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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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Evangelism	Sharyn Kratzer	610-261-1277
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Girl Scouts	Karen Zimmerman	610-760-1887
Hope Fest	Wayne Weidner	610-767-1512
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## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

*From Pastor Jami Possinger*



This has been an interesting month for me and my husband, Mitch. I should probably preface our story by telling you this...his job requires that he travel frequently. Most of his travels are by car – he drives a lot – often between 35,000 to 45,000 miles in a year. Needless to say he is very used to being able to go when he wants and where he wants.

Which leads me to my story... In the middle of October Mitch had to have surgery on his shoulder. We weren't sure what they were going to have to fix because it was not clear on his MRIs but we knew they would be fixing something. It turned out to be a labral tear which meant that post-surgery he would be in a sling for four to six weeks. Bottom line for Mitch – he is not allowed to drive while his arm is in the sling! Bottom line for me – I became his chauffeur!

Now Mitch is a very independent person and has never had to rely on me or anyone helping him to button buttons or put on his belt or being driven everywhere. He has relied on himself for those things. And I have been able to go my own way each day knowing that he can take of himself. But these pasts few weeks have been different for both of us. We have had to rely on each other to make sure he gets to the office, gets to the airport or train station or bus depot so that he can continue his travels. And then there are a whole host of others - employees, friends, other family members - who have pitched in to help as well!

What we have experienced is a microcosm of what the church is all about. There are times on all of our lives when we cannot do it all ourselves - times when we need help - times when we have to rely on others and on God to get us through situations. And that is why a family of faith is so important - because they reach out and help us - they make us see the relying on others is not a weakness but a strength. God knows that we all experience those times of helplessness and God gives us faith and a community of faith to see us through.

It has been difficult juggling all these balls. But it has been a blessing too. We have had to slow down a bit and spend time with each other that we normally would not have spent together. We have had to communicate effectively and put our own stuff on the back burner. We

have relearned patience and commitment and the awareness that dependence is not a negative word. And we have realized yet again that community is vital to our lives!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jami

## ASSISTANT PASTOR'S WORD...

*From Pastor Paulette Obrecht*



The past few Sundays as I got to be the substitute teacher in the third grade class, it made me reflect on the adult witnesses in my childhood who made Christ come alive in my life. My mother, who was raised as a Roman Catholic, took or sent us to Sunday School every week and I can remember many teachers who faithfully taught their lessons, but who also nurtured us students with the love in their hearts. These people were my church family. I especially remember going to Bible club on Tuesday's after school. It was held in the home of a neighbor, Miss Doris Stuber, who lived up the street from my house. She had been my teacher at vacation Bible school and she was able to make the stories in the Bible come alive with songs and games and "flannel board" figures.

Yes, these people were like a "great cloud of witnesses" who planted a seed of faith and, then, stood back to watch it sprout and grow, to be nourished by the next teachers, or the pastor, or all the other members of the church community. And, the amazing part of that image is that – the same thing must have happened to them when they first attended church or Sunday School years before us. A great cloud of witnesses was there for them to plant a seed of faith to be nurtured and strengthened so they too might grow into disciples of Christ.

In November, we have many opportunities during worship to celebrate with thanksgiving that "great cloud of witnesses" who, whether we knew them personally or whether we met them in the stories of Jesus' life or in our Old Testament lessons, strengthen our faith and give us courage to face life's daily struggles. But, most of all we can be thankful for the love of Christ, who gave away his power as king to serve the weak and needy of God's world – to serve others. As we journey through the month of November and look toward the glare of holiday consumerism, let's all remember to be signs of God's faithfulness and love for others – to be Christ's disciples. Let us go in peace, with all the saints, to serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 2013**

