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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 - JULY 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 - July	26,885.43	2,938.49	(243.95)	(346.08)	85.00
Income - JanJun.	181,836.05	28,066.93	6,745.91	5,296.74	1,000.00
Total Income	208,721.48	31,005.42	6,501.96	4,950.66	1,085.00
Expenses - July	32,038.04	193.05	133.40	-	5.5
Expenses - JanJun.	190,244.53	28,968.12	778.48	4,200.00	02
Total Expenses	222,282.57	29,161.17	911.88	4,200.00	1.00
Net Income	(13,561.09)	1,844.25	5,590.08	750.66	1,085.00
Net Special Appeals	422.00				
Balance End of July	\$ 52,164.94	\$112,743.69	\$106,177.74	\$ 105,445.87	\$ (6,936.92)

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of July by \$5,152.61, and for the year 2015, expenses exceeded income by \$13,561.09, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$52,164.94. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(33,032.02) with a balance of \$44,603.00.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2015 is \$424,029.00. 30/52 of that figure is \$244,632.12. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the seven months were \$208,721.48. So, we are behind in income by \$35,910.64.

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.

Edition	Article Deadline	Collation Date (10:00AM start)
October	Monday, September 21	Thursday, September 24
November	Monday, October 19	Friday, October 23
December	Monday, November 16	Thursday, November 19

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 September 2015 issue of <u>Synod News</u> is available online.

Visit http://nepsynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2015-09.pdf

















^{**} The current income statement is posted in the narthex. **

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR... From Pastor Jami Possinger



If someone wrote a movie about your life, what would it be like? Would it be an action packed thriller, a boring documentary, a wild romance, a spine tingling mystery, or a funny laugh out loud until it hurts comedy? Would it be filled with happiness, confusion, indecision, or violence? Would it be a blockbuster or a sleepy indie film that slowly makes waves through the media as the must-see movie of the year?

Guess what? You are the writer of the script of your life. How your life plays out is in your hands. No one else has that control over your life even though we often think that others do

- like your boss, your husband, your parents, your kids, the economy. We are ultimately the decision makers and scriptwriters of our own lives. So... what kind of script are you writing? Does your script start something like this?

- It is going to be such a bad day; I don't even want to get out of bed!
- I can't get anything right, so why even bother?
- I'm going to fail!
- My team is going to lose!

If it does, it is time for a much needed change. Here's why... A friend of mine recently shared with me that she was driving her son to basketball practice. He made the proclamation that the evening was going to be just terrible - "the worst night ever!" He made this assessment based on a series of events that he had witnessed prior to leaving for practice. The important thing to remember here is that *he* made the assessments of the events that he had witnessed. *He* chose how to view them.

My friend had a brief discussion with him while driving him to practice, that he was writing his own script so he should forget what he had seen that was so upsetting, and instead focus on making the script that he was writing a positive one. Her son didn't take the advice. Maybe it was the way she presented it. She was telling him to do something and not really listening to him about what had been so upsetting. And – being a child – he probably needed more than a few minutes of her telling him to write his script in a positive way to really get what she was trying to tell him.

Anyhow the evening went for him as he predicted. It was horrible and he felt miserable afterward. He had let himself down, and had let other people down, too. This horrible night turned in to something good though. They were able to talk afterward about how you write your own script in life. When you say something is going to be bad — it pretty much will be. Your energy is focused on all of the things that can go wrong, setting the stage for those things to easily happen, and you're mood is usually pretty negative, too. You're not focused on being the best and having a great time when you're in that state of mind.

My friend asked him if he could now see what she meant, when she said "you write your own script so make it a good one." He said "yes, I get it." He sulked a bit and went to bed. She wondered if he really did get or if this was going to be a conversation that we would be having many times over. She knew she would get the chance soon to see if he really did understand because he had practice again the next night. As she drove him to practice, they joked around a bit. When he got out of the car she asked him what script he had written for the night. He said "It is going to be the best night ever!"

