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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 - JANUARY 31, 2015					
	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 65,304.03	\$ 110,899.44	\$ 100,587.66	\$ 104,695.21	\$ (8,021.92)
Income - January	21,800.60	3,528.50	1,966.70	2,646.03	-
Expenses - January	30,762.19	2,297.00	590.00	4,200.00	-
Net Income	(8,961.59)	1,231.50	1,376.70	(1,553.97)	-
Net Special Appeals	(300.00)				
Balance End of January	\$ 56,042.44	\$ 112,130.94	\$ 101,964.36	\$ 103,141.24	\$ (8,021.92)
SUMMARY:					
Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of January by \$8,961.59, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$56,042.44.					
Last year the net income for the same period was \$(10,108.34) with a balance of \$66,653.25.					
Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2015 is \$424,029.00. 4/52 of that figure is \$32,617.62. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for one month were \$21,800.60. So, we were behind in income by \$10,817.02.					

*** 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>
April	Monday, March 16	Thursday, March 19
May	Monday, April 20	Thursday, April 23
June	Monday, May 18	Thursday, May 21

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

SYNOD NEWS

The March 2015 issue of Synod News is available online.

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



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger

By the time you receive this newsletter we will already be into the Lenten Season. And I have to tell you – I love this season of the church year. I love the idea of turning back to God – no matter what our relationship with God is like. I love the 40 day journey with Jesus through to the cross – although I often find it a painful journey. I love choosing a Lenten discipline that I am committing to for 40 days to keep me focused on God and not myself – because when I take Lent seriously, I find it to be an incredibly rich and meaningful 40 days.



This year I have decided to fast from negativity and have added two devotional tools to my day. The first is “The Gospels in 40 Days” – a reading plan that will take me through all four gospels during Lent by reading a few chapters a day. If you are interested here is the link to the reading plan: http://www.graceavenue.org/pdf/reading_plan.pdf.

The second is an online guided meditation called “Sacred Space – Daily Prayer with the Irish Jesuits” and here is the link to that resource: <http://www.sacredspace.ie/daily-prayer>.

So I’m wondering what you are doing for the season of Lent. Are you fasting on something – putting it aside for 40 days? Are you adding something life-giving to your 40 days? Are you reading an entire gospel? Are you using a special devotional? I’d like to hear about it – so please email, text, write it down and share your Lenten ideas with me.

If you don’t have any ideas – if you have never begun a Lenten discipline, I have a suggestion with which to start. Lauren Gulde created a list of **20 Reflective Movies for Lent...** or anytime, really that you might want to try. Some are more religious in nature and some are more secular. But these are *all* movies that **will** make you think.... *(These are not necessarily movies for children. Please, if you plan to watch one of these with your family, do your own research to determine if the movie is appropriate.)*

I am David (2003) David, a 12-year-old, escapes from a Communist concentration camp with little more than a compass, a sealed letter, a loaf of bread, and instructions to carry the letter to Copenhagen...

The Mission (1986) 18th century Spanish Jesuits try to protect a remote South American Indian tribe in danger of falling under the rule of pro-slavery Portugal.

The Way (2010) A father heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the “El camino de Santiago,” and decides to take the pilgrimage himself.

October Baby (2011) A college freshman’s world is rocked when she learns she is the adopted survivor of an attempted abortion.

Life is Beautiful (1997) A Jewish man has a wonderful romance with the help of his humour, but must use that same quality to protect his son in a Nazi death camp.

Schindler’s List (1993) In Poland during World War II, Oskar Schindler gradually becomes concerned for his Jewish workforce after witnessing their persecution by the Nazis.

Clare and Francis (2008) Clare, the daughter of a patrician family, and Francis, the son of a rich merchant, leave it all to follow Christ. Francis renounces his inheritance to live the Gospel in poverty. Clare reads deep into his heart and decides to follow him, leaving her home and family to give herself as the bride of Christ. Both found major religious orders and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel, and their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.

Bella (2006) Sooner or later every one of us will face an irreversible moment that will change our lives forever. If it hasn’t happened to you yet...it will. BELLA is a true love story about how one day in New York City changed three people forever.

Shadowlands (1993) C.S. Lewis, a world-renowned writer and professor, leads a passionless life until he meets spirited poet Joy Gresham.

For Greater Glory (2012) A chronicle of the Cristeros War (1926-1929); a war by the people of Mexico against the atheistic Mexican government.

Of Gods and Men (2010) Under threat by fundamentalist terrorists, a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian community must decide whether to leave or stay.

