

HOPE HOME NEWS

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Summer Worship Hours

Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM

Church Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Thurs. (7:30 AM – 12:00 PM)
Fri. (7:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

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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."

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding the following: new membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, room reservations for meetings or social events...

Call the Church Office at 610-767-7203

REGARDING	CALL	PHONE. NO
Basket Com	Linda Sidor	610-767-8372
Boy Scouts	John Demczyszyn	610-767-7749
Church Website	Tom Perry	610-261-0743
Confirmation	Lynn LaBarre Pastor Jami	610-767-0880 610-767-7203
Cub Scouts	Lori Rehrig	610-261-4794
Evangelism	Sharyn Kratzer	610-261-1277
Finance	Bob Small	610-428-3231
Girl Scouts	Karen Zimmerman	610-760-1887
Hope Fest	Wayne Weidner	610-767-1512
Memorial Garden	Barry Ritter	610-428-2320
Mentor Leaders	Trish Ninos	610-360-6034
Mutual Ministry	Charlie Kutzler	610-262-4588
Nursery School	Deb Gable	610-767-7523

REGARDING	CALL	PHONE. NO
Prayer Shawl	JoAnne Creyer	610-262-3204
Property	Earl Snyder	610-703-5166
SCS/Christian Ed	Lynn LaBarre	610-767-0880
Social Ministry	Marge Zimmerman	610-217-8324
Stewardship	Wayne Weidner	610-767-1512
VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
WELCA	Judy Dieter	610-767-9170
Worship Arts	Pastor Jami	610-767-7203
Worship & Music	Janet Filchner	610-262-5215
Youth Group	Steph Ziegler Stacey Ziegler	610-262-9197
Senior Center	Edith Knauss	610-767-2977
Tae Kwan Do	Rich Mullen	610-760-0958
Yard Sale	Ralph Fisher	610-392-4985

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR.....

From Pastor Jami Possinger



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year with the theme "Always Being Made New" – a theme based on the text from 2 Corinthians 5:17 where Paul writes, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Forty years ago two Lutheran congregations - St. Paul's, Indianland and Christ, Little Moore – came together to form Hope Lutheran Church - a new and dynamic congregation. If I had to say one thing about our congregation it is that we, too, are always being made new! Now sometimes that newness comes in the form of new ministries - like our prayer shawl group or new bible studies. And sometimes that newness comes in the form of new ways of doing old things – like the ways our Worship Arts Team helps to enhance Sunday morning worship or Joe Neupauer, our new member and the drummer who plays during worship. And sometimes that newness comes in the form of facility updates!

Some of those changes will be immediately noticed when you enter the sanctuary and you notice that the paneling on the front wall has been removed and replaced with a newly painted wall - bringing light and brightness to the front of the church and making the beautiful stained glass window much more noticeable. The ceiling and the walls in the sanctuary have also been repainted. A portion of the costs to do these updates was covered by insurance, some was donated by a member family and the rest was covered from the building fund. The results are refreshing and welcoming!

Many thanks to Al Rock, Earl Snyder and our entire property committee (Kim Belletti, Ralph Fisher, Arnie Kuhns, Charlie Kutzler, Justin Maurer, Tony Pagotto, Stanley Royer, Ed Tretiak, Wayne Weidner, David Zehner) who are overseeing this project and making sure we are disrupted as little possible during the renovations. They are a group of people who work

behind the scenes to make sure our facility is safe and secure and that we continue to maintain this large facility. Offer your thanks when you see them for helping us to be a congregation that is always being made new!

ASSISTANT PASTOR'S WORD.....

From Pastor Paulette Obrecht



"I can see by your outfit that you are a cowboy." Wow! It's finally almost here! Hope Church Vacation Bible School. I had always heard so much about it – and not just from the people of Hope, but also from people in the community.

"I can see by your outfit that you're a cowboy, too." One of the things I always heard about Hope's Vacation Bible School is that there are *tons* of kids who attend. But, not only that! There are *tons* of Hope members who volunteer to help, too.

"You can see by our outfits that we all are cowboys." The whole place becomes a community of people sharing the message of God's love through the person of Jesus. Everyone is invited to participate in God's mission to help the kingdom of God "come near" – and Vacation Bible School give us all a good chance to do that – and have fun, too.

