

# HOPE HOME NEWS

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***Worship Hours June 1 & 8***

Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

***Summer Worship Hours begin June 15<sup>th</sup>***

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

***Church Office Hours***

Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri.: 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Tues.: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**APRIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

<b>Balance Beginning of Year</b>	\$ 76,661.59	\$ 83,981.26	\$ 90,833.11	\$ 103,109.55	\$ (13,046.92)
Income - April	41,088.76	3,180.11	3,264.56	2,260.94	25.00
Income - Jan.-Mar.	86,055.02	8,728.46	4,652.14	5,299.82	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>127,143.78</b>	<b>11,908.57</b>	<b>7,916.70</b>	<b>7,560.76</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Expenses - April	32,231.09	2,169.00	-	150.00	-
Expenses - Jan.-Mar.	106,065.20	1,030.86	619.00	3,600.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>138,296.29</b>	<b>3,199.86</b>	<b>619.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(11,152.51)</b>	<b>8,708.71</b>	<b>7,297.70</b>	<b>3,810.76</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Net Special Appeals	973.43				
<b>Balance End of April</b>	<b>\$ 66,482.51</b>	<b>\$ 92,689.97</b>	<b>\$ 98,130.81</b>	<b>\$ 106,920.31</b>	<b>\$ (13,021.92)</b>

**SUMMARY:**

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of April by \$8,857.67, and for the year 2014, expenses exceeded income by \$11,152.51, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$66,482.51. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(8,312.30) with a balance of \$81,175.59.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2014 is \$416,769.00. 17/52 of that figure is \$136,251.40. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the four months were \$127,143.78. So, we are behind in income by \$9,107.62.

*\*\* The current income statement is posted in the narthex. \*\**

**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.

<b><u>Edition</u></b>	<b><u>Article Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Collation Date (10:00AM start)</u></b>
July	Monday, June 23	Thursday, June 26
August	Monday, July 21	Thursday, July 24
September	Monday, August 18	Thursday, August 21

***Please let the office know if you need to update your delivery method of the Hope Home News. The paper copy contains all the news that's fit to print on six pages. The digital version generally runs longer.***

**SYNOD NEWS**

The June 2014 issue of ***Synod News*** is available online. Visit [http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod\\_news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod_news.htm) and select *June 2014*.



## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

*From Pastor Jami Possinger*



**Transitions.** Our daughter moved home with our grandchildren after Mitch and I were almost-empty-nesters. It has been a transition for all of us as we learn how to live together. I have a friend whose father recently died after an extended illness and her family is dealing with the loss and how to care for an aging mother. I have another friend who moved his mother – in the beginning stages of Alzheimer’s disease – into an assisted living facility and the family is dealing with the frustration of her often-repeated questions and cleaning out her house. The other week two members from a former parish (who happen to be sisters) visited Hope and shared with me that they both lost their spouses within two weeks of each other and they are both dealing with their own grief and the grief of the other. Another friend is being proactive – selling their current home and moving into a ranch home where they can “age in place.” Although it is their choice it still requires a transition on their part. One of our friends just graduated from college – without a job! Where does he go? What does he do next? What will life be like outside of college?

**Transitions.** We all experience them. We all have to face them whether they are welcomed or not. Transitions are part of life. Where do we get the strength, the courage, the hope to move through transitions? How do we get clarity about difficult decisions? Let me offer a few suggestions.

**Come to church.** I often hear that people don’t need a church to worship – they can worship anywhere. And while that is certainly true, they cannot find the support from their church family just anywhere. Worship is central to our lives not just because it is an opportunity to connect with God – it is also a way to connect with each other – our extended family. And though we cannot necessarily solve each other’s problems, we **can** provide listening ears, praying hands and willing hearts to help people through their transitions – so they can help us through our transitions!

**Open your Bible.** In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Jesus knew that life – even life as one of his followers – would not always be easy. But he did know that sharing our burdens helps us carry them. The Bible offers us all kinds of advice to help us through our transitions if we just take a peek. If you don’t know where to look – ask a pastor – we’re always ready to help too!

**Pray.** Pray because God wants to hear from you. Pray because it helps to lay all of our joys and frustrations out on the table. Pray because in the process of prayer we are vulnerable and we can hear God speaking in the midst of our vulnerability. Pray because prayer doesn’t change God – prayer changes us! We may get more insight into our transition and into ourselves!