- ↓ The Dedication of the Memorial Garden was held on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 9:30. The Memorial Garden Committee hosted a reception to celebrate this special occasion.
- ↓ Consecration Sunday was October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Stewardship Committee's idea for a Celebration Luncheon and Time and Treasure Auction has caught hold. Many people signed up to offer a talent to auction.
- ↓ The date for the annual Congregation Meeting is Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 in Kuntz Hall. Items for the agenda are: 2014 budget, election of new council members, and election of new members to the Nominating Committee.
- ↓ The Evangelism is hosting the Nativity Display on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for members to fill in for short shifts during the two days.
- ↓ The Youth Group Murder Mystery Dinner was a hit! Wonderful comments were made about the roast beef and turkey dinner and the murder-mystery play as well. Over \$1,000 was made which will help fund the 2015 National Youth Gathering trip to Detroit, Michigan.
- ↓ The 2014 budget is being assembled and will be ready for council's review at the meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ↓ Hope's Social Ministry Committee is hosting an "Alzheimer's Workshop" in Kuntz Hall on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This event is open to members and the general public.
- ↓ Council members responded to "visioning" questions from the Bishop for our pastors to take to the Bishop's Conference which is scheduled for Tuesday – Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. The questions are designed to spur discussion about the "changing church" and our response to those changes.

### **DID YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?**

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

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at **9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall**. Sunday School will be held at the normal time with a movie being shown for the younger grades that allows teachers to attend the meeting. At least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum. Please sign the sheet on the narthex bulletin board indicating that you are able to attend. Thank you!

### **CONSECRATION SUNDAY RESULTS**

Consecration Sunday is a spiritual-growth-oriented process, which is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. The experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development. The preliminary results of Consecration Sunday resulted in 111 commitments totaling \$172,608. But we're not done yet!

If you were unable to attend Consecration Sunday on October 20<sup>th</sup>, you should have received an Estimate of Giving Card in the mail. Could you please help us to complete our Christian Stewardship campaign by returning it within one week once you have received it? If there are additional members of your family who will be making a commitment, please write their name, envelope number and commitment on the back of this Estimate of Giving card. Thanks for your help in bringing this fine spiritual experience to a good conclusion.

We will continue to report results in the next newsletter.

### **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**



Please join us for Holy Communion at 11:00 AM or 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. "God has given us so much. We pray he might give us one more thing... a grateful heart!"

## END OF YEAR ACCOUNTING...

We all know that it is important to keep up with our regular giving. The Third quarter statements have been mailed and we encourage everyone to take a look at your giving statement and how you might help us make up our current deficit. Please remember to fulfill your commitment to the mission and ministries of Hope Lutheran Church and, if you are able, we ask that you consider a year-end gift to our ministries as well. This will help us to finish the year "in the black" and be in good shape for the year to come! Here is an update on giving to the general fund giving and expenses as of 9/30/13.

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$259,563.14</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$299,443.70</b>
<b>Net Income Deficit</b>	<b>(\$39,880.56)</b>

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER



If you missed Consecration Sunday and the Celebration Luncheon and the Hidden Treasure Auction

– you missed a lot of fun and an opportunity to see the incredible gifts of the people of Hope Lutheran. The day began with worship, during which members made their financial commitments to the ministries of Jesus Christ here at Hope. It ended with a delicious luncheon – catered by the Stewardship Committee with the help of our "in-house chef," Bruce Schnabel. After lunch we welcomed Junior Marsh, a professional auctioneer, who led us through Hope's first Time and Talent Auction.

65 items were offered by members of our congregation for bidding! The talents at Hope are many and varied. Here are **some** of the things that were auctioned off:

Weekend in Pike County cabin, Apple Dumplings, Handmade cards, Custom Floral Wreath, Afghans, Gutter cleaning, Car Detailing, Moravian Star, Pies, cupcakes, A meal a week, Tutoring, Thanksgiving Filling, Soups, Sloppy Joes, Pot Pie, Piano and Violin Lessons, Gardening, Dessert a month for a year, Weekend at PJ's Lakehouse, Homemade jellies, 1 dozen pierogies a month for a year, Rainbow loom bracelets, Zumba and Pilates classes, 7 nights in Williamsburg.

And these are just some of the exciting things that were auctioned! Many thanks to Bruce Schnabel, Junior Marsh, all of our members who bid on the items and especially those who creatively offered their time and talents! The proceeds of **\$4,100** were designated for the ministries of Hope Lutheran.

## 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 – and then taking time to offer prayers for the needs of others – is welcome to join us at this time.



## SENIOR FALL FEAST

On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> the Social Ministry Committee invites any senior citizen or homebound member in our congregation to our annual Fall Feast. We will begin with worship of Holy Communion at 11:30 AM, and then enjoy a dinner of turkey, filling, cranberry sauce and all the "fixins." To conclude the day, there will be entertainment. The Feast will end at approximately 2:30 PM. Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## SYNOD NEWS

If you would like to read the SYNOD News for the month of November, please visit [http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod\\_news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod_news.htm) and select November 2013.

