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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 - SEPTEMBER 30, 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 - September	27,195.73	3,861.78	312.08	-	1,000.00
Income - Jan.-Aug.	245,855.29	22,412.21	14,126.52	11,989.50	2,025.00
Total Income	273,051.02	26,273.99	14,438.60	11,989.50	3,025.00
Expenses - September	32,798.66	99.00	-	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Aug.	272,121.70	6,533.79	1,624.04	7,950.00	-
Total Expenses	304,920.36	6,632.79	1,624.04	7,950.00	-
Net Income	(31,869.34)	19,641.20	12,814.56	4,039.50	3,025.00
Net Special Appeals	495.43				
Balance End of September	\$ 45,287.68	\$ 103,622.46	\$ 103,647.67	\$ 107,149.05	\$ (10,021.92)

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of September by \$5,602.93, and for the year 2014, expenses exceeded income by \$31,869.34, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$45,287.68. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(39,880.56) with a balance of \$49,911.33.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2014 is \$416,769.00. 39/52 of that figure is \$312,576.75. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the nine months were \$273,051.02. So, we are behind in income by \$39,525.73.

*** 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>
December	Thursday, November 20	Monday, November 24
January	Thursday, December 20	Monday, December 24
February	Monday, January 19	Thursday, January 22

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 November 2014 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

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



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger

For about 25 years, my family has been hosting our annual Thanksgiving feast. I remember I have to start thinking about it sometime around Halloween – and quickly lose track of time. Before I know it, there is one week to go and I have yet to order my turkey from Mr. Bill's Poultry stand in the Farmer's Market.



I love our Thanksgiving gatherings! We usually have between 20 and 30 people for dinner – always making sure to invite those we know do not have a special place to be on that day. My younger sister and I plan the meal – which never seems to change much – and those who join us often bring a dish. Sometimes, after dinner, we “roast” someone with a song or skit. Other times, we just sit around and catch up with one another. And always we have a (yucky) creamed onion in honor of my mother – who loved them – it's a tradition of remembrance, I suppose. Throughout the day, I am so thankful for the people in my life.

I need Thanksgiving – because sometimes I simply get too distracted to be appreciative. I may be very busy when someone does something that's helpful, and I may hardly notice it because my mind is on so many other things. I may have a lot of worries about money or relationships or work, and they may keep me from feeling appreciation for many of the things I have – such as a place to live, heat in the winter, food on the table. And I may be too deep in thought or conversation to fully appreciate the song of the bird in the trees on my walk.

The other day I came across this quote by Dave McIntyre: “Appreciation is like an insurance policy. It has to be renewed every now and then.” Obviously, we don't **have** to renew our appreciation – but when we do, we're the ones who benefit. The kind word or advice of a friend, the helpfulness of someone we know, the many gifts we enjoy each day – they all mean more to us when we receive them in a spirit of appreciation and gratitude.

So how do we renew our appreciation of all that we have? I suppose it's mostly a question of reminding ourselves just how special life is – and just how fortunate we are to be blessed in our lives. If there's one thing that I don't want to lose, it's appreciation for those things that are good in my life – my family, my work, my church, my friends, my health. Because there are a lot of other things that aren't so good – and the good things are the things that keep me going.

Thanksgiving is an appropriate time to reflect on this idea of appreciation. But it can't happen just one day or on season out of the year. I hope you take a few moments every day to count your blessings – give thanks for them – allow yourself to relish the experience of prosperity and abundance you already have. I guarantee that it will change your attitude about your life that day!

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

WELCOME! NEW VISITATION PASTOR, THE REV. LOUISE WILLIAMS

Greetings from Bangor, Pennsylvania, where I live since "retiring" in 2009. As you realize, that retirement didn't last very long. I will be serving Hope Church as your Visitation Pastor, and may see you occasionally on a Sunday morning. I am also serving at a very small Lutheran church in Martins Creek, on Route 611 above Easton. On most Sunday mornings, I lead the service there.

My family consists of a daughter, Lisa, her husband, Barry, and her two daughters, Melissa and Allison. Melissa is married and has a son, Riley, so I'm a great-grandmother. Melissa lives in upstate New York, so visits are not nearly as frequent as I would like.