"Get yourself an outfit, and be a cowboy, too."* And, I get to participate, too! I even get a cowboy hat to wear! I can hardly wait to be part of the excitement and fun – all done in the name of Christ and his love for all people!

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."

– John 3:16-17 (from *The Message*)

*from the song "Laredo?" by the Kingston Trio

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Bondage of Stuff by Jerry Hoffman



My wife and I have been on a number group tours. We enjoy them and the people who share the experiences. Each person is allowed one suitcase and one carry on. But as the trip

continues, we shop. The luggage relatively light at the beginning gets heavier. The expandable luggage expands. Then, new bags and packages are tucked under the arms and carried. "Precious, fragile" pieces need "special" treatment. Some request allowance of an extra suitcase.

As the stuff accumulates, so does our concern. We become anxious over the safety of our purchases: "Is it okay if I take these packages on the bus with me? I am afraid that they will get broken. I will hold them in my lap. I can't leave them in my room, because someone might break in and steal them."

Do you remember when Jesus looked sadly at a rich man and said: "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God? Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:24-25)

Rev. Marshall Pechauer recently shared with me his fond memory of a carving, which uniquely illustrates the story. Arnold Flaten, who was once chair of the art department at St. Olaf College, made a carving of a needle and a camel.

The needle was stationary and fastened to the frame of the carving. The camel was moveable. It had a full pack of goods on its back. However the pack of goods on its back was removable. With the goods on its back, the camel could not pass through the eye of the needle. However, when you remove the pack, it could. Stuff is a drag on life. Bondage to stuff keeps the traveler from fully participating in the adventure of a journey. Stewardship provides the opportunity for people to be freed from the bondage to stuff to participate more fully and freely in the journey.

PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISMS

William Wayne Dovico was baptized on Sunday, June 16, 2013 during the 9:30 AM worship service. William is the son of William and Laurie (Scholl) Dovico.

Colton Luke Allabach was baptized on Sunday, June 23, 2013 during the 9:30 AM worship service. Colton is the son of Ryan and Kelly (Meyers) Allabach.

Please welcome William and Colton as our newest members of Hope Church and pray for their growth in faith.

FUNERAL

***Larry D. Gable** entered eternal life on May 25, 2013 at the age of 65 years. Services were held at the Schisler Funeral Home in Northampton with interment at Indianland Cemetery. Pastor Jami officiated.

Karline M. Hontz entered eternal life on June 19, 2013 at the age of 85 years. Services were held at the Schisler Funeral Home in Northampton with interment at Woodlawn Memorial Park. Pastor Paulette officiated.

***Joseph P. Mondak** entered eternal life on June 15, 2013 at the age of 69 years. Services were held at the Schisler Funeral Home in Northampton. Pastor Jami officiated.

*non-member

Our sympathy to family and friends of Larry, Karline, and Joseph. May God continue to be their guide and strength.

HOPE CHURCH'S YARD SALE

The yard sale at Hope Church will be held on Friday, August 30th and Saturday, August 31st. Start cleaning those basements, garages and attics and get your items ready for our annual yard sale. Items can be brought to church on Saturdays only in July and August from 8:00 AM -1:00 PM, beginning Saturday, July 17th. If Saturdays do not work for you to drop off your items; you can make other arrangements by calling Ralph Fisher at 610-262-5076 or 610-392-4985. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for a list of items that are NOT being accepted.



CLEAN-UP DAY

A big thank you to everyone who came out to help clean up around the church on Saturday, May 18th. The church looks great and is now ready for the summer. Thank you to Doug and

Leslie Daniel, Judy Dieter, Charles Kutzler, Cathy Moore, Tony Pagotto, Stanley Royer and Earl and Toni Snyder. Thank you also to Carla Green for planting the geraniums and to Cub Pack #242 for painting the cement bases around the light poles in the parking lot.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The construction of the Memorial Garden is well under way and it is looking beautiful! The cost for interment of cremains in Hope Lutheran Church’s Memorial Garden is \$1,000.00. Certificate of Interment Rights and the Authorization for Engraving forms are available in the church office. If you desire to give a memorial gift or donation to the Memorial Garden or have questions please contact the church office at 610-767-7203. Watch for a dedication date to be announced when the project is completed.

