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Worship Hours

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

Sunday School

9:15 AM

Church Office Hours

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

Tuesday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 30, 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 - September	29,276.52	7,811.72	350.93	-	-
Income - Jan.-Aug.	240,239.82	33,458.89	8,696.37	4,950.66	1,085.00
Total Income	269,516.34	41,270.61	9,047.30	4,950.66	1,085.00
Expenses - September	30,215.65	344.26	-	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Aug.	248,458.37	31,421.07	1,738.08	8,400.00	1,200.00
Total Expenses	278,674.02	31,765.33	1,738.08	8,400.00	1,200.00
Net Income	(9,157.68)	9,505.28	7,309.22	(3,449.34)	(115.00)
Net Special Appeals	907.74				
Balance End of September	\$ 57,054.09	\$ 120,404.72	\$ 107,896.88	\$ 101,245.87	\$ (8,136.92)

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of September by \$939.13, and for the year 2015, expenses exceeded income by \$9,157.68, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$57,054.09. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(31,869.34) with a balance of \$45,287.68.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2015 is \$424,029.00. 39/52 of that figure is \$318,021.75. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the nine months were \$269,516.34. So, we are behind in income by \$48,505.41.

*** The current income statement is posted in the narthex. ***

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

All committees, groups and persons submitting information for the church newsletter should follow the schedule listed below. Your articles may be edited so we do not exceed the Post Office guidelines. Please email your articles to Nina Weiss (communications@hopecherryville.org) by **12:00 PM** on the deadline date. Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date (10:00AM start)</u>
December	Monday, November 16	Thursday, November 19
January	Friday, December 18	Monday, December 21
February	Monday, January 18	Thursday, January 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 November 2015 issue of ***Synod News*** is available online.

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



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger



“The Church Has Left the Building.” I first read about it when I was visiting St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Hawley, Pennsylvania. In that little town, a few churches of different denominations came together to do service work in their community. And I thought to myself – Hope could do that – and we have enough people to do it on our own. For me, the seed was planted!

At our next Stewardship Committee, meeting I suggested that this might be our “theme” for the 2015 Stewardship Sunday and the committee jumped on board. We spent the year identifying team leaders who would help us identify places in our community where we could make an impact. Before we knew it – we had a variety of areas of service with team leaders in place.

Sunday, October 18th was Stewardship Sunday and it really was a day to celebrate. After the 10:30 AM service, over 100 people gathered in Kuntz Hall to share lunch that was prepared for us before heading out into the community to do some work in Jesus’ name. Listed below are the projects we took on:

- Painting bleachers at Lehigh Township Athletic Fields
- Cleaning up and marking grave sites at Indianland Cemetery
- Cataloging items and outdoor clean-up at the Lehigh Township Historical Society
- Delivering food, stocking shelves and scrubbing down the Northampton Food Bank
- Playing Bingo with residents of Gracedale and Northampton Village
- Transporting residents of Good Shepherd Home to their Sunday worship service
- Making blankets for Camp Noah – a camp for children traumatized by natural disasters
- Designing hand-made cards to be distributed to homebound so they don’t have to shop when they need one to send
- Decorating pumpkins and making Halloween decorations with special need adults
- Learning to knit prayer shawls to be delivered to people who need our prayers
- Learning “centering prayer,” praying for others and making Lutheran rosaries
- Baking birthday cakes for the clients at the Northampton Food Bank

As you can see – we certainly made an impact on our community!

When folks had completed their community service work, we gathered back in Kuntz Hall for ice cream sundaes and a chance to talk about what we did and how things went. It was a rewarding day for everyone involved. Here are some of the comments I heard as we shared our stories:

“We should be doing things like this more often.”

“We touched some lives today.”

“I never knew there were so many places to help.”

“I feel good about what we accomplished today.”

“Why didn’t more people take the opportunity to participate?”

“If we did this again next week we would have no problem finding volunteers to help – it was great!”

“This is what being the church is all about!”

