

# 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."*

## 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**

<b>REGARDING</b>	<b>CALL</b>	<b>PHONE. NO</b>
Basket Com	Linda Sidor	610-767-8372
Boy Scouts	John Demczynsyn	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

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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
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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	Diane Esch	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*



Have you ever wondered how we came to be the ELCA – the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America? And how long ago did that happen? And what were we before we were the ELCA? If you are looking for some answers - Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> is a day you won't want to miss being in church. Why? Because that's the day – along with thousands of other congregations across the country – we are celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ELCA.

Here's a little history: beginning in 1982, hundreds of people worked for five years on what was called The Commission for a New Lutheran Church. Its many committees and task forces were challenged to prepare, not for a "merger" of Lutheran Church bodies - but for something new. On April 30-May 3, 1987 the three Lutheran church bodies, — the American Lutheran Church (ALC), the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC) — came together, in Columbus, Ohio, to officially "convene" the ELCA.

Throughout 2013 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is celebrating its 25th anniversary under the theme, "**Always being made new.**" On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> we'll take time to look back at the people and events that have shaped us as a church. We'll celebrate the stories that have made us vibrant and distinctive - nearly 10,000 congregations, 65 synods and numerous churchwide ministries that love and serve neighbors in our communities, our country and around the world. And we'll have some fun doing it!

So here is YOUR personal invitation to come and celebrate with us. Our Worship Arts Team will be hosting coffee and fellowship after each service and during worship we will celebrate all that makes us Lutherans in the ELCA. Don't miss out – because what God has done through us is indeed worth celebrating!

## ASSISTANT PASTOR'S WORD...

*From Pastor Paulette Obrecht*



As September rolls in, we think of things like the beginning of the school

year, schedules returning to normal (as normal as they can get), the fall harvest, trees beginning to change the color of leaves, and angels. Yes, angels.

Although you may not realize it, each year on September 29 the Church at large celebrates the lesser festival of St. Michael and All Angels. When it occurs on a Sunday, like it does this year, we celebrate this festival day during regular worship.

So, how much do you know about Michael, and all angels. I think most of what I know about Michael the angel I learned from the movie with John Travolta. Did you know the archangel Michael invented the idea of standing in line? But seriously, the word angel comes from the Greek word "angelo," meaning "messenger." So, angels are messengers, God's messengers in particular. If you add the Greek prefix "eu," which means "good," you get the word "euangello," or "messenger of the good news." And, that's where we get the word "evangelism" in today's English.



Mostly, angels were supposed to share news about the power and glory of God. In the Bible, when a group of angels appeared, they usually sang about God's glory – and about peace to all of us. But sometimes, they were sent to us humans to deliver special messages. Remember, the angel Gabriel visited Zechariah to tell about the birth of John the Baptist and, later, was sent to Mary to announce the birth of the Messiah, her son-to-be. Remember, at the empty tomb, an angel or two appeared to tell people, "Do not fear, but believe." I wonder if the second angel was Michael? And, since we are all commissioned by Jesus to be messengers of God's good news, maybe in some ways, we are angels sent by God, too.

*And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest." (ELW, Setting 8)*

(For an interesting article on St. Michael and angels, check out this blog by Lutheran pastor Paul T. McCain: <http://cyberbrethren.com/2011/09/29/st-michael-and-all-angels/>.)

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Hope's Hidden Treasure Auction

Everyone has something to offer – something at which they are talented or that they can share. We want to identify the “hidden treasures” of Hope Lutheran and auction them off at our first-ever time and talent auction on Consecration Sunday 2013!

Here's how it works... think of something you can offer for the auction. Maybe it's some of your time... taking someone to run errands once a week for a month, free babysitting one day for a harried mom. Maybe it's a talent you have... handyman skills, computer skills, making flower arrangements or baking. Maybe it is something you can teach... scrapbooking, swimming or knitting. Maybe it's a treasure you can offer... an heirloom quilt, a weekend at your summer cottage, a special holiday ornament. You offer it – we'll auction it!

On Consecration Sunday - October 20<sup>th</sup> after the late service – we will have lunch and then bring in our auctioneer to start the bidding on a talent or treasure that you can purchase for a price. It's all about sharing what we have with others!

Now that you know what it's all about these are your next steps...