MEMORIAL GARDEN THANK YOU

A grateful thank you to those who came to the Memorial Garden clean-up night on June 12th at 6:00 PM. The chainsaws and clippers have helped clean the tree line in preparation for the Memorial Garden. A big thank you to the following volunteers for helping with this project! Kim Belletti, Nancy Hofmann, Justin Maurer, Tony Pagotto, Barry Ritter, and Stanley Royer. God Bless you All! Look for more clean-up dates in the future!

SECRETARY’S SUMMER HOURS



Beginning Monday, July 1st through Labor Day, Jane Tretiak will be in the church office from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Friday, she will be in the office from 7:30 AM-3:00 PM, Jane will be off on Tuesdays. The answering machine is always on, please leave a message and someone will respond as soon as possible.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Our summer worship hours continue through September 8th. The worship services will be at 8:00 and 9:30 AM, No Sunday Church School.

SUMMER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Please attend worship regularly this summer while at home or on vacation. Also, please remember your church with regular offerings. Hope’s expenses continue all summer and it is a season when we typically get behind with our finances. Incidentally, your envelopes can be dropped directly in the mail with first class postage. Have an enjoyable summer as you take time to appreciate God’s wonderful creation.

SUMMER HYMN SING



*a.k.a. “SING-ALONG WITH DAVID”
The all-request time
Weekly on Sunday Mornings
7:45 AM and 9:15 AM*

ALTAR GUILD

A few volunteers are needed for our altar guild teams. Please call the church office at 610-767-7203 or speak to Pastor Jami if you can help. Training will be provided. You can join an existing team or gather some family and friends and form your own team!

CHURCH NURSERY

For the summer months, the church nursery will not be staffed for the 8:00 AM services. This will continue through Labor Day. The nursery will be open; however you will need to stay with your child. We will continue to staff the nursery for the 9:30 AM worship services.

CUB SCOUT AWARDS

The following boys received the God and Family award on Sunday, June 2nd; Ryan Ferenchak, Austin Hoppes, Ryan McCutcheon, Tommy Nichols, Noah Reichelderfer and Jaden Marlat. The following boys received the God and Me award on Sunday, June 2nd; Reese Anderson, Zeke Colyer, Jed Colyer and Adam Reichelderfer. Congratulations to each scout for earning these awards.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting for Hope's Social Ministry Committee will be on Tuesday, July 23, at 11:00 AM. The group will be finalizing details for Gracedale worship on July 28 and plans for the Senior Picnic on August 17. We also will be looking for ideas for an upcoming program in the fall to provide information and support for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease. Anyone interested in learning more about Social Ministry and joining in the activities and discussion offered by this committee is invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION MEETING

An orientation meeting with students and parents of students entering in the first and second levels will be held on Sunday, August 18th at 10:45 AM. Requirements and schedules will be reviewed for the upcoming school year. This is a VERY IMPORTANT meeting; please mark your calendars now! A letter will be sent to all students with more information.

COUNCIL/STAFF PICNIC

Council and staff members mark your calendars for Monday, July 15th at 6:30 PM. This picnic will be held at Pastor Jami's home.

UPDATE - THE HOPE DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM



A meeting of Hope's Disaster Response Team will be held in Kunz Hall on Sunday, August 11, after worship (at 10:45 AM). At that time we will talk about opportunities to continue recovery efforts in New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy, as well as partnering again with Ziegel's Church when they travel in November to Tuscaloosa, AL, to continue rebuilding after tornado damage from a few years ago. Look for a presentation by members of the Team on Sunday, July 21, during the two worship services. At that time, they will present stories and slides about their trip to Little Ferry, NJ, where they helped with hurricane cleanup. For information about possible day trips to Toms River or Point Pleasant, NJ, during August and September, contact Pastor Paulette.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Snacks and powdered drink mixes are needed for the week of Bible School. Please drop them in the Kuntz Hall kitchen marked VBS.