And, guess what? It was great. His peers said he was on fire on the court, and the other parents told my friend's husband that he had probably just had his all-time best performance. His new script: "I'm going to have a great night and it's going to be the best time ever!"

Why not make your life into your favorite script, book, or movie? Remove the negative items like those listed above. Think big and dream big as you write your own script! Think about where you want to go and how you want to get there and then actually do it. Write a happy ending to your script!

Blessings, Pastor Jami

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following:

HOLY BAPTISMS

Bailey Ryan Kutz, son of Adam Kutz and Samantha Loch, was baptized on Sunday, August 2, 2015. He was born in December 2012.

Boedy Ryan Ritter, son of Ryan And Samantha (Sowers) Ritter, was baptized on Sunday, August 16, 2015. He was born in May 2015.

<u>Emilie Elizabeth Newton</u>, daughter of Henry and Sonya (Xander) Newton, was baptized on Sunday, August 23, 2015. She was born in July 2015.

Please welcome Bailey, Boedy and Emilie to Hope as the newest members of our church family.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – AUGUST 2015

- Sunday School Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 13th! Children AND adults who attend Sunday School will participate in a Rally Day Scavenger Hunt. Students will meet in their classes and the hunt will begin. Parents will be instructed to pick up their children in the classrooms.
- On Sunday August 16th, the youth who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit led worship and shared with the congregation stories about their experiences. Many thanks to the congregation for all their support of our youth which made it possible for 18 young people from Hope to attend.
- Preparations for the 2015 Yard Sale are underway. The committee is actively seeking help to sort and price items and to work over the two days of the sale. Sing-up sheets will be made available for volunteers to sign up to work.
- The congregation received a gift of \$1500.00 from the Martha E. Hontz Charitable Fund which will be directed to funding the church musical in 2016.
- The next Coffee with the Council is scheduled for Sunday, October 4th at 9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall. This is an opportunity for members to meet with council representatives to ask questions, review financial information, offer suggestions, etc.
- The proposal for the Kuntz Hall kitchen renovation project was reviewed by the property committee who made the recommendation to move forward with Stofanak Custom Cabinetry. Council approved the use of funds that have been raised for this project to be spent and placed a cap on the project of \$34,000. This will include new counter tops, re-facing of existing cabinets and drawers, equipment, sinks, flooring, labor and some incidental expenses.
- The Core Purpose Team has ordered Hope Lutheran t-shirts which will be made available to all members for purchase in September. The t-shirt "logo" was designed by one of our youth Sammi Lambert and includes our Core Purpose statement on the back of the shirt. Look for Core Purpose team members in the narthex with samples soon.
- The Church Picnic, held on Sunday July 19th, was day filled with lots of food, fun and fellowship. Many thanks to the Evangelism Committee who hosted this event.
- The Stewardship Committee will be launching its stewardship focus for this year called "The Church Has Left the Building" on Sunday October 18th as part of our Consecration Sunday event. Congregation members will be encouraged to sign up to work in the community that afternoon. The afternoon will begin with a light lunch in Kuntz Hall followed by "teams" of members going out to work on various service projects in the community around the church coming back for and ice cream Sunday bar and sharing or our experiences. A display and sign-up sheets will be available after Labor Day.

CONFIRMANDS

Confirmation classes begin September 13th!

Good Luck in your new year.

Call or Email Rachel with any questions/concerns:

484.347.9406

confirmationco@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Ordinary Stewardship is....

• The regular practice of returning to God a **portion** of all that God has given us. It involves teaching ourselves how to create a life built upon the notion that all that we have is a gift from God.

• The portion of what God has given us as annual income that we give to God each year through our congregation. In addition to sustaining and expanding the mission and ministry of the church where we worship and are formed and cared for, a portion of this giving goes to fund the mission and ministry of the larger church.

Are YOU an ordinary steward?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday, September 6, 2015

8:00 AM Holy Communion **10:30 AM** Service of the Word

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Sunday School Installation- both services
8:00 AM Service of the Word
9:15 AM Sunday School – Rally Day
10:30 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, September 20, 2015

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word / Holy Baptism

Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:00 AM Service of the Word **9:15 AM** Sunday School **10:30 AM** Holy Communion



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SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

The Great Hope Scavenger Hunt!

