



MARCH 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 PM Brownie Troop 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers 7:00 PM Scouts 7 PM Jr Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Musical Choir Rehearsal	2 9:00 AM Soup Group 11 AM Lenten Worship 2:00 PM Centering Prayer in Kuntz Adult Sunday School Room 7PM Lenten Worship Srvc	3 10AM Pastor's Bible Study 6 PM Evangelism Meeting 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Scouts 7 PM Property Meeting 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	4	5 8:30 AM Level I & Level II Lord's Prayer Retreat (Kuntz Hall)
6 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM First Holy Communion Class (during Sunday School) 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word - Girl Scout Sunday 	7 6:00 PM Centering Prayer in Hanson Hall 6:30 PM Scouts	8 8 AM Pastor's Pericope 10 AM StoryWeavers 2 PM Garden Club Set Up 6 PM Garden Club 6 PM Hope Fest Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers 7 PM Jr Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Musical Choir Rehearsal	9 11 AM Lenten Worship 3:30 PM Outreach Ministry to Bethlehem Emergency Shelter 5:30 PM POW (Pizza on Wednesday) 6:00 PM Hope Fest Meeting (Hanson Hall) 7PM Lenten Worship Srvc	10 10AM Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	11	12 Kuntz Hall Rental 9:00 AM Youth group Easter candy making - Hanson Hall and kitchen 9:30 AM First Holy Communion Rehearsal - Sanctuary
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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, 2016					
	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 76,202.48	\$ 121,303.56	\$ 102,806.33	\$ 94,111.44	\$ (8,086.92)
Income - January	29,779.91	3,923.05	2,145.58	2,630.08	-
Expenses - January	32,992.28	17,689.53	-	5,750.00	-
Net Income	(3,212.37)	(13,766.48)	2,145.58	(3,119.92)	-
Net Special Appeals	555.55				
Balance End of January	\$ 73,545.66	\$ 107,537.08	\$ 104,951.91	\$ 90,991.52	\$ (8,086.92)
SUMMARY:					
Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of January by \$3,212.37, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$73,545.66.					
Last year the net income for the same period was \$(8,961.59) with a balance of \$56,042.44.					

*** 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	Friday March 18	Tuesday March 22
May	Monday April 18	Thursday April 21
June	Friday May 20	Thursday May 26

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 2016 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2016-03.pdf>



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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...



Easter – the major festival of the church that is determined by a strict calculation. Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. The earliest date Easter can occur is March 22nd and April 25th is the latest Easter can occur. This year Easter falls on Sunday

March 27th.

Now, that's all interesting stuff. But the reason for Easter is so much more important than the fluctuating date of Easter. We all know the story of the last week of Jesus' life – entry into Jerusalem, last supper with the disciples, prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, arrest and trial, beating and crucifixion and finally entombment. And we all know the end of the story – the empty tomb and Jesus reappearance to Mary, some other women and eventually the disciples. This is the story of our faith.

But what is BEHIND the story? Why is this so critical to who we are as Christians? Because it is about grace – particularly it is about God's grace. So let's define grace. A good definition is: **GRACE** is God's unconditional love for us – not because of who **WE** are or what **WE** can do – but because of who **GOD** is. Grace is God's nature – to love us with no strings attached. Easter is the glorious example – a living testimony – of God's grace. That God would allow Jesus to die so that we could see grace – God's love in a most distinct way.

Tony Campolo – speaker, author, sociologist, pastor, social activist and passionate follower of Jesus – was discussing with a small group of Junior High kids those things that were unique about the Christian gospel. He was trying to explain to them what grace was all about. In the midst of their conversation he asked them: *What makes grace different from mercy and justice?"*

One boy, Scott, with a smile on his face and a glint in his eye, answered by saying:

- If a cop pulls you over for speeding and gives you a ticket - that's justice.
- If a cop pulls you over for speeding and gives a warning - that's mercy.

- If a cop pulls you over for speeding and gives you a Krispy Creme donut - that's grace.

Using Scott's analogy let me suggest another way to look at justice, mercy and grace:

- If God gives us the 10 Commandments to use as a way to live in relationship with one and other and God – that's justice.
- If God sends judges, kings and prophets to call us to change our ways – if God makes a covenant that we break and God makes another covenant that we break and God does it again and again – that's mercy.
- If God sends God's only son to live among us – to share in the human predicament – to experience love and hatred, joy and sorrow, life and death – and allows that son to die unfairly on a cross so that we might see how much God loves US – that's grace.