WORKSHOP ON EVANGELISM

On Thursday, August 8, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, a workshop on evangelism (the scary “E” word) will be presented by Pastor Paulette in Kunz Hall. Everyone is invited to this morning of reflection and discussion about how God gets “stuff” done in the world through the likes of people like you and me – ordinary women and men – teenagers and children – tall people and short people – listeners and doers. The workshop will be followed by lunch and sharing fellowship. Come learn more about God's story of grace – and how we got to know that story. You know, “come and see.”

CLOTHING DRIVE

A big thank you to everyone who donated items to the Youth Group's clothing drive. 3550 pounds was donated which resulted in the Youth Group earning \$1065.00. That is just about enough for one youth to attend the youth gathering in 2015. A lot of youth are interested in going, so watch for more fundraisers and also another clothing drive next spring!

SENIOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Saturday, August 17th, there will be a Birthday Party for any senior member of Hope Church. The party/picnic will begin at 11:30 AM in Kuntz Hall. There will be food, fellowship and entertainment. Mark your calendars now. Watch for more information and a sign-up sheet soon!

GRACEDALE VISIT

Sunday, July 28th a group from Hope will go to Gracedale to attend their worship service. Volunteers are needed to help get the residents to the service. We will leave from Hope at 9:00 AM to travel to Gracedale for their 10:00 AM worship. If you have questions, please call Margie Zimmermann at 610-767-8901.



KNOEBELS TRIP

Saturday, August 3rd we have a pavilion reserved for you at Knoebel’s Amusement Park and Picnic Grove in Elysburg, PA. We have the pavilion from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM. Lunch will be served at about 2:00pm; we’ll

have burgers, hot dogs, salads, dessert and drinks. The cost is \$12.00 per person, children 4 and under is free. Included in the \$12.00 cost is drinks and snacks that will be available all day long or as long as they last. Knoebel’s has free parking, free admission and free entertainment all day long. The park is handicapped accessible. They also have stroller, wheelchair, scooter, and wagon rentals. There are numerous exhibits, a coal mine museum and much more. Knoebel’s has something for all ages. There are over 50 rides, from kiddie rides up to 2 world-class wooden roller coasters! The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Money can be paid as soon as possible. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church and please specify Evangelism outing on the memo line. Call Ernie Doncsecz at 610-767-6339, John Zmyewski at 610-767-7260, or the church office at 610-767-7203 with questions. See you on Sunday!

Your Evangelism Committee

DEALING WITH LOSS AND GRIEVING

REFLECTIONS

Offered by Pastor Paulette Obrecht

In the 5th chapter of Matthew, in the verses known as the Beatitudes, Jesus told his disciples: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

All people at some time or another must deal with loss in their lives. And, even though a loss, such as moving out of a long-time home into a new residence, might seem small to others, it can nevertheless be a source of sadness and grieving to us. However, when we deal with the loss of a loved one in our lives, whether through death, divorce, a change in residence, or other circumstances, we normally experience a range of powerful emotions

that can take much energy and time to acknowledge and live through before they lessen and allow us return to a level of normalcy. This period of dealing with our heightened feelings about loss is referred to a mourning – or grieving. Everyone who experiences the loss of a loved one grieves differently – in his or her own way. Through grieving, we struggle to understand our loss and grief, then, becomes the “healing” process for us. It is the journey that ultimately brings comfort in our pain.

These articles over the next months are meant to help those who grieve recognize that grieving is a natural and normal route that can help those who mourn find healthy ways to deal with their grief. If you would like to talk to someone about your grief issues – or you have questions you would like addressed in these reflections – please feel free to contact me. Next month, I will begin addressing common “stages” associated with grieving.