Some of the positions held in the past years include serving as an organist/choir director in many local churches. I also taught private music lessons on accordion, piano and organ, and played accordion with bands in the Pocono resorts. My first call as an ordained pastor was in Nebraska, where I served for five years. The next call was to a parish in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, and that lasted almost ten years. Retirement was supposedly next, but it's

obvious, I guess, that it hasn't turned out as expected. However, I am looking forward to getting to know the members of Hope Lutheran Church as I visit you whenever the need arises.

I'll be visiting a Sunday morning service sometime in November, and will have the opportunity to meet many members. See you soon, at worship, I "hope".

Blessings,
Pastor Louise Williams

VETERANS/ARMED SERVICES NAMES

Names are needed for the church service on Sunday, November 9th in recognition of Veterans Day. If you have names of veterans or those currently serving in the armed forces that you would like us to acknowledge, please call the church office or email Nina.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2014

<p><u>Sunday, November 2, 2014</u> <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 9, 2014</u> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 16, 2014</u> <i>40th Anniversary of Hope Lutheran</i> <i>Special Guest Rev. Fred Fisher</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 23, 2014</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, November 26, 2014</u> <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i> 11:00 AM Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 30, 2014</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>



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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The Annual
Congregational Meeting
will be held on Sunday,
November 9th, at **9:00
AM in Kuntz Hall**. At
least 50 members (in
good standing) are
needed for a quorum.

VIDEOTAPING WORSHIP SERVICES

Our new Audio/Visual Committee is looking for a few people who would be willing to videotape some worship services that are coming up in November. No experience is necessary – training will be provided. Interested members may choose the service to be taped - either the 8:00 AM service or the 10:30 AM service. If you are interested please speak to Pastor Jami or call the church office.

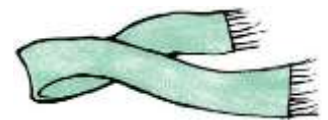


COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 2014

- ⤵ Rachel Holencik was hired as our Confirmation Coordinator for the 2014 – 2015 confirmation year. Her position is part time – 10 hours per week – and she will oversee the administration of the Confirmation Program in consultation with the Pastor.
- ⤵ Rev. Louise Williams is joining our staff as a temporary, part-time Visitation Pastor – 16 to 20 hours per week. Pastor Williams will be doing visitations in the hospital and to our homebound members. She began her ministry on October 17th and will join us for worship in November to meet the people at Hope.
- ⤵ Hope’s Helping Hands – H3 – sent four people to Tuscaloosa, Alabama in October. The members who participated are Kim and Dan Belletti and Doris and Pete Zellers.
- ⤵ The Christian Education Committee has purchased a new, more experiential curriculum to be used in all classes from Kindergarten through 6th grade of our Sunday School program.
- ⤵ The Property Committee is currently seeking bids from vendors to replace our furnace/boiler system. The current system is original to the building and is 40 years old. Last year the system failed on a few Sunday mornings as well a couple of weekdays – leaving us with no heat and the fear of pipes freezing.
- ⤵ Korpics Contracting is currently painting the narthex and main hallway.
- ⤵ Several Audio-Visual Committee members visited other local churches to their research video and projection technology to better inform the committee on options, strengths and weaknesses and cost.
- ⤵ An Eagle Scout project – adding a new flagpole to the area by the pavilion – is proceeding. Lighting will be added when the scout has finished his work around the base of the flagpole.
- ⤵ The next Coffee with the Council is scheduled for Sunday, January 11, 2015 in Kuntz Hall. Members are encouraged to drop in for coffee and to share questions and comments about ministry at Hope. Council members will be available to answer questions, review finances and share information with attendees.

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 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!



PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISM

Ella Audrey Grube daughter of Timothy Grube and Lyndsy Workman, was baptized on Sunday, October 12, 2014. She was born in May 2014. Pastor Jami officiated.

Please welcome Ella as the newest member of our Hope Church family.

WEDDINGS

Stephen David Sook and Christine Marie Lutz were united in marriage on Saturday, October 12, 2014. Pastor Jami officiated.

Keith P. Seymour and Jillian C. Anewalt were united in marriage on Saturday, October 12, 2014. Pastor Jami officiated.

Diana Christine and Gary Meckes were married at Hope Church October 11, 2014. Pastor Paulette officiated.