**Transitions.** We all experience them. But we don’t have to experience them alone!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jami

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## ASSISTANT PASTOR’S WORD...

*From Pastor Paulette Obrecht*



This church year, on the second Sunday in June, the Church celebrates Pentecost. Pentecost is the celebration of the eventful day when the Holy Spirit came as the sound of the wind rushing through the house in Jerusalem where the disciples of Jesus were gathered. Pentecost is also the day that 30 terrific young people in our

congregation will celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism, more commonly known as confirmation. In certain ways, it's the day that we pray that the Holy Spirit will come into their lives, too. It's not so dramatic as wind rushing in and tongues of fire floating around – just a beautiful expressive quilt and stoles on their shoulders – but we pray that it is a day where the Spirit inspires them to make a difference in God's world.

I always liked the stories in the Bible about the Spirit of God, or *ruach*, in the Hebrew language. *Ruach*, the wind of God, the breath of God, God's Spirit. It was present at creation and swept over the waters of the deep. It was present in the sound of sheer silence as Elijah stood on the mountain of God. It put words in the mouths of the prophets. It came as tongues of fire on the day of Pentecost. Each time I see the trees or plants swaying in the breeze, I am reminded of the *Ruach*, God's Spirit present in this world.

In paintings of the Pentecost event, most artists place the tongues of fire above the heads of the disciples, as dancing flames. However, I have often said that I like to picture them as landing on their chests. Little flames dancing on them and within them, setting their hearts aglow with possibilities they never might have imagined, ready to speak to the multitudes in words any of them could understand if they listened, truly listened.

The Apostle Paul tells us that the Spirit intercedes for us in whatever form we need, often “with sighs too deep for words” and always according to God's will. And, so I wonder, what is the Spirit trying to say to me? What might the Spirit be saying to our new confirmands – the newest members of Hope Church. What is the Spirit saying to you, Hope Church – all of you and each of you? In these next weeks as we celebrate the season of Pentecost, I hope you will take time to listen, truly listen to what the *Ruach*, the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, that dancing little flame within you, is saying to you. And, I hope it sets *your* heart aglow with the possibilities of God in your life – possibilities that you never might have imagined before. So – go in peace, share the blessings of the Spirit.

*When the Spirit of truth comes, it will guide you into all the truth; for it will not speak on its own, but will speak whatever it hears, and it will declare to you're the things that are to come. - John 16:12-15*

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### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – MAY 2014**

- ⤴ Hope's delegates for the 2014 Synod Assembly are Betty Rock and John P. Zmyewski.
- ⤴ Council approved the following transfer and new members
  - Transfer
    - Luis, Heather, Jessica, Jakob Santos
  - New Members
    - Shirley Beil
    - Scott, Lani, Jennifer and Kaitlyn Shimandle
    - Amanda, Jason, Nash and Jaxon Bower
    - June Heller
    - Louis Szoke, Cortney Heller and Tess Szoke
    - Laura and Jamie Gregson
    - Michelle and Edwin Miller
    - Alexandra Overholt, Lorenzo Lee, Arielyze Rivera, Kayliani Holland
- ⤴ The fan on the Kuntz Hall side of the building that handles the three bathrooms and kitchen broke after 20+ years. Council approved the replacement of that fan and also putting it on a timer so it does not run 24/7.



- ⤵ The Security committee reported that as of May 12<sup>th</sup> the building is locked 24 hours a day and codes are needed by all groups to enter the building in the evening. If members have questions please contact the church office.
- ⤵ Hope is proud to confirm 30 confirmation students at the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the largest classes we have had!
- ⤵ Pastor Paulette's computer needs to be replaced because it is operating Windows XP and is old enough that it cannot handle a more recent Windows program. Council approved the purchase of a new computer for her office.
- ⤵ Council discussed "Coffee with the Council" open forum and felt it was a worthwhile event that gave members an opportunity to ask questions of the leadership. Another date for "Coffee with the Council" has been set for Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 in Kuntz Hall.
- ⤵ The Level 2 confirmation class, their mentors and members of Hope's youth group held a "Car Wash for a Cause" which netted ~\$750 – half of which will go to the ELCA Youth Gathering and half will go to a charity chosen by the confirmation students.
- ⤵ Some new happenings at Hope this past year are:
  - Women's Retreat – 18 women attended
  - Homeless Ministry Group – preparing meals for local shelters
  - Soup Group – who make and take soup to homebound members monthly
  - Women of Faith – evening WLECA group
  - Grief Support Group – a 12 week program for members and the community
  - Property upgrades – limited access security system and fire safety system
  - Disaster team reactivated
  - Implementation of Child Protection Policy

### HOPE FEST

Mark your calendars for Hope Fest 2014, to be held RAIN OR SHINE on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**HOPE FEST HELP IS NEEDED** – June 20<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed for 2- hour shifts. A set-up and clean-up crew is also needed. Watch for sign-up sheets to be posted in the narthex. Call Bonnie Zmyewski at 610-767-7260 for more information. Please help; we can't do this without YOU!