So... if you were not here for “The Church Has Left the Building” you missed out on a day of service where we impacted our community and touched the lives of people – many of whom we will never meet. But because the day was so successful and gratifying for all involved, I think we may very well do this again! For those of us who participated – well, we certainly fulfilled our Core Purpose statement... **“people of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others.”**

Many thanks to all who made the day such a hit!

Blessings, Pastor Jami



See photos from "HOPE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING" on web site!
Click "Read More" under "Latest News" on Hopecherryville.org

ALTAR GUILD HELP IS NEEDED

A few of our Altar Guild teams are in need of help! If you like to work "behind the scenes" then this is a great volunteer opportunity for you. Training is provided! Please call the church office at 610-767-7203 if you can help!

ASSITANT PASTOR

My first few weeks at Hope have been incredible! I was astonished by your generous gifts my first Sunday here. Thank you so much! It really speaks to the kind of congregation this is and I feel extraordinarily blessed to be here. It's been an adjustment but you all have helped make the move much easier. I'm getting more settled into my apartment and office now and am feeling more comfortable around the area. I'm learning the places to eat and stores to shop at, and you have all helped make this an easy transition. I've already had the opportunity to eat dinner with a few of you and look forward to getting to know many more. It has been a pleasure getting to know the staff at Hope, who have been so friendly and helpful in helping me get adjusted. And I've been very excited meeting our youth and getting started with Confirmation, POW, and our trip to Dorney Park. I also had a lot of fun leading some of you in Centering Prayer on Sunday and I can't wait to introduce it to more of you. Thanks again for your amazing welcome and I look forward to all the adventures ahead of us!

Brian Rajcok, Assistant Pastor



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregation meeting is Sunday, November 8th at 9:00 AM in Kuntz Hall. Items on the agenda are the election of council members, the election of members to the nominating committee and the approval of the 2016 budget. At least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Hope Church welcomes our newest members:

- ❖ Mark and Karen Bateman
- ❖ Scott Beers
- ❖ Brian and Karen Costenbader
- ❖
- ❖ Larry and Cindy Hertzog
- ❖ Roslyn Scott
- ❖ Kyle and Cassie Supinski and son, Luke

Please give our new members a warm welcome!



Monday, November 16th
Monday, December 21st
7:00 PM Kuntz Hall

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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 2015

- ⌵ The Kuntz Hall kitchen will not be available from December 16th to 18th while the contractor does various installations. There will be another week in the near future when the kitchen will be unavailable as the flooring is installed. Thanks to Bruce Schnabel, the chair of the kitchen renovation committee; Manfred Steiner, who headed up the renovation team; Al Rock, who is doing the electric work and Todd Benninger, who is doing plumbing work.
- ⌵ The Sunday School Christmas activity is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13th and is called “Follow the Star” – an interactive journey to Bethlehem to witness the birth of Jesus.
- ⌵ The annual congregation meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 8th at 9:00 AM** in Kuntz Hall. Items on the agenda are the election of council members, the election of members to the nominating committee and the approval of the 2016 budget.
- ⌵ Pastor Brian’s installation will be held on Sunday, November 1st at 4:00 PM. The congregation is urged to attend. A meal will follow the service. Look for additional details in the bulletins.
- ⌵ The next “Coffee with the Council” is scheduled for Sunday, January 10th in Kuntz Hall. Members are encouraged to join council members for discussion, questions, review of financial statements, etc.
- ⌵ Hope’s annual Thanksgiving Feast for older adults is set for Saturday, November 14th. A full Thanksgiving meal and entertainment will be provided. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the main hall by the church office for all who wish to attend.
- ⌵ The Nativity Display will be open for guests to view the many and varied nativities from Saturday, November 28th through Sunday, November 29th.

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following:

HOLY BAPTISMS

Jacob Thomas Gehringer, son of Thomas & Estelle (Berger) Gehringer, was baptized on Sunday, September 20, 2015. He was born in January 2015.

Eleanor Rae Rehring, daughter of Chris and Susan (Hofstetler) Rehring, was baptized on Sunday, September 20, 2015. She was born in August 2015.

Julianne Dorothy Borger, daughter of Braden & Jessica (Demko) Borger. She was born June, 2015.