## HOPE DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM PLANS

Show your support for Hope's Disaster Response Team by stopping in for breakfast on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00 to 11:00 AM in Kuntz Hall. For a free-will donation you can enjoy scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage, baked goods, and more – plus support Hope Church's efforts at helping those recovering from hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. The team is presently raising funds to support the five people travelling to Tuscaloosa, AL, to join with Ziegels Union Church and Habitat for Humanity as they construct new homes in place of those destroyed by 2008 tornadoes. PS - Thanks to everyone who is providing baked goods or other food items for the breakfast!



## WELCA

**Tuesday 11/19:** WELCA Meeting at 9:00 AM

## Reflections on Dealing with Grief & Loss

by Pastor Paulette Obrecht

When dealing with the loss of someone we love, we often become lost in a maze of "if only ..." or "what if ...". We want life to return to what it was. We want to go back in time to make things work out better.

Bargaining can be an important reprieve from the pain that dwells in one's grief. Bargaining often helps the mind move from one state of loss to another. It sometimes allows us to believe that we *can* restore order to the chaos that has taken over our lives.

When we are dealing with death and grief, our bargaining usually moves from the past to the future. We ask that we might see our loved ones again in heaven. In the pop-singer Eric Clapton's song, we hear the bargaining as he wonders if he'll stop crying once he finally gets to heaven:

"Would you know my name  
If I saw you in heaven?  
Would it be the same  
If I saw you in heaven?  
I must be strong and carry on  
'Cause I know I don't belong here in heaven."

Bargaining allow us to work through the gaps in the events over which we had so little control. By replaying the "what if's" in our minds, we begin to realize there is nothing we could do to change what has already happened. Eventually, we come to the conclusion that the tragic reality is that our loved one is truly gone – and we truly grieve. And, in our emptiness we might enter the next stage – of sadness or depression.

*"He did not say: You will not be troubled, you will not be belabored, you will not be disquieted; but he said: You will not be overcome."* – Julian of Norwich

### POINSETTIA SALE

Order forms are available in the narthex and the church office. Plants are \$8 each, order by 12/8.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins 11/3. Don't forget to turn clocks back!

Coming soon ...  
to a Sanctuary near you

- @ A different kind of Christmas program... that involves the whole family!
- @ Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM
- @ Singing ... the Christmas story ... crafts
- @ Wear something red or green



Watch for more info in next month's newsletter.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM. There will be refreshments after the program in Kuntz Hall. Any donations of finger food items would greatly be appreciated. They can be dropped off in Kuntz Hall up to the start of the program.

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Christmas Communion Worship for our shut-in members and members unable to get to a Christmas Eve service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. A light luncheon will follow. Please call the church office if you need a ride.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT WORSHIP

We will prepare for the Christmas season with an additional opportunity for weekly worship – Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM on December 4, 11 & 18. Plan now to attend and make this a special part of your holiday season.



### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM : ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

On Monday, November 11, from 7-9 PM, in Kuntz Hall, a program about Alzheimer's disease will be presented by Jennifer Laury, Activities Director at Luther Crest Retirement Community – and Hope Church member. She will address ways to offer support to patients and care-givers who are dealing with this disease that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior. Members from the community are also invited and welcome to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the presentation.

## YOUTH GROUP



**Hoagies:** The youth attending the 2015 National Youth Gathering will be selling hoagies from **November 3** through **November 13th**. They

will be delivered to the church on **Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** around 4:00 PM. The cost is \$3.50 per hoagie and there is a big variety. See a youth member or sign up on the youth group board to order your hoagie!

**POW: Wednesday, November 13** (5:30 – 8 PM)

**Game Night:** On **Saturday, November 23** from 7:00 - 9:00 PM the ultimate game night challenge will take place. Come for a few hours to compete on teams in a series of tasks, games, and challenges. Who will win the challenge? Sign up on the youth group board or on Facebook.

**Christmas Ornaments:** Ornaments will be on sale beginning the end of November. Don't miss out on these limited addition ornaments.

**Christmas Eve Skit:** Anyone interested in acting in the Christmas Eve Skit should check the youth board and emails in mid-November. The list of characters and an interest sign-up sheet will be posted within the next few weeks. All rehearsal times are currently on the church calendar. Please check to make sure you can be at all rehearsals before signing up to participate.