**CHINESE AUCTION** – Chinese Auction items needed. Please help by donating "NEW" items to our auction. Items or gift certificates can be dropped off in the church office.

**JEWELRY FOR HOPE FEST** – The basket committee of Hope Church is looking for your gold, silver, costume, even broken jewelry. The ladies are selling jewelry at Hope Fest on June 20<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please drop off your donations in the marked "jewelry" box in the narthex. Your donations are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU for all of your donations.

### RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Lutheran Church donated blood in April – way to go! Linda Derr, Daniel Husser, Brenda Mack, Raymond Swinger. **We have 19 pints YTD on our goal of 32 – 13 to go – halfway there!** Miller Keystone is currently in need of all blood types. If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at 610-691-5850.



### SUMMER VACATION

WELCA, ARC Dance and Prayer Shawl take a break for the months of JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. Activities resume in September.

### SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, our summer worship hours will begin. The worship services will be at 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM, with no Sunday Church School.



### WOMEN OF FAITH

The “Women of Faith” group hosted a fellowship and craft night on May 19. Look for their “Garden of God Sightings” on display in the entryway to learn where people have noticed God active in our world today. Their next event will be on Saturday, June 14, at 1:00 PM as the group travels to the WELCA “Meals of Hope” project at Union Lutheran in Schnecksville. Be sure to join in and help at this worthwhile event. The July meeting (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, July 21, at 6:30 PM) will be a gathering at the home of Jane Tretiak to hear details of Doris Zellers’ mission trip to Belize. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert or beverage to share.

### PASTORAL ACTS

#### ***HOLY BAPTISMS***

Pastor Jami officiated at the following baptisms:

**Caden Robert Mahalick**, son of Thomas and Samantha (Wisniewski) Mahalick, was baptized on May 4, 2014. He was born November 2013.

**Tess Marie Szoke**, daughter of Courtney Heller and Louis Szoke, was baptized on May 11, 2014. She was born March 2013. Pastor Jami officiated.

**Raymond Chester Brack**, son of Raymond and Margaret Brack, was baptized on April 21, 2014. Pastor Paulette officiated.

***Please welcome Tess, Caden and Raymond as our newest members of Hope.***

#### ***MARRIAGE***

**Kate Steiner and Andrew Hanchick** were married at Hope Church on May 17. Pastor Jami officiated.

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

#### ***FUNERALS***

**Donald C. Neustadter**, entered eternal life on April 22, 2014. Funeral services were held at Hope Church. Pastor Jami officiated.

***Our sympathy to family and friends of Donald; may God Continue to be their guide and strength.***

### HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

Names from Hope’s members of high school/college graduates will be included in our July/August issue of The Hope Home News. Please supply us with graduate’s information and return it to the church office as soon as possible! Graduates will be recognized at both worship services on June 1.





This monthly feature explores Hope’s “Hidden Gems,” to focus on the happenings that might fly under the radar of members. Learn and grow in the many facets of Hope. Maybe find a gem of your own!

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The Prayer Shawl group, one of the smaller and less visible ministries at Hope Lutheran Church, touches people’s hearts and souls in a largely personal way. Time spent together, focused on creating while praying over each stitch, so that the finished product may bring comfort to recipients of their handiwork.



