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Worship Hours

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

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 31, 2014

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 76,661.59	\$ 83,981.26	\$ 90,833.11	\$ 103,109.55	\$ (13,046.92)
Income - August	35,165.06	2,268.43	416.25	-	-
Income - Jan.-July	210,690.23	20,143.78	13,710.27	11,989.50	2,025.00
Total Income	245,855.29	22,412.21	14,126.52	11,989.50	2,025.00
Expenses - August	28,399.45	2,211.93	195.00	4,200.00	-
Expenses - Jan.-July	243,722.25	4,321.86	1,429.04	3,750.00	-
Total Expenses	272,121.70	6,533.79	1,624.04	7,950.00	-
Net Income	(26,266.41)	15,878.42	12,502.48	4,039.50	2,025.00
Net Special Appeals	1,173.43				
Balance End of August	\$ 51,568.61	\$ 99,859.68	\$ 103,335.59	\$ 107,149.05	\$ (11,021.92)

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$6,765.61, and for the year 2014, expenses exceeded income by \$26,266.41, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$51,568.61. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(39,016.13) with a balance of \$50,471.76.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2014 is \$416,769.00. 35/52 of that figure is \$280,517.60. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the eight months were \$245,855.29. So, we are behind in income by \$34,662.31.

*** 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) by **12:00 PM** on the deadline date. Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date (10:00AM start)</u>
November	Monday, October 20	Thursday, October 23
December	Thursday, November 20	Monday, November 24
January	Thursday, December 20	Monday, December 24

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 October 2014 issue of Synod News is available online.

Visit <http://nepsynod.org/publications/synod-news/>

**** The Synod has completely redesigned their site – check it out!**



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger

40 years ago...

- ❖ The 37th president of the United States, Richard Nixon, resigned his office in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal. One month later, President Gerald Ford pardoned him.
- ❖ The last U.S. combat troops left Vietnam and returned to the US where angry protesters awaited them.
- ❖ "People" magazine hit the shelves.
- ❖ The average new car cost \$3,750.00 and a gallon of gas cost 55 cents!
- ❖ 55 MPH speed limit was imposed to preserve gas usage in the United States.
- ❖ The Sears Tower in Chicago became the tallest building in the world.
- ❖ A Smallpox Epidemic in India caused the deaths of between 10,000 and 20,000 people.
- ❖ Charles de Gaulle Airport opened in Paris, France.
- ❖ Soviet authorities expelled Alexander Solzhenitsyn and revoked his Russian citizenship.
- ❖ Philippe Petit, a 24-year-old Frenchman, captivated the world when he walked across a steel high wire suspended between New York City's Twin Towers.
- ❖ The novel, "Jaws" by Peter Benchley, was published.
- ❖ Hammerin' Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run - breaking Babe Ruth's record.
- ❖ Jerry Lewis held his 9th Muscular Dystrophy telethon.
- ❖ Barbara Walters became the news co-anchor of Today Show.
- ❖ Hope Lutheran Church held its first worship service in its newly built facility!!!!



That's right – this year marks the 40th anniversary of Hope Lutheran Church. Now I know this is not considered a "major" anniversary of our history but it offers us a unique moment to celebrate our mission of sharing God's Word, God's work and God's love with the world.

Just how do we plan to celebrate? We are planning celebratory worship services on Sunday, November 16th – the closest Sunday to the first-ever worship service in our sanctuary. **Pastor Fred Fisher**, Hope's pastor in 1974, will be our guest preacher and join us for a time of fellowship in Kuntz Hall after each worship service. We will be celebrating all those members who were instrumental in the completion of our facility and plan a few fun things as well.

So save the date – **Sunday, November 16th**. Join us for worship and to celebrate 40 years of life!

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following:

FUNERAL

Mark Hagley entered eternal life on September 8, 2014 at the age of 43 years old. Funeral services were held at Hope Church.

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

WELCA

WELCA Meeting: Tuesday, October 21 at 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2014

<p><u>Sunday, October 5, 2014</u> <i>Parish Survey – both services</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 12, 2014</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion / Holy Baptism</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 19, 2014</u> <i>Consecration Sunday</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Consecration Sunday Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Service of the Word 11:30 AM Consecration Sunday Luncheon / Time & Talent Auction</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 26, 2014</u> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>



**Daylight savings
time begins on
November 2nd**

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Since 2008, Wittenberg University, a Lutheran-affiliated, liberal arts university located in Springfield, Ohio has offered the Martin Luther Scholar Award. It is a scholarship that aims to recognize outstanding Lutheran students with an **\$80,000 academic award** (\$20,000 per year, renewable over four years) as they continue their education at Wittenberg.