This Easter may you walk with Jesus through Holy Week – may you watch as the crowds move from jubilantly celebrating his arrival in Jerusalem to violently cheering for his crucifixion – may you sit silently after his burial pondering what all this means – and may you rise with HIM on Easter morning to know the joy of experiencing God's **GRACE**.

Easter Blessings, *Pastor Jami*

From Tony Campolo, Stories That Feed the Soul



PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS

Spring is in the air! Days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer. I doubt we've seen the last of snow for the season, but as I write this it's 60 degrees in late February. Looks like our groundhog was right!

I'm so pleased that Lent is going well here at Hope. Our Wednesday morning and evening services are a lot of fun. Ash Wednesday was a deeply moving day and it was both humbling and eerie to mark ashes on the foreheads of people, from year old babies to folks in their nineties. We are all dust and to dust we shall return. Lent is a solemn season and it is good to dwell with the solemnity of death and contemplate the inevitability of our mortality. Recognizing death as the reality it is will prepare us for the cosmic event

of Christ's victory over death that's on the other side of Good Friday, but it is not the time to celebrate that... yet.

Hope Luth Youth saw a lot of activity in February. We had over 30 of our youth venture to Blue Mountain on January 31 and had a blast snowtubing. It was the most fun I've had in a long time! Our Valentine's Dinner was a success and I want to thank everyone for coming and all those who helped — youth, parents, cooks, and our devoted youth group leaders. It was a great turnout and I was extremely impressed by everything. And that vegetarian lasagna was particularly delicious ☺ I also had fun recently with Confirmation students and their mentors as Level 2 played Jeopardy and ate pizza Saturday evening and Level 1 played Trivial Pursuit and ate ice cream later that night. Thanks to students, mentors, and our leaders for a great time. A few upcoming youth group events for your calendars:

- **March Church Sleepover:** Friday night March 18 at 6:00 pm until Saturday March 19 at 10:00 am. Eat dinner before you come, and we'll have snacks Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. We'll make candy, play games, watch movies, and maybe get some sleep. Sixth graders and up are welcome!
- **April Trampoline Time:** Sunday April 3 at noon we'll meet after church for a lunch of grilled cheese and tomato soup. Then we'll head to Bethlehem for a reservation at SkyZone from 1:30-2:30 pm. We hope to be back at church by 3:00 pm. Sign up by Sunday March 20.
- **May Geo-Cache:** On Saturday May 21 we'll journey through the Lehigh Valley, hiking, exploring, and looking for Geo-cache locations. Time and meeting location TBD.
- **June Shore Trip:** The last week in June from Monday June 27 through Friday July 1 we'll be spending a week at the shore! We'll be staying in Wildwood as in years past. I've heard a lot about this trip and am excited to join this year. Mark your calendars and watch for the sign up!
- **POW:** Pizza On Wednesdays meets the second Wednesday of every month. March's date will be March 9 at 5:30 pm. Come for pizza, games, and all kinds of good stuff!

Looking forward to all upcoming youth events, as well as all the fundraisers and confirmation events we have on the horizon!

I hope you all have a wonderful month of March and look forward to celebrating the remainder of Lent, Holy Week, and Resurrection of our Lord together!

Peace, *Pastor Brian*

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2016

- ↓ An interest meeting was held for young people on Sunday, January 31st to garner if there is enough interest in doing a church musical this year. It was an overwhelming success and we WILL have a church musical. Dave Ziegler and his team will be coordinating this. Date TBD.
- ↓ On April 17th at 5:00 PM the church is hosting a fellowship event – Pot Luck Dinner. This is a “just for fun” event where members can bring something to share and join with others in socializing over a meal. Look for more details in the upcoming newsletters and bulletins.
- ↓ Over 30 youth are interested in attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering to be held in Houston, Texas in July, 2018. Fundraising for this incredible opportunity has already begun.
- ↓ The next “Coffee with the Council” will be held in Kuntz Hall on Sunday, May 22nd at 9:15 AM. Take time to share some goodies, meet with council members and have the opportunity to informally discuss our congregation.
- ↓ The Stewardship is planning to offer another “the Church Has Left the Building” event on Sunday, May 1st. If you were not able to participate last October this is your chance to get involved. Sign-up sheets will be made available and you can choose where you want to do some service in our community. We will begin with a lunch provided by the Stewardship Committee and “launch” in to the community following lunch. Around 3 PM we will gather back at Hope for an ice cream sundae social and take time to talk about our service opportunities.
- ↓ The Stewardship committee is also working on ways to communicate more often and more effectively items such as pledging, the annual budget and the importance of fulfilling commitments.