Bethany Summer and **Micah Samuel Zeigafuse**, children of Olivia (Eckroth) Zeigafuse. Bethany was born in November, 2013 and Micah was born in July, 2015.

Please welcome Jacob, Eleanor, Julianne, Bethany and Micah to Hope as the newest members of our church family.

FUNERALS

Edward J. Kohler entered eternal life on Sunday, September 20, 2015. He is interred at Hope Church’s Memorial Garden.

Our sympathy to family and friends of Edward; may God continue to be their guide and strength.

WEDDINGS

Sarah Elizabeth Possinger and **Jacob Robert Balisalisa** were married at Hope Church on Saturday, September 26th.

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

WELCA

WELCA meeting Tuesday, November 17 at 9:00 AM

STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

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

SOUP GROUP

The Soup Group will meet at 9:00 AM and deliver soup on Wednesday, November 4th. 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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2015

<p><u>Sunday, November 1, 2015</u> <i>All Saints Day - Cherub Choir, Both Services</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Service of the Word 4:00 PM Pastor Brian's Installation</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 8, 2015</u> <i>Recognition of Veterans, Both Services</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:00 AM Annual Congregation Meeting 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 15, 2015</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word / Holy Baptism</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 22, 2015</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, November 25, 2015</u> <i>Thanksgiving Eve Worship</i> 11:00 AM Holy Communion 7:00 PM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, November 29, 2015</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>

WOMEN OF FAITH

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

In November, we will be going to the Hickory Grove Greenhouse in Catasauqua to make a Christmas wreath on Monday, November 23rd. If you are interested in joining us, watch for the sign-up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost to make a wreath is ~\$20.00. Join us and make your very own wreath for the holiday season! If you have questions about any of the Women of Faith events, please call Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Five Reasons to Pledge by Meta Carlson

In the season of stewardship, I am reminded how important it is to promise our generous hearts again and again. Revisiting what we value and what we can share is at the core of discipleship and spiritual growth. I am a big fan of this habit and here are five reasons you can be, too:



1. **Taking the Time:** Reflecting about and discussing your gifts as a household or congregation is an important way to witness the way your life changes over time. It happens in a more stoic way when you fill out tax forms: you watch your education, income, investments and liabilities change with each passing year. Taking time to consider these responsibilities from a spiritual perspective can change the way you experience writing checks, paying bills and sharing your gifts.
2. **Sharing, not losing:** Whenever I sit in the pews and see the offering plate coming, I fumble through my wallet. It is an awkward moment while I hope for a bill that is "enough," but "not too much." I will admit that tossing that crumpled bill into the plate feels more like losing than sharing. Giving sporadically and last minute does not usually feel generous and that is because it comes from a moment of pressure that does not make time for the reflection I mentioned above. Planning to give connects us to the ritual in a thoughtful and joyful way that can transform our stewardship theology.
3. **Worthy gifts:** Many people do not pledge because they don't think the amount they share is worthy of being proclaimed and promised ahead of time. Yikes! Whether you commit to sharing \$1 or \$1,000 a week, it matters and it makes a difference. Whatever you have to give is worthy of being shared.
4. **Word and deed:** Making a promise and acting on it again and again is a physical lesson about God's love for us. Every time God forgives us and renews us through our baptism, God is keeping that big promise made through Jesus Christ. With each grace-filled act in relationship with us, God recalls the promise and it becomes new again. Pledging is a bold and simple way to respond to God's promise and action in our lives.
5. **Body of Christ:** Have you ever watched pledge cards pile up in a basket or offering plate? Those promises add up to do miraculous things in the name of God. Committing to share your gifts means standing together with your Christian brothers and sisters in ministry and mission for a purpose beyond yourself. It means trusting that together our gifts are divine abundance, more than enough to change the world.

Lord, blessings abound in you. Teach us to trust that what you provide is more than enough. Open our hands and satisfy our hearts. Amen.