The Song of Bernadette (1943) In 1858 France, Bernadette, an adolescent peasant girl, has a vision of “a beautiful lady” in the city dump. She never claims it to be anything other than this, but the townspeople all assumes it to be the Virgin Mary. The pompous government officials think she is nuts, and do their best to suppress the girl and her followers, and the church wants nothing to do with the whole matter. But as Bernadette attracts wider and wider attention, the phenomenon overtakes everyone in the the town, and transforms their lives.

The Scarlet and the Black (1983) Fr. Hugh O’Flaherty is a Vatican official in 1943-45 who has been hiding downed pilots, escaped prisoners of war, and Italian Resistance families. His diplomatic status in a Catholic country prevents Colonel Kappler from openly arresting him, but O’Flaherty’s activities become so large that the Nazis decide to assassinate him the next time he leaves the Vatican. O’Flaherty continues his work in a variety of disguises.

Amazing Grace (2006) The idealist William Wilberforce maneuvers his way through Parliament, endeavoring to end the British transatlantic slave trade.

God is the Bigger Elvis (2012) This Academy Award nominated documentary tells the remarkable story of Dolores Hart, a beautiful young Hollywood actress who appeared in ten films starting in 1957, acting with the big stars like Elvis Presley, Montgomery Clift, and Anthony Quinn, but abandoned her blossoming career-and cut off her engagement to a young architect-to become a cloistered Benedictine nun in 1963.

Henry Poole Is Here (2008) Henry Poole moves in to a house in his old neighborhood, to spend what he believes are his remaining days alone. The discovery of a “miracle” by a nosy neighbor ruptures his solitude and restores his faith in life.

The Family Man (2000) A fast-lane investment broker, offered the opportunity to see how the other half lives, wakes up to find that his sports car and girlfriend have become a mini-van and wife.

Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story (1996) Popular stars and important themes combine in this compelling true story of the “American Mother Teresa,” filmed by Paulist Pictures (Romero) from a script by ER writer and executive producer John Wells. Moira Kelly plays Day, the impassioned New York journalist who launched the activist newspaper “Catholic Worker” and put the words she wrote into controversial action. Martin Sheen, Melinda Dillon and Brian Keith join Kelly in this moving saga of a faith not just believed, but lived.

Romero (1989) The life and work of Archbishop Oscar Romero who opposed, at great personal risk, the tyrannical repression in El Salvador.

A Man for All Seasons (1966) The story of Thomas More, who stood up to King Henry VIII when the King rejected the Roman Catholic Church to obtain a divorce and remarriage

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

WELCA

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

HOPE CHURCH AND ELCA WORLD HUNGER

During worship services on **Sunday, February 1st** the 6th grade Sunday School class conducted a “**NOISY OFFERING**” immediately after the regular offering and raised \$355.97 for ELCA World Hunger. Thank you to everyone who donated coins and made some noise!





HOLY COMUNION

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – MARCH 2015

<p><u>Sunday, March 1, 2015</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 4, 2015</u> 11 AM Lenten Worship 7 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 8, 2015</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 11, 2015</u> 11 AM Lenten Worship 7 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 15, 2015</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 18, 2015</u> 11 AM Lenten Worship 7 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 22, 2015</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion / <i>First Holy Communion</i></p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 25, 2015</u> 11:00 AM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 29, 2015</u> <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Steve Oelschlager

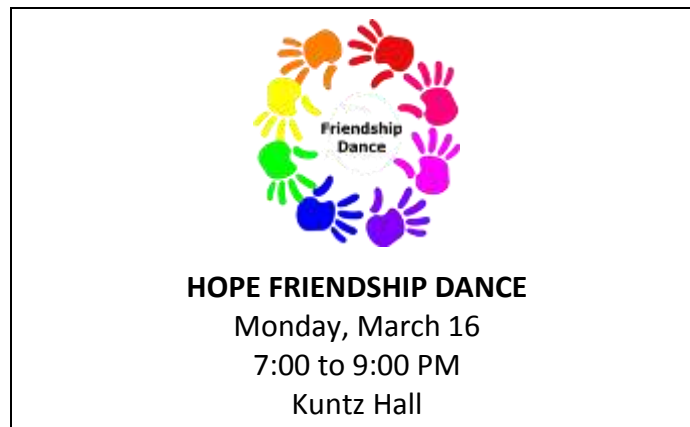
Stewardship Program Coordinator,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We often talk about being called to be stewards of God's love. By definition a steward is a manager, but is that really the highest aspiration that God has for us? Have you thought about the difference between a manager and a leader? A manager is a person that is about following the rules, taking care of the status quo and keeping the existing processes going. A leader on the other hand is a person that has a vision for a reality that is different than the here and now. A leader works with others to inspire them to see other possibilities. A leader changes things and makes a difference in the world. Whether we lead in our families, neighborhoods, jobs or congregation, isn't that what God is calling us to be about for the sake of the gospel?