To qualify for this scholarship, students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5, be a member of a Lutheran congregation, and be nominated for the award by their pastor or other congregational leader. The deadline for nominations for the Martin Luther Scholar Award is November 1st. If you are someone – or you know of someone – who might be interested in being nominated please speak with Pastor Jami. This is an incredible opportunity for the right student!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 2014

- ⚓ The council has scheduled times for Parish Surveys to be completed by congregation members. Linda Mery, Council President, will ask members to complete them on Sundays, September 21st, 28th and October 5th.
- ⚓ Rev. Gene Handwerk, associate of the Bishop of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, will join us on Sunday, September 28th to walk the congregation through the call process for an Assistant Pastor. He will meet with members in the sanctuary immediately after each worship service for 30 to 45 minutes of conversation.
- ⚓ The Disaster Response Team has renamed itself. It will now be known as **Hope's Helping Hands (H3)**. They will be holding a Crab Patty sale in October. Details will be in the newsletter. Five members of the group will be traveling to Tuscaloosa from October 4th-11th on a mission trip to continue rebuilding from a tornado in 2011.
- ⚓ **The annual congregation meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 9th at 9:00 AM in Kuntz Hall. Congregation members are encouraged to attend.**
- ⚓ Council approved a bid from Korpics Construction to paint the narthex and main hallway and refinish the front wooden doors to the church.
- ⚓ Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio is offering a four year \$80,000 scholarship to students who are interested in attending this small, liberal arts university, have a GPA of 3.5 and are a member of a Lutheran congregation. Students must be nominated by the pastor or other congregational leader. Interested students should speak to Pastor Jami.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER... CONSECRATION SUNDAY AND TIME & TALENT AUCTION

Sunday, October, 19th is our congregation's Consecration Sunday event. This is a day where we celebrate God's generosity in our lives by making a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ here at Hope. On this day, two special events will happen. The first is Sunday morning worship and the second is our celebration luncheon followed by our second annual Time & Talent Auction immediately after the 10:30 AM service. This is your opportunity to mingle and share some delicious food AND bid on your favorite auction items.

Because this is a special luncheon, we need reservations for each person – and our goal is to have every member present! During the first two Sundays in October, we will pass out reservation cards in worship on which you can make your reservation for this very fun afternoon. You may also make a reservation by calling the church office at 610-767-7203.

The effectiveness of our church's mission and ministry depends on YOUR initiative and dedication by being present for our 2014 Consecration Sunday event. Please make whatever sacrifices are necessary to be present on October 19th.

Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway and sign up to join the auction. ***Because everyone has something to offer!***

Auction items already offered include:

- Drum lessons
- Handcrafted Moravian Star stained glass
- Club level Phantoms ice hockey tickets
- A plethora of home-made goodies
- A weekend at PJ's lake house
- Gutter cleaning

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Nearly five centuries ago in Central Europe, an unknown Augustinian monk decided to nail 95 theses to a church door, sparking a religious revolution that is felt to the present day. Reformation Sunday celebrates the anniversary of when Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation and is an observance remembered by hundreds of American churches in the modern day.



This year, Reformation Sunday will fall on October 27th and at Hope we will be remembering the work of Martin Luther and the other reformers who helped birth the Protestant church. Some of Luther's theology is encapsulated in what scholars refer to as the Five Sola's of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone); Sola Gratia (Grace alone); Sola Fide (Faith Alone); Solus Christus (Christ alone); and Soli Deo Gloria (To God alone be the Glory). Join us for celebratory worship services on Reformation Sunday, October 26th as we take time to honor the root beliefs of Protestant Christianity.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



All Saints Sunday is a day to remember the saints - "saints" by the New Testament meaning of "all Christian people of every time and place." 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". When we were baptized, 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 2nd 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. Please join us for this celebration of sainthood!



HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday, October 20

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Kuntz Hall

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

The Outreach Ministry will meet on Wednesday, October 22 at 1:00 PM to prepare the meal and will go to St. Stephen's at 3:30 PM. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341.

SOCIAL 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 6 at 6:30 PM. Here's your chance to try out your special gifts in a safe and appreciative setting. If you have questions, please call Marge Zimmerman at 610-760-1602.

WOMEN OF FAITH

The Holy Spirit is alive and working at Hope Lutheran Church! The Women of Faith group has some exciting events planned that are open to ALL people of Hope Church.