### SAVE THE DATES

Annual Valentine's Dinner: **Saturday, February 15**  
Spring Clothing Drive: **March 9 - 15**

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!!

### STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

The Story Weavers will have their next meeting on Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 AM. The meeting date for December will be Tuesday, December 10 at 10:00 AM with lunch to follow at A Ca Mia's. All are welcome! Any questions, contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or [lachandler7759@hotmail.com](mailto:lachandler7759@hotmail.com).

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry held their meeting on Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 11 AM at Hope Lutheran Church. Members went to Gracedale Talent Night on Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> and residents really enjoyed the performances. On Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, members attended the Allentown Rescue Mission Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner Fundraiser and a good time was had by all. Patrons received a nice dinner in exchange for a donation – over \$84,000 was raised that night. The ARC Halloween party and dance was held on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the church. On Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Ministry is restarting the Soup Kitchen program to share food with shut-ins. On November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, we will sponsor a program about Alzheimer's disease presented by Jennifer Laury and on November 16<sup>th</sup>, the annual Seniors' Thanksgiving Feast will be held at 11:30 AM. As you can see, the Social Ministry Committee is a busy group and would like to invite old and new members alike to join in their fun activities.

### RECENT BLOOD DONORS



The following members of Hope Lutheran Church have recently donated blood Jeffrey Barber, Rudy Chirstman, and Daniel Husser. Thank you to our faithful blood donors; our annual goal was 36 and YTD we are at 58! If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at 610-691-5850.

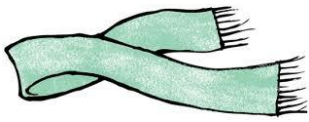
### PASTORAL ACTS

**MARRIAGE: Joshua Paul Graver and Julie Lauren Messina** were united in marriage on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Hope Lutheran Church. Pastor Jami officiated. Congratulations to Joshua and Julie and please pray that they will always remember the vows made before God on their very special day.

### WALNUTPORT CANAL FESTIVAL

A big thank you to Betty, Bud, Al and Michael Rock, John and Crystal Moccia and Natalie Kirchner for helping at the Canal Festival. \$1,144.50 was given to Hope's ministries.

**PRAYER SCARVES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**



Attention all parents of college students... Hope's Prayer Shawl Ministry is currently knitting and crocheting scarves for all of our college students. It's a surprise! We plan to ship them out when the weather gets cold – letting our students know that we continue to pray for them as they study. Here's how you can help...please call 610-767-7203 or email the church office [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) and give us your child's address. We will be sending to all students in college, trade or technical schools and community colleges. If your child is living at home and commuting we need to know that as well. Please let us know as soon as possible so we make enough for everyone!

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2013**

<p><b><u>Sunday, November 3, 2013</u></b>  <b><i>All Saints Sunday – Both Services</i></b>                  8:00 AM Holy Communion                  9:15 AM Sunday School                  9:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, November 10, 2013</u></b>                  8:00 AM Service of the Word  <b><i>9:15 AM Annual Congregational Meeting</i></b>                  9:15 AM Sunday School                  10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, November 17, 2013</u></b>                  8:00 AM Holy Communion                  9:15 AM Sunday School                  10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, November 24, 2013</u></b>                  8:00 AM Service of the Word                  9:15 AM Sunday School                  10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, November 27, 2013</u></b>                  11:00 AM Thanksgiving Eve Worship                  7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship</p>

**SOUP KITCHEN**

The Soup Kitchen crew will meet at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, November 6 and Wednesday, December 11 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341.



**GIANT A+ SCHOOL REWARDS**

Hope Lutheran Nursery School is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program again this year. If you shop at Giant you can help earn CASH for our Nursery School by registering your Bonus Card and presenting it each time you check out! To register visit [www.giantfoodstores.com/aplusand](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplusand) use our School ID #06640. If you prefer, we can register your card for you. Please write your name, 11 digit bonus card number and e-mail address and place it in the Nursery School mailbox and we will register for you. Thank you for supporting the Nursery School. (\*Annual registration is required)



**NURSERY SCHOOL DISCOUNT CARDS**

The Nursery School will be selling Discount Cards offering 10% off or a special offer at area business for \$10 each. Discount cards will arrive in time for the holidays and make great gifts! For more information or to order cards, please see the flyer on the Nursery School bulletin board or contact Erica Szwast @ (610)653-5392 or [eszwast@hotmail.com](mailto:eszwast@hotmail.com) or anyone affiliated with the Nursery School. Thank you for supporting the Nursery School.

**HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL**

Hope Lutheran Nursery School



... is now accepting registrations for next year (2014-2015). The school's structured learning environment helps to

prepare the children for their formal school experiences. Activities include: music, crafts, gym, painting, language arts, field trips and much more. Please call Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 for more information or to register your child for Nursery School. Your child must be either 3 or 4 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to register. Thank you.

**MITTEN TREE**

The Mitten Tree will be on display in the narthex from the beginning of November through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Your donations of winter wear are welcome to hang on the Mitten Tree.





## **2013 FALL BASKET SOCIAL**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Basket Social was held on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This Social was held In Loving Memory of our Co-chair and Friend, Rita Hulsizer. Thank you, Pastor Paulette, for welcoming guests and for offering such a beautiful prayer that set the tone for the remainder of the evening and also honored Rita's memory.

**Thank you to everyone** who in some way helped to make this evening successful! We were able to offer 300 baskets/items at this Social! **\$4,480.85** was deposited toward Hope's current expenses. **\$191.71** was raised selling baked goods and a check in that amount was sent to the Northampton Area Food Bank.



Ticket sponsors were "in Loving Memory of Rita Hulsizer" by Judy and Vince Dieter and "in Loving Memory of Harry Weil" by Loretta & Family. Special thanks to Craig and Diane Reenock, who continue to help each year with behind the scenes support and publicity and also to Nina Weiss for doing such a great job with publicity to local media.

Boy Scouts and Leaders of Troop 242 set up tables and chairs the evening prior to the Social, as well as unloaded and carried donated baskets in from vehicles as they arrived and placed them on the tables. Each Social sees more volunteers come forth to help sell tickets, serve in the kitchen area and/or help with clean-up\*. Thank you! You are SO APPRECIATED!!! (\*deserving special mention is Brian Leibenguth who faithfully helps with clean-up EVERY Social!)

Special thanks to Betty Rock for agreeing to be our new Treasurer and to LeAnn Chandler for agreeing to be a Co-Chair of the Basket Committee. Rita held both positions for the past nine years.

The Basket Committee would like to welcome back Kathryn Strohl. Kathryn had taken a short leave of absence from the Committee and we're happy that she is again working with us at the Socials!

Respectfully submitted by Jean Leibenguth, LeAnn Chandler & the Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

**\*Save the dates! The Spring Basket Social is Friday, April 11, 2014. The Fall 2014 Basket Social is October 10, 2014.**

## **CATECHETICAL CLASSES**

**Good Job!!** Youth and Parents have been taking advantage of the volunteer opportunities, thank you. Some opportunities in November are a few youth can help with our Senior Fall Feast on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and many helpers are needed to set up and clean-up for the Nativity Display the weekend of 11/30 & 12/1. Sign up with your Sunday School teachers.

☛ **Don't Forget...** check the progress/attendance notebooks in the Sunday School office. Let Sunday school teachers know if there are any mistakes ASAP!  
☛ **Don't forget** to complete a worship response sheet. They are available on the table in the narthex. Remember, this also counts as your attendance record. Thank you!

## **CHRISTMAS INGATHERING**

The annual Christmas Ingathering of Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> here at Hope Lutheran. The Ingathering provides gifts for people in area institutions, such as Gracedale, Kidspace and the Allentown Rescue Mission, among others. Please see the display in the narthex for donation suggestions. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase needed items. Keep an eye on Sunday bulletins for further information, such as volunteer opportunities.

### **Wish list items include:**

Kidspace: crayons, markers, coloring books, sketch pads, clay, paints, brushes, pajamas, socks, underwear, scarves, hats, mittens, red sweatshirts and pants (L, XL, XXL), shower gels, shampoo, deodorant, flavored lip balm, scented lotions, gift cards (book stores, iTunes, movie theaters, Target, K-Mart, etc.), personal diaries (no wire bound).

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

Gracedale: Perfume, Panty Hose, Socks, Baby Powder, Small change purse, Jewelry, Scarves, Hair Brushes, Handkerchiefs, Knee Highs; Search-A-Word Books, Small Combs, After Shave Lotion, Pens/Pencils, Writing Paper, Stamps, Playing Cards, Small Tablets.