Congratulations to Stephen & Christine, Keith & Jillian and Diana & Gary. Please pray that they will always remember the vows made before God on their very special days.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER... CONSECRATION SUNDAY RESULTS



Consecration Sunday is a spiritual-growth oriented process, designed to enrich our 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 commitments totaling \$176,900. But we're not done yet!

If you were unable to attend Consecration Sunday on October 19th, 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.

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, November 17
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Kuntz Hall



THANKSGIVING **WORSHIP**

Please join us for Holy Communion at 11:00 AM or 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26th.

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.

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.

- **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.



OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

The Outreach Ministry Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in finding out more about our Outreach Ministry and their activities should attend. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341. **Rescue Mission Activity:** Wednesday, November 19. Cooking in Kuntz Hall kitchen at 1:00 PM and leaving Hope at 3:30 PM to deliver the meal.

Hams Wanted!



The Outreach Ministry Committee is asking for donations of boneless (easier to slice) hams for the Rescue Mission Dinner on November 19. We need approximately 19 pounds of ham. Please make arrangements to donate by November 12. Thank you. Questions? Contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or lachandler7759@hotmail.com.

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 now and March 21, 2015, you earn CA\$H 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.



WELCA

WELCA Meeting: Tuesday, November 18 at 9:00 AM

RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Lutheran Church donated blood in September – thank you – Jeffrey Barber and Jonathan Barber. **We have 61 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.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

January 4, 11 & 18, 2015

GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH GROUP

The grief support lunch group will meet on Wednesday, November 12 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 seeking additional support and comfort as you move through your grief. The group meets monthly in the “Adult Sunday School Room” behind Kuntz Hall. For more information, contact Dawn Riso (610-767-3955).

SOUP GROUP

Soup Group will meet and deliver soup on Wednesday, November 5th 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, November 11 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at lachandler7759@hotmail.com or 610-440-0341

YOUTH GROUP



November 7-8: Sleepover at the Lehigh Valley Zoo! This event sounds super fun and we are really excited! Check FB for more info. ☺

November 12: Pizza on Wednesdays

CHURCH GIVING

It is important to keep up with your regular giving. Please remember to fulfill your commitment to the mission and ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. Here is an update on giving to the general fund as of 09/30/14.

Income	\$273,051.02
Expenses	\$304,920.36
Net Income	(\$31,869.34)

CATECHETICAL CLASSES

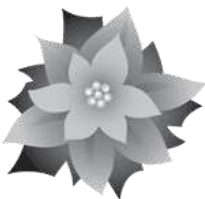
Thank you so much to the youth who have already fulfilled their outreach requirements by participating in the Potato Project or helping at the Fall basket social! For those who still need to complete this requirement, November outreach events include: helping with the Senior Fall Feast on Saturday, November 15th and set up / clean-up for the Nativity Display Wednesday the 26th, Saturday the 29th and Sunday the 30th. Stop in to see Rachel before or after Sunday School to sign up, or send her an email at confirmationco@gmail.com.

☞ **Don't forget...** check the progress/attendance notebooks in room 118 (previously Pastor Paulette's office) and let Rachel know if there are any errors!

☞ **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!

POINSETTIA SALE

Keep an eye out for order forms will be available beginning in November.



MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree will be on display in the narthex for the month of November. Your donations of winter wear are welcome to hang on the Mitten Tree.



SENIOR FALL FEAST

On Saturday, November 15th 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.

2014 FALL BASKET SOCIAL

The 20th Annual Fall Basket Social was held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, October 10, 2014.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped
make this evening a HUGE SUCCESS!!!**

SPECIAL THANKS to Doris Royer for her gift to all Basket Social Supporters and to Hope’s Basket Committee of a beautifully decorated sheet cake commemorating this 20th anniversary celebration. It tasted as good as it looked!

Ticket sponsors were LeAnn Chandler (in honor of ALL volunteers) and Linda Sidor (in honor of Doris Royer, Pastor Tony Pagotto, and the 1994 Congregational Council of Hope Church who each played an important role through their vision for a successful fund raiser known as the Fall Basket Social). Kudos to EACH ONE OF YOU who are not Committee Members, yet continue helping each year with behind the scenes support! Boy Scouts & Leaders of Troop 242 set up tables/chairs/baskets the evening prior to the Social. Catechetical Students (and some Moms) served as runners of winnings and in other capacities.