- **October 20 – Beading with Penny** Fasching – Come make a necklace or bracelet with glass beads. A small fee will be charged to cover materials.
- **November 17 – Christmas card making**
- **December 15 – Caroling and cookie swap**
- **January 19 – Yoga with Amy**



More to come next spring: Safety for Women – by Rich Mullen; Guide Dog presentation; make your own concrete stepping stones.

Events are held the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall. All members and friends of Hope Church – of all ages – are invited to join in for our activities. Come enjoy fun and fellowship.

GIANT A+ SCHOOL REWARDS



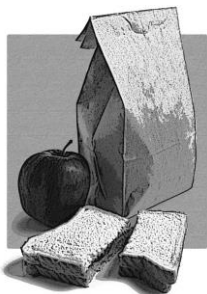
Hope Lutheran Nursery School participates in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Every time you shop at Giant and use your bonus card between October 5, 2014 and March 21, 2015, you earn CASH for our Nursery School. To register your Bonus Card, visit www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and use our School ID #06640. If you prefer, we can register your card for you – just write down your last name and 11 digit bonus card number and place it in the Nursery School mailbox and we will take care of the rest. Thank you for supporting the Nursery School.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR – 2014/2015

Our Sunday School began on Sunday, September 7th. Our teachers are ready to have a great 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 ages two through adult. It's not too late to join!



GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH GROUP



The grief support lunch group will meet on Wednesday, October 8 at 11:30 AM. Just "bring your own sandwich" and enjoy the company and conversation – as we "check in" and provide support to one another. This is open to anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one – and is seeking additional support and comfort as you move through your grief. The group will meet monthly in the "Adult Sunday School Room" behind Kuntz Hall. For more information, contact Dawn Riso (610-767-3955).

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

January 4, 11 & 18, 2015

SOUP GROUP

Soup Group will meet and deliver soup on Wednesday, October 1st at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to help with the cooking or delivering of soup. Our goal is to deliver soup and visit with homebound members of our church. Any food or monetary donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler 610-440-0341.



STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

StoryWeavers will meet on Tuesday, October 14 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at lachandler7759@hotmail.com or 610-440-0341

RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Lutheran Church donated blood in August – way to go! Mary Hagley, David Kromer, Raymond Swinger. **We have 59 pints YTD on our goal of 32!** If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at 610-691-5850.



SENIOR CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Cherryville Senior Center located here at Hope Church is looking for a few volunteers to help with various “jobs” during the week. The director, Karen Ferrania is especially looking for someone to help with crafts. Please call her for more information at 610-767-2977.

HOPE’S HELPING HANDS – CRAB PATTY SALE

Hope’s Helping Hands (formerly the Disaster Response Mission Team) is having a Crab Patty sale in October. Orders will be taken after all services on October 5th, 12th, and 19th. Crab patties will be made with lump crab meat and will weigh approximately 3 ounces. They will be available both breaded and un-breaded and ready for cooking. Crab cakes will be made and packaged by Todd’s Island Seafood, (formerly Peterson’s Seafood) of Allentown. Crab patties will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, October 26th. Please continue to support our Disaster Response Mission Team and place your orders for these delicious crab patties. You may also contact any disaster response team member (Doris and Pete Zellers, Kim Belletti, Georgene and Lee Blose, or Leslie and Doug Daniel) to place an order. All orders must be **pre-paid** by October 19th.

YOUTH GROUP

- ✓ **October 8 – POW (Pizza On Wednesdays):** This is the kick-off to our POW season! Don't miss the first one. Come have pizza, devotions, and join us for a contemporary worship service at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church. We meet at Hope at 5:30 and return around 8:00. This event will be held on the second Wednesday of every month (except during Lent).
- ✓ **October 18:** tentative Haunted Event – location TBD
- ✓ **November 7-8:** Sleepover at the Lehigh Valley Zoo! This event sounds super fun and we are really excited! We need at least 15 people to go so save the date and get ready to sleepover at the zoo 😊
- ✓ **November 12:** POW



YARD SALE

The Yard Sale Committee would like to thank everyone who helped! We raised \$7,540.90. Thank you for all the donations of great objects, food, baked goods. Everyone worked hard **all week** to make this event a success, but they still had time for fellowship and laughter. The proceeds from the Yard Sale will be distributed as follows; Soup Kitchen (\$200), Outreach Ministries (\$200), Disaster Response (\$200) and the rest will go to the general fund to pay bills. Thank you again, and start saving for next year’s yard Sale over Labor Day weekend!

