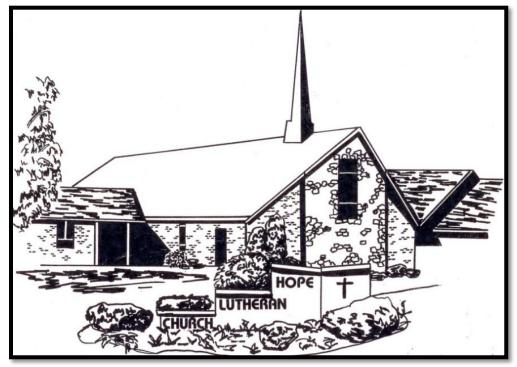
# HOPE HOME NEWS

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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.....



There is nothing like a good New Year's resolution. Lots of us resolve to change something in our lives at the beginning of the year in the hopes that we will actually do it. Lose some weight. Eat

healthier. Exercise regularly. Stop biting fingernails. Spend more time with the family. Quit smoking. Manage time. Get out of debt. Reduce stress. You name it and we might resolve to do it. But according to *Business News Daily* the reality is that 88% of all New Year's resolutions are never kept!

Why is it that we have a difficult time changing things in our lives which would be "life-giving"? One thought is that we think too big and that makes the goal seemingly unattainable. Another thought is that even positive change is hard and often uncomfortable. Frank Ra, author of the New Year's resolution book <u>A Course in Happiness</u> says: "Resolutions are more sustainable when shared, both in terms of with whom you share the benefits of your resolution, and with whom you share the path of maintaining your resolution. Peer-support makes a difference in success rate with New Year's resolutions."

With all that in mind....I have a suggestion for a New Year's resolution for YOU. This year – if you are not doing this already – PUT GOD FIRST. Now that sounds big but you can start with one little thing.....come to church on Sundays! And our Evangelism team has come up with a way to help you get started.

By now you may have already received your postcard invitation to "Back to Church Sunday!" That's right...on Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating "Back to Church Sunday." Come and start your New Year's resolution to put God first in your life. We are all each other's peer-support system when we join weekly in worshiping God, hearing God's words through scripture and being strengthened to go out into the world each week trying to put God first! And the first step is simple – come to church on January 13<sup>th</sup>! In addition to worship you can join members and guests in Kuntz Hall for a time of fellowship after each service where the Evangelism team will serve refreshments.

"Back to Church Sunday" - I'll be there and I hope you will be too! With all of us supporting each other and working together we can be the exceptions to the 88% of resolutions that fail.

#### Blessings, Pastor Jami

#### Assistant Pastor's Word ...

I want to thank everyone for your very warm welcome as I have been settling into the routine of serving as assistant pastor at Hope Church. Your patience with me is appreciated as I learn and experiment with what my exact role is that God is calling me to undertake – here at 4131 Lehigh Drive, in the bustling community of Cherryville.

I look forward to the beginnings of a new and fulfilling relationship with all of you as I transition from member to assistant pastor. In the next few months, I know I will be busy getting to know or to renew acquaintances with as many members of the congregation as possible – and introducing myself to the neighbors and neighborhoods surrounding Hope. It's a fantastic way to let others know about "the new kid on the block" and to hear about their perceptions of how the church and the world are working together, doing what matters to God. I also will be making visits to a few members to hear the stories of your involvement with Hope Church and what that has meant to you and your family. It's also a good way to get to know more people.

It's an appropriate time to celebrate this new start for me at Hope Church at the beginning of the new year – and during the season of Epiphany – the time of year when those who have experienced meeting the Christ child in the manger ponder how they will respond to God's call to share the good news. Have you ever wondered what the magi thought about and talked about on their long journey homeward? And, what did they tell the people in their village upon their return? What did Jesus think when God's Spirit descended upon him after his baptism? How do we react when thinking about how God's Spirit came upon us at our baptism?

Epiphany – the season for pondering – just like Mary, the mother of Jesus. We ponder these things in our hearts as we are called by the Christ child and wonder what on earth we will do to respond. Let's support one another as we spend time deciding all this together.



And, Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." *I Samuel 3:10b* 

#### ASSISTANT PASTOR'S GET ACQUAINTED PLAN

So how does a new pastor get to know the members of her congregation? That's a tough question for any pastor. It's hard to become really acquainted on Sundays after worship services, especially because it's typical for less than 25% of members in most congregations to attend worship every Sunday. Besides, it's tough to remember names of people you've hardly spent time with as they are walking out of the sanctuary and your conversation consists of "Good to see you again, Pastor." It's not the best time, either, to get into a discussion about "What do you see as the strengths and needs of this church? What are we doing right – and where do you see areas for growth or doing things better?" Thus, as your new pastor, it will be my goal within my first months to visit a small variety of members to hear your stories about life at Hope Church and to listen to your hopes and dreams for the church. My hope, too, is that it will be easier to remember more people's names if I spend 20-30 minutes speaking with them. So, when your phone rings - and it's your pastor scheduling appointments - please don't feel singled out. Instead, feel included in Pastor Paulette's mission to truly feel a part of this blessed body of God's people at Hope Church.

#### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

It all belongs to God By Tim Coltvet



Look around right now; See all that you possess, All that is yours. Now remind yourself That it all belongs to God; It is in your hands For just a moment. Live your life today Grateful For the abundance Of grace that is yours To give away.

As I digested this with my daughter, an awareness slowly came over me in a way that reframed my thoughts on stewardship far beyond simply material things. I was taken with a very literal reading of this blessing. In the scanning of my immediate surroundings, it became very clear to me that nothing in the room could even hold a candle to the value I place on the one sitting closest to me. I was struck by my profound sense that material things can come and go, but the people closest to us, our sons and daughters, are invaluable and far beyond the calculations of material worth.

On June 7, 2007, my older brother Jonathan passed away after an unsuccessful heart surgery at age 41. In the unwelcome void of muted voices, sorrowing spirits and the darkened days that followed, my parents would eventually find the strength and courage to speak. What they said surprised me, yet it probably should not have. They are people of deep faith. What I learned from them is that my life, and the life of my siblings, have long been seen as a part of their stewardship journey as parents.

In a thank you letter they sent out following Jonathan's funeral, they voiced their sincere gratitude to friends and family who had held us all in prayer during the difficult days of grief and loss following Jon's death.

#### Here is a small portion of that letter:

Before Jon was born, Rachel and I dedicated him to the Lord. In Holy Baptism, he entered into the Kingdom of God. All our lives, Rachel and I have believed that our children are gifts from God and belong to God. Now we give Jonathan back to God with thanksgiving for 41 years of love and joy. This does not mean that our hearts aren't broken and that many tears aren't being shed. Right now, there is a big hole in our hearts. Our comfort comes from wonderful people like you and from the promises of God in Christ. We believe in the resurrection.

As I lean against the kitchen counter top in these early hours of the morning, I give thanks for a couple of things. First, I thank God for my brother Jon. I miss him every day, and pray that we can hug or wrestle or both just one more time. Secondly, I give thanks for my parents and this stewardship lesson. It is a lesson, today, that brings a junior high daughter and her dad a step closer to understanding the vastness of stewardship, the uncertainties of each moment and the gift of God-inspired perspective.....

Wherever you are right now, I invite you to look around at the people, places and things in your midst. You know what? It all belongs to God. May we steward these things, places, and yes, especially the people and relationships with the same abundance in which they were given to us.

#### **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

Maybe you make New Year's Resolutions. So here is a suggestion... Why not make worship at Hope a priority in your life this year! You can get started by joining us for "BACK TO CHURCH" SUNDAY!

WHEN: Sunday, January 13, 2013 WORSHIP TIMES:

8:00AM – Service of the Word/Children's Message 10:30AM – Holy Communion

Fellowship receptions following each service hosted by Hope's Evangelism Committee. We look forward to seeing you here! BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

#### PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami Possinger officiated at the following pastoral acts.

#### FUNERAL

**Donald L. Benninger, Sr.** entered eternal life on December 3, 2012 at the age of 77 years. Funeral services were held at Hope Church with interment at Indianland Cemetery. Pastor Jami officiated. Our sympathy to family and friends of Donald. May God continue to be your guide and strength.