RECENT BLOOD DONORS



The following members of Hope Lutheran Church have recently donated blood: Kimberly Ardle, Robert Ardle, Bradley Bamford, Donald Bush, Peter Chandick,

Gail Chichello, Cyndi Derr, Linda Derr, Arline Fasching, Kerry Follweiler,

Darlene Hock, Albert Hornyak, Larry Koplin, Marry Beth Laubach, Brenda Mack, Phyllis Milnes, Janet Pauker, Stanley Royer, Laura Rycek, Steven Schannauer, Ashley Schell, Erin Schell, Sharon Schell, April Schlichting, Toni Snyder, Donald Stahley, Raymond Swinger, Edward Tretiak, Jane Tretiak, John Tropeano, Craig Weist, Heather Weist, Edward Winkelbauer, and Stacy Winkelbauer. Thank you to our faithful blood donors. If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at 610-691-5850. **Donor Group Activity Report (Hope Lutheran Church):**

Annual Donation Goal	36
Number of Donations as of April 2013	16
Number of Donations for May 2013	35
Number of Donations YTD (2013)	51
Number of Donations to Reach Goal	0

THANK YOU

The Basket Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased jewelry at the Hope Fest jewelry sale. We raised \$484.45 with more money still coming in from the selling of the gold. The money will be used to purchase more stackable chairs for the church. Thank you again for the purchases. The Basket Committee

THANK YOU NOTES

Hope Lutheran Church received thank you notes from the following individuals/families in the month of June: Kim Doutt and Jane Tretiak. Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS-JUNE 2013

- ⤵ The council approved Finance Committee's recommendation to increase the amount of the scholarship we give from \$100.00 per semester to \$200.00 per semester beginning in the fall of 2013. Eligible students must have completed one year of college and be enrolled full-time to apply. Applications are on the website and are due in to the office by July 26th.
- ⤵ The group who went to New Jersey to do some rebuilding from the damage of Hurricane Sandy will be doing a presentation in church this summer so that members can see how their contributions to the disaster relief fund were used.
- ⤵ Council approved the installation of new carpeting for the three year old and four year old classrooms. Both rooms have carpeting with large tears in them that pose a tripping hazard and need to be replaced.
- ⤵ The Constitution task force has completed their review of the constitution. It is being retyped with the changes for council to review, then be sent to the synod and finally to the congregation for approval.
- ⤵ The sanctuary painting will begin on June 17th. Work on the fire and security system is already underway.
- ⤵ Council discussed next steps on the parsonage rental and voted to retain a real estate management company to handle the parsonage.

- ⤵ The group of youth who attended the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans hosted a "thank you" brunch for people from the church who supported their efforts to get there. Youth, with the help of some adults and Stacey and Steph Ziegler, made pancakes, sausage, fruit and baked goods and offered a presentation to the attendees.

SYNOD NEWS

If you would like to read the SYNOD News for the month of May, please visit http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod_news.htm and select *July 2013*.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JULY 2013

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, July 7, 2013</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, July 14, 2013</u> <i>Personal Care Kits Bless (Both Services)</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, July 21, 2013</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday, July 28, 2013</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:00 AM Gracedale Worship 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2013 GRADUATES!

2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

NAME	GRADUATING FROM	ATTENDING	MAJOR
Erica Chandick	Northampton	Northampton Community College	
Kaitlin Doncsecz	Northampton	Northampton Community College	Psychology
David Galloway	Northampton	Slippery Rock University	
Garrett Kunkel	Northampton	Northampton Community College	
Alex Larkin	Northampton	Full Sail University	
Kelly Lockard	Parkland	Lehigh Carbon Community College	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Mikayla Ninos	Northampton	Widener University	Early Childhood/ Special Education
Chelsea O'Donnell	Northampton	Shippensburg University	Marketing
Jennifer Perry	Northampton	Penn State University	Nursing
Marissa Smith	Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts	Northampton Community College	Theatre and Business Management
Logan Steigerwalt	Northampton		
Samantha Schnabel	Catasauqua	Northampton Community College	Criminal Justice
Daniel Ventura	Parkland	Penn State University	Electrical Engineering
Ethan Xander	Parkland	Bloomsburg University	
Nathaniel Xander	Northampton	Temple University	Bio-Chemistry



2013 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

NAME	GRADUATING FROM	DEGREE	FUTURE PLANS
Briana Fritchman	University of Pittsburgh	Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology; Minor in Chemistry	Associate Scientist for Genewiz Company in New Jersey
Jonathan Heberling	Moravian College	Degree in Business and a Minor in Economics	
Kailee Leibenguth	Cedar Crest College	Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education	K-4 Teacher/Substitute
Allison Schell	George Washington University	Masters in Museum Studies	Museum Curator/Director