Here is a different approach to thinking about stewardship: God created every one of us on purpose and to make a difference in the world. Great leaders like Jesus or Martin Luther King, or pastors you may have known, aren't the only ones who lead lives that matter. We **all** have a unique role to play as leaders in making the kingdom of God emerge "on earth as it is in heaven." Our unique role is based on how God made us, the skills, talents, experiences and passions that make up who we are. Our calling in life is to be disciples of Jesus and this calling is about all of who we are, and **all** of what we do. Our ability to make a difference is a function of **all** our gifts and possessions, including how we make, spend, save and give away money.

God wants us to be able to look at our lives and to know that we matter, we have a purpose and our decisions and choices make a difference as we proclaim God's love.

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Thank you for **leading** in God's work with a generous heart!



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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.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2015

⚓ At a special workshop held on Sunday, February 8th a group of people consisting of members of the church council and Doug Daniel, Leslie Daniel, Karen Koplin, Tim Lockard, AJ Szwast, Stephanie Ziegler gathered to discuss, pray and write a “Core Purpose Statement” for the congregation. A Core Purpose Statement answers the questions:

- Who are we?
- Who are we doing it with?
- What are we doing?

⚓ It is designed to be simple enough for members to remember and repeat. The Core Purpose Statement the group wrote to define our congregation is:

**People of hope;
working together, with God,
to love and serve others...**

⚓ You will hear more about this as the group works to bring this statement to life in our congregation!

⚓ The council has scheduled a special congregation meeting to review and approve the updates to Hope’s Constitution. The date of the meeting is April 26th at 12:00 PM in Kuntz Hall. We will share a “pot luck” lunch prior to the meeting so attendees are asked to bring something to share. Copies of the constitution and an announcement regarding the meeting will be sent to all active voting members prior to the meeting.

⚓ The next “Coffee with the Council” will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at 9:15 AM in Hanson Hall. Members are encouraged to attend and ask questions, review financial reports, express concerns, etc.

⚓ Josh Koch and Sue Lovejoy, representatives from Thrivent Financial were guests at the beginning of the meeting to explain a new program called “Action Teams.” These are teams of people – led by a Thrivent Financial member from our congregation – who apply for \$250 of seed money to help jump-start a ministry. The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a meeting for all Thrivent members and other interested parties when the weather breaks to explain this program to the congregation. Look for your invitation in upcoming newsletters.

⚓ The Youth “Rise Up” Team – 19 youth who are headed to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit in July – along with other members of the youth group are holding a Vera Bradley Bingo on April 25th to raise money for this adventure. They will also hold a Clothing Drive the week of May 3rd to 8th as another fund raiser. Look for details in the bulletin and newsletter about these events.

⚓ The council wants members to know that although the church is locked during the week everyone has access to the building and the sanctuary by simply ringing the buzzer at the door to the right of the brown, wooden doors and you will be “buzzed in” by a member of the staff. Church office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

WOMEN OF FAITH

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



Our next event will be **Pysanky eggs** with Steph Ziegler on **Monday, March 16th** beginning at **6:30 PM** in **Hanson Hall**.

Pysanky eggs are Easter Eggs originating in the Ukraine. Its name comes from the Ukrainian word “pysaty,” meaning “to write.” Pysanka (PIH-sahn-kah) is the singular form and pysanky (pih-sahn-KIH) is plural. They are typically decorated using beeswax and dyes. Pysanky eggs were first created with the intent of praising gods, life, and creation. For example an egg may have the sun on it to represent the god of the sun. Many of the same symbols are used today, but now have Christian meanings as well. The sun now also stands for the resurrection of Christ.

Please call Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203 if you would like to participate 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.

PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISM

Wyatt Edward Holencik, son of Adam and Rachel (Tretiak) Holencik, was baptized on Sunday, January 25, 2015. He was born in August 2014. Pastor Jami officiated.

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

WEDDING

Kelly DiNapoli and Jason Hankee were married at Hope Church on Saturday February 14. Pastor Jami officiated.

Congratulations to Kelly & Jason. Please pray that they will always remember the vows made before God on their very special days.