Sunday September 13th! For kickoff, each class will meet in their classrooms.

There will be a scroll with a riddle giving a clue as to where to look for the next scroll. Follow clues to a surprise! Return to classrooms for parent pick up. Christian Education is for nursery through 6th grade. Even if you have registered previously, please fill out a new



form for our records. Donations needed: Juice boxes, goldfish and Nilla wafers.



HOPE CHURCH'S YARD SALE

The yard sale at Hope Church will be held on Friday, September 4th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Saturday, September 5th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

StoryWeavers will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or <u>lachandler7759@hotmail.com</u>.

SOUP GROUP

The Soup Group will meet at 9 AM and deliver soup on Wednesday, September 9th, instead of September 2. Anyone is welcome to join the group and/or deliver soup to our homebound members. Our goal is to deliver soup and visit with homebound members of our church. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler 610-440-0341.



WOMEN OF FAITH

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



Our September event is called "Chalk Talk". Chalk Talk illustrates a Biblical message, which is revealed before your eyes utilizing special chalk, elaborate lighting and Christian music to share the Gospel Truth in a unique and memorable way. The message through this medium captures the hearts of young and old alike and ALL are welcome to attend! It is September 28th in Kuntz Hall; there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please call Jane Tretiak in the church office 610-767-7203 with any questions about the Women of Faith.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

The Outreach Ministry is holding the tentative date of September 30 at 3 PM for a trip to St. Stephen's. We welcome any one to attend the meeting to learn more about our activities and ways to help the group. We also would like to welcome any person interested to go along to St. Stephen's in Allentown to observe our involvement and perhaps join our group. Any questions, please contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or lachandler7759@hotmail.com.

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

WELCA

WELCA meeting Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 AM

On Saturday, September 19, we are invited to St. John's in Nazareth for their Annual Breakfast. Registration at 8:30 AM and breakfast at 9:00 AM. The program will be an artist, Joan Vanover, who creates her work while speaking to people. Her topics are of a religious nature and she encourages questions from the floor. Please let Judy Dieter, 610-767-9170, know if you plan to attend.

On Saturday, October 3, the WELCA group is hosting the Fall Cluster WELCA Meeting at Hope. Plans will be discussed at the September 15th meeting.



Potato Project!

Saturday September 19th. Meet at Hope at 8:00 AM and return around 2:00 PM. If you have not attended this before, it is a great way to help out our local community and reach out to those in need. We will pick, clean, bag, and deliver potatoes to our local food banks.

Also, <u>all youth</u> must have an updated permanent permission slip which can be found at

http://hopecherryville.org/youth/index.php.

This slip will give you permission to attend all youth events.

POW will start in October





Classes will be held on the following Sundays: **September 20th, October 4th and 11th from 9:15 - 10:15 AM.** The last class (October 11) will be a reception and the new members will also be received during the worship services that morning. If you know of someone who is interested in joining our church, please give them this information.

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

In Springfield Ohio is continuing the Martin Luther Scholar Award. Outstanding Lutheran students are recognized with an \$80,000 academic award and the opportunity to continue their education at Wittenberg. Members with GPA of at least 3.5 must be nominated by Hope. Please speak with Pastor Jami for more information before November 1. Visit http://www.wittenberg.edu.



Monday, September 21 7:00 PM Kuntz Hall

Anyone interested in volunteering with the dance, contact Judy Dieter 610-767-9170

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

EVANGELISM BIBLE STUDIES: The fall session of Bible studies will begin on Thursday, October 1st. This will be a discussion and study about forgiveness. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a Bible scholar to participate in this study, as we are all learning and growing together. The study on the first Thursday of each month will begin at 7:00 PM while all other weeks will begin at 6:30 PM. No cost.