Following is the financial report from the 2014 Fall Theme Basket Social:

- **Amount given to Hope Church Building Maintenance Fund: \$5549.90**
- Amount raised from the sale of baked goods: **\$398.40**; this money is designated for Christmas gifts for children at St. Stephen’s Church, Allentown

FUTURE BASKET SOCIAL DATES

SPRING BASKET SOCIAL – APRIL 10, 2015

FALL BASKET SOCIAL – OCTOBER 11, 2015

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

LITTLE ITALY BUFFET

Saturday November 8th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This all you can eat Italian style buffet dinner will be held at Hope Church on Saturday, November 8th from 3:00 - 8:00 PM. Tickets are available from Troop 242 or in the church office. Adults \$9.95, Children under 12 \$3.95, Children under 3 are free. Presented by Hope Lutheran’s Boy Scout Troop 242. Please see the flyer on the community bulletin board for more information.



EBOLA OUTBREAK RESPONSE

You can help! Your gifts to the Ebola Outbreak Response will be used – 100 percent – to assist those impacted by this crisis. Please use a pew envelope and give to this worthwhile cause today. If you would like to send a check directly, please send it to Lutheran Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300. For more information please go to www.ELCA.org/disaster.



15TH ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

Evangelism will sponsor the 15th Annual Nativity Display on Saturday, November 29, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Sunday, November 30 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Your help is needed in several ways to again make this annual event a successful one:

- ★ Share your nativities with us for the weekend. You can bring your nativities to Kuntz Hall on Friday, November 28 between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Please put your name on your nativity pieces. Write a little something about your nativity (where you got it, what makes it special to you, etc.) and we will display your note with your nativities. Both members of Hope and folks from the community are invited to share their nativity for the weekend.
- ★ Help with set up. We will begin setting up on Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM and finish setting up on Friday morning.
- ★ Help in kitchen with replenishment of snacks and beverages.
- ★ Donate snacks and beverages. We have in the past welcomed approximately 500 visitors to Hope during this weekend. We have an reputation at Hope for being very hospitable.
- ★ Serve as a host/hostess and welcome our visitors and help to monitor that our nativities are not touched or broken.
- ★ Help with clean-up which will begin Sunday at 5:15 PM.

The nativity display is a wonderful outreach program. It has grown in size and community popularity. We could never do this nativity display without all of you helping, so thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide. This is a great time for our confirmation students to complete some of their requirements.

Merry Christmas to all and God's Blessings.

Hope's Evangelism Committee

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP RAILS TO TRAILS is pleased to announce that its meetings will now be held on the second Thursday of every month at Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church in Walnutport (former Terrace Restaurant). Meetings will begin at 7:00 PM. The first meeting at this location will be held on November 13th. Interested persons are invited to attend.



BAKED GOODS NEEDED

Baked goods are needed for our 40th Anniversary Celebration which will be held on Sunday, November 16th. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.





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!

Back in February of 2014, Pastor Paulette sensed there was a need for a group similar in focus to the long-established WELCA group here at Hope, but one that would instead meet in the evenings, to better suit the schedules of women who work during the day. She publicized this group and let the women develop the mission of the group. Kim Belletti and Deb Gardner have been with the group since its inception. Both asserted that their mission is social as well as service oriented.

The ladies created – and named – Women of Faith as an outreach group for women of all ages to share their faith while doing fun projects, hosting events and presenting speakers.

Next to join the group was Doris Zellers, Jane Tretiak and Janet Pauker, who brought their ideas for future events and service projects. Meanwhile, Pastor Paulette left Hope in August and Jane volunteered to chair the committee along with her sister Janet. Doris is their super creative crafts person. Regular faces in attendance include Jean Fritzinger, Georgia Mohrey, Nancy Creyer, Toni Snyder and Leslie Daniel.

Women of Faith meet the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall. Their projects are always announced in the monthly newsletter and have so far been well attended and some are not just for women – the August butterfly talk was just such an event with over 30 people participating. Last Monday, 12 women brought home new handmade jewels, created while they shared fellowship. And in September, the ladies made 12 fleece throws that will be blessed and donated to Camp Noah.

Thus far, Women of Faith has been mostly self-funded, through donations and members’ personal payments for craft supplies. Going forward, they have submitted a budget of \$200 for the fiscal year 2015.

