcloths, embroidery sets, after bath lotion, denture powder, cologne, stockings, panties, all size nighties, stretch gloves, bedroom slippers with sole.

For All: Perfume, cologne, talcum, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, tissues, crossword puzzle books, postage stamps, stationery, pens.

Allentown Rescue Mission

Men's Items Only: Sweatshirts, T-shirts (colors and white), underwear and socks (L and XL sizes), winter hats (beanies), and gloves of all sizes.

Kidspace

Crayons, markers, coloring books, sketch pads, clay, paints, brushes, pajamas, socks, underwear, scarves, hats, mittens, red sweatshirts and pants (L, XL, and XXL sizes), shower gels, shampoo, deodorant, flavored lip balm, scented lotions, gift cards (all kinds), personal diaries (no wire bound).

RECENT BLOOD DONORS



The following members of Hope Lutheran Church have recently donated blood: Daniel Husser, Brenda Mack, 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 August 2012	77
Number of Donations for September 2012	3
Number of Donations YTD (2012)	80
Number of Donations to Reach Goal	0

NOVEMBER 2012 PRAYER LSIT

- 11/1/12** Melissa, CJ Solt, Mark, Cassidy Blaukovitch/Solt and family
11/2/12 Mark, Renae, Madison Siegfried and family
11/3/12 Stephen, Katrina, Joshua Skrapits and family
11/4/12 Maryann Edelman and family
11/5/12 Terri, Gene Schuon and family
11/6/12 Erma Green and family
11/7/12 David, Pearl Beers and family
11/8/12 Douglas, Kimberly, Kaitlynn, Jeffrey, Brianne Sell and family
11/9/12 Alyce, Abygail, Alyzah Borger and family
11/10/12 Martha Woodring and family
11/11/12 Erika Musser and family
11/12/12 William, Jean, Reece, Rorie Anderson and family
11/13/12 Douglas and Donna Arwine and family
11/14/12 Mary Anderson and family
11/15/12 Dale and Alice Arndt and family
11/16/12 Kelly, Garrett Allabach and family
11/17/12 Michelle Arndt, Brianna Schaff and family
11/18/12 Rob, Linda Asbath and family
11/19/12 Michael, Sherri, Colton Arndt and family
11/20/12 Daryl, Patricia Amey and family
11/21/12 Dennis, Nancy Biechy and family
11/22/12 Kathy Bonfante and family
11/23/12 Lee, Georgene Blose and family
11/24/12 Donald Benninger, Sr. and family
11/25/12 Daniel, Kim, Kendall Belletti and family
11/26/12 John, Susan, Jonathan Bednar and family
11/27/12 Katie Biechy and family
11/28/12 Barbara Burns, Kasey Frey and family
11/29/12 Wilmer, Donna Bachman and family
11/30/12 Bert, Naomi and family

2012 FALL BASKET SOCIAL REPORT



The 18th Annual Fall Basket Social was held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, October 12, 2012. Monies raised were given to the General Maintenance Fund of Hope Lutheran Church. **THANK YOU TO**

EVERYONE who in some way helped to make this evening successful!

Ticket sponsors were "In Loving Memory of Harry Weil" by The Weil Family, and "In Loving Memory of the 100th Birthday of my grandmother, Marie Christenson" by Lynn LaBarre. Special thanks to Craig Reenock and Diane, who continue helping each year with behind the scenes support and publicity, and to Steven Shermetta for doing such a great job with extended publicity to radio and media. Boy Scouts & Leaders of Troop 242 set up tables/chairs the evening prior to the Social, as well as placing donated baskets on the tables & carrying them in from vehicles as they arrive. At each Social, more volunteers come forth to help sell tickets, serve in the kitchen area and/or help with clean-up. You know who you are and we appreciate you!

\$4,354.00 WAS RAISED AT THE 2012 FALL BASKET SOCIAL & DEPOSITED TOWARD HOPE'S CURRENT EXPENSES. \$151.60 WAS DONATED TOWARD BAKED GOODS & A CHECK SENT TO THE NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK.

EXPENSE RECEIPTS FOR PURCHASED FOOD TOTALED \$31.00; EVERYTHING ELSE NEEDED FOR THE SOCIAL WAS DONATED. THANK YOU!

The Basket Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Louise Santee and Lori Lambert for their time & talents in helping with the success of past Socials; we wish them well in all future endeavors. The Basket Committee would also like to welcome two newcomers, Susan Hildebrand & Marge Zimmermann; we look forward to working with both of you in the spring.

Rita Hulsizer, Jean Leibenguth, Kim Ritter-Roth & The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

***Special Note:** The date for the "Spring Basket Social" is Friday, April 12th; don't forget to save the date on your 2013 Calendar!