- 👉 Save the date – October 20, 2013!  
Consecration Sunday will be celebrated at both services with the lunch and auction after the 10:30 service.
- 👉 Think about what you can offer – be creative!  
A tray of Christmas cookies? Walking someone's dog? Playing the piano for a house party? A hand-knitted afghan? Knife sharpening? A pie a month? iPad/iPhone consulting?
- 👉 Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway and sign up to join the auction. Because everyone has something to offer!

Proceeds from the auction will benefit the ministries of Hope Lutheran Church!

## PASTORAL ACTS

*Pastor Jami officiated at the following pastoral acts.*

### HOLY BAPTISM

**Evan Michael Ross** was baptized on Sunday, August 18, 2013 during the 9:30am worship service. Evan is the son of Kyle Smith and Mellanie Ross.

***Please welcome Evan as our newest member of Hope Church and pray for his growth in faith.***

### FUNERALS

**Rita C. Hulsizer** entered eternal life on August 7, 2013 at the age of 71 years. A Memorial service was held at Hope Church.

**Howard E. Strohl** entered eternal life on August 18, 2013 at the age of 87 years. Services were held at Hope Church with interment at the New Hope Cemetery, Little Moore.

***Our sympathy to family and friends of Rita and Howard. May God continue to be their guide and strength.***

### MARRIAGE

**Annette Xander and Paul Frazza** were united in marriage on August 3, 2013.

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

## Reflections on Dealing with Grief & Loss

### ***by Pastor Paulette Obrecht***

There is no typical response to loss, for everyone reacts individually to the losses in their lives. The 5 stages of grieving normally associated with loss include denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Each of them serves to help people to cope with their grief.

When we first learn about the death of someone we love, it is normal to wonder if the message is really true. We seem to exist in a state of shock and numbness. It is our way of stretching out the pain of our feelings of grief. It allows us to let in only as much as we can handle at the moment so we are not overwhelmed emotionally. ***Continued on page 5...***



People often find themselves telling the story of their loss over and over, which is one way for the mind to be able to deal with the trauma of death. As we tell the story, and our denial fades, it is slowly replaced with the reality of our loss. That's when we begin to question the how and the why – and we turn from external story-telling mode toward the inward search for understanding and meaning of what has happened. How did this happen? Why did this happen? Could anything have prevented this?

As the reality of loss sinks in, without our realizing it, the healing process slowly begins. However, as we begin our healing, the feelings we have been denying begin to surface and we move into another phase of grieving. We will take time next month to discuss the stage of anger. If you feel the need to discuss entering this next phase of grieving or any of this articles on grief, please feel free to give Pastor Paulette (610-767-7203) a call.

*For I, the Lord, your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you.*

– **Isaiah 41:13**

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JULY / AUGUST 2013**

- ⚓ After a few months of being vacant the parsonage has been rented again. Many thanks to Stanley Royer, Charlie Kutzler and Justin Maurer who did some repairs and clean up to get the parsonage ready for our new tenant.
- ⚓ Consecration Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. As in the past we will as members to complete "Estimate of Giving Cards" during worship at each service. AND we will be holding our first-ever Hope's Hidden Treasure Luncheon and Live Auction after the second service that day. Look for additional information and sign-up sheets to participate and offer YOUR talent in the auction.
- ⚓ Council approved funding for additional expenses to complete the Memorial Garden. An official dedication service will be scheduled - hopefully – in September.
- ⚓ The Disaster Response Team is planning a trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama in November 2013. Our

members will partner with a "seasoned" team from Ziegels Lutheran Church in Breinigsville and be involved in a Habitat for Humanity "house blitz" – building a house from foundation to roof in a week. To date 7 people have expressed an interest. Council approved a fundraising breakfast in September to help defray the cost of the trip for our members.

- ⚓ Vacation Bible School was a hit with 217 children attending and over 100 staff people helping throughout the week. Thank you to Kathy Ziegler and Jen Ventura, VBS coordinators, for their tireless efforts which brought this exciting week together!

### **CHURCH WORSHIP HOURS**



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

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

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

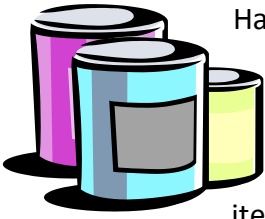
Our Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers are ready to have a good year with their students. Please note that Sunday School begins at 9:15 AM and ends at 10:15 AM. We have classes for age two through adult.