EVANGELSIM COMMITTEE: Your Evangelism Committee, like all other committees at Hope, works hard to share God's love and Christian fellowship to our church family and community. Throughout the year, we undertake several large functions such as Nativity display, church family picnic, Day of Pray luncheon etc. Though we as a committee feel we do a good job and accomplish much, we feel we need more help so more can be accomplished. WE NEED SOME "YOUNGER" BODIES AND MINDS TO HELP US CARRY ON GOD'S WORK. There will always be ways this committee can serve our God but without willing hands we struggle. We meet only once a month on the first Thursday of each month. If you might be interested in serving God and our church by adding to this committee, please contact Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277. **Our next meeting will be September 3**rd. Please consider coming and joining us to find out what this committee is all about. Thank you.

~ Hope's Evangelism Committee



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



Congratulations and best wishes to each of our college scholarship recipients:

William Christman, Jacaueline Frohnheiser, Sarah Galloway, Kevin Heberling, Jacob Marunich, Payton Marunich, Cory Ninos, Mikayla Ninos, Stephanie Maurer, Jennifer Perry, Scott Possinger, Samantha Schnabel, Sara Schnabel, Christian Xander, Ethan Xander, Nathaniel Xander, Franklin Zamadics, John Zmyewski, Vicky Zmyewski, Shelbey Ziegler

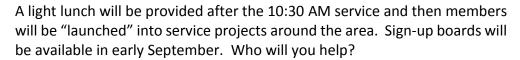
DISCOVERING BELLS

DiscoveRING BELLS This is a six-week course designed to teach the basics of ringing handbells and some beginning music-reading. It is for anyone, any age, who would like to try ringing handbells. There is no commitment to join a bell choir, it's just for you to check out the bells, learn how to handle them, and THEN decide if you like it enough to want to join a choir. Ask a friend to join you and come together! **Classes are set to start in September.** See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

The Stewardship Committee is getting ready for Consecration Sunday on October 18th – and this year there is something new. We are calling it "**The Church Has Left the Building"** and will be encouraging all members to sign up to find a place to serve our community that day.





2015 FALL BASKET SOCIAL INVITATION

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the 21st Annual Fall Walk-in Basket Social on Friday, October 9, 2015, to be held in Kuntz Hall at Hope Lutheran Church, located along Route 248 in Cherryville. Proceeds will be given to the Church's Maintenance Fund. Doors open at 4:00 PM. The drawing begins at 7:30 PM. Winners will be notified via phone that same evening. The cost of a ticket is \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be sold.

Two ticket sponsors are needed (\$35/sponsorship); if interested, call Linda at 610.767.8372 for additional information.

We also invite you to help with this event by donating a theme basket, gift certificate, bottled water, canned soda, or baked good. Any of these items may be dropped off in the fellowship hall the evening before the social (Thursday, October 8th, from 6:30-8:30 PM).

*Please note that many of our supporters have expressed how much they especially enjoy trying to win gift cards. Please consider the purchase of a gift card from one of your favorite business establishments. Thank you!

Questions may be directed to the Hope Church Office by calling 610.767.7203.

We look forward to seeing you on October 9th!

Sincerely,

Jean Leibenguth, LeAnn Chandler, Linda Sidor, Kathy Fogle, Betty Rock, (co-chairs/officers) and The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

SPECIAL NOTE TO BASKET COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Our business meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, September 28th sat 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall.



INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB

The next regular monthly meeting of the garden club is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, at 7 PM, at Hope Lutheran Church. Speaker Linda Kortz will give a presentation, "It's all about the Line," with an arrangement demonstration. The club project of ground cherries is due. Visitors are welcome. Call 619-657-0864 for more information.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Welcome, Brian Rajcok!

Brian passed with flying colors and we look forward to welcoming our new Assistant Pastor on October 1st!

More information will be coming shortly. Thank you to all who took part in this most important process.

Come meet the candidate for Assistant Pastor and be a part of this essential process.