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 *November 2012*.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you all for your continued support over the past several years as I further my education. Thank you also for once again awarding me the educational scholarship! I am in my final year of graduate school at George Washington University pursuing a career in Museum Studies, looking to become an exhibition developer! I appreciate your support and prayers over the years.

Allison Schell

Pastor Jami and Pastor Mraz,

Thank you for your phone call while I was in the hospital for back surgery. Pastor Mraz, I sincerely appreciate your visit and the Holy Sacrament of Communion while I was hospitalized. Each day I get a little stronger and it gets a little easier walking with my walker and cane, sitting and getting in and out of bed. I am praying that soon everything will be back to normal.

Elsie Thompson

Dear Friends of the Food Bank (Upper Northampton County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Hope Lutheran Church Spring Basket Social),

Thank you for your recent contribution to the Northampton Area Food Bank. NAFB is a 501-c-3 charitable organization, operated entirely by volunteers. Financial support enables us to purchase necessary food and supplies and to maintain the operations of the distribution and storage facility. Donations of canned goods and boxed food help us to sustain a stocked inventory on our shelves, but food is always needed--especially during the holidays and summer months. Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. We appreciate the donation of \$700.00 from the Care Abounds Community Ministry of Thrivent and the additional \$2,174.00 plus \$252.25 cake sale monies from Hope's Spring Basket Social. Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, the volunteers, and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Pamela K. Kametz

NEWSLETTER CHANGES



Beginning January 2013, the United States Postal Service will have new guidelines in place for nonprofit, bulk-mail postage rates. The biggest change will be a page limit for our monthly newsletters. Our mailings must be limited to a total of 6 (8 ½ x 11 inch.) pages per copy. These changes will have a direct effect on what we are able to include in the newsletter. Some tough decisions will have to be made on the types of information that will be deemed as "necessary" each month. The staff has been working on new ways to ensure the consequences of these changes are minimal. Our goal is to alleviate our dependency on printed hard-copies of the newsletter by emailing it through Constant Contact. Those that receive the newsletter via email **WILL NOT** see any changes to the content or format in January. We appreciate your understanding.

Steve Shermetta

Communications Specialist

NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL



If you and your family would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email and **discontinue** receiving it via a printed hard-copy through the mail, please let me know by sending me an email

at communications@hopecherryville.org

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL

Constant Contact has proven to be a wonderful tool that allows us to better communicate information within the church and community. This is just a friendly reminder asking that all Hope Lutheran Church members try to check their email on a weekly basis. Checking your email regularly will increase the successful exchange of information regarding church news, meetings, and events.



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!”

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!

OCTOBER 2012 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ⚓ Hanson Hall renovations are underway! Many thanks to all those people who stepped up to help move the furniture around so that the work could be completed.
- ⚓ Hope is still in need of someone to shovel the walks during the winter months. This is a contracted and paid position which involves clearing and salting the sidewalks around the building after a snowstorm during the week as well as on weekends. The contact person for this position is Ralph Fisher.
- ⚓ The Pictorial Directory Committee is hard at work putting the pieces together for the new directory. Photos will be taken in November and

December and will be delivered in time for Christmas. The directory will not be completed until the beginning of 2013.

- ⚓ Council approved membership for another large new member class – 31 people from 11 family units. Reception of new members will take place on October 28th.
- ⚓ Hope has a large confirmation program of over 55 youth. Discussion about confirmation requirements and our youth completing them took place. There is concern about students falling behind and not attending worship and Sunday School. An email will be sent to parents as a reminder of their responsibility to help their child fulfill confirmation expectations.
- ⚓ The Youth Group participated in the “Potato Project” again this year. Youth group members picked 2 ½ tons of potatoes which were distributed to the Northampton Food Bank and the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.
- ⚓ Social Ministry Committee will host a Senior Feast on Saturday, November 10th at 11:30. A sign-up is on the bulletin board for this full-course turkey dinner!
- ⚓ An appeal for the ELCA World Hunger Program will take place in the month of November. Envelopes will be made available for members to participate in this appeal.
- ⚓ The Food Bank sent a thank you letter to Hope for our support of the Food Bank. So far this year our congregation has supported the food bank in various ways:
 - Over \$3000.00 in contributions
 - Vacation Bible School collected 1731 pounds of food
 - Members sent 130 cans of tuna and salmon in February along with 15 crates of non-perishable food items
 - Allowing the food bank to hold fund-raising events in Kuntz Hall
 - On a weekly basis, members drop off items in the food wagon in the hall which are distributed to clients
- ⚓ The budget process for 2013 has begun. A proposed budget will be reviewed by the council at the November meeting which has been rescheduled for Monday, November 5th.

