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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 - DECEMBER 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 - December	47,707.28	2,504.07	1,527.88	-	-
Income - Jan.-Nov.	338,974.49	36,183.15	15,155.49	9,535.66	5,025.00
Total Income	386,681.77	38,687.22	16,683.37	9,535.66	5,025.00
Expenses - December	30,882.93	99.00	1,026.95	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Nov.	368,265.08	11,670.04	5,901.87	7,950.00	-
Total Expenses	399,148.01	11,769.04	6,928.82	7,950.00	-
Net Income	(12,466.24)	26,918.18	9,754.55	1,585.66	5,025.00
Net Special Appeals	1,108.68				
Balance End of December	\$ 65,304.03	\$ 110,899.44	\$ 100,587.66	\$ 104,695.21	\$ (8,021.92)

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of December by \$16,824.35, and for the year 2014, expenses exceeded income by \$12,466.24, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$65,304.03. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(12,029.02) with a balance of \$76,661.59.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2014 was \$416,769.00. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the twelve months were \$386,681.77. So, we were behind in income by \$30,087.23.

*** 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>
March	Monday, February 16	Thursday, February 19
April	Monday, March 16	Thursday, March 19
May	Monday, April 20	Thursday, April 23

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 February 2015 issue of Synod News is available online.

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



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger



We are only into the second month of 2015 and I greet you with a bit of distressing news. As the Church Council and Finance Committee reviewed the 2014 year-end financial statement, we found ourselves a bit surprised. The year-end financial picture was not as promising as the Finance Committee and Council were expecting. Here are the figures:

- **Envelope Giving** (money that comes in through our offering envelopes) was **down** from 2013 by \$942.04 – a .3% **reduction**.
- **General “Plate” Giving** (money that is not in an envelope or cash in the offering plate) was **down** from 2013 by \$2,169.52 - a 24.12% **reduction**.
- **Total income** (this includes all sources of income) for the year remained relatively stagnant (a \$2,998.02 increase) from the year before – only a .78% increase in income.
- **Expenses** for the year were up by \$3,435 – a .87% increase – a small increase considering the scope of our ministry – leaving us with a **\$12,466 deficit for the year**.
- These figures include an expense savings for the year of \$24,998.23 due to Pastor Paulette’s resignation. (She was paid through the middle of August 2014.)
- In 2010, we ran a deficit of (\$39,931.75). In 2011, we had a surplus of \$44,680.35. In 2012, we had a surplus \$37,099.57. In 2013 (Pastor Paulette’s first full year at Hope) we ran a deficit of (\$12,029.02).
- If we calculate the difference between the two years of surpluses from 2011 and 2012 totaling \$81,779.92 with the two years of deficit from 2013 and 2014 totaling (\$24,495.02) you can see that we are currently carrying a “reserve” in our accounts of \$57,284.90.

What does all this mean for Hope Lutheran Church and its members today? What does all this mean for Hope Lutheran Church and its members for the *future*?

- We must always remember that we are called to do the ministry of Jesus Christ – to be the hands and feet and heart of Jesus – in our small corner of the world.
- There is constantly a need for program growth and new program starts – some of which we have seen over the past five years.
- Ministry cannot happen without the physical, spiritual and financial support of ALL the members.
- We have the capability to do better if we choose!
 - Financially, from 2010 to 2014 envelope giving (money that comes through our offering envelopes) increased by \$57,652.37 – a 22.61% increase while total income (income from all sources) increased by \$74,827.36 – a 23.99% increase. This indicates an average increase in income of 4.8%.
 - Yet commitments for 2015 are down from 2014 by \$48,470 – a decrease of 17.5%!
- **Looking at our current commitments for 2015 and our actual giving for 2014 – it will be incredibly hard to justify to the Synod that, on paper, we are able to call a full-time Assistant Pastor. We just cannot afford it.**
- Truthfully – we **are** capable. The question is: Are we **willing**?

Personally, I remain excited about ministry that we do (often on a shoe-string budget) – about the lives we touch – about the ways we are taking God into the world. But I am also realistic about the fact that if we do not have the income we cannot add staff or programs. Please consider how you can help us regain our footing and move forward. My office is always open if you are interested in reviewing these figures or chatting about these issues.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

WELCA

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, February 17 at 9:00 AM.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2015

<p><u>Sunday, February 1, 2015</u> SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Communion – <i>noisy offering!</i> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word – <i>noisy offering!</i></p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 8, 2015</u> BOY SCOUT SUNDAY 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 15, 2015</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word / Baptism</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 18, 2015</u> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 11 AM Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 7 PM Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes</p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 22, 2015</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion / Baptism</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 25, 2015</u> 11:00 AM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p>

HOPE CHURCH AND ELCA WORLD HUNGER

During the worship services on **Sunday, February 1st** the 6th grade Sunday School class will conduct a “**NOISY OFFERING**” immediately after the regular offering. They will pass around “soup containers”. Please drop your loose change in them and make some noise – the louder, the better! All contributions go to ELCA World Hunger.

