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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

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger



I was driving down the street the other day when I passed a house where an older man was planting something in a landscape bed and, what might have been his grandson, was watching the whole process. The man had a small shovel and a hose and was moving the dirt and watering it. The young boy was dressed in jeans and a long sleeve shirt and was wearing a diving mask on his face! It looked so strange and yet he looked so comfortable wearing it – like it was something he did all the time. It was just natural. As I drove by I thought to myself...when did I lose the guts to wear a diving mask in the yard to water some plants?!!!

Truth is that we live in a world where people who wear a diving mask and are not in a pool or lake or ocean are seen as different or nutty. In an effort to be accepted, to be thought of as cool, to conform to the crowd we worry about things like that. We worry about what people might think and how they will judge our worthiness. And we allow the culture to tell us what is acceptable dress, behavior or language even when the clothing may be inappropriate, the behavior rude or the language crude. When did we lose the freedom and love of life to wear diving masks? Why can't we just be loved for who we are?

And that led me to think about the Protestant Reformation. It is hard to imagine that in just four years Lutheran churches throughout the world will celebrate the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation. Here at Hope we celebrate the Reformation yearly in worship – typically on the last Sunday in October – when we recall Martin Luther's posting of his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg in 1517. His action sparked a series of reforms in theological understanding of grace, liturgical practice, accessibility of scripture in the common language, and much more.

What led Martin Luther to the bold step of posting the Ninety-five Theses was not only a radical new understanding of scripture and theology but also a radical new understanding of himself. Let me explain...prior to his revelation about God and God's relationship with him, Luther was able to see God only as judgmental and punitive. He saw himself as a sinner who could not be loved or forgiven by such a God. Luther's crisis continued until his study of the Bible helped him to see that there is no way in which human beings can "gain credit" with God or ever "merit" God's favor. What he read in scripture convinced him that people receive through faith God's divine gift of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and that sins are forgiven by the sheer mercy of God. This doctrine of "justification by faith" soon came to form the basis of Luther's religious theology.

Luther opened the doors to a new understanding of our relationship with God. That is – God's grace – God's unconditional love – is offered to us not because of who we are or what we can do but because of who God is. And this is a most important concept in a world where we are constantly striving to fit in, to be loved and accepted, to be good enough. We are good enough just as we are. We are loved by God just as we are. So go out and wear your diving mask to water the plants – God loves it!

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

ASSISTANT PASTOR'S WORD...

From Pastor Paulette Obrecht



This past month I have had the exciting pleasure of substituting as Sunday School teacher in the Third grade class. They are studying the Bible and its stories. Wow! How fun is that!

I remember when I was in 3rd grade. That summer I got to attend Vacation Bible School at a small Pentecostal-type church and they taught Bible stories in a way that made you feel like you were
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part of the story. I got to do that, too, this past month. We used what's called "Godly Play" – but we got to do it "in the style of Paulette."

"Godly Play" lets you take everyday objects to set up the story and its characters, narrate it in regular language, and ask where you would be part of the story – like for the story of Abraham and Sarah. My light tan tablecloth served as the desert. Paper cups became the cities of Ur and Haran. Popsicle stick figures prayed in the desert and trekked across the table cloth to wherever God led them. Sarah and Abraham left their homeland and their families and believed that they could live in the land God promised them and would have sons and daughters as numerous as the stars up above. They had true faith. Okay – pick the rock that stands for you and - where would you put yourself in this story of God entering our lives.

And – here's what the 3rd graders said:

"I'd be in the desert – where it was quiet and I could feel God talking to me."

"I'd be at the end – in God's promised land – to see what happens next."

"I'd be in the city of Ur – at the beginning. I don't know if I could leave my family and go off on a journey without them."

Aren't kids great! They were all the kinds of answers we might give to God, too. We need to find a quiet place to talk to God – and to listen to what God says back to us.

We need to take risks to see where God is leading us – even though it might be very hard to leave family and friends behind. Our faith is truly a journey – across the desert. And, maybe – just maybe, we learned that in Sunday School! God is great!