#### 2012 CONSECRATION SUNDAY RESULTS



We have had a wonderful response to Consecration Sunday 2012 from both people who were here that day as well

as those who turned in Estimate of Giving cards later. As of December 26, 2012 we have received commitments for 2013 that total \$291,994.00! Many thanks to everyone who made a commitment and to those who will support our ministry throughout the year with their weekly giving. Hope Church is a vibrant and active community of faith where people care, ministry happens and service is extended to people inside and outside of our building. Thank happens because of your financial support and your willingness to be involved!

#### 2012 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE BY JANUARY 15, 2013



Each group or committee meeting at Hope Church is expected to submit an Annual Report by January 15<sup>th</sup>. The report should be submitted on an 8 ½ x 11 inch sheet of paper and should include past accomplishments and future goals.

(The BEST way to submit your report is by email. Please send it to Jane in the church office at <u>office@hopecherryville.org</u>).

#### PRESS CHART

Our press sponsor chart for 2013 is now posted on the narthex bulletin board. One sponsor is needed per week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor.

#### **FLOWER CHART**



Our new flower chart for 2013 is now posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Two sponsors *(and only two)* are needed each week, at a cost of \$15.00 per sponsor.

Sponsor envelopes are next to the chart, the sponsor money and the envelope is due in the church office two weeks before the sponsorship. A special thank you to Sis Livermon for making our flower chart.

#### **BULLETIN CHART**

Our bulletin chart for 2013 is now posted on the narthex bulletin board. Three sponsors needed per week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor. Thank you to Nancy Creyer for making our bulletin chart.

#### **IS THERE CHURCH?**

If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday or Wednesday this winter, and you are wondering if Sunday Church School or worship services are cancelled, please check the website <u>www.hopecherryville.org</u>, call our church office (610) 767-7203, or listen to the radio station WAEB (AM 790).



#### CATECHETICAL CLASSES AND MENTOR UPDATE

♦ Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pizza/Game Night

#### **2012 SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL TAX STATEMENTS**

Statements to be used for income tax purposes will be given only to those who request them. Please complete the information below and have your child give this form with their offering, or phone Nancy Creyer at (610) 767-8942 (leave message). Statements will be completed in January of 2013.

#### NAME(S)

ENVELOPE NUMBER

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> in order to register.

#### LEAVE A LEGACY FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION

Are you 70 ½ and own an IRA, 401(k), 403(k) account, or other applicable retirement plan. If you do, you are required to take a distribution from those plans. By making a charitable gift, you may offset some of the income tax liability with a charitable tax deduction. By making a deferred gift using a Charitable Gift Annuity, you will receive a tax deduction, some tax free income for a number of years, and annuity income for a lifetime. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using retirement plans 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.

#### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**



All members of Hope Lutheran Church planning a wedding in the coming year(s) are encouraged to attend the **Marriage Preparedness Workshops** offered through

Lutheran Congregational Services. More information and a schedule for 2013 are available from the church office or by calling Lutheran Congregational Services at (610) 770-9205. Also, please let the church office know of your marriage date as soon as you decide and make an appointment to speak with Pastor Jami.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH GORUP VALENTINE DINNER

BE MY VALENTINE!

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Group Valentine Dinner will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on Friday, February, 15<sup>th</sup>. The snow date for the dinner is Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Admission to this event is through reservation only with seatings every half hour starting at 4:30 PM until the last seating at 7:00 PM. Reservations must be made by Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and seatings are limited and reserved on a firstcome first-served basis. There will be no tickets available at the door. Tickets are \$10.00 per person with a "Junior Portion" ticket available for \$7.00. Tickets will be sold after each service in the narthex. Reservations can also be made by calling the church at (610) 767-7203 and pressing 9. Leave a message and someone will call you back with a confirmation and instructions on how you can make payment before the dinner. Entrée choices include: Prime rib, Chicken Marsala (mushrooms), Chicken Oscar (garnished with asparagus and crab). Each entrée includes: Asst. homemade soup, vegetable, red skin mashed potatoes, roll & butter, homemade dessert & beverages. A children's entrée of hotdog and mac & cheese is also available (\$2.50).