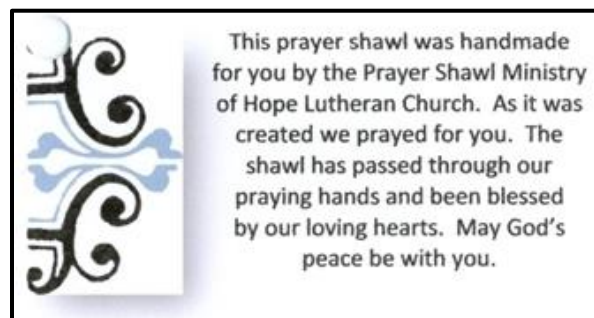
JoAnne Creyer, who led the group at her previous church, now leads the group at Hope. JoAnne coordinates and leads the monthly sessions in the Sunday School Room on the second Monday of each month from September through May. They begin with a devotion followed by a blessing of the materials, “whatever has been brought in.” Members then assess what is in the cabinet and tag any new items that have come in over the course of a month. There are six or seven women who attend regularly and it is very unstructured and informal. Meeting attendance is not required, just the ability to knit or crochet.

Yarn is donated, or they buy their own. “There always seems to be yarn” says JoAnne. Sometimes people will send a donation as a thank you for a shawl they or a loved one received.

Completed items find their way to Hope members scattered near and far. Scarves go to our college students as they approach finals; baby blankets to newborns, and lap robes to the elderly, some of which were recently sent some to a local nursing home. People in need or who know of someone who might benefit from such a blessed gift, can help themselves, or see Jane, Pastor Jami or Pastor Paulette.

To get involved, call JoAnne 610-262-3204 or just come to one of their monthly meetings, which can be found on the church calendar.

Prayer Shawl is a universal ministry, and more can be read about it online at <http://www.shawlministry.com>.



**STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP**

The StoryWeavers will meet on Tuesday, June 10 at 10:00 AM. Lunch will follow at Wert's Café in Allentown. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at [lachandler7759@hotmail.com](mailto:lachandler7759@hotmail.com) or 610-440-0341 if you need the question for the month.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Do you know why we have an offering when we come to worship? We do not have an offering to keep the lights on. We do not have an offering to pay the pastor. We have an offering because God knows that is the one thing that can relocate our hearts. When we have an offering we give people an opportunity to relocate their hearts. Where our treasure is, there is our heart.



If Jesus had to print money, this is what he would print on it:

- ❖ Handle with extreme care
- ❖ Has the power to relocate your heart
- ❖ Keep out of reach of the rich
- ❖ Taking too much can result in an overdose
- ❖ Regardless of the room temperature it should not be stored up for too long
- ❖ Works best when given away in the care of others
- ❖ Consult your doctor, Matthew 6, if your desire for more persists beyond your need

Stop being obsessed with fashion, food and finances in the way that you are obsessed with fashion, food and finances. Granted, Jesus also was obsessed with fashion, food and finances—but fashion for the naked, food for the hungry and finances for the poor.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Committee hosted a night of sing-along music and fellowship for Gracedale residents on Monday, May 5. On May 19, committee members helped out at the final ARC dance for the season. Worship at Gracedale will be offered to residents by Pastor Paulette and the committee on Sunday, July 27, at 10:00 AM. The date of the Senior “Birthday” Picnic was set for Saturday, August 16, at 11:00 AM. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board to attend (or to help). The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, at 11:00 AM.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS “THANK-YOU” BREAKFAST

All Sunday School teachers and staff are invited to a special “thank-you” breakfast on Sunday, June 29, at 10:30 AM (after worship service) in Kuntz Hall to acknowledge their years of service, as well as preview the exciting things planned for next Sunday School term. Special invitations will be sent out shortly – and we hope your reply will be “Yes”!

## YOUTH GROUP

Mark your calendars for a bingo featuring Vera Bradley products on **Saturday, June 28** to benefit the youth attending the 2015 National Youth Gathering in Detroit! Doors will open at 11:00 AM and bingo will begin at 12 Noon. Tickets will be on sale beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> and will cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door for 20 games of bingo.

We will also have a Chinese Auction at the bingo and welcome any donations of baskets, gift certificates, or other items for that. Thank you in advance for making a difference in the lives of the young people of our church!