I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. – Luke 18:17

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS: Pastor Jami officiated at the following funeral. *Harold Itterly entered eternal life on September 17, 2013 at the age of 86 years. Funeral services were held at Bensing Funeral Home. ***Our sympathy to family and friends of Harold. May God continue to be their guide and strength.***

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 2013

- ↓ The youth group will hold a roast beef/turkey Murder Mystery Dinner on October 12th to begin raising money toward the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan. Tickets will be available for purchase after services.
- ↓ 2013 Consecration Sunday is scheduled for October 20th and will include a luncheon and Time and Talent Auction. Members are encouraged to sign up a talent they have to offer. A display with sign up is in the narthex.
- ↓ The Memorial Garden is almost complete and the dedication is October 27th.
- ↓ New member classes will be held on Sundays Sept. 22nd, 29th and Oct. 6th. New members will be received during worship on Oct. 6th at both services. Council is encouraged to attend the new member reception that day at 9:15 AM.
- ↓ Again this year the Evangelism committee will sponsor the Nativity display on November 30th and 31st.
- ↓ The Security Task Force is continuing to explore the way our new limited access system will be implemented. More information will be available in the bulletins and future newsletters.
- ↓ Sunday School had a successful start to the 2013-2014 year.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

Hope Church will celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 27th.

Consecration Sunday

OCTOBER 20, 2013

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

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

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

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

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

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and

inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

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

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Linda Mery
Council President

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 10th, **between worship services beginning @ 9:15 AM**. At least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum that morning. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



In the Lutheran Church, we refer to *all* the baptized people of God as "saints". While it is true that this designation applies to those whose life has been exemplary, God's ordinary people, like you and me, are also "saints". In the course of our baptisms, we were made members of the church and so have been included in what is often referred to as the "communion of saints." All Saints Sunday provides us a wonderful occasion in the course of the liturgical year to celebrate the saints who are living among us as well as those who have died. This year All Saints Sunday occurs on November 3rd and we will again remember and pray for those from our congregation who have died during the past year. We will also recognize and celebrate those who became saints since last year's All Saints Sunday through God's grace in the sacrament of baptism.

WELCA IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 10/15: WELCA Meeting at 9:00 AM

by Pastor Paulette Obrecht

Why am I so angry that my loved one is no longer with me? Why am I so angry at myself because I didn't do more to prevent this from happening?

Anger is a necessary part of the healing process of grieving. It's okay to be willing to feel your anger. In fact, the more you truly feel it, the more it will begin to dissolve and the more you will begin to heal.

In fact, as strong emotions begin to surface, they can be aimed at friends, doctors, family members, yourself, the one whose loss you are mourning – and also toward God. You might find yourself asking, "Where is God in this? Where is God's love? Where is God's compassion? Is this really God's will? You may think that, maybe, God is angry at you – and, now what are you to do?"

But, God understands. God know that underneath anger is pain, *your* pain. God knows you need to allow yourself to be angry. Scream if you need to. Find a solitary place – and let it out! Anger can actually be a strength – your anchor that give structure at a time when everything has fallen apart.

So, find a way to get it out, without hurting yourself or someone else. Try walking, swimming, gardening, any kind of physical activity. Talk to someone – a counselor, a trusted friend, scream into a pillow – and cry. Anger means that you are progressing, that you are allowing all those feelings that were simply too much to bear come to the surface. Eventually, the anger will subside, the pain will begin to come out – and lessen. The anger is okay. Maybe, now, you are ready to enter the next stage of grieving – bargaining.

If you feel the need to discuss the phases of grieving or any of these articles on grief, please contact Pastor Paulette (610-767-7203).

As I am able, I will reenter the world around me with courage and expectation. – from "Healing After Loss – Daily Meditations for Working through Grief" by Martha Whitmore Hickman.

PRAYER CHAIN GROUP

The next meeting for the Prayer Chain Group will be on Tuesday, November 26, at 11:00 AM, in Kuntz Hall. Anyone interested in joining our discussion about ways to become more comfortable at personal prayer is welcome to join us at this time. And, those interested in being part of the prayer chain of Hope Church are welcome to attend the group to learn more about this meaningful ministry.

TALENT NIGHT AT GRACEDALE

Sign up to join the Social Ministry Committee as they share their talents with the residents of Gracedale Nursing Home on Monday, October 7 at 6:30 PM. Here's your chance to try out your special gifts in a safe and appreciative setting. Cookies are also needed for that night. Please drop them in the narthex before 6:00 PM If you have questions, please call Marge Zimmerman at 610-760-1602.



ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

A group from Hope Church will be helping serve the annual dinner for the Allentown Rescue Mission on Saturday, October 12th at Asbury Methodist Church in Allentown. We will leave the church parking lot at 3:00 PM. For more information, please call Marge Zimmermann at 610-760-1602.



SENIOR FALL FEAST

On Saturday, November 16th the Social Ministry Committee invites any senior citizen or homebound member in our congregation to our annual Fall Feast. We will begin with worship of Holy Communion in the church at 11:30 AM, and then enjoy a dinner of turkey, filling, cranberry sauce and all the "fixins." To conclude the day, there will be entertainment. The Feast will end at approximately 2:30 PM. Sign-up sheet will be posted on the narthex bulletin board. (Catechetical students – this would count as a social ministry/outreach event!)

DINNER/MURDER MYSTERY

The Youth Group will have a roast beef and turkey dinner on Saturday, October 12 with an optional murder mystery component. Dinner without the show will be served from 4:00 - 5:30 PM and the murder mystery will begin at 6:30 PM. The meal will be family style with a drink, soup, dinner roll, roast beef, turkey, potato stuffing, vegetables, and dessert. The cost is \$13 for an adult, \$7 for a child, and children 3 and under are free. DEADLINE to order tickets are Sunday, October 6th. No walk-ins accepted. Tickets are on sale in the narthex following each service. Bring your friends to a night of good food and entertainment. All proceeds will benefit the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Detroit, MI in 2015.

CATECHETICAL CLASS UPDATE

All confirmation students are reminded that they should be attending church and completing their worship resource sheet (these count as their attendance slips) and Sunday Church School on a regular basis. In addition they must fulfill their assigned duties as worship assistants (acolyte, crucifer and nursery). It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot fulfill your duty for Sunday and call the church office (610-767-7203) with the replacement!

ALSO, there are several events in the coming months, which will fulfill the **“Outreach” requirement** for catechetics. During October, several youth are needed to help at **Gracedale Talent Night** (October 7th from 6:00 until about 8:45 PM) and the **Basket Party** (October 11th from 6:30-9:30 PM). In November a few youth are needed to help with the **Senior Fall Feast** (November 16th from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM) and the **Nativity Display** on (November 30th and December 1st). Parents are also welcome to help with these events. Keep on top of these and **DO IT NOW!!!**

LEVEL II – mentoring breakfast on Saturday, October 6th from 8:30 – 10:00 AM.

LEVELS I & II - don't forget your upcoming retreat on Saturday, October 26th from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE

A heartfelt thank you to Leo Livengood who has worked countless hours excavating the Memorial Garden and walkways. His expertise has been priceless! Also, a huge thank you to Manfred and Vicki Steiner, Al, Nick and Michael Rock and Ray Sherm for the electrical work and beautiful lighting done on the Memorial Garden and walkway. Also, thank you to Sis Liverman for her hours spent on the bench selection and Nancy Hofmann and Arnie Kuntz for hours spent with the engraver. A big thank you to Ryan Ritter for backhoe work and Stanley Royer for tree trimming. A huge thank you to Randy Szoke for his expertise and time spent on the grating insert of the Memorial Garden wall. The Memorial Garden looks beautiful thanks to these devoted individuals. God bless you all!!!

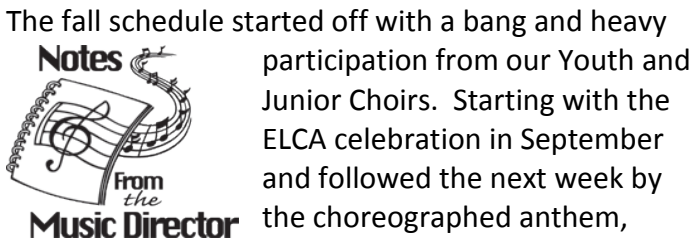
MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION IS SET!

Maybe you are someone who has been tracking the progress on the Memorial Garden which is located by the outdoor chapel below the picnic pavilion. If so you already know that.....at long last the Memorial Garden is finished and we are ready to do a service of dedication.