Saturday, August 29 th 4:00 – 6:00 PM	"Meet and Greet" Reception Kuntz Hall	
Sunday, August 30 th 8:00 AM service	Candidate lad warship & trial cormon	
10:30 AM service	Candidate-led worship & trial sermon	
Sunday, August 30 th	"Meet and Greet" Reception Kuntz Hall	
9:15 – 10:15 AM	· ·	
Sunday, August 30 th	Votes cast.	
following the	Ballots will be tabulated and election results will be announced.	
10:30 AM service	banots win be tabulated and election results win be announced.	





discoveRING HANDBELLS

What: A six week course to learn the basics of

ringing handbells

When: Wednesdays Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Where: Hope's sanctuary

Who: For anyone, any age, who would like to learn how to ring bells and read music These sessions are designed to get you started in a fun, relaxing manner.

No commitment to join a bell choir. Come discover something new!

Contact Janet Filchner: 610-262-5215 or bells@hopecherryville.org

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

The Northampton Area Food Bank is sponsoring a **PENNY PARTY** on **Sunday, September 27th** in Kuntz Hall of Hope Lutheran Church. Doors open at **1:00 PM** and the fun begins at **2:00 PM**. There will be refreshments, a raffle, and bake sale in addition to the Penny Party. So bring your pennies, spare change and even a few dollars for a chance to win food or household items and even some baked goods for just pennies at this fun-filled event. For additional information, please call Barbara Budnik at 610-262-6156. Hope to see everyone there!

FINANCIAL EDUCATION MONTH

Money is a part of everyone's life, yet financial strategies are not "one size fits all". If you see yourself or a family member in one of the profiles below, join us for one (or more!) of the workshops as we kick off "Financial Education Month" for four weeks this fall. They are free, and hosted by our Thrivent financial professional Josh Koch. Most are just an hour long.

Economic Update (1 hour, Sunday)

This workshop will open a discussion of current market conditions and concerns.

Retirement Basics (1 hour, Sunday)

This workshop will discuss basic retirement strategies including accumulation and distribution concerns.

Women & Money (1 hour, weekday)

This workshop discusses the changing role of women and household finances; takes you through 6 steps to take control of your finances.

UPlan – College Planning Program (1 hour, Sunday)

Discusses the financial aspects of the college transition.

Social Security – Strategize to Maximize (1 hour, Sunday)

When should I apply? What will I be taxed? The decisions related to Social Security can be overwhelming. This workshop discusses various claiming strategies and tips.

Dates and TBD in late October through November – there will be reminders in Sunday bulletins and sign ups in the narthex.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This is the last month the center will be open – visit 1:00 to 4:00 PM on September 13 and 27. See the displays and memorabilia which have been donated over the last 15 years. The center and the schoolhouse are open by appointment only from October to May.

The society's *yard sale is* Friday, September 18, outside the historical centre, from 9:00 to 3:00 PM (raindate, September 19). You may sell your own items (a small fee for a space) or you may donate items to the society. Items may be brought to the center during the open house dates or on the day of the event.

Annual mum sale: Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 to 1:00 PM. There will also be hot dogs, drinks and baked goods available for sale. Mums not sold on Saturday will be sold on Sunday, September 27, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

The historical society will again participate in the Dream Come True benefit on Sunday, October 4, at Becky's Drive-In in Berlinsville. Stop by our table and take a chance on a basket. For additional information, call 610-440-0151.

Christmas is coming! Do you shop on Amazon? Shop Amazon smile and .5% of your purchase comes back to Hope. Visit...



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL YARD SALE

Friday, September 4, 2015 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Special Early Bird Entrance at 7:00 AM for \$10.00

> Saturday, September 5, 2015 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Food, Drinks, Bake Sale

Food and drinks will be available to purchase

Items may be dropped off at the open container in the parking lot (Rt. 248 corner) from ~July 27 thru August 24 from 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM Questions? Contact Doris Zellers at (610) 703-8550













Acceptable Items Include:

Clothing, shoes & purses; toys, games & puzzles; books movies, cds & video games; picture frames; sporting goods; arts & crafts; holiday items; small furniture; general household goods; glassware; kitchen ware; hand, power & yard tools, bedding & linens; newspapers, grocery bags & hangers