# 13th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE NATIVITY DISPLAY

Hope's Evangelism Committee would like to thank EVERYONE who helped in any way with the Nativity display held here during Thanksgiving weekend. If you were one of the many people who shared your Nativity with us, we thank you for adding to our display. The nativities we had were beautiful and enjoyed by our many visitors. Each one was different, but each one brought the same message that Christmas is the birth of our Lord and Savior. That is the goal of the annual display - to remind us that Jesus is the real reason for this beautiful season.

Perhaps you came out to help us set up or clean up, which is truly a big task and your help was greatly appreciated. Some of our confirmations students and parents helped in this manner and what great workers we had this year; having you there working side by side with us was wonderful. There were many donations of snacks and beverages which were enjoyed by our many visitors at the display.

There were approx. 450 people who came to see and enjoy the display. The common remark heard by our visitors is often "Now this is Christmas" or "Thank you for bringing us this beautiful display each year I look forward to this each year". Some of you served as a host/hostess welcoming visitors to Hope and Hope members to the display. Your time was so appreciated. This year our offerings of \$400.00 were used to bring Christmas to two local families. We "adopted" a family of 4 from the Northampton School District and a family of 5 from the Northern Lehigh School District. Thank you for your donations; it is such a pleasure to give to others in this way.

We were very fortunate to have donations of musical talents shared with us during the display. So thank you to Linda Derr, Jen Moyer, Mary Pritchert, David Dieter, and Marissa Smith. Everyone enjoyed your music. Our children's center was opened all weekend. A few of our post confirmation youth willingly took care of the center and helped in other ways also through out the entire weekend. So a big thanks to Vicky, Kaitlyn, Kristen, Marissa, Tiffanie, and Chrystal. You girls are wonderful.

As you can see, this is a big project for Hope, but it serves as a wonderful "jump start "to our members for bringing in that Christmas spirit and certainly brings the Christian Christmas joy to our many visitors and our communities. If you really want to see for yourself the good that this display brings, please come and just sit quietly in the refreshment area and observe the many emotions, joy, and comments that our visitors have about the display. Yes it is true "Jesus is the real reason for the season" It is also true that "Wise men (and women) still seek Him" So thank you for helping us to keep Christ in Christmas. Merry Christmas and God's Blessings to all.

Hope's Evangelism Committee

#### RECENT BLOOD DONORS



The following members of Hope Lutheran Church have recently donated blood: Gina Barber, Jeffrey Barber, Brenda Mack, Paul Mishko, Sharon Schell, 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 October 2012	84
Number of Donations for November 2012	6
Number of Donations YTD (2012)	90
Number of Donations to Reach Goal	0

#### **DECEMBER 2012 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

- A warm welcome was extended to Pastor
  Paulette Obrecht our new Assistant Pastor!
- Council approved Holencik roofing to replace the roof on the parsonage which will be completed immediately after Christmas. We are receiving bids for replacement of the roof on the entire church as well as the interior painting of the sanctuary ceiling.
- The pictorial Directory is almost done. Portrait sittings were completed the second week in December and the committee is hard at work putting the activity pages together. Many thanks to Susan Stephens and her daughter, Kristin, for being our roving photographers and to the committee who are so efficient and organized!
- Council recognized the Evangelism team for another successful Nativity display. Many wonderful comments were heard by council people about the two-day event which even brought in people from outside of our local area. Word about this event is getting around.
- Wayne Weidner and Pastor Paulette are looking into some opportunities for disaster relief work for members who might be interested in volunteering. Look for additional information in the bulletins and future newsletters.

- Council approved an additional \$2000 be sent to the synod for use in the wider church which puts us closer to our goal of tithing 10% of our income to benevolence.
- Commitments for 2013 to date totaled \$282,000.00 and we expect more to come in before the end of December. Thank you to everyone who prayerfully completed Estimate of Giving cards in support of our ministry!
- Council recognized the four council members who have completed their terms – John Zmyewski, John Schuon, Kris Donscez and Dennis Biechy. Many thanks for your years of service, leadership and dedication to Hope Lutheran Church.