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CONFIRMANDS Level 1:

November 6 from 6:45 PM to 9:45 PM Visit Temple Beth-El Meet at Church

November 22 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM Visit to First Baptist, Slatington We will leave from Sunday School Class

CONFIRMANDS Level 2:

November 21 Food Bank with Mentors Group 1 Times vary, check with your child/mentor for the sign-up time Meet at the Food Bank

CONFIRMANDS Outreach Events:

November 8 at 12:00 PM Leaf Raking & Thanksgiving Feast Kuntz Hall

November 14 at 11:30 AM

Thanksgiving Feast for Seniors in Kuntz Hall

November 27 Nativity Display Set-up
(Details will be emailed)

November 28 & 29 – Nativity Display Help
Sign up times will be emailed / available in church

Any questions? Call or email Rachel:
484.347.9406 or confirmationco@gmail.com

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On behalf of the LTHS, a BIG **THANK YOU** to the workers who helped in Pennsville: Dave Cantrell, Greg Gaugler, Helene Mery, Wayne Mery, and Deb and Tony Pagotto. On October 18, God provided us with a beautiful day to work. It was a wonderful community outreach from Hope Lutheran Church and we certainly appreciated it.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Outreach Ministry will meet on Monday November 2nd at 6:30 PM. Then the Outreach trip to St. Stephen's trip is Wednesday, November 18; depart at 2:30 PM. We welcome anyone 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.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Come and join us at our weekly studies where we are discussing forgiveness. This is a subject that affects us all at some points in our lives. You don't have to be a Bible scholar to join this study. We are learning and growing in God's words together. We have some great discussions. You may join us at any time; we meet each Thursday at 6:30 except for the first Thursday of each month when our studies begin at 7:00 PM after the Evangelism meeting. Hope to see you at our studies. All are welcome.



SENIOR FALL FEAST

On Saturday, November 14th the Social Ministry Committee invites any senior citizen or homebound member in our congregation to our annual Fall Feast. We will begin with worship of Holy Communion at 11:30 AM, and then enjoy a dinner of turkey, filling, cranberry sauce and all the “fixins.” To conclude the day, there will be entertainment. The Feast will end at approximately 2:30 PM. Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex.



YOUTH GROUP

POW – Wednesday, November 11 and December 9 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 (Pizza On Wednesdays) meet in the first level confirmation room downstairs.

Get Social! We’re on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram! Our Facebook page is “**Hope Luth Youth**” and on Twitter and Instagram as **@hopeluthyouth**. You can also join our email list by sending an email to hopeluthyouth@hopecherryville.org.

Cookie Baking – Saturday, December 12th – 5:30 to 8:30 – This is a 2 day event. Bake cookies with us to deliver to homebound members! We will need lots help to make these cookies on Saturday night. They will be delivered the next day, Sunday, December 13th during the annual Christmas Caroling following the late service. Warm up your singing voices and join us in spreading the Christmas cheer with songs and cookies. Join us for one or both events. *THIS COUNTS AS AN OUTREACH EVENT FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS.*



Leaf Raking and Feasting – Sunday, November 8th – 12:00 to 5:00 – Rake leaves with us at houses of members of our congregation who could use some youthful assistance! Bring gloves and a rake to this event and lend a helping hand. We will start with a light lunch before heading out into the community. After raking, we will return for some cocoa and Thanksgiving festivities. We will end the event with a potluck feast to celebrate our hard work. We are also looking for some adult volunteers to make food for the potluck and help prepare the food so it is ready for our return after raking. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board soon! *THIS COUNTS AS AN OUTREACH EVENT FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS.*

Save The Date & Find a Date! – Valentine’s Dinner Saturday, February 13, 2016 with a snow date of Sunday, February 14, 2016. More details to come!



An illustration for Thanksgiving Eve Worship showing a large white cross, a lit candle, a turkey, and various autumn produce like pumpkins and corn. The text "Thanksgiving Eve Worship" is written in a cursive font at the bottom. <p><i>Thanksgiving Eve Worship</i></p>	<p><u>THANKSGIVING WORSHIP</u></p> <p>Please join us for Holy Communion at 11:00 AM or 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 25th.</p>
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EVANGELISM: ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

Evangelism will sponsor the 15th Annual Nativity Display on Saturday, November 28, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sunday, November 29 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