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY 31, 2013

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 88,690.61	\$ 116,556.90	\$ 77,311.49	\$ 95,625.77	\$ 29,099.49
Income - May	26,330.79	1,088.97	5,736.32	-	55.22
Income - Jan.-Apr.	126,157.70	81,023.35	6,676.26	7,952.16	117.91
Total Income	152,488.49	82,112.32	12,412.58	7,952.16	173.13
Expenses - May	33,722.70	813.33	760.60	-	7,160.87
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	134,470.00	132,321.40	2,827.48	1,300.00	15,000.00
Total Expenses	168,192.70	133,134.73	3,588.08	1,300.00	22,160.87
Net Income	(15,704.21)	(51,022.41)	8,824.50	6,652.16	(21,987.74)
Net Special Appeals	597.28				
Balance End of May	\$ 73,583.68	\$ 65,534.49	\$ 86,135.99	\$ 102,277.93	\$ 7,111.75

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of May by \$7,391.91, and for the year 2013, expenses exceeded income by \$15,704.21, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$73,583.68. Last year the net income for the same period was \$22,391.77 with a balance of \$74,385.46.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2013 is \$413,068.00. 21/52 of that figure is \$166,815.92. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the five months were \$152,488.49. So, we are behind in income by \$14,327.43.

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. Your articles may be edited so we do not exceed the newsletter page limitations. Please email your articles to Steve Shermetta (communications@hopecherryville.org) by **12:00 PM** on the deadline date. Thank you.

Edition

August
September
October

Article Deadline

Monday, July 22
Monday, August 26
Monday, September 23

Collation Date

Thursday, July 25
Thursday, August 29
Thursday, September 26



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Members of Hope, Jane and Pastor Jami,

Thank you for letting Cadette Troop 8570 use the 6th grade room for our meetings. We Appreciate your kindness.

Kim Doutt

Dear Newsletter, WELCA members, friends from Hope, Pastor Jami, and Pastor Paulette,

Thank you so very much for the delicious meal at Aca Mia, the Myster gift certificate and the monetary gift you gave me in celebration of Secretary's Day. Thank you also for the fun and fellowship we whared and for all you do for Hope Church. I was very humbled to see so many people there to share their time with me. Thank you also to Judy Dieter for organizing this very special day for me!

Jane Tretiak

LEAVE A LEGACY

Have you given much thought about the Legacy you would like to leave after you join the Church Triumphant? Even with uncertainty about the future, you can and should make plans about your estate especially if you want charitable gifts to be part of your estate plan.

There are many ways to make a gift that does not jeopardize your financial wellbeing. For instance, the most used gifting method is a will. Eighty percent of the gifts received by congregations come from estates via a will. However, 60% of the people who die each year die without a will. Furthermore, less than 10% of the Lutherans who die each year remember their congregation in their will. The beauty of a will is that it does not require that you give up any of your assets while you are alive. The cost to write a will is minimal and a will is changeable if your charitable interests change. The place to start is by having a conversation with your pastor, an ELCA Charitable Gift Planner, and of course your attorney.

Another easy way to make an estate gift, which does not affect your current financial situation, is changing the beneficiary statement on an insurance policy, IRA, 401k, 403b, other retirement accounts and/or investment accounts. Simply call the plan administrator or account manager and ask for a change of beneficiary form. Generally, there is no cost to make this change. IRA, 401k, and 403b accounts create an ordinary tax liability for the inheritor of these accounts. So, using them to make

charitable gifts can save on taxes for those who will benefit from your estate. For more details about how you can structure your estate to save your beneficiaries taxes, contact and ELCA Charitable Gift Planner for the details.

There are other ways to arrange your estate to make charitable gifts including gifts that may increase your income. It all depends on your financial situation, the assets you have, and the ministries you want to support. A good place to start is to have a conversation with an ELCA Charitable Gift Planner. ELCA Charitable Gift Planners are not advisors nor do they have anything to sell. However, they can provide you with information and the appropriate questions to ask your legal and financial advisor to help you support the ministry of your congregation or other ministries of the church.

For more information about using wills for charitable giving or other ways to make gifts to your congregation and other ELCA ministries, please call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office 570-374-2044 or contact the ELCA Foundation