The seeds were planted back in 2010 by a dedicated committee who did much research, received congregational and township approval, applied for permits and worked through many construction considerations. Thanks to many hours of volunteer time by lots of people on the committee, Hope has a place for the “natural” scattering of cremains AND a place where family members can spend quiet time remembering their loved ones.

On Sunday, October 27th at 9:30 AM we will dedicate the Memorial Garden to the glory of God. Folks can gather at the Memorial Garden for this brief service. (In case of inclement weather we will do the dedication under the picnic pavilion.) Additionally, the Memorial Garden Committee will host a fellowship hour between worship services so members can share in the joy of this addition to our ministry. Please mark your calendar and join us for the dedication and coffee hour!

MUSIC NOTES



The fall schedule started off with a bang and heavy participation from our Youth and Junior Choirs. Starting with the ELCA celebration in September and followed the next week by the choreographed anthem, "The Golden Calf" (and a Golden Calf!), both Junior and Youth choirs sang both services two weeks in a row. This extra participation has placed us behind in our rehearsal schedule already so they will have a few Sundays off to catch up.

Our fall choir rehearsals are well underway with a new schedule for youth and junior choirs that from the on-set appear to be better suited for our members. We have already had a significant increase in both Junior and Youth choirs. New members are welcome anytime and do not need to start the year with us. If you are involved in soccer, baseball, tidily winks or other demanding fall sports, you are welcome to join whenever your demanding sport ends. This applies to the adult choir too.

Those members attending church regularly will notice the choir is having a moving experience... literally! The choir loft configuration has been changing as we experiment with various arrangements. We have several goals in mind and want to achieve as many as possible, not necessarily in this order: 1) sing anthems without having to move during the service 2) view the pastors while preaching 3) allow easy ingress and egress for communion 4) provide sound leadership during worship 5) provide for a blended ensemble sound, 6) able to see cues from the director.

Plans for our biennial musical started already in March 2013. We have confirmed the venue is available and have received licensing approval from New York for our intended musical. Once all of the preliminary planning is completed which includes finalizing dates, making deposits, licensing arrangements and confirming funding, more details will be announced.

The Junior Choir wants to thank **Betty Krupa** for washing their gowns again this year. Betty has been a friend to the juniors for years making sure their gowns get washed between seasons; something I rarely think of. She gently reminds me each year to hang the smelly gowns in the hallway and Betty returns them fresh and clean. The choir members always want one of the newly washed ones that smell so good. Thanks Betty for this important ministry and keeping us smelling good.

All choir members and especially junior choir parents are encouraged to check the on-line church calendar for the most up-to-date choir schedule. Due to a database access issue, I am unable to send emails to any choirs or the orchestra. Until this issue is resolved, please check the on-line calendar at calendar.hopecherryville.org for the most accurate information which includes on which Sundays choirs are scheduled to sing. Youth Choir members can keep up-to-date by joining the Hope Youth Choir page on Facebook.

David Ziegler
Director of Music
organist@hopecherryville.org.

CALLING ALL YOUTH 7th – 12th GRADE!



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 upcoming events. Hope to see you there!! Keep your eyes open for these upcoming events:

October 18, Friday – Haunted House, 7:30 PM

WALNUTPORT CANAL FESTIVAL

A group from Hope Church will be making funnel cakes again this year at the Walnutport Canal Festival on Sunday, October 20th. Come out and enjoy a delicious funnel cake or some deep fried Oreo cookies. Also, enjoy the beautiful fall festival. Proceeds benefit Hope Church.

SOUP KITCHEN REVIVAL

An organizational meeting to revive the Soup Kitchen, which Hope had a number of years ago to provide soup to home-bound members, will be held on Tuesday, October 8th and 10 AM. The group plans to meet once a month at the church. For more information or if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to participate, please contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341.



HOPE DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM PLANS

Show your support for Hope's Disaster Response Team by stopping in for breakfast on Sunday, November 3, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM in Kuntz Hall. For a free-will donation, you can enjoy scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, baked goods, and more – plus support Hope Church's efforts at helping those recovering from hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters.

FALL EVANGELISM EVENTS

New Member reception October 6th during Sunday school hour. We will need baked goods.

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

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 October 15th at 11:00 AM.

STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

Debbie Macomber, a bestselling author, has written a book entitled, "Once Upon a Time, Discovering Our Forever after Story." In it, she helps us remember our life's stories, stories that God is writing day by day. A discussion group has formed to examine one's own life in order to understand God's loving presence. It will not be a Bible study class, but Biblical stories will be included. Questions will be posted each session for you to contemplate before the next session. Our next session will be held on Tuesday, October 1st at 10:00 AM. All are welcome! Any questions, contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or lachandler7759@hotmail.com.

RECENT BLOOD DONORS



The following members of Hope Lutheran Church have recently donated blood Peter Chandick, Brenda Mack and Wendy Clowes. Thank you to our faithful blood donors; our annual goal was 36 and YTD we are at 55! If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at 610-691-5850.

SYNOD NEWS

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

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM : ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Hope Church's Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a special program offering information about Alzheimer's disease and ways to offer support to patients and care-givers who are dealing with this disease that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior. The program will be held on Monday, November 11, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, in Kuntz Hall and will be presented by Hope member, Jennifer Laury. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex so we know about how many people to expect. Members from the community are also invited and welcome to attend.

HOPE CHURCH AND ELCA WORLD HUNGER

I remember several years ago as I attended Synod-wide programs or a Synod Assembly and statistics were presented about giving to ELCA World Hunger, Hope Church was always near the top of the list because of the money raised through regular giving and from the "Bike for World Hunger" event. However, for some reason, the amount of our congregation's contributions lately has fallen off drastically – which is what prompted me to begin writing about the work of ELCA World Hunger.

ELCA World Hunger serves people in the US and all over the world. Their goal is to help eradicate hunger and extreme poverty wherever it exists – and we are called on to help them. Envelopes for giving can be found on the pamphlet rack outside the church office – or speak to Pastor Paulette.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2013

<p><u>Sunday, October 6, 2013</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 13, 2013</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 20, 2013</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Consecration Sunday Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word 11:30 AM Consecration Sunday Luncheon / Time & Talent Auction</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 27, 2013</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Memorial Garden Dedication 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>

2013 FALL BASKET SOCIAL

Friday, October 11, 2013 Doors open at 4 PM
tickets (\$5 at the door) may be purchased until 7:15
PM. The drawing begins at 7:30
PM. Refreshments will be sold.
Proceeds benefit the Church's
Maintenance Fund.



This Social is dedicated in Loving Memory of Rita Hulsizer, Co-Chair, Basket Committee Member, and Dear Friend of the Basket Committee. Rita passed on to life eternal on August 7, 2013 at the age of 71. Rita's fun loving and feisty spirit is missed by each committee member. In October we will be challenged to live up to her excellent skills in the smooth running of a busy kitchen.

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

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR – 2013/2014

Our Sunday School began on Sunday, September 8th. 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. Please make giving a weekly offering each week a priority with your children. We have classes for age two through adult.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2013-2014

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCS: Lynn LaBarre

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCS: Nancy Creyer

SECRETARIES OF SCS: Nancy and Dennis Biechy

MUSIC/CHERUB CHOIR: Vicki Steiner

SCS OFFICE SUPPORT: Julie Sekol

SUPERINTENDENT OF CRADLE ROLL: Kathy Ziegler

CRADLE ROLL: Pat Demko, Erica Szwast

3-YEAR NURSERY: Amy Nichols, Trish Ninos

PRE-KINDERGARTEN: Dawn Wainwright, Loretta Weil, Carol Gross, Natasha Sawickij

KINDERGARTEN: Jean Anderson, Emily Hassler, Stacy Morrow, Donna Neetz

FIRST GRADE: Judy Chase, Lori Kerper, Tina Benetzky

SECOND GRADE: Debbie Leibenguth, Donna Keichel, Mikayla Xander

THIRD GRADE: *teachers still needed, please speak to Lynn LaBarre*

FOURTH GRADE: Karen Lockard, Jessica Ebert-Fabel, Mercy Melo

FIFTH GRADE: Robin Zamadics, Katie Biechy, Andy Zamadics

SIXTH GRADE: Laurie Christman, John Zmyewski, Jr.