It is hard to believe that the annual nativity display is just around the corner and your Evangelism committee has already begun making plans for our annual display. This is a big event for our church; it brings much enjoyment for both our church family and our community; each year, about 500 visitors come to the display on Thanksgiving weekend. It is our way of welcoming in the Christmas season and a reminder for all that Christ is the reason for the season! To make this another successful year we need your help. **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE CAN'T DO IT ALONE.** How you can help:

1. You can help with set up on Wednesday morning November 25 9:00 to 12:00 and Friday November 27 beginning at 9:00 AM.
2. We need donations of bake goods, snack foods and beverages to serve our guests.
3. Help serve as hosts and greeters during the open house hours on Saturday and Sunday
4. Volunteer your time and talent- piano, and other instruments or your voice- to share with visitors. Remember, many people enjoy the beautiful music being shared as much as enjoying the nativities displayed
5. And don't forget clean up on Sunday when the beautiful display is over.
6. Share your nativity with us for the weekend. You may bring it to the church late Friday afternoon and early evening. You should plan to set it up yourself. Write a note about your nativity (how you obtained it, age, etc.) These notes help enhance the display and our visitors really enjoy reading about your nativity. Wall hangings are also needed.
7. Come yourself and invite your family and friends to prepare for the coming of the Christmas season.

Confirmation students can earn confirmation requirements by donating at least 2 hours at the display. Other groups such as scouts, high school students, etc. also may use the display to help earn requirements. The children's center will be open with nice nativity crafts to do. Mark your calendars for the annual nativity display November 28 and 29 here at Hope Church. Wise folks still seek him. See you then. Watch for signup sheets to be soon posted in our narthex.

Merry Christmas from your Evangelism Committee!

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS

Hope Lutheran Nursery School is selling KidStuff coupon books featuring hundreds of coupons good for local shopping, services, attractions and restaurants. The books cost \$25 and coupons are good until 12/31/2016! Books will be available in the Narthex after church on Sundays, September 13th and 20th. Thank you for supporting the Nursery School.



Daylight savings time begins on November 2nd

LITTLE ITALY BUFFET

Presented by Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop 242

Saturday November 7th

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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



2015 FALL BASKET SOCIAL



The 21st Annual Fall Basket Social was held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, October 9th. THANK YOU to everyone who in some way helped make it a successful fund raiser!

Monies raised were deposited to the General Maintenance Fund of Hope Lutheran Church, and as designated by Hope's Basket Committee, money from the sale of baked goods was directed toward Christmas gifts for the children who attend St. Stephen's Church ministries.

Tickets sponsored were In Loving Memory of Howard Strohl by wife, Kathryn and In Honor of All Hope Lutheran Volunteers by LeAnn Chandler.

Boy Scouts and Leaders of Troop 242 set up tables/chairs, retrieved baskets from cars and helped set them on tables the evening of October 8th. Catechetical students and parents helped with the running of prizes and clean-up the evening of the social.

After expenses of \$121.50 (food receipts), a total of \$4,053.50 was deposited into Hope's General Maintenance account. \$232.05 was raised from the sale of baked goods for St. Stephen's ministries.

*Note that Congregational Council has approved the date of Friday, October 14, 2016 for Hope's 22nd Annual Fall Social.

Respectfully Submitted by Officers and Members of the Hope Lutheran Basket Committee,
LeAnn Chandler, Jean Leibenguth, Kathy Fogle, Linda Sidor, Betty Rock, Georgene Blose, Delores Derhammer, Marian Druckenmiller, Jean Fritzinger, Susan Hildebrand, Lori Lambert, Sami Lambert, Clair Larkin, Jenny Laury, Diane Reenock, Kim Ritter-Roth, Diane Silfies, Kathryn Strohl, Loretta Weil, Marge Zimmermann

*The Basket Committee welcomes any confirmed member (we have also had a couple members from other congregations on our committee within our years of working together!) who might enjoy helping host two socials each year to call Linda at 610-767-8372.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