CHURCH DIRECTORY SIGN-UPS



Church Directory Sign-Ups

Have you signed up to have your picture taken for the church directory? Don't worry, there still is time! You can schedule your Sunday, November 4th after the 8:00 AM service, during the Sunday School hour and after the 10:30 AM service. November 4th will be the last day that you can sign up in the church for a portrait sitting appointment. You can also call Nancy Hofmann at (610) 440-0539 to schedule an appointment. Portraits will be taken on November 13th and 14th, November 23rd and 24th, and November 27-December 1st. The portrait sitting includes immediate portrait viewing, a free 8x10 photo, a free church directory, and the opportunity to purchase additional portraits as family keepsakes. Portraits will be delivered by Christmas. Don't miss this opportunity...the directory won't be the same without you!

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.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

With all of the signs of the holiday approaching, the LT Historical Society announces two dates for a Holiday Open House in December. On December 2nd and 9th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, the LT Historical Centre will be open for visitors and shoppers. There

are many unique items to purchase for gift giving: Maps, ornaments, shirts, DVD video, books, etc. Plan to stop by and visit with the LT members. This month, on October 21st, the society will have an exhibit at the Walnutport Canal Festival. Stop by and meet the members. Many of the items available for purchase will be shown there. There will be two free educational programs coming up - January 28th and February 25th at Hope Lutheran Church. More details will follow. You are always welcome to join the historical society at their regular monthly meetings held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM or by helping with special activities and programs. For more information, contact Ken at (610) 767-5989.

INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB



You are invited to the last of the regular monthly garden club meetings for the year on Tuesday, November 13th. Doors open at 6:00 PM. The program, which begins at 7:00 PM, will be an "End of the Year Wrap-up and 2013 Planning." This month, the meeting will be held at the Hanson Hall of Hope Lutheran Church. Please note this is a change from the usual Kuntz Hall meeting place. The Hanson Hall is situated on the eastern end of the church building. Everyone attending the meeting may bring canned goods and/or a monetary donation for the Food Bank. Following the program, there will be light refreshments and a business meeting. For further information, call (610) 767-8420.

LEAVE A LEGACY FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION

Would you like to make a large gift to your congregation, but are uncertain about your future financial needs? By naming your church as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance, IRA, 401K, or 403B plans will allow you to retain access to your funds while you are alive, but will direct contributions from your estate when you no longer need the money. About 80% of the people who make gifts to church ministries do so through a beneficiary statement in a will, life insurance, or retirement funds. ***Continued on Page 11...***

For more information on how to include your favorite Church ministries in your estate planning call Pastor Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at (570) 374-2044 or call the Foundation of the ELCA, 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at www.elca.org/fo

ADVENT WORSHIP CHANGES

Advent worship services will no longer be held on Saturdays at 5:00 PM. Worship services for the 2012 Advent season will now be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.



The dates for those worship services are December 5th, 12th, and 19th. We hope to see you there!

DECK THE WALLS WEEKEND



Come and help decorate our church on Saturday, December 22nd! Those that are interested should arrive at the church at 2:30 PM. We'll spend the afternoon hanging Christmons on the tree and wreaths on the walls!

Decorating will be followed by a soup dinner at 4:00 PM and caroling to homebound members at 5:00 PM. All are invited to bring a batch of your favorite soup to share.

LITTLE ITALY BUFFET AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop 242 will be hosting an all you can eat Italian style buffet at the church on Saturday, November 17th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



Ticket prices are as follows: Adults –\$9.95, Children under 12 – \$3.95, Children under 3 – free. Tickets are available from Troop 242 scouts or the church office. Proceeds will be used to maintain Troop 242's equipment and defer the cost of some Troop outings. Menu items include: Mixed greens with choice of dressing, minestrone soup, penne pasta station, baked penne pasta with sausage, chicken with garlic wine sauce, Italian style green beans, meatballs in marinara sauce, and garlic rolls.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The following youth will have received their first Holy Communion on Sunday, October 28th. They received instruction for first Holy Communion during their confirmation retreat on Saturday, October 27th.