#### SYNOD NEWS

If you would like to read the SYNOD News for the month of January, please visit <u>http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod\_news.</u> htm and select *January 2013*.

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2013





		Regular		Building		Memorial		Scholarship Loan	
Balance Beginning of Year	\$	51,591.04	\$	129,840.65	\$	88,274.75	\$	84,119.44	
Income - November		26,591.66		2,328.19		14.16		_	
Income - JanOct.		286,902.78		45,732.87		12,609.22		15,606.33	
Total Income		313,494.44		48,061.06		12,623.38		15,606.33	
Expenses - November		24,547.82		4.95		100.31		-	
Expenses - JanOct.		271,555.68		54,205.28		23,342.90		3,000.00	
Total Expenses		296,103.50		54,210.23		23,443.21		3,000.00	
Net Income		17,390.94		(6,149.17)		(10,819.83)		12,606.33	
Net Special Appeals		337.00							
Balance End of November	\$	69,318.98	\$	123,691.48	\$	77,454.92	\$	96,725.77	

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY - NOVEMBER 30, 2012

#### SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of November by \$2,043.84, and for the year 2012, income exceeded expenses by \$17,390.94, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$69,318.98. Last year the net income for the same period was \$23,193.10 with a balance of \$30,582.79.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2012 is \$373,622.00. 48/53 of that figure is \$338,374.64. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the eleven months were \$313,494.44. So, we are behind in income by \$24,880.20.

#### **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.

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February

March

April

### Article Deadline

Monday, January 21 Monday, February 18 Monday, March 25

## **Collation Date**

Thursday, January 24 Thursday, February 21 Thursday, March 28

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



#### A LOOK AHEAD

Evangelism's Come Back to Church	Valentine Dinner			
Sunday	Friday, February 15, 2013			
Sunday, January 13, 2013	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Reservation Only)			
Both Services (Hope Lutheran Church)	Hope Lutheran Church			
Bishop to Preach/Reception				
Sunday, February 17, 2013				
Both Services (Hope Lutheran Church)				

#### **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 January.

	Sunday Epistles	Monday <i>The Law</i>	Tuesday <i>History</i>	Wednesday <i>Psalms</i>	Thursday <i>Poetry</i>	Friday Prophecy	Saturday <i>Gospels</i>
Jan. 1 – 5			II Chronicles 11-15	Psalms 117-118	Proverbs 28	Jonah	Acts 3-4
Jan. 6 – 12	Hebrews 8-10	Numbers 33-36	II Chronicles 16-20	Psalms 119	Proverbs 29-30	Micah	Acts 5-6
Jan. 13 – 19	Hebrews 11-13	Deuteronomy 1-3	II Chronicles 21-24	Psalms 120-121	Proverbs 31	Nahum	Acts 7-8
Jan. 20 – 26	James 1-3	Deuteronomy 4-6	II Chronicles 25-28	Psalms 122-124	Ecclesiastes 1-2	Habakkuk	Acts 9-10
Jan. 27 – 31	James 4-5	Deuteronomy 7-9	II Chronicles 29-32	Psalms 125-127	Ecclesiastes 3-4	Zephaniah	Acts 11-12

#### INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB

The December meeting for the garden club was the annual Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed the good food, decorations and festivities. Gifts were exchanged and the point prizes were awarded for the year.

This was the last meeting in 2012. Regular meetings will resume in March of 2013 at Hope Lutheran Church in Cherryville. Watch for information in 2013. If interested in joining the garden club or for more information, call (610) 767-8420.

#### LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Monday, January 28, at 7:00 PM, at Hope Lutheran Church (Kuntz Hall), members of the Lehigh Township Fire Company will present a special program and explain their role in the community and the important work that they do. A question and answer time will follow. There is no charge for the program. Light refreshments will be served. Save the date and support the LTHS and LT Fire Company representatives.