All Saints Sunday is a day to remember the saints - "saints" by the New Testament meaning of "all Christian people of every time and place." In the Lutheran Church, we refer to *all* the baptized people of God as "saints". While it is true that this designation applies to those whose life has been exemplary, God's ordinary people – like you and me – are also "saints". When we were baptized, we were made members of the church and so have been included in what is often referred to as the "communion of saints." All Saints Sunday provides us a wonderful occasion in the course of the liturgical year to celebrate the saints who are living among us, as well as those who have died. This year, All Saints Sunday occurs on November 1st and we will again remember and pray for those from our congregation who have died during the past year. We will also recognize and celebrate those who became saints since last year's All Saints Sunday through God's grace in the sacrament of baptism. Please join us for this celebration of sainthood! ***Please bring a photo of anyone who was baptized at Hope this year, or any member who entered eternal life so we may honor them on Sunday November 1st.*



POINSETTIA SALE

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

MITTEN TREE

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



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 continue "Financial Education Month". They are free, and hosted by our Thrivent financial professional Josh Koch. Most are just an hour long.



SUN., NOV. 1 (9:15 -10:15am) RETIREMENT BASICS

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

During this event, you'll learn How to put together a retirement road map; Factors to consider when deciding to retire; How to estimate your expenses and income, factoring in inflation and taxes; How to use tax-advantage savings vehicles, like IRA's and 401(k)s.

WED., NOV. 11 (7:00 - 8:00pm) WOMEN & MONEY

Women are increasingly becoming responsible for their family's financial well-being. They also face unique financial challenges-like longer lifespans and caregiving responsibilities-that can affect their long-term financial security. That's why it's essential for women to develop a financial strategy.

During this event, you'll learn how and why women's economic clout is growing; How day to day realities and expectations can affect your financial future; Six steps to help you take control of your money and achieve financial security.

SUN., NOV. 15 (12:15pm) UPLAN: COLLEGE PLANNING PROGRAM

Wondering if you will be able to help your student finish college and still retire someday? With planning, you can. You're invited to attend this complimentary, 90-minute college planning overview to learn how academics, admissions and financial strategies can work together to help save you money on college. You will leave knowing: What to expect when transitioning from high school to college; Why published costs may not be as important as you think; Tips about the FAFSA and its importance to you; What COA, OOP, EFC, and need-met and gift-aid ratios are, and how they apply to you; How to improve your student's odds of graduating in four years; And more! Students are encouraged to attend with their parents!

SUN., NOV. 22 (9:15 - 10:15am) SOCIAL SECURITY: STRATEGIZE TO MAXIMIZE

When it comes to navigating Social Security retirement benefits, the choices can be overwhelming. When should I apply? What will I be taxed? Why do I need to think about this now?

This workshop discusses various strategies and tips. Learn how to sort through the options to help ensure the choices you make are right for you.

Please RSVP to reserve your spot. Contact Jane Tretiak at 610-767-7203 or Joshua L. Koch at 610-377-3059 or email him at joshua.koch@thrivent.com. Refreshments will be served. No products will be sold at these events!

Looking Ahead to December...



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Save the Date! Sunday School Families join us for this year's Christmas Program on Sunday December 13th (snow date December 20th).

CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The annual Christmas Ingathering of Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on Thursday December 4th at St. John's Nazareth. The Ingathering provides gifts for people in area institutions, such as Gracedale, Kidspace and the Allentown Rescue Mission, among others. Please see the display in the narthex for donation suggestions. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase needed items. Keep an eye on Sunday bulletins for further information, such as volunteer opportunities.

ADVENT CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Pastor Brian will be leading a Centering Prayer group Wednesday evenings during Advent at 6:00 PM, before Advent worship which is at 7:00 PM. Our first meeting will be Wednesday December 2 at 6:00 PM and will continue for four weeks. We will be reading Thomas Keating's book *Open Mind, Open Heart* together and discussing its chapters following our 20 minute meditation. If you would like a book you may purchase one at a religious bookstore, order it online, or sign up to order one in Pastor Brian's office. Books are \$15 and Hope will be placing an order on Monday November 16, so please sign up for a book by then if you would like church to order you one. I hope you will all join this group and find this practice meaningful. It has been such an important part of my life and I am excited to share it with you! Sign-up sheet available on the bulletin board.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HOPE LEADERSHIP