~ Kathy Fogle

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY/25TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

At worship on the morning of Sunday September 14th, we celebrated Holy Cross Day, a celebration that occurs only when the 14th of September falls on a Sunday. This September 14th had a unique distinction, especially to someone who is a part of every service, every Sunday. In addition to placing our personal crosses on the altar, worship at both services was also personalized by recognizing the 25th anniversary of our Director of Music, David Ziegler.



There were beautiful new green trimmed banners hanging from the rafters, crafted by Karen Zimmerman. Apparently, this was David's first clue that something was up. Pastor Jami admitted she had to "tell a little tale" at the early service in order to keep the secret, but the cat was out of the bag when David saw the banners, especially the one over the organ with his name on it.

Alas, the secret had been successfully kept during all the weeks of careful planning. It was a magical Sunday that brought together several elements. The brass ensemble of two trombones and two trumpets, as well as timpani, added a sometime jazzy, sometimes Latin flavor to the joyous hymns of the day. Looking around the congregation, there was considerably more head boppin' and toe tappin' than usual.

Following the Gospel, the front of the sanctuary filled with a procession of choir members, both current (18) and former (16), from the last 25 years. They came together and sang a hauntingly beautiful piece of music, an anthem that was commissioned in honor of David's milestone and composed by Steven Sametz. They sang in Latin, acapella with hand bell accompaniment, *God Over All*.

Janet Filchner presented David with the original framed sheet music, and acknowledged David's quarter century spent "enriching our services, we've been blessed by your talent, dedication, creativity and spirituality." Do the math... 1,300 Sundays, 2,600 services, 7,800 hymns.

"How many of you have jumped when the cymbals crashed?" inquired Linda Mery. This, and other signature touches of David's, keep Hope's Sundays reverent, yet dynamic and energetic.

After acknowledging David, Pastor Jami resumed her sermon, and when worship concluded, all were invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the narthex.

David touches the souls of all who listen. God bless David and his family.

Well done, you good and faithful servant!

~ *Matthew 25:23*

25TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION: A WORD OF THANKS

I now have two major events to remember that happened on Holy Cross Day: Steph's baptism and recognition of my 25 years as Director of Music at Hope. What a surprise. As I settled into the front pew for the sermon and Pastor Jami came down to the floor I thought we were in for another engaging audience-participation sermon. Little did I suspect what was to follow.

As choir members assembled up front and PJ continued with her remarks I can't tell you how fast the brain started generating questions: What are they doing? Are they going to sing? What will they sing? Are they going to embarrass me with "This is your Life!" moments I want to forget, and lots more questions. And then there was singing.

The commissioning of an anthem is the ultimate act of recognition a musician can receive. The selection of composer, Steven Sametz, was a perfect choice; the selection of the 12th century text, very true to my spirituality; the world premiere performance of "God Over All" by the Hope Lutheran Choir, *priceless!*

A very special thank you to Janet Filchner for working with Steven to create such a beautiful piece of music and for the logistical nightmare associated with rehearsing the choir and bells



off-site to maintain secrecy. I can certainly empathize with that. A special thank you to Pastor Jami who I know also had a creative hand in this event and so freely shares her passion for worship with me. Thanks to all the choir members current, former and soon to be current again, for enduring a change of rehearsal venue while also learning Latin. Your diction was so perfect, we

will have to do *more* Latin! Thanks to the bells whose tintinnabulary ability provided an ethereal effect to the anthem. Thanks to Jane Tretiak for all the extra letters, envelopes and mailings that had to be prepared to coordinate this event; the hospitality committee for preparing and hosting the coffee hour after both services; the congregational council for your ongoing support; and members of the congregation for your cards, gifts and kind words; and, my family for whom words cannot describe the support and encouragement they provide.

Throughout the twenty five years, I've never viewed this as a job but rather a privilege; a privilege to return my gifts back to the creator from whom all things come; a privilege to inspire others to sing and share their musical talents; a privilege to work with dedicated and talented choir members and musicians; a privilege to share my faith not through words but through the medium in which I am most comfortable, music.

David Ziegler
Director of Music

GOD OVER ALL

Super cuncta, subter cuncta,	Above all, beneath all,
Extra cuncta, intra cuncta,	Without and within
Intra cuncta nec inclusus,	Contained, but not enclosed,
Extra cuncta nec exclusus,	Without, but not excluded
Super cuncta nec elatus,	Above, but not upraised
Subter cuncta nec substratus,	Below, but not suppressed,
Super totus, praesidendo,	Above all presiding,
Subter totus, sustinendo,	Beneath all, sustaining
Extra totus, complectendo,	Wholly without, embracing
Intra totus est, implendo.	Wholly within, fulfilling.