### **FALL OFFICE HOURS**

Fall office hours will begin on Wednesday, September 4, 2013. The church office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The office will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Jane Tretiak continues to be off on Tuesdays; however, Nina Weiss will be here to help you with anything you may need. You may also call the church office at (610) 767-7203 anytime and leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



### **HARVEST HOME SUNDAY**



Harvest Home Sunday will be celebrated at both worship services on Sunday, September 22, 2013. All are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items (examples: applesauce, Jello, pudding, soups, tuna, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, peanut butter, etc) to the church on or before Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any food items donated by Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> by 9:00 AM will be part of the altar display. Paper bags will be distributed to the Sunday School students on their first day of class, September 9<sup>th</sup> and will also be available on the table in the narthex for all members to pick up. A special thank you to Giant Food Stores for their donation of brown grocery bags. Food donations collected will be taken to the Northampton Area Food Bank. Monetary gifts will also be donated to the Food Bank.

### **WELCA IMPORTANT DATES**

**Tuesday 9/17:** WELCA Meeting at 9:00 AM

**Saturday 9/21:** Adult Sunday School Room Fall Cluster at Good Shepherd Kreidersville, registration 8:30 AM, program 9:00 AM.

**Tuesday 9/24:** Trip to Sight and Sound

### **PRAYER CHAIN GROUP**

The next meeting for the Prayer Chain Group will be on Tuesday, November 26, at 11 AM, in Kuntz Hall. We will continue our discussion about ways to offer prayers for others and offer support to each other, as well. Anyone interested in joining our discussion about intercessory prayer is welcome to join us at this time.

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT'S MEETING**

A brief meeting will be held for all communion assistants on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM in the sanctuary.

### **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

...will be resuming on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. They will continue meeting the second Thursday each month in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom (the room behind the library). All are welcome!

### **DOING WHAT MATTERS TO GOD:**

#### ***"God's Work – Our Hands" Saturday***

On Sunday, September 8, the ELCA is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary – and we will be participating during worship. However, since that is also our celebration of "Rally Day" and the beginning of Sunday School, Hope Church is not able to participate with the church-at-large in a day of service to others.

Instead, we will be "rolling up our sleeves" and getting to work on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8 AM - 2 PM. Hope Youth Group has invited us to join with them to serve our neighbors in need – and do what matters to God – together – by helping with "The Potato Project," just outside of Kutztown.

Everyone will leave the church parking lot at 8 am – and return about 2 pm. Non-youth group participants can sign up on the bulletin board in the entryway – so the Potato Project staff know how many of us to expect. All ages – from 2 to 82 – are welcome to join in. Enjoy a day in the country – and come "play in the dirt." Then, enjoy eating freshly cooked French fries before we return home. Mmm – French fries!

### **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

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



**Junior Choir** - 7:00 PM Wednesday, September 4

**Youth Choir** - 8:00 PM Wednesday, September 4

**Senior Choir** - 7:00 PM Thursday, September 5

**Orchestra** - Special orchestra project on Sunday, September 8. Rehearsal TBD (Check online calendar).

All rehearsals through Christmas have been posted on the church calendar available at

[calendar.hopecherryville.org](http://calendar.hopecherryville.org). Choir membership is open to anyone. Junior Choir 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Youth Choir 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade; Senior Choir; post-high school. For orchestra information and any other questions, please contact David Ziegler, Director of Music at [organist@hopecherryville.org](mailto:organist@hopecherryville.org).

**CALLING ALL YOUTH 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE!**



The youth group is up and running! Don't miss out on these September events.

**September 13 - 14 Youth Group Kick-Off Lock-In -**

Come on out and see what youth group is all about. We begin Friday with dinner, play some games, watch a movie, and get to know each other. This is a great event for those who have never attended an event before. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow as we will be sleeping in Kuntz Hall. We ask that each youth bring \$10 to help cover the cost of food and supplies.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> Potato Picking Project** - This is an event we've done for the past few years which does count as an outreach event. Youth travel to potato fields where we pick potatoes that are donated to our local food banks. Come help us feed those in need and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 AM Interest Meeting for National Youth Gathering, Detroit MI** - This is our next meeting and commitment time for the next youth gathering in 2015. We are asking for your \$100 deposit towards the trip and will discuss upcoming fundraisers and what happens next. Time to reserve your spot on this once in a lifetime trip.

It's that time of year to fill out your permanent permission slips good for all youth group events through August 2014. You can find the form on the church website or pick up a copy at the next youth group event. EVERYONE must fill out a new one in order to attend any events.