Please <u>NO</u> Electronics, Large Furniture or Car Seats Hard-Sided Luggage or Mattresses/Box Springs











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CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Call the church office 610-767-7203

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
Cub Scouts	Emily Hassler	610-760-1547
Evangelism	Sharyn Kratzer	610-261-1277
Finance	Bob Small	610-428-3231
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Nursery School	Deb Gable	610-767-7523
OutreachMinistry	LeAnn Chandler	610-440-0341
Prayer Shawl	JoAnne Creyer	610-262-3204
Property	Earl Snyder	610-703-5166
SCS/Christian Ed	Michelle Hughes	484-547-4585
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Stewardship	Jim Gardner	610-767-8421
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VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
WELCA	Judy Dieter	610-767-9170
Women of Faith	Jane Tretiak	610-767-7203
Worship Arts	Pastor Jami	610-767-7203
Worship & Music	Janet Filchner	610-262-5215
Youth Group	Steph Ziegler Stacey Ziegler	610-262-9197
Yard Sale	Doris Zellers	610-703-8550

Our Mission

People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others...

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for all the thoughts, cards and prayers following my husband's death. Hope Church has always been filled with warmth and love. You are truly a family.

Thank you!

Joan Sherwood

To the Congregation of Hope Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank you for your continued support of my education through your generous scholarship fund grant. This fall will mark the beginning of my final year in graduate school! I have been studying at Bloomsburg University to become a speech Language Pathologist. Your support of the past few years has helped my dreams a reality. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

With gratitude, Sarah Galloway

To The Wonderful Staff That Served My Mom's Funeral Lunch:

Thank you so much. Everything was perfect. The tables were beautiful, the food and drinks were wonderful. I couldn't ask for a nicer lunch. All of you are so appreciated for your service.

Love & God's Blessings, Judy Stubits & Family

Dear Pastor Jami,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your visits during my recent hospitalization. Please extend my thanks to all who sent me get well cards and prayers.

May our Lord bless you all, **Betty Mraz**

Dear Pastor Jami & Hope Lutheran,

Thank you so much for honoring all the graduates on last Sunday's church service. But, even more thanks for my Dunkin Donuts gift card and mug. I get Dunkin every day and it's great to have some help!

Thanks again, Caitlyn Perry

Dear Pastor Jami, Jane, Bonnie and John,

I have a thousand excuses for not getting this thank you note to you – but the bottom line is that none of them really is a good excuse for not thanking you sooner! On behalf of the Synod's Faith Formation Resource Ministry

Team, thank you all – and the good folks at Hope, for being such wonderful, thoughtful, helpful hosts for our Learning Ministries Day this past April.

We appreciated your flexibility in moving the original date to April, the partnership we felt with Bonnie and John (what a great team you are!) your beautiful space and so much more.

Thank you for being so welcoming!

Blessings,
Karen Matthias Long

Dear Pastor Possinger,

On behalf of Lutheran Congregational Services, I want to thank Hope's VBS for their generous contribution of school supplies to support our refugee resettlement program. Their contribution will be used to assist newly arrived refugees in the Lehigh Valley. Every item donated helps to give them a warm welcome and get off to a good start in their new life in the Lehigh Valley. With the help of caring communities, we can fulfill our mission to welcome the stranger.

Sincerely, *Marla J. Sell*Refugee Resettlement Services

Dear Pastor Possinger and the members of Hope,

I want to pass along our sincere appreciation for the hard work your members took on and accomplished at the Lutheran Center. It was a huge task they undertook as they gathered to paint the LONG hallway on our lower level, as well as the one from the meeting room we have on that level. I am guessing that for them, like me, it was hard to realize just how much they had taken on until it was underway. Please pass along our thanks to each and every one who helped with this project, and to the members who encourage and support their ministry. Please also share that we have it on good authority that the one who bravely painted over the mural in the classroom is truly forgiven.

God's Blessings on your continued ministry. Sincerely,

The Rev. Mary W. Gade