### Save these dates!

- ✓ **Youth Group Shore Trip** – Monday, July 14 - Thursday, July 17
- ✓ **Hope Fest Help** (milkshake & float stand, games) - June 20 & 21
- ✓ **Vera Bradley Bingo Help** (servers, runners, ticket takers, etc. needed) - Saturday, June 28



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JUNE 2014

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sunday, June 1, 2014</u></b> <b><i>Graduate Recognition, Both Worship Services</i></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 New Members Class 10:30 AM Service of the Word <b><i>New Members Received</i></b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sunday, June 8, 2014</u></b> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion – <b><i>Confirmation</i></b> <b><i>Reception to Follow in Kuntz Hall</i></b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sunday, June 15, 2014</u></b> <b><i>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</i></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Service of the Word / Holy Baptism</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sunday, June 22, 2014</u></b> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sunday June 29, 2014</u></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>

### HOMELESS MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

The Homeless Ministry Team accomplished a lot at their May 18 meeting. The group learned more about serving meals at Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter in Easton, the Salvation Army Emergency Shelter for women and children in Allentown, and the Allentown Rescue Mission for men in Allentown. The Team will prepare and serve an evening meal for 75 residents at the Allentown Rescue Mission on Wednesday, July 23. In August or September they hope to serve a dinner at Safe Harbor. The Team is also looking into producing a t-shirt for Hope Church volunteers, as an easy way for people from Hope who serve on volunteer projects to be easily identified and associated with the work of our church. Approval from Council will be sought once the details are worked out. The next meeting of the Team will be on Sunday, June 15, at 10:30 AM (after worship service). We hope more members will consider becoming involved in this new ministry at Hope.

### SENIOR NEWS

***AARP Smart Driver Course*** will be offered at the Cherryville Senior Center, 4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville on June 24 and June 26 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This new and improved 8-hour course will entitle most participants to receive a multi-year insurance discount for completing the course. Check with your insurance company to see if you are eligible. The cost is \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members payable at the first class. Call 610-767-2977 to register for the class.

***Farmer Market Coupons*** will be distributed at the following Northampton County sites:

- June 9<sup>th</sup> 12:30 to 2:00 PM @ Bath Senior Center, 234 Walnut Street
- June 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 11:00 AM @ Northampton Senior Center, 902 Lincoln Street
- June 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 11:00 AM @ Cherryville Senior Center, 4131 Lehigh Drive

Each eligible senior will receive four \$5.00 checks, one time during the program year. To qualify for the coupons at these sites you **must** be a Northampton county resident, be 60 years of age or older and bring proof of age and residency. Income for one person cannot be over \$21,590, \$29,101 for 2 people. Proof of income is not required. Seniors in nursing home facilities, convents and residential facilities, where meals are provided, are not eligible.



You can register now for summer camp. Please contact Kim Roth (610-820-0587) with any questions, for a registration form or for more information. Register online at [www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org).

### **KIDS BOWL FREE CARDS AVAILABLE!**

“Kids Bowl Free” is a summer bowling program offered by two local bowling centers in our area: Hampton Lanes in Northampton and the Rose Bowl in Allentown. By registering your child/ren, you make them eligible to receive 2 free games of bowling **daily** – for the whole summer. See Pastor Paulette for further details – or look for a registration card on the table in the Narthex. Remember, bowling is a lifelong sport that the whole family can enjoy together. Get your “Kids Bowl Free Card” and register today.

### **EVANGELISM**



We hope you can all come to Hope’s “**Old-Fashioned Church Picnic**” on Sunday, July 20, at Indian Trail Park! It will be an exciting time to share food, fellowship and fun for all ages. We will begin at 12:30 PM and continue until at least 6:00 PM. Everyone’s asked to bring their favorite covered dish and the Evangelism Committee will supply the burgers, hotdogs, rolls, beverages, condiments. If you want to play a game of bingo, remember to bring a “white elephant” item to use as a prize (dollar store gifts would be perfect). It should be new or gently-used and gift-wrapped. If that’s not enough, there will be an old-fashioned cake walk! Everyone is invited to bring their favorite specialty cake. Plus, there will be games, music, and lots more. Please sign-up at the Narthex Bulletin Board, so we know how much food to prepare. Contacts are John Zmyewski and Ernie Doncsecz.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday evening Bible studies will continue into summer. We will be discussing the book of Proverbs (aka the Book of Wisdom). Our Bible studies are informal. We are all growing and learning together so please come and join us – don’t think that you don't know enough to be a part of this Bible study group. We meet at 6:30 PM in the second grade classroom.

**Confirmation Reception:** Following the 10:30 AM service on June 8, Evangelism along with Level 1 parents will sponsor a reception in honor of the 30 students who will be confirmed. First level parents and students are asked to help set up at 9:00 AM, provide bake goods, and clean up after the reception.