See our youth group board in the narthex, Facebook page (Youth Group Rocks), or check out the youth page on the church website

<http://hopecherryville.org/youth> for more information and a sneak peek at even MORE upcoming events. Hope to see you there!! Keep your eyes open for these upcoming events:

**September 13 & 14, Fri – Sat** – Sleepover/Lock-In

**October 10, Wednesday** – POW 5:30 - 8:00 PM

**October 20, Saturday** – Haunted Event TBD

**November 14, Wednesday** – POW 5:30 - 8:00 PM

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

At the worship services on August 4<sup>th</sup> the following members of Hope, having met all requirements of eligibility, received a scholarship check from Hope Church. Full time students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year or higher who successfully applied for scholarships were:

Caitlin Perry	Rodney Christman
David Deiter	Sarah Galloway
John P. Zmyewski	Sarah Ventura
Julie Wainwright	Scott Possinger
Kevin Heberling	Thyler Hantz
Kyle Stephens	Tyler Medina
Payton Marunich	Vicky Zmyewski
Robert Small	William Christman

***Congratulations to all!***

***May God bless these young people in their studies!***

**DiscoverING BELLS**

This is a six-week course designed to teach people of all ages how to ring handbells. Look for all the details on the flyer that is on our website under “Worship and Music Committee” and hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**GIRL SCOUT LEADERS NEEDED**

Girl Scout Leaders needed here at Hope! All age levels: Daisy grades K & 1, Brownie grades 2 & 3, Junior grades 4 & 5, Cadettes grades 6 & 7, Senior grades 10 & 11, Ambassador grades 11 & 12. The girls are waiting for you to volunteer as their Girl Scout Leader! Online training available. Please contact Natalie Savage 484-634-2639 [srj469@rcn.com](mailto:srj469@rcn.com)

**CUPCAKES NEEDED**

Chocolate or vanilla cupcakes with yellow icing are needed for Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ELCA. Please let us know if you can help by signing the sheet located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you.

### **NEW MEMBERS CLASSES**

If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member of Hope Church, please invite him or her to our new member's classes, beginning in September. Classes will be held from 9:15-10:15 AM on the following Sundays; September 22, 29 and October 6, when new members will be received.

### **HOPE DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM PLANS**

Hope's Disaster Response Team will be sponsoring a breakfast on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 to 11:00 AM in Kuntz Hall as a way to help support the group of eight people travelling to help with ongoing tornado relief effort in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The breakfast will be available to all interested people – and a free will donation will be accepted to support the team and their ongoing work.

The next meeting of the team will be on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30 PM. All people interested in helping define the team's mission and ministries are invited to attend this meeting.

### **NEW BIBLE STUDY**

Evangelism will sponsor a new Bible study beginning on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM. This is a 9 study booklet, entitled GROWING OLDER & WISER, written by Dale and Sandy Larsen. Some of the weekly titles include "Wise UP, Wisdom Hunt, Wiser by Faith, Dealing with Fears" and more. The first study is based on James 1; 1-8, 12 and we will be discussing dealing with pains, hurts and perseverance. Cost of the study will be approx. \$6.80 for the study guide booklet. Because we are growing and learning from each other, no one is expected to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome, hope you will join us in this study. Please note that though we would love to see you at every weekly study, we realize that life has some demands that will prevent you from being there every week, but come whenever you can. You will still enjoy the study. This study is informal; we read together the scripture, discuss it and try to compare it to current life situations. There will be a sign up sheet on bulletin board. This is only for a guide so we know the approx. number of study booklets to order. For further information, please call Sharyn Kratzer at 610 261 1277.

### **NURSERY SCHOOL**


The Hope Lutheran Church Nursery School is still accepting registrations for the 2013-2014 school year. There are openings for both the 3 year old and 4 year old programs. To register your child or for more information, contact Deb Gable at (610) 767-7523.

We are now on

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Hope Lutheran Nursery School



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[www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranNurserySchool](http://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranNurserySchool)

### **EUCHARIST MINISTERS' MEETING CHANGED**

The next meeting of the Eucharist Ministers will be held on Monday, September 30, at 5:30 PM. (Pastor Paulette postponed the meeting scheduled for August due to vacations and schedule conflicts.) The group will meet in the Hansen Hall "Council" room. Please call the church office if you are not able to attend.

### **NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK**

The Annual Food Bank Penny Party will be held at Hope on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Doors open at 1:00 PM and it begins at 2:00 PM. There will be a Bake Sale and other food items for sale. Proceeds benefit the Northampton Area Food Bank. For more information, please contact Barbara at (610)262-6156. Hope to see you there!