SOUP GROUP

Soup Group will meet and deliver soup on Wednesday, March 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. (Snow date: Thursday, March 5).



CONFIRMANDS

March 7th is our 10 Commandments Mini Retreat

in Kuntz Hall from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. You must be present for the entire retreat – no late drop-offs or early pick-ups!

Parents: we will need snacks and drinks again! I will send an email the week before.

Thank you!

Rachel Holencik

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

The Outreach Ministry group will meet on Monday, March 2 at 6 PM to outline plans for upcoming service projects. Anyone interested in learning more about this Ministry should plan to attend. The group is always looking for new people to join them, along with donations of food or monetary donations to supplement their projects. In case of snow, the meeting will be held on Monday, March 9 at 6 PM. For more information, call LeAnn Chandler at 610-449-0341.

- Wednesday, March 11 at 2:45 PM Outreach Ministry to St. Stephen's (Snow date: March 12)
- Wednesday, March 25 at 4:45 PM. Outreach Ministry to Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

SPONSORS STILL NEEDED!

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 – ***needed for March*** – 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 the 2015 – 2016 school year! The school's structured learning environment prepares 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.

NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Our Nursery School is selling cakes, pre-portioned cookie dough, Auntie Anne's soft pretzels, individual pizza kits and other tasty treats. You can view the items on the order forms on the Nursery School bulletin board. To place an order, please fill out your name, phone number and check off the items you wish to order and put your check (payable to Hope Lutheran Nursery School) in their mail slot by the church office. Orders and payment are due by Friday, February 27th and pick up is Thursday, March 26th. Thank you for your support. Also, discount cards are still available in the church office.



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.

YOUTH GROUP

Vera Bradley Bingo!

Saturday, April 25 to benefit the youth attending the 2015 National Youth Gathering in Detroit! Doors open at 11:00 AM and bingo begins at 12:30 PM. Tickets will be on sale beginning March 8th and cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door for 20 games of bingo.



Youth Group Annual Clothing Drive!

Start cleaning out your closets of extra clothes, shoes, purses, sheets, towels, and much more. We will be collecting clothing the week of May 3rd. All clothing must be dropped off by May 8th. More details will follow as May approaches. Business cards will be available in the narthex with clothing drive information if you would like to take one home and hang it on your refrigerator.

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

BASKET COMMITTEE NOTES



Welcome to Clair Larkin, who has expressed interest in becoming a member of the Basket Committee. Clair has already been a big help in the kitchen these past couple of Socials. We look forward to working with you as a fellow Committee member, Clair!

We express a BIG thank you to Darlene Hock for all the time and help she has devoted these past years working to continue making the Basket Socials a successful part of community fund raising. Darlene is taking a short leave of absence as a member of the Committee. We wish you well and look forward to your return, Darlene!

See you Friday April 10th for the Basket Social!

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

~ *Hope Lutheran Basket Committee*

"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 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, join me for a six week journey as we look at these issues and more.

Beginning Tuesday, February 10th through Tuesday, March 24th, 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).

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

Hope's Helping Hands Mission Team is having a Crab Patty sale in early March. Orders will be taken after both services on **February 22nd and March 1st**. Crab patties are made with lump crab meat, weigh approximately 6 oz. and cost \$5.00 each. Choose from breaded or un-breaded. Prepared and packaged by Todd's Island Seafood of Allentown, the crab cakes are ready for cooking. Crab patties will be ready for pick-up on **Sunday, March 8th** from 9 AM to 12 PM in Kuntz Hall kitchen. Please continue to support our Hope Helping Hands Mission Team and place your orders for these delicious crab patties.

You may also contact any team member (Doris and Pete Zellers, Kim Belletti, Cathy Moore, Georgene and Lee Blöse, or Leslie and Doug Daniel) to place an order. All orders must be **pre-paid** by March 1st.



INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB

The first meeting of 2015 is Tuesday, March 17, at 7 PM at Hope Church. To get the gardening season underway, attend the first meeting of the Indianland Garden Club. Joe Veshinsky will demonstrate how to divide dahlias and there will be other pointers for the club members. For more information, call 610-657-0864.