**Evangelism Committee:** Perhaps you are searching for a group to become part of here at Hope. Your Evangelism committee would love to welcome you into our midst. We are always searching for new ideas for our committee and additional members. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in the second grade classroom. Come and see what we are all about and see if this group might spark your interest! Contact Sharyn Kratzer for information.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Attention all Secret Agents... coming July 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> "International Spy Academy"**. Grab your briefcases, secret decoder rings, and spy glasses for Hope's Vacation Bible School. Classes will be held from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon, with a closing program on Friday evening. Ages include 3 year olds (potty trained) to children completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade in June. Lots of help will be needed so please consider volunteering. A staff nursery is provided for younger children who are not old enough to attend. Needed this year for a craft is empty 20 ounce Gatorade bottles with lids. Registrations are now being accepted at [vbs.hopecherryville.org](http://vbs.hopecherryville.org). If you do not have computer access, there are paper forms available in the narthex.



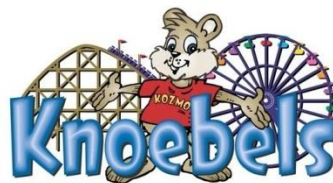
## GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST



Geraniums will be placed near the altar on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014, symbolizing the "fire" of that first Pentecost. Sponsors are needed (\$5.00 each) to help with the cost of purchasing the flowers. If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone, please turn in the form by Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

At their May 28 meeting, the team will have learned more about the spring/summer schedule for Lehigh Valley Habitat for Humanity in order to help with a local rebuilding project. Look for more information about this in the weekly bulletins over the summer. Information about the trip to Camden, NY in mid-July will also be posted in the bulletins for any congregational members who want to become involved in disaster recovery and neighborhood repair in that area. The cost of the trip will be about \$20/day per person (contact a member of the team for more information). Zeigels Church will offer another trip to Tuscaloosa in November to participate in another exciting "Habitat Blitz Week" – and team members are deciding whether or not they are able to participate. The next meeting of the team will be held at the end of June. Check the on-line calendar for the exact date and time.



**Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

**Pavilion reserved from 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM**

Lunch served at 2:00 PM

*burgers, hot dogs, salads, dessert, snacks and drinks*

**\$12.00 per person – children 4 and under free**

- free parking, free admission and free entertainment all day long
- handicapped accessible – stroller, wheelchair, scooter, & wagon rentals
- over 50 rides, including kiddie rides and 2 world-class wooden roller coasters! Numerous exhibits, a coal mine museum and much more!
- Make checks payable to **Hope Lutheran Church**  
Questions? Call **John Zmyewski** 610-767-7260 or the church office 610-767-7203

### **HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Hope Church offers scholarship money to college students. The requirements of eligibility are:

1. Attending an accredited college/university full time
2. Will be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2014
3. Is a member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA

Applications can be picked up from the church office or can be obtained by phoning 610-767-7203 or by writing to PO Box 1030, Cherryville, PA 18035. The deadline for applications to reach the church office is **July 20, 2014**. (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at either worship service on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be **sent** the first week in January 2015.)

### **SOUP GROUP**

The Soup Group will meet on **Wednesday, June 4 at 9:00 AM**. Soup will be delivered that day to our homebound members. All help is welcome, especially with delivering soup; call LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or merely show up that day.



### **MEALS OF HOPE PROJECT**

**Saturday, June 14, 1:00 PM**  
*at Union Lutheran-Schnecksville*

There's still time to sign-up and attend this fun service event! Help assemble 10,000 meals so our WELCA group can attain their goal for the day of helping hungry people in our nation. All ages – are welcome to attend. See Pastor Paulette or Judy Dieter for more details, or if you need a ride.

### **HOPE CHURCH AND ELCA WORLD HUNGER**



As Christians we pray for daily bread, knowing that it is a basic human need. When people are chronically hungry, we are worried about their individual well-being. However, the consequences of hunger go far beyond the empty feeling in a person's stomach:

- Children who are undernourished have trouble performing at grade level in school.
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars are lost each year in Pennsylvania's economy because workers who are hungry are less productive, often missing multiple days of work for health problems related to lack of nutrients.
- Feeding programs such as WIC (supplemental food for Women, Infants, and Children) save
- \$3 in the Medical Assistance Program for every \$1 spent on food.