LEVEL I CONFIRMATION: Steph Ziegler, Dolores Reenock, Justin Maurer

LEVEL II CONFIRMATION: Rachel Holencik, Eleanor Black, Jane Tretiak

POST CONFIRMATION: Stacey Ziegler

ADULT A: Andrew Szwast

ADULT B: Bob Small



FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 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 - August	22,051.42	2,195.88	3,097.20	25.00	155.00
Income - Jan.-July	207,870.58	85,715.09	12,462.89	6,979.59	177.14
Total Income	229,922.00	87,910.97	15,560.09	7,004.59	332.14
Expenses - August	35,700.22	6,084.82	489.05	3,400.00	105.00
Expenses - Jan.-July	233,237.91	161,366.04	7,456.59	1,300.00	32,925.82
Total Expenses	268,938.13	167,450.86	7,945.64	4,700.00	33,030.82
Net Income	(39,016.13)	(79,539.89)	7,614.45	2,304.59	(32,698.68)
Net Special Appeals	797.28				
Balance End of August	\$ 50,471.76	\$ 37,017.01	\$ 84,925.94	\$ 97,930.36	\$ (3,599.19)
SUMMARY:					
Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$13,648.80, and for the year 2013, expenses exceeded income by \$39,016.13, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$50,471.76. Last year the net income for the same period was \$23,478.69 with a balance of \$75,069.73.					
Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2013 is \$413,068.00. 34/52 of that figure is \$270,082.92. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the eight months were \$229,922.00. So, we are behind in income by \$40,160.92.					

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

All committees, groups and persons submitting information for the church newsletter should follow the schedule listed below. Your articles may be edited so we do not exceed the Post Office guidelines. Please email your articles to Nina Weiss (communications@hopecherryville.org) by **12:00 PM** on the deadline date. Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
November	Monday, October 28	Thursday, October 31
December	Monday, November 18	Thursday, November 21
January	Monday, December	Thursday, December



2013 Fall Basket Raffle

Friday October 11th

Doors open at 4 PM
Tickets may be purchased until 7:15 PM
\$5 at the door

The drawing begins at 7:30 PM.
Winners will be notified by phone that evening
Refreshments will be sold

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



Questions? Call the Hope Church Office 767.7203.

This Social is dedicated in Loving Memory of Rita Hulsizer, Co-Chair, Basket Committee Member, and Dear Friend of the Basket Committee. Rita passed on to life eternal on August 7, 2013 at the age of 71. Rita's fun loving and feisty spirit is missed by each committee member. In October we will be challenged to live up to her excellent skills in the smooth running of a busy kitchen.

Little Italy Buffet

Presented by Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop 242

Saturday November 9th
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Adults \$9.95 | Children under 12 \$3.95 | Children under 3 Free

Minestrone Soup, Mixed Green Salad, Penne Pasta Station with your choice of sauces, Sausage, Meatballs, Italian Style Green Beans, Garlic Rolls, Bake Sale Dessert Table and a choice of beverages

Tickets available from Troop 242 & Church Office
Proceeds to defer the cost of Troop Outings and maintain equipment

THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to thank all the people of Hope Church for the lunch and entertainment on August 17th. It was very nice of you to do that for us.

Thanks –

Cherryville Senior Center

Thank you all very much for the generous scholarship award, it has helped me greatly in offsetting the sometimes daunting cost of higher education. Thank you again for your care and support!

Kendall Belletti

Hope Lutheran,

I would just like to thank my church and my church family for continuing to support me during my college years. Your support and love pushes me to keep going! Once again, than you and God bless you!

Sincerely,

Scott Possinger

To Everyone at Hope,

Thank you so much for allowing our Girl Scout Troup to meet here. We truly appreciate it. One of our girls is a senior this year and started scouting here when she was only five years old. You have been with her all the way!

Thanks,

Troop 8953

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

There is a fantastic Lutheran College Scholarship opportunity posted on the Community Bulletin Board in the Narthex through Wittenberg University in Ohio. Take a look next time you are here!

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I will put it to good use. It's great to have so much support from the church.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Perry

Dear Members of Hope,

On behalf of the children in our Playing in the Park Afterschool program, I wish to thank you for the many children's books that you have generously contributed to our library. The children love to read and take their favorite books home. Thank you again.

Blessings,

Nikki Clark, Outreach Coordinator, St. Stephen's Outreach Center