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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610-767-7203**

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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
Girl Scouts	Karen Zimmerman	610-760-1887
Hope Fest	Bonnie Zmyewski	610-767-7260
Memorial Garden	Barry Ritter	610-428-2320
Mentor Leaders	Trish Ninos	610-360-6034
Mutual Ministry	Charlie Kutzler	610-262-4588
Presschool School	Deb Gable	610-767-7523
OutreachMinistry	LeAnn Chandler	610-440-0341
Prayer Shawl	JoAnne Creyer	610-262-3204
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Senior Center	Karen Ferraina	610-767-2977
Social Ministry	Marge Zimmerman	610-217-8324
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VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
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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
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Our Mission

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

November 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
1 All Saints Day/Daylight Saving Time 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Financial Education - Retirement Basics - Kuntz Hall 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word 4:00 PM Pastor Brian's Installation	2 6:15 PM Finance Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 6:30 PM Outreach Ministry Meeting (Conference Room #125) 7:00 PM Council Meeting	3 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers 7 PM Jr Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Youth Choir Reh	4 9:00 AM Soup Group (Kuntz Hall Kitchen) 6:00 PM Tae Kwon Do-Kuntz Hall	5 10AM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 PM Evangelism Mtg 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts-Kuntz Hall 7:00 PM Property Meeting	6 6:45 PM Level I Visit to Temple Beth El, Allentown	7 Boy Scout Italian Dinner (Kuntz Hall) 9:00 AM Choir Trip (Van Needed)																																																																																				
8 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Annual Congregational Meeting (Kuntz Hall) 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Youth Group Leaf Raking and Thanksgiving Feast - 6:00 PM Tae Kwon Do-Kuntz Hall	9 7:00 PM Hope Wellness Team - Hanson Hall	10 10AM StoryWeavers/ lunch 2 PM Garden Club Set Up 6PM Garden Club (KH) 6:30 PM Scouts 6:30 PM Christian Ed Mtg 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers 7 PM Jr Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Youth Choir Reh	11 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (PJ's Office) 5:30 PM POW (Pizza on Wednesday) Van Needed 6:00 PM Tae Kwon Do-K 7:00 PM Women and Money (Hanson Hall) Veterans Day	12 10AM Pastor's Bible Study 10 AM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts-Kuntz Hall 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	13 Youth Faith-a-Palooza @ Kenbrook Retreat Center (VAN NEEDED) TENTATIVE	14 Youth Faith-a-Palooza @ Kenbrook Retreat Center (VAN NEEDED) TENTATIVE 11:30 AM Thanksgiving Luncheon (kuntz Hall)																																																																																				
15 Youth Faith-a-Palooza @ Kenbrook Retreat Center 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word / Holy Baptism 12:15 PM uPLAN College Planing Program (Kuntz Hall)	16 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Hope Friendship Dance - Kuntz Hall	17 9:00 AM WELCA Meeting (Kuntz Hall) 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers 7 PM Jr Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Youth Choir Reh	18 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (PJ's Office) 2:30 PM Outreach Ministry to St. Stephens 6:00 PM Tae Kwon Do-Kuntz Hall 6:30 PM Worship Arts Team - PJ's Office	19 9 AM Sr Cntr T'giving (KH) 10AM Newsletter Coll. 10AM Pastor's Bible Study 6 PM Hope's Helping Hands 6:30 PM Bible Study 7PM Boy Scout Com Mtg 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	20	21 Level II Students/Mentors @ Food Bank (9:00am-Noon)																																																																																				
22 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Financial Education - Social Security Strategies (KH) 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Level I Visit to Slatington Baptist Church 10:30 AM Holy Communion	23 9 AM PreSchool Thanksgiving (KH) 6 PM Women of Faith - Wreath Making at Hickory Grove 6:30 PM Cub Pack Meeting (Kuntz Hall)	24 9 AM PreSchool Thanksgiving (KH) 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers 7 PM Jr Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Youth Choir Reh	25 11:00 AM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Nativity Display Set Up	28 Hanson Hall Rental Nativity Display																																																																																				
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