## SECURITY TEAM NEWS

Hope's Church Council, along with the Security Committee, has decided to take steps to make the church more secure for the safety of the staff and the various groups who use the church throughout the day and evening hours. Because of recent events throughout the United States we recognize that keeping our preschoolers, seniors, staff and members safe whenever they are in our facility is key concern for all of us. To that extent Hope has installed a new limited-access entry system which we plan to begin using in the very near future.

Here is how it will work. Building doors will continue to be open during regular church services, weddings, funerals and church wide activities like Hopefest, VBS, Yard Sale, etc. But, the doors will be locked during all other times. Access to the church will be controlled through three entrances; the two sets of double glass doors on the rear parking lot side of the church and the east side Hanson Hall entrance.

These three entries will be electronically secured. Entry will be gained through a keypad mounted on the building by each entry **or** by access key cards. The keypads are expected to be used when granting access to large groups or individuals who need to get into the building for scheduled events. Key cards will be issued to Church Staff employees. Key cards or keypad PIN numbers will also be issued on a limited basis to various church leaders and committee members who need to gain access to the church for functions and activities that are essential to the operation of our church mission. The keypad and cards can also be programmed to control the times that members have access to the building.

For all other members and non-members, access to the church is expected to be controlled by the staff during normal church business hours. This will happen via a "buzz-in" system much like schools throughout our area use. Committee heads and group leaders will be expected to control access during regular evening meeting hours. Key cards or keypad PIN numbers will be issued to congregational members on an as-needed basis. All requests for key cards or keypad PIN numbers will be reviewed for approval by the Security Committee. ***If you would like to request access, please pick up a Key Card/PIN Number Request Form***

***in the office and return it to the Security Committee mailbox.***

We hope to make this transition to a more secure facility as smooth as possible. It is not our intent to keep members from using the church building, but we have to be more proactive in finding ways to make it safer for everyone who uses the building. Parts of the security system involving Nursery School and the Senior Center will soon be put into place. Full implementation for the congregation should be expected before the end of November 2013.

## ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY



It hardly seems possible that it is time to begin to think about our annual Nativity Display which will be **Saturday, November 30, from 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM and Sunday, December 1, 8:00 - 5:00 PM.**

You can help your Evangelism committee by:

1. Bringing in your nativities and perhaps you can include a short note telling us what makes your nativity special to you.
2. Donating bake goods, snacks or beverages
3. Helping with set-up on Wed. 11/27 9 - 12 and finishing up set up on Friday 11/29 at 9:00 AM
4. Clean-up will be Sunday at 5:30 PM
5. Helping during the display in kitchen, welcoming visitors and reminding people to "Please do not touch"
6. If you have a musical talent(Singing, instrumental) and will share it for at least 1/2 hour during the display, that would be greatly appreciated and enjoyed by our visitors

The nativity display is a great way for our confirmation students to earn some of needed requirements. But please remember that to earn these requirements a student **MUST** be working at Nativity display at least 2 hours during the weekend.

More details to follow as we get closer to the display date. A sign up board is in the Narthex.

Merry Christmas from your Evangelism Committee  
Help us to keep Christ in Christmas.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 30, 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 - September	29,641.14	6,956.90	1,287.85	-	740.50
Income - Jan.-Aug.	229,922.00	87,910.97	15,560.09	7,004.59	332.14
Total Income	259,563.14	94,867.87	16,847.94	7,004.59	1,072.64
Expenses - September	30,505.57	10,410.20	-	-	5,959.23
Expenses - Jan.-Aug.	268,938.13	167,450.86	7,945.64	4,700.00	33,030.82
Total Expenses	299,443.70	177,861.06	7,945.64	4,700.00	38,990.05
Net Income	(39,880.56)	(82,993.19)	8,902.30	2,304.59	(37,917.41)
Net Special Appeals	1,101.28				
<b>Balance End of September</b>	<b>\$ 49,911.33</b>	<b>\$ 33,563.71</b>	<b>\$ 86,213.79</b>	<b>\$ 97,930.36</b>	<b>\$ (8,817.92)</b>

**SUMMARY:**

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of September by \$864.43, and for the year 2013, expenses exceeded income by \$39,880.56, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$49,911.33. Last year the net income for the same period was \$18,465.55 with a balance of \$70,376.59.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2013 is \$413,068.00. 39/52 of that figure is \$309,801.00. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the nine months were \$259,563.14. So, we are behind in income by \$50,237.86.