When asked what she would like to see for the group for the future, Deb Gardner said “We’d love to see more women join us.” And Kim replied “continued spiritual growth and support and continued service projects to help the needs of others.”

Please speak with Jane Tretiak in the office if you are interested in learning more about the Women of Faith, or just come to one of their monthly activities.

Looking Ahead to December...

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Save the Date! Sunday School Families... join us as we take the “Follow the Star” tour on Sunday, December 14th during the Sunday School hour for this year’s Christmas Program. Travel back in time and take the journey to the



Nativity. Please make your “reservations” now by emailing Michelle Hughes at shellsy2159@yahoo.com; please put “Follow the Star” in the subject line. You can also call the church office to RSVP.

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 23rd. 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 3, 10 and 17. Plan now to attend and make this a special part of your holiday season.

CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The annual Christmas Ingathering of Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on Thursday December 4th at St. John's Nazareth. The Ingathering provides gifts for people in area institutions, such as Gracedale, Kidspeace 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.

LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

Kitchen Box, Bedroom Box, Bathroom Box, Personal Care Box, Cleaning Box, School Kit – we'll be packing items in the appropriate box, anything you can think of from these categories.

INGATHERING WISH LIST

SAYRE CHILD CENTER

No stuffed animals. Bibs; 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 & craft supplies; tissues; sidewalk chalk and bubbles; playground balls; books - all ages up to age 10; puzzles - 25-100 pieces; computer software for ages 4-10; diapers and wipes; batteries - AA, C, D; pencils, pens, markers, crayons, notebooks; drink mixes.

GRACEDALE

Male: Socks, Search-A-Word Books, Small Combs, Talcum, Handkerchiefs, After Shave Lotion, Pens/Pencils, Writing Paper, Change Purses, Stamps, Playing Cards, Small Tablets

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

HAMBURG CENTER

Male: Knee/ankle socks, diabetic socks, sweatpants, sweatshirts, rain ponchos, mittens

Female: PJs, nonskid booties, nail polish and remover, chapstick, costume jewelry, stretchy rings and bracelets, barrets, headbands, fashion hats, twin beadspreads and fitted sheets.

For All: Posters, coloring books, puzzles 25 pieces, mild scents, toiletries and bags, jumbo crayons, balls, wooden toddler puzzles, body/hand lotion, anything to stimulate the senses.

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

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 (all kinds – book stores, movie theaters, Target, K-Mart, etc.), personal diaries (no wire bound

Bear Creek Camp Needs a Dump Truck!

Winter is approaching quickly and Bear Creek Camp is in need of a dump truck to help with road maintenance during the snowy months. We are anticipating a need of \$15,000 for the new truck and need your help to reach that goal! A few churches have partnered with us in the purchase of a dump truck and have been able to get us 1/3 of the way towards our goal! Would you or your church consider helping us reach our goal so that we will have a truck to manage our snow this winter? Bear Creek Camp PO Box 278 Bear Creek, PA 18602



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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	Rachel Holencik	610-767-7203
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Evangelism	Sharyn Kratzer	610-261-1277
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Girl Scouts	Karen Zimmerman	610-760-1887
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Memorial Garden	Barry Ritter	610-428-2320
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Nursery School	Deb Gable	610-767-7523
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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

Dear Angels,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$398.73 from your confirmation class. 100% of your donation will be used to provide much needed services and support for children battle cancer and their families. A BIG thank you for being Angels in Disguise for so many children.

In faith and hope and love at Angel 34,

Doug, Linda, & the children of A34

Dear Members of Hope Church,

Thanks to all who have helped support Hope's Helping Hands mission (disaster) team. Dan and I had a very successful trip, along with Doris and Pete Zellers, partnering with Ziegel's Lutheran Church for disaster work in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Working with Habitat for Humanity, we helped build two homes. The families are so appreciative of the help and would otherwise remain homeless.

Thanks again,

Kim & Dan Belletti

Dear Pastor Jami and Hope Congregation,

Thank you for the beautiful Jerusalem Cross necklace that I can wear during worship. Thank you, too, for the kind and supportive words and celebrations as I said good-bye to you all. May God continue to bless your ministries as you find fulfilling ways to praise Him and serve others in Jesus' name. With love and blessings,

Pastor Paulette