- Megan Beers**
- Kaitlin Benetzky**
- Nicholas Hankee**
- Taylor Sook**
- Curtis Weber**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2012

<p><u>Sunday, November 4, 2012</u> <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 11, 2012</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 18, 2012</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, November 21, 2012</u> <i>Thanksgiving Eve Worship</i> 11:00 AM Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 25, 2012</u> <i>Nativity Display</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>



FINANCIAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

	YEAR 2012		YEAR 2011	
<u>REGULAR FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 51,591.04		\$ 6,895.69
Income - September	\$ 31,837.76		\$ 25,644.68	
Income - Jan.-Aug.	229,716.71		215,380.83	
Total Income	261,554.47		241,025.51	
Expenses - September	36,850.90		22,239.14	
Expenses - Jan.-Aug.	206,238.02		200,715.80	
Total Expenses	243,088.92		222,954.94	
Net Income		18,465.55		18,070.57
<u>SPECIAL APPEALS</u>				
Income - September	350.00		9,527.78	
Income - Jan.-Aug.	14,283.92		4,481.80	
Total Income	14,633.92		14,009.58	
Expenses - September	30.00		9,173.78	
Expenses - Jan.-Aug.	14,283.92		4,456.80	
Total Expenses	14,313.92		13,630.58	
Net Special Appeals		320.00		379.00
Equity End of September		\$ 70,376.59		\$ 25,345.26
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 129,840.65		\$ 100,974.91
Income - September	\$ 10,097.93		\$ 1,117.28	
Income - Jan.-Aug.	25,702.92		27,454.54	
Total Income	35,800.85		28,571.82	
Expenses - September	12,294.38		2,838.18	
Expenses - Jan.-Aug.	32,215.73		3,767.84	
Total Expenses	44,510.11		6,606.02	
Net Income		(8,709.26)		21,965.80
Equity End of September		\$ 121,131.39		\$ 122,940.71
<u>MEMORIAL FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 88,274.75		\$ 77,040.44
Equity End of September		\$ 75,690.67		\$ 91,142.14
<u>SCHOLARSHIP LOAN/CAP IMP FUND</u>				
Equity Beginning of Year		\$ 84,119.44		\$ 88,786.77
Equity End of September		\$ 92,473.78		\$ 96,295.63

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of September by \$5,013.14, and for the year 2012, income exceeded expenses by \$18,465.55, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$70,376.59. Last year the net income for the same period was \$18,070.57 with a balance of \$25,345.26.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2012 is \$373,622.00. 40/53 of that figure is \$281,978.87. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the nine months were \$261,554.47. So, we are behind budget by \$20,424.40.

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>
December	Monday, November 19	Monday, November 26
January	Friday, December 21	Thursday, December 27
February	Monday, January 21	Thursday, January 24

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 November.

	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>
Nov. 1 – 3					Proverbs 14-15	Ezekiel 43-48	John 1-2
Nov. 4 – 10	II Thessalonians	Leviticus 25-27	I Chronicles 1-4	Psalms 93-95	Proverbs 16	Daniel 1-6	John 3-4
Nov. 11 – 17	I Timothy 1-3	Numbers 1-4	I Chronicles 5-9	Psalms 96-98	Proverbs 17-18	Daniel 7-12	John 5-6
Nov. 18 – 24	I Timothy 4-6	Numbers 5-8	I Chronicles 10-14	Psalms 99-101	Proverbs 19	Hosea 1-7	John 7-9
Nov. 25 – 30	II Timothy 1-2	Numbers 9-12	I Chronicles 15-19	Psalms 102-104	Proverbs 20-21	Hosea 8-14	

A LOOK AHEAD

November 2012

Senior Fall Feast Saturday, November 10, 2012 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Hope Lutheran Church	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

Christmas Program Sunday, December 16, 2012 6:00 PM Hope Lutheran Church (Kuntz Hall)	Deck the Walls Weekend Saturday, December 22, 2012 2:30 PM Church Decorating 4:00 Soup Dinner 5:00 PM Caroling to Homebound Members
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Youth Group

Pork & Sauerkraut
Dinner

Sunday, November 4, 2012

12 noon – 5:00pm

Adults (presale \$8/ at the door \$9)

Child ages 3-7 (presale \$4/ at the door \$5)
Under 3 free

**Includes: Roasted Pork, Sauerkraut, Homemade
Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce,
Homemade Desserts, and Beverages**

Hotdogs Available as alternative to Children's Dinner

Benefits Kuntz Hall Kitchen Renovation

Tickets Available after services or call 610-767-7203 ext. 51

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**

THE 13TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE NATIVITY DISPLAY AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH



**HUNDREDS OF NATIVITIES
ON DISPLAY!**

**CHILDREN'S NATIVITY
CRAFT CENTER!**

FREE ADMISSION AND REFRESHMENTS!

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2012
10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2012
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A NATIVITY WITH US FOR
THE WEEKEND, PLEASE BRING IT TO THE CHURCH ON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 BETWEEN 12:00 PM AND 7:00 PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SHARYN
KRATZER AT (610) 767-7203 OR SAKGRAM@AOL.COM**



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!



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