HOPE HELPS THE NORTHAMPTON FOOD BANK

Hope Lutheran Church is responsible for providing volunteers at the Northampton Area Food Bank during 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. Volunteers are still needed:

DAYS/DATES	TIMES	DUTIES
Monday March 2	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Un-packing delivery (ability to lift)
Wednesdays: March 4, 11 and 18	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Packing of food orders
Thursday March 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

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.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

The Northampton Area Food Bank will hold its yearly general meeting, Tuesday, March 24th in the fellowship hall of Queenship of Mary Catholic Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Dinner will be served 6:00 to 7:00 PM with the business meeting to follow. The menu includes hot dogs, turkey barbecue and drinks. Covered side dishes and desserts are appreciated. The Board encourages all volunteers, clients, businesses and parishioners of local churches to attend this meeting. Come and find out what we are about. For more information, visit www.northamptonareafoodbank.org



Time to
Spring Ahead
March 8th

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 out strength as we review the covenants God made with God's people. We hope you will set aside time to join us for mid-week Lenten services at 11:00 AM –to hear the story of God's love – and how you fit into the story, too.

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*



THE FAITHS OF OTHERS & [Y]OUR FAITH[S]

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.



- **March 4: MOTHER INDIA'S TWINS: HINDUISMS 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**

Our guide for these Lenten explorations is Walter Wagner, an ELCA pastor and adjunct faculty member at Moravian Theological Seminary (Bethlehem) and the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia. Dr. Wagner teaches in the related fields of New Testament, Church History, World Religions and Islamic Studies.

HOLY WEEK AT HOPE CHURCH – Please watch bulletin for more info!

Wednesday April 1: Stations of the Cross – Self-Guided Tour 8 AM – 8 PM.

Maundy Thursday: There will be worship at 11 AM (luncheon to follow) and 7 PM. Please look for the luncheon sign-up as well as the Foot Washing sign-up in the narthex.

Good Friday: Community Worship at Good Shepherd Kreidersville at Noon; Tenebrae worship at 7 PM.

Vigil: Begins 11 PM Good Friday until 5 AM Easter Sunday. Look for the sign-up in the narthex.

Easter Sunday: Worship at 6 AM, 8 AM and 10:30 AM with breakfast from 7 until 11 AM.



Flower Sale

EASTER FLOWER SALE

Choose from crocus, iris, tulip, azalea, hyacinth and lilies, from \$4.00 to \$10.75. Order forms available in the narthex – payment must accompany all orders. Please submit orders by March 22nd!

Questions? Contact Deb Gardner 610.767.8421



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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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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.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for my scholarship! I look forward to putting this towards books for next term and can't thank you enough for helping me through my last year of college. Happy holidays and I can't wait to be back in the area for Christmas at Hope Lutheran!

Landon Small

Dear Church Council,

Thank you for the gift I received! Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Looking forward to another good year in 2015 as your financial secretary!

Deb Gardner

Dear Hope,

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$75 to go towards our church offering for the year. However the reason for this letter is to take the opportunity to thank everyone at the church for their kindness. I want to especially thank everyone who remembered my 90th birthday. I enjoyed receiving and reading all of their beautiful cards and notes. Additionally we would like to say how much we are all enjoying the soup which we receive every month from the Soup Group. It is so nice to be a part of the Hope Lutheran Church family even though Curtis and I can no longer attend services the way we once did. Although we enjoy Kim's company every month and look forward to her coming, I do miss not being able to attend services. Happy and healthy new year from the Renner family.

Catherine & Curtis Renner

Dear Friends of The Northampton Area Food Bank,

We appreciate donations of (\$700.00 matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Care Abounds in Communities program AND \$3,447.10 (includes half of the profit from the 2014 Spring Social along with cake sale profits). Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, the volunteers, and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Very sincerely,

Pamela K. Kametz, Treasurer

Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

I would like to take the time to thank the church and everyone involved in making the scholarship fund possible. Helping to further the education of our young congregation is a blessing in itself and know that no money so generously given goes unnoticed. I am greatly thankful for the money allotted to me and it was put to good use. Because of your generous offering, I was able to put the money towards textbooks for this semester. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Christian Xander

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your much needed and greatly appreciated gift of \$187.00 from your 15th Annual Nativity Display for our Residents Wish List. Good Shepherd is truly blessed to have you on our team! Your partnership is critical in helping to make sure that individuals needing our compassionate care have a place to go. They have Good Shepherd – because of you. We hope that you will remain our partner for many more years, and that each time you support us you celebrate making a difference in someone's life!

Sincerely,

John Kristel

Dear Pastor Possinger,

On behalf of Lutheran Congregational Services and those persons whom we serve, thank you for Hope Church's gift of \$500.00. We depend on your support to touch the lives of thousands with the hope of a new life. Together, we multiply our impact and share the love of God in Christ through service.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phelps Ollikainen