Text: Hildebert de Lavardin (12th c.)

Music: Steven Sametz



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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Linda Mery <i>President</i>	Tim Lockard <i>Vice President</i>	Amy Nichols <i>Secretary</i>
Kasey Frey	Jim Gardner	Tim Moore
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Bruce Schnabel	Bob Small	John P. Zmyewski

CONTACT INFORMATION

<p>New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals</p>	<p>Call the church office 610-767-7203</p>
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REGARDING	CALL	PHONE NO.
Basket Cmte	Linda Sidor	610-767-8372
Boy Scouts	Mike Weber	570-905-6319
Church Website	Tom Perry	610-261-0743
Confirmation	Pastor Jami	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
Mentor Leaders	Trish Ninos	610-360-6034
Mutual Ministry	Charlie Kutzler	610-262-4588
Nursery School	Deb Gable	610-767-7523
Prayer Shawl	JoAnne Creyer	610-262-3204
Property	Earl Snyder	610-703-5166
SCS/Christian Ed	Michelle Hughes	484-547-4585
Senior Center	Diane Esch	610-767-2977
Social Ministry	Marge Zimmerman	610-217-8324
Stewardship	Jim Gardner	610-767-8421
Tae Kwon Do	Rich Mullen	610-760-0958
VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
WELCA	Judy Dieter	610-767-9170
Women of Faith	Jane Tretiak	610-767-7203
Worship Arts	Pastor Jami	610-767-7203
Worship & Music	Janet Filchner	610-262-5215
Youth Group	Steph Ziegler Stacey Ziegler	610-262-9197
Yard Sale	Ralph Fisher	610-392-4985

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

Hope Lutheran Church,

From the graduate.... Thank you so much... for thinking of me and celebrating my graduation. Thanks for the Dunkin Donuts gift card and mug. I really appreciate it.

Frankie Zamadics

To the Congregation of Hope Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank you for your decision to continue supporting my academic endeavors. Your generous gift through the scholarship fund will help ease the financial burden of higher education. I am grateful for your support – past and present! With your help, I will be attending graduate school at Bloomsburg University on pursuit of an M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology. Thank you!

With great appreciation,

Sarah Galloway

To the friends and family at Hope,

Thank you for selecting me for the scholarship. I'm eternally grateful for the money you gave me. It has helped me tremendously. Thank you again.

Samantha Schnabel

Dear Members of Hope Lutheran Church,

I am writing this to show my thanks for the generous scholarship that you awarded me. This will be used to help me acquire books for my classes, as anyone who has attended college knows that books are a big expenditure. Despite the cost they will help me greatly in my studies and my endeavor to earn a degree in biochemistry. With this degree I plan to go into research where I will be able to learn about the workings of the human body and make an impact on modern medicine.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Xander

To the Parishioners of Hope,

I can't express how thankful I am to receive the scholarship. It meant a lot to know that my family and friends at Hope would help me out in such a huge way. This money assisted me with my huge textbook list this semester and I am so thankful to

you all for the help. It has helped me tremendously! Thank you!

Sara Schnabel

Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you for allowing me to conduct Girl Scout leader trainings at your facility. I have been able to train approximately 40 women who will guide girls through their Girl Scout journey.

Peggy Stoudt

GSEP Trainer

Dear Jennifer Ventura,

On behalf of the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley, Inc., we would like to sincerely thank you for your recent generous donation from your Vacation Bible School fundraiser.

The Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley actively helps families who are battling pediatric cancer by creating a loving and supportive cancer community. PCFLV believes that no family should have to fight cancer alone and should celebrate wonderful moments together, despite this diagnosis.

Your generous donation helps us to be able to provide direct support to our families many ways. We are able to purchase and distribute gas cards, gift cards, and comfort bags to families during extended hospital stays, as well as fund several programs and activities at the Children's Hospital at Lehigh Valley Health Network. OCFLV focuses on quality of life and togetherness by hosting a variety of events throughout the year to bring joy and happiness back into the lives of families facing this enormous challenge.

Together we are making a difference by helping to improve the lives of families battling cancer.

Sincerely,

Michelle Zenie, Executive Director and Lisa Kappes, Assistant Executive Director