If you are not able to attend church that Sunday – and you wish to help fight hunger, you can send in your check to Hope Church – and designate that it goes to ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for sharing what you have with those who truly need our help.



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM "LIVING LIFE FULLY"

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

~ Harry S. Truman

Taking credit for things very often seems to require a lot of effort, doesn't it? And sometimes we "need" to make sure that someone else doesn't take credit for something that we've done, don't we? Or do we? What would happen if we were just to accomplish the things we wish to accomplish without worrying about who got credit for them? What if it didn't matter one bit to us whether we were given credit or not? What would our accomplishments look like?

My hunch is that they'd increase rather dramatically. If we don't worry about being recognized for our contributions, then we also won't worry too much about following up on our accomplishments to see who's been affected by them, and the time and energy that we won't spend making sure that what we did was noticed and appreciated can be spent on something new, something different, something beneficial to someone else.

Getting credit is nice. It's wonderful to feel appreciated and to have other people recognize our achievements. But our achievements are the results of gifts that we've been given, so we have to keep in mind that we are fortunate to have been blessed with such gifts. And wanting recognition is to saddle ourselves with expectations – and these expectations may not be met, which can bring us down.

Of course, we don't want someone else always taking credit for what we've done, but what's wrong with accomplishing something and not worrying a bit about who gets the credit? When we don't worry, we can move straight on to the next things in our lives, and fully enjoy doing so. Keep in mind that letting go isn't the end of the world, it's the beginning of a new life.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 2015

⚓ Council held election of officers for 2015. The results are:

- President – Jim Gardner
- Vice President – Trish Ninos
- Secretary – Amy Nichols
- Treasurer – Trudy Mertz
- Financial Secretary – Deb Gardner

⚓ Committee assignments for council members for 2015 are:

- Christian Education – Bob Small
- Evangelism – John Zmyewski
- Finance – Tim Moore
- Mutual Ministry – Linda Mery
- Nominating – Bruce Schnabel
- Property – Manfred Steiner, Tony Pagotto
- Social Ministry – Tim Moore
- Stewardship – Amy Nichols
- Worship and Music – Greg Gaugler, Trish Ninos
- Youth Ministry – Kasey Frey

⚓ The year-end financial picture was not as promising as the Finance Committee and Council were expecting. Giving for the year remained stagnant – a .7% increase - and expenses were up by .9% leaving us with a **\$12,466 deficit for the year.**

⚓ The transfer of Carol and Matthew Gross was approved. The request to be removed from the rolls due to relocation was approved for Herbert and Karen Fries

- ⚓ Council has scheduled an afternoon retreat on Sunday February 8th from 12:00 PM – 5:30 PM in Kuntz Hall. Mark Ristine and Rev. Donald Hayn will lead the council through a process to help us define our core purpose and create a new mission statement.
- ⚓ Simply Giving – an electronic means of giving which helps members to schedule a recurring electronic contribution – is one way we can help members with their commitments and regular offering. Council requested that Information about this program be placed in the bulletin and newsletters.
- ⚓ The Youth Group is holding their annual Valentine Dinner on Saturday, February 14th. They have added an additional feature to the evening this year...people may choose the last seatings for dinner and have the opportunity to dance to the combo that will be offering live music throughout the evening.
- ⚓ Midweek Lenten Services are ready to go! Services will be held at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM each Wednesday during Lent.
 - The theme for the 11:00 AM services is “You Shall Love the Lord Your God” and will focus on the covenants God has made with God’s people.
 - The theme for the 7:00 PM services is “The Faiths of Others and [Y]our Faith[s] – exploring some basic views of the world’s religions. Rev. Dr. Walter Wagner will be our presenter each week.
- ⚓ Council will be calling a special congregation meeting to review and update the constitution Constitutions and changes will be mailed to the congregation prior to this meeting for their review.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Our mission is to enhance lives of women through service, fellowship and education.



Our next event – a service project – we will be volunteering at the Northampton Food Bank on Saturday, February 21st. We will be helping with the packing of breads/desserts and cold items for distribution that day as well as brining bags to the counter for the individuals. The Women of Faith will be helping from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon (be at the food bank by 9:00 AM). Please call Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203 if you would like to join our group at the Food Bank or with any questions about the Women of Faith.

STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

StoryWeavers will meet on Tuesday, February 10th at 10:00 AM, with lunch at Mama’s afterward. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or lachandler7759@hotmail.com.



HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE
 Monday, February 16
 7:00 to 9:00 PM
 Kuntz Hall

RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Lutheran Church donated blood in December – thank you – Mary Hagley, Douglas Hetrick, Daniel Husser, Raymond Swinger. **We have 74 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.

PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISM

Maci Rae Binder, daughter of Jerry and Jessica (Speshok) Binder, was baptized on Sunday, January 18, 2015. She was born in September 2014. Pastor Jami officiated.

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

FUNERALS

William I. Fields, entered eternal life on December 23, 2014 at the age of 78 years old. Funeral services were held at Bartholomew Funeral Home. Pastor Jami officiated.

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

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

The Outreach Ministry Committee will meet on Wednesday February 11th at 1:00 PM in Kuntz Hall kitchen to prepare for Bethlehem Emergency Shelter. Also, meeting on Wednesday, February 25 at 1:00 PM to prepare for St. Stephen's. Anyone interested in finding out more about Outreach activities should attend. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341.

SPONSORS STILL NEEDED!

FLOWER SPONSORS

Our flower chart for 2015 is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Two sponsors are needed each week, at a cost of \$15.00 per sponsor. Sponsor envelopes are next to the chart, the sponsor money and the envelope is due in the church office two weeks before the sponsorship.

BULLETIN SPONSORS

Our bulletin chart for 2015 is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Three sponsors are needed per week at a cost of \$8.50 per sponsor.

PRESS SPONSORS

Our press sponsor chart for 2015 is posted on the narthex bulletin board. One sponsor is needed per week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor.

HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Now accepting registrations for next year (2015-2016)! The school's structured learning environment helps to prepare children for their formal school experiences. Activities include: music, crafts, gym, painting, language arts, field trips and much more. Please call Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 for more information or to register your child for Nursery School. Your child must be either 3 or 4 years of age by September 1st in order to register. Thank you.

NURSERY SCHOOL DISCOUNT CARDS

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

HOLY COMUNION

First Holy Communion is March 22, 2015 at the 10:30 AM service.

SOUP GROUP

Soup Group will meet and deliver soup on Wednesday, February 4th 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.



YOUTH GROUP

Pizza on Wednesday – POW

POW - February 11



Valentine's Dinner (servers needed) - Saturday, February 14

** Please note there is no POW in March due to Lenten services on Wednesday nights*

VALENTINE'S DINNER




Valentines Dinner

Bring your sweetheart to the youth group's annual **Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 14th**. Dinner options this year are prime rib, chicken Marsala, chicken Oscar or vegetable lasagna. Meals are served with potatoes, vegetables, soup, roll and dessert. Junior portions and child meals are also available. Adult tickets are \$12, junior portions are \$7, and children's meals (hotdogs and mac & cheese) are \$2.50 and are available after each service or call the church and leave a message on the youth group mailbox, ext. 9. **NEW THIS YEAR:** After many requests, the last two seatings (6:30 and 7:00 PM) will have a dance floor available! If you want to grab your sweetheart and dance to live music, be sure to purchase tickets to one of these seatings.



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	<p>January 18th we welcomed... Kelly Barry and children Aiden & Nicholas Maltese, Amanda Bryan, Douglas Daniel, Olive Hawk Shannon Heffner and children Taylor and Sydney, Kyle Hood, Chantelle Neupauer, Marsha O'Brien as our newest members.</p>
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IS THERE CHURCH?

If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday or Wednesday this winter, and you are wondering if Sunday School or worship services are cancelled, an announcement will be made on radio station WAEB (AM 790), the website wfmz.com, on www.hopecherryville.org or call our church office (610-767-7203) as a last resort.



CONFIRMANDS

We will be passing the noisy offering pots on "SouperBow!" Sunday, February 1st. Bring your spare change and help us make some noise!

On February 7th there are mentor events for both levels:

- Level 1: Human Trivial Pursuit and Ice Cream 7:30 - 9:00 pm
- Level 2: Jeopardy and Pizza 5:00 - 6:30 pm

The snowdate for these events is February 21st, same times.

Parents, your children took home a copy of their attendance a few weeks ago. If you did not receive it for some reason, you can call or text me at 484.347.9406, email confirmationco@gmail.com, or visit the assistant pastor's office on Sunday between 9 and 11 am.

Thank you! Rachel Holencik

BASKET COMMITTEE NOTES: TRIVIA – FALL BASKET SOCIALS

The Basket Committee of Hope Church recently reviewed past reports, and we again have more interesting information to share with you in regard to the past 20 years of Fall Socials.