Lutherans, through ELCA World Hunger and local food ministries, relieve hunger through direct service. And, through ELCA Advocacy and LAMPa (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA), Lutherans speak up about public policy decisions that make a difference for our neighbors who are food insecure. Hunger advocates in PA are united in a common goal to urge the state legislature to begin to move towards an annual budget appropriation of \$21 million, which will more adequately fund the emergency food and supplemental nutritional needs of the growing number of people who are hungry. A relatively modest investment of additional state resources can make a major difference in the ability of the charitable food assistance providers (i.e., food banks) in Pennsylvania to help those who struggle to feed themselves and their families. Won't you consider writing, calling or visiting your state representative and state senator, requesting that they make sure SFPP (State Food Purchase Program) is given high priority for increased funding in the 2014-2015 Commonwealth budget? For more info check out:

<http://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/SFPP2014-1.pdf>.

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES - FROM THE MAY ISSUE OF THE LUTHERAN

As part of our (the church community's) promise during a baptismal service, we offer to give our support the newly-baptized and their families. If you have ever been a parent, you might know how hard it is, sometimes, to sit with young children through an entire worship service. So here are 5 ways we can help them:

Smile and greet families. Engage with the parents and thank them for bringing their children to worship. Learn the children's names, greet them too, and tell them how happy you are to see them. When children feel welcome in church, they often relax and behave better.

Know the resources your church community has for families. Are there "busy bags" with craft supplies (*yes*) and where are they located (*go ahead – see if you can find them*)? Are there children's bulletins? (*yes*) Remember, children learn about worship by being *in* worship.

Pretend they are your family. Actually, they *are* your family – part of your *church* family. They are the future of the church. If you want them to know the love of Jesus, share it with them.

Know your preferences. If you don't like to be disturbed during worship, sit in an area with fewer children – such as the earlier service or in the front pews. It will help you be more tolerant of the children's presence in the body of Christ.

Remember Jesus' words when you are frustrated: "Let the little children come to me." There is grace enough for all of us in Jesus Christ. If you become impatient or "shush" someone, remember that in Christ we all are forgiven. And, that goes too for children and parents when they become frazzled and wiggly during worship.

## VOLUNTEERS AT HOPE

The Mutual Ministry Committee of Hope Church has recently completed their work on establishing guidelines for individuals who serve as volunteers in various capacities for our church. Council has approved these guidelines and the procedures that will be followed for volunteers. The Hope Volunteer Information Sheet



explaining the new guidelines more thoroughly is available on the church website (select "Church Forms" from the menu on the left). Volunteers will be classified as either an **Occasional Volunteer** or a **Program Volunteer**, with **Program Volunteers** being defined as those individuals who have the opportunity for varied contact and interaction with the children and youth of Hope Church. Those individuals who volunteer as confirmation mentors, nursery assistants, youth group advisors and chaperones, Sunday school teachers and assistants, and Vacation Bible School volunteers are classified as **Program Volunteers** and are required to have a Criminal Record and Child Abuse Check completed by the church. Many of our volunteers in these areas have already completed the necessary background checks. The Hope Criminal Record and Child Abuse Request Form is available on the church website in the forms section or from the church office. Occasional volunteers will be required to complete a Hope Volunteer Affidavit form that is also available on the website. If you have any questions regarding the new guidelines that have been established for volunteers, please see any member of the Mutual Ministry Committee (Charlie Kutzler, Leslie Daniel, Linda Mery, Sharon Schell, AJ Szwast, or Dave Zehner) or any Church Council member.





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### Congregational Council

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

New membership,  
baptisms, funerals,  
weddings, change of  
address, van requests,  
memorial sponsors,  
hospital admissions,  
facility rentals

**Call the church office  
610-767-7203**

<b>REGARDING</b>	<b>CALL</b>	<b>PHONE. NO.</b>
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Church Website	Tom Perry	610-261-0743
Confirmation	Pastor Jami Pastor Paulette	610-767-7203
Cub Scouts	Emily Hassler	610-760-1547
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
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Mutual Ministry	Charlie Kutzler	610-262-4588
Nursery School	Deb Gable	610-767-7523
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VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
WELCA	Judy Dieter	610-767-9170
Worship Arts	Pastor Jami	610-767-7203
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## Our Mission

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*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.*

## Thank You Notes

***To the funeral committee and their husbands and all who helped in the kitchen at the Donald Neustadter funeral reception,***

My family and I want to express our most grateful appreciation and thanks for the great job done by all of you. Fellowship after a funeral always helps those grieving the loss of a loved one a lot easier.

Again, thanks,

**Loretta Neustadter & Family**