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

**Edition**

December  
January  
February

**Article Deadline**

Monday, November 18  
Monday, December 16  
Monday, January 27

**Collation Date**

Thursday, November 21  
Thursday, December 19  
Thursday, January 30



**Little Italy Buffet**

Presented by Hope Lutheran's **Boy Scout Troop 242**

**Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Tickets available from Troop 242 & Church Office



## INGATHERING WISH LIST

### SAYRE CHILD CENTER

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

### GRACEDALE

**Male:** Socks, Search-A-Word Books, Small Combs, Talcum, Handkerchiefs, After Shave Lotion, Pens/Pencils, Writing Paper, Flip open change Purse, Stamps, Playing Cards, Small Tablets

**Female:** Perfume, Panty Hose, Socks, Baby Powder, Small change purse, Jewelry, Scarves, Hair Brushes, Handkerchiefs, Knee Highs

### TOPTON

**Male:** Cologne; Denture powder; Pre-shave lotion; Pajamas; underwear; ties; wallets; change purses; after shave lotion; socks; shirts (M-L); bedroom slippers with soles; socks

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

**For All:** Perfume; cologne; talcum; deodorant; toothpaste;; combs; soap; tissues; crossword puzzle books; postage stamps; stationery; pens

### ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

Mens Items Only – Sweatshirts, T-Shirts (colors and white), underwear and socks in sized L and XL, winter hats (beanies) and gloves of all sizes

### KIDSPEACE

Crayons, markers, coloring books, sketch pads, clay, paints, brushes, pajamas, socks, underwear, scarves, hats, mittens, red sweatshirts and pants (L, XL, XXL), shower gels, shampoo, deodorant, flavored lip balm, scented lotions, gift cards (all kinds – book stores, tunes, movie theaters, Target, K-Mart, etc.), personal diaries (no wire bound).

## HOPE CHURCH AND ELCA WORLD HUNGER

When thinking about reasons for supporting ELCA efforts to eradicate hunger in the world, here is one way to picture/think of the need for our help: If the world were a village of 100 people, there would be –

- 19 children from birth to 9 years old
- 18 between ages 10 and 19
- 32 between ages 20 and 39
- 21 between ages 40 and 59
- 6 between ages 60 and 69
- 3 between ages 70 and 79
- 1 adult over the age of 79.

Although there is enough food in the village to feed all the people, the resources are not equitably divided, so not everyone has enough to eat –

- 50 people don't have a reliable source of food and are hungry some or all of the time.
- 16 other people are severely undernourished.
- 34 people always have enough to eat.

ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world. Between 70-75 % of ELCA World Hunger funds are spent internationally, and 20-25 % are spent within the US.

Envelopes for giving can be found on the pamphlet rack outside the church office – or speak to Pastor Paulette for more information.

### THANK YOU NOTES

#### **To the Pastors, Congregants, and various Committees,**

Thank you for all the kindness shown and still is being shown to me during my recent hospitalization for open heart surgery. Your letters, phone calls, get-well cards and meals are so much appreciated and really are aiding me to a complete recovery hopefully in the near future.

In Christian Love,

***Loretta & Don Neustadter***

#### **To The Church Council,**

The members of the Indianland Garden Club appreciate the use of Kuntz Hall for our monthly meetings. Please extend our thanks to the congregation of Hope Lutheran for this use. Over the past decade, our membership has grown, in part, from the flexibility your meeting room offers. It allows us to continue our missions of fellowship and environmental conservation. Visitors to our Horticultural programs are always most welcome.

***The Board of Indianland G.C.***

***2014 – Our 60<sup>th</sup> Year***

#### **Pastor Paulette,**

Thank you for visiting Phyllis Spadt. Phyllis and her brother enjoyed your visit. Nice of you to take the time from your busy day. Very much appreciated!

***Sharon***

#### **Pastor Paulette,**

On behalf of all from the Arc Friendship Dances, we thank you for your very thoughtful gift. The rings were a big hit and really enjoyed by everyone. Many, many lighted smiles!

Sincerely,

***Darlene Pioli and all your friends of the Arc Friendship Dances***