The very first Fall Social was held in 1995. Doris Royer was attending basket socials in the area and thought perhaps this form of fundraising would be beneficial for Hope Church. Doris asked Linda Sidor to be her co-chair should Council approve the venture. Pastor Tony Pagotto noted to Council how successful these socials were at other churches and was instrumental in persuading fellow council members to allow us to give it a try.

A Committee was formed. It was rather small back then, but has grown to a total of 20 Members today. Some of the original members are still part of the Committee after 20 years!

Fall Socials began with chairs only set up throughout the fellowship room, today known as Kuntz Hall. And within a few years the Basket Committee decided to turn it into a "Walk-in" Social where folks could attend, drop in their tickets, have something to eat if they wanted to, and then leave, to be called on the phone later in the evening if they won anything. Many folks would rather make it an evening of socializing, so again the Committee put their heads together and expanded tables for seating, expanded the menu and found better ways to display baskets, certificates and all donated items.

The date was Friday, October 10, 2014 when we celebrated our 20th Annual Fall Basket Social! It was a festive evening with special door prizes, a photo board picturing past socials and committee members, and Doris donated a beautiful sheet cake which was shared with all in attendance.

In the past 20 years, **\$92,289.36** has been donated to Hope Lutheran Church Building/Property Maintenance Funds.

Special thanks to everyone for their continued support of both Socials! See you **Friday April 10th**!

***Committee Members' Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 30th, 7:00 PM in Hanson Hall.**

~ Hope Lutheran Basket Committee

15th ANNUAL NATIVITY

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank EVERYONE who helped in ANYWAY with the 15th annual nativity display. This was another successful year. Many people from both our church family and our community look forward to this every year. Some of the comments heard were "this is so beautiful" "this is what Christmas is all about" this nativity display puts me in the Christmas spirit" "thank you for doing this each year – I love it" and so many more other warm remarks; it is these comments that make us realize how much the display is appreciated by so many. Hope church can be quite proud of this display.

Thanks to you, we had plenty of refreshments to serve our guests and our Sunday school children. We had many talented people supplying music throughout the display. Both refreshments and music were enjoyed by all as they viewed the beautiful display.

Because of your offerings at the display, we were able to make Christmas a little brighter in three ways:

1. We "adopted" a family of four residing in Northampton school district.
2. We donated to Northern Lehigh Elementary School for gifts towards children in need.
3. We donated to Good Shepard for residents Christmas gifts.

The money was divided equally among these three and each received \$187.00

Many positive results happen because of this annual display. If you have never come to the display or participated in it, you need to experience it to really enjoy the Christmas season. If the 16th display is to be held, we are hoping that more "younger folks" will come out and help with it including more of our confirmation students. So please think about putting the display on your list of things to do for next year on the weekend following Thanksgiving.

Thank you again to everyone for all your help at the 15th annual display. Your Evangelism committee wishes everyone a healthy, happy 2015.

God's blessings to all.

MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

WEDNESDAY MORNING LENTEN SERVICE SERIES

Theme: You Shall Love the Lord Your God

In Mark 12 a scribe comes to ask Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answers, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.'" These words form a covenant between God and God's people and show us a way to respond to this God who so extravagantly loves us through the cross. Each week will center on how we can love the Lord God with all our hearts, our souls, our minds and our strength as we review the covenants God made with God's people.

Week 1 – *Hear, O Israel*

Week 2 – *You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Heart*

Week 3 – *You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Soul*

Week 4 – *You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Mind*

Week 5 – *You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Strength*

Week 6 – *You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself*

We hope you will set aside time to join us for mid-week Lenten services – and hear the story of God's love – and how you fit into the story, too.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be offered at two worship services on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICE SERIES

Presented by Walt Wagner

Our Lenten series explores some basic views of several of the world's religions and our own commitments. Understanding these faiths helps us to understand ourselves, our world, our communities – and some of our future possibilities.

The sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

- **February 25:** A Quartet of Christianities
- **March 4:** Mother India's Twins: Hinduism and Jainism
- **March 11:** Mother India's Problem Child[Ren]: Buddhism[S]
- **March 18:** Judaism: Beyond Bagels and Behind Headlines
- **March 25:** Islam: The Power Of Eleven For One

HOPE HELPS THE NORTHAMPTON FOOD BANK



Hope Lutheran Church is responsible for providing volunteers to work at the Northampton Area Food Bank during the month of March. Volunteers are needed to assist with unpacking the food delivered to the food bank, packing of orders for distribution to needy families and distribution at the food bank of packed orders. **A sign up list is located on church bulletin board.** The Northampton Area

Food Bank is located at 1601 Canal Street, Northampton. For additional information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340. Volunteers are needed on the following dates and times:

DAYS/DATES	TIMES	DUTIES
Monday March 2	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Un-packing of food delivery (ability to lift cases of food)
Wednesdays: March 4, 11 and 18	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Packing of food orders
Thursdays: March 5, 12 and 19	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Packing of food orders
Fridays: March 13 and 20	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Packing of food orders
Saturdays: March 14 and 21	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Distribution of food orders

MAINTAINING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Hope Lutheran Church, like any organization, has constitutional requirements concerning membership. These requirements are found not only in our congregation's constitution, but also in the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You and I, and all other Lutherans, **are required to commune AND make a contribution of record at least once in a 12 month period.**

For Hope Lutheran Church to maintain accurate membership records, all members are required to do the following:

- ↓ **Receive Holy Communion and complete the Hope Hospitality Pad at least once a year.** If you aren't sure if you filled out the Hospitality Pad this year, just fill it out again to be safe.
- ↓ **Make a contribution of record at least once a year.** 'Of Record' means you must place your contribution in your offering envelope and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office. If you can't find your offering envelopes, place your contribution in any envelope and make sure your name or envelope number is clearly noted on it. Contributions of "loose" cash placed in the offering plate **cannot** be credited to you.
- ↓ **Parents/guardians** are reminded that young persons who have been confirmed **are members of the congregation** to whom these provisions also apply. Please encourage and assist them in maintaining their membership.

Questions regarding communion records should be directed to the Administrative Manager, Jane Tretiak, 610-767-7203.

Questions regarding financial statements should be directed to our Financial Secretary, Deb Gardner, 610-767-8421.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

'**Simply Giving**' is the automated giving program through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It's designed to help **YOU conveniently, consistently, and joyfully give financial gifts to the ministries of Hope Lutheran.**

By participating in '**Simply Giving**', you can use electronic funds transfer to give your weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly offering directly to Hope Lutheran. This is one way to 'guarantee' your pledge to Hope Lutheran and its ministries.

The Gift of Generosity... We thank everyone who has supported Hope Lutheran this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions, and look forward to support from all our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a welcome way to make contributions. Ask about '**Simply Giving**'. Call Vanco Services, LLC at 800-675-7430 or Thrivent Federal Credit Union at 800-688-6032 for more information.

"LIVING WITH LOSS – COPING WITH GRIEF" GROUP

It may seem like a long time ago – or just yesterday – that you experienced a life-changing moment with the death of a loved one. And you may have noticed how it takes a long time to deal with all the emotions that come with the loss of someone we love. Nothing will change the reality of your loss, but we, at Hope Lutheran, would like to provide a healthy, safe place for you to share your grief, your stories, your anger, your bewilderment, and your faith.

If you are seeking a safe place to talk about what your loss has meant to you, how you are coping with your grief and how you face life without your partner, friend, child, parent or other relative then join me for a six week journey as we look at some of these issues and more.

Beginning Tuesday, February 10th through Tuesday, March 17th, Pastor Jami will lead a group designed to discuss some of the common elements of grief and loss, how we learn to cope, and how we find God's presence and grace in the midst of our loss. We will meet each Tuesday in Hanson Hall from 3:00 PM until 4:30 PM for some refreshments and the chance to get together with other folks who share your concerns. If you are interested in participating, sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office (610-767-7203).

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks to the Cub Scouts, the 3rd Grade Sunday School class and members of Hope for the beautiful Christmas cards. Also, thank the carolers for the lovely singing and the delicious fruit basket.

Jane Fisher

Thank You from the Staff...

Many thanks to the congregation and Church Council for the Christmas bonuses we received in December. We are all appreciative for the cards and recognition that accompanied them. As we continue to serve the congregation and do the ministry we are called to in the coming year, we are grateful for your support!

Deb Gardner, Trudy Mertz, Pastor Jami, Pastor Louise, Nina Weiss, Jane Tretiak, and Bonnie Zmyewski

Dear Congregation and Council,

Thank you for the Christmas gift! I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. I hope 2015 is a good year for each of you!

Sincerely,

Janet Filchner

Dear Congregation and Council,

Thank you for the cash bonus received at the end of the year. Your generosity is very much appreciated. As I have said in the past, this has never been a job to me but rather a privilege to serve the congregation at Hope. It is a pleasure and a joy to be a part of a vital, *growing* congregation where the Holy Spirit is indeed active and alive among its members. Soli Deo Gloria!

David Ziegler

Director of Music



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Our Mission



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.