### **SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING**

Please let Pastor Paulette know if you are interested in joining the Social Ministry. She can be contacted at Hope Lutheran Church. The next meeting will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

### **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](http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod_news.htm) and select *September 2013*.



### **2013 FALL BASKET SOCIAL**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Walk-in Basket Social will be held on **Friday, October 11, 2013** in Kuntz Hall.



Proceeds benefit the Church's Maintenance Fund.

Doors open at 4 PM and tickets (\$5 at the door) may be purchased until 7:15 PM. The drawing begins at 7:30

PM. Refreshments will be sold.

We also invite you to help with this event by donating a theme basket, gift certificate, bottled water, canned soda, or baked goods. Any of these items may be dropped off in the fellowship hall Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Questions may be directed to the Hope Church Office by calling 610.767.7203.

Jean Leibenguth, Linda Sidor, & Kathy Fogle, co-chairs

#### **SPECIAL NOTE TO BASKET COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Our business meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall.

### **FALL EVANGELISM EVENTS**

Next Evangelism Meeting September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

This will be beginning or planning for 2013-2014 events. Also Pastor Paulette will discuss and summarize Evangelism workshop.

**New Member reception** October 6<sup>th</sup> during Sunday school hour. We will need baked goods.

**Nativity weekend** November 30 and December 1, set up November 29, 2013.

Hope you can join us. Bring your ideas. Together, we can share our faith and keep the message of God's love for His people alive... REMEMBER, IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK TO GET A FIRE GOING! God's blessings to all.  
Sharyn

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2013**

<p><b><u>Sunday, September 1, 2013</u></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, September 8, 2013</u></b> <b><i>Regular Worship Hours Resume</i></b> <b><i>Sunday School Installation</i></b> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, September 15, 2013</u></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Communion Assistant Meeting 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, September 22, 2013</u></b> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member Classes 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, September 29, 2013</u></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM New Member Classes 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>

### **INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB**

The next regular monthly meeting of the Indianland Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, September 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, at 7 PM. Doors open at 6 PM. Come to the meeting and hear Master Gardener Sue Holland talk about "Landscape Design." Following the program, there will be light refreshments and a brief business meeting.

Visitors are welcome at the garden club meetings. For more information, please call 610-767-8420.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JULY 31, 2013					
	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
<b>Balance Beginning of Year</b>	\$ 88,690.61	\$ 116,556.90	\$ 77,311.49	\$ 95,625.77	\$ 29,099.49
Income - July	25,419.32	948.83	(128.36)	(972.57)	1.69
Income - Jan.-June	182,451.26	84,766.26	12,591.25	7,952.16	175.45
Total Income	207,870.58	85,715.09	12,462.89	6,979.59	177.14
Expenses - July	32,614.82	22,160.94	3,031.70	-	10,230.00
Expenses - Jan.-June	200,623.09	139,205.10	4,424.89	1,300.00	22,695.82
Total Expenses	233,237.91	161,366.04	7,456.59	1,300.00	32,925.82
Net Income	(25,367.33)	(75,650.95)	5,006.30	5,679.59	(32,748.68)
Net Special Appeals	797.28				
<b>Balance End of July</b>	<b>\$ 64,120.56</b>	<b>\$ 40,905.95</b>	<b>\$ 82,317.79</b>	<b>\$ 101,305.36</b>	<b>\$ (3,649.19)</b>
<b>SUMMARY:</b>					
Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of July by \$7,195.50, and for the year 2013, expenses exceeded income by \$25,367.33, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$64,120.56. Last year the net income for the same period was \$24,960.05 with a balance of \$76,551.09.					
Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2013 is \$413,068.00. 30/52 of that figure is \$238,308.46. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the seven months were \$207,870.58. So, we are behind in income by \$30,437.88.					

### **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 Nina Weiss ([communications@hopecherryville.org](mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org)) by **12:00 PM** on the deadline date. Thank you.

**Edition**

**Article Deadline**

**Collation Date**

October

Monday, September 23

Thursday, September 26

November

Monday, October 28

Thursday, October 31

December

Monday, November 18

Thursday, November 21



## **LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Remember the Lehigh Township Historical Centre in Pennsville is open on the second and fourth Sundays in September, from 1 to 4 PM. Visit the historical center soon to learn what life was like in days gone by. We have many new items that would be interesting for all ages to see!

With the latest autumn-like weather we've had, our thoughts are turning to our annual fall mum sale which will be held at the historical center on Saturday, September 21, from 9 AM to 1 PM, and mums not sold on Saturday will be sold on September 22, from 1 to 4 PM. Keep this in mind if you are going to buy mums for your landscaping purposes. We will have an assortment of varieties and colors for you to choose from. Our prices

have not gone up; they will be the same as 2011 and 2012. Remember to come early for the best selection! Along with the mum sale, there will also be a bake sale. A couple of members are going to make hot dogs too so come for lunch and buy your mums in one trip!

The regular monthly meeting is held on the second Monday of each month at 7 PM for anyone interested in joining us. Anyone who is interested in history is welcome. We welcome volunteers anytime. If you have some spare time and have special talents, we could use YOU!

Contact Ken at 610-767-5989 for more information.

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

I would like to thank Pastor Paulette and Pastor Jami for the many hospital visits and prayers for Robert and our family. The cards and notes from the members of the congregation were deeply appreciated. Thank you so much. I would also like to thank the Ladies' Sewing Circle who gave Robert a beautiful bag for his walker. It was so thoughtful of them to remember that he enjoyed hunting. The fabric you chose with bears it really made him smile. Thank you,

***Joanne Heffelfinger***

**Dear Pastors Jami and Paulette, members and friends of Hope Lutheran Church and Soup Kitchen:** Thank you all for your prayers, cards, visits and comforting words during my mother's hospitalization and then passing away and also for contributions made to the church in memory of Karline Hontz. Your kindness will never be forgotten. God bless you.

***Pat & Charlie Schimaneck***

**Dear Rev. Obrecht and Friends from Hope Lutheran Church,**

Thank you for your recent donation to Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc. Because victims who come to our emergency shelter often bring few, if any, personal belongings, we try to provide them with the necessities they will need during their stay, and provide items to clients who are moving forward with their lives and starting new households free from violence. In addition, Turning Point strives to make its shelter as warm and welcoming as possible. Your donation helps us to accomplish all of this.

***Diane Zanetti, Executive Director***

**To the Members of Hope Lutheran Church,**

Thank you so much for the scholarship money. It will certainly come in use this semester for books. Your gift is much appreciated. God Bless,

***Julie Wainwright***

Thank you for your generous donation and allowing me to attend your VBS. In Faith, Hope and Love,

***Doug and Linda, Angel 34 Foundation***

**Pastor Jami, Pastor Paulette and Hope Church Family,**

We were blessed to hear so many kind words and feel the faithful prayers from our "Hope Family" during my Dad's recent illness and passing. The cards and notes were comforting as we take Dad's memories deep into our hearts. He is free as a butterfly returning home to God. Fondly,

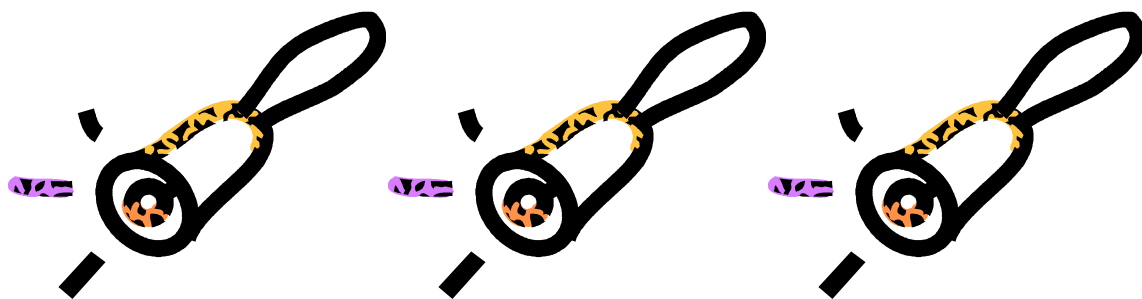
***Lynn LaBarre & Family***

**Dear Pastor Jami, David, Jane, Zymewski Family, Luncheon Crew, and Church Family,**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to yours for the special part each of you have played in the beautiful celebration of life for Howard E. Shrohl, our beloved husband and father. In Christian love,

***Kathryn Strohl, Linda & Tom Sidor***





# discoverRING BELLS

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

**When:** Wednesdays Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9

**Time:** 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**Where:** Hope's sanctuary

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

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

*Discover something new!*

Contact Janet Filchner: 610-262-5215 or [bells@hopecherryville.org](mailto:bells@hopecherryville.org)