WORSHIP SCHEDULE – MARCH 2016



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The fifth grade class will celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday, March 13th

<p><u>Wednesday, March 2, 2016</u> 11 AM Lenten Worship 7 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 6, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word / Girl Scout Sunday</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 9, 2016</u> 11 AM Lenten Worship 7 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 13, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion – First Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 16, 2016</u> 11:00 AM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 20, 2016</u> Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Thursday, March 24, 2016</u> Maundy Thursday 11:00 AM Holy Communion / Luncheon 7:00 PM Holy Communion / Foot Washing</p>
<p><u>Friday, March 25, 2016</u> Good Friday NOON Community Service, St. Paul's Indianland 7:00 PM Tenebrae 9:00 PM Prayer Vigil Begins</p>
<p><u>Saturday, March 26, 2016</u> Prayer Vigil Continues</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 27, 2016</u> Easter Sunday - 7:00 – 10:30 AM Breakfast 6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>



The weekly offering envelope is now only for regular fund giving.

There is a separate monthly offering envelope for building fund giving.



HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday, March 21
 7:00 to 9:00 PM
 Kuntz Hall

CONFIRMANDS

Level 1 & 2

Spring Mini-retreat: The Lord's Prayer
 Kuntz Hall
 Saturday, March 5th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Outreach events:

Hope Friendship Dance, March 21st at 7:00 PM
**Additional Outreach Events will be announced in Sunday School as they become available.*

The year is more than half-way over - make sure you have completed all of your requirements!
 Questions? Contact Rachel at confirmationco@gmail.com or 484.347.9406

WELCA
 Tuesday, March 15, 9:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School Room in front of Kuntz Hall





New Members were welcomed to Hope on Sunday January 24th

Jason & Kelly Hankee and Hannah

Ray & Beth Harwick

Suzanne Krock

Ann Minarovic

Kenrick & Jodi Smith and Ava, Maggie & Brycen

Brett Schutter

STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

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

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

The Outreach Ministry Committee has the following activities on the calendar for March:

- Wednesday, March 9 at 3:30 PM > Bethlehem Emergency Shelter
- Wednesday, March 16 at 2:30 PM > St. Stephen's
- Wednesday, March 23 at 5:00 PM > Bethlehem Emergency Shelter
- Monday, March 28 at 5:45 PM > Outreach Committee Meeting

Anyone interested in finding out more about our Outreach Ministry and their activities should attend. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341.

SOUP GROUP

The Soup Group will meet and deliver soup on Wednesday, March 2 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to help with the cooking and/or delivering of soup and visit with homebound members of our church. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler 610-440-0341.



FLOWER SPONSOR CHART

The flower chart for 2016 is posted. Two sponsors (*and only two*) of \$15.00 each are needed each week. Sponsor envelopes are next to the chart, and are due to the office two weeks before the sponsorship.

BULLETIN SPONSOR CHART

The bulletin chart for 2016 is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Three sponsors are needed per week at a cost of \$8.50 per sponsor.

PRESS SPONSOR CHART

The press sponsor chart for 2016 is posted. One sponsor is needed each week for \$6.00 per sponsor.

CENTERING ON PRAYER WITH PASTOR BRIAN



Center Prayer continues on the first and third Mondays at 6:00 PM in Hanson Hall and the first and third Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in the Adult Sunday School Room (behind Kuntz Hall). All are welcome to join at any time. Questions, please speak to Pastor Brian.

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following:

HOLY BAPTISM

Ella Grace Fabel, daughter of Mark and Jessica (Beers) Fabel, was baptized on Sunday, February 21, 2016. She was born in December 2015.

Please welcome Ella as the newest member of our church family.

FUNERAL

Star Paly entered eternal life on February 5, 2016 at the age of 67 years old. Funeral services were held at Reichel Funeral Home.

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

Our noisy offering raised **\$857.52** on Souper Bowl Sunday for ELCA Hunger! Super Sunday indeed!!



HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

A huge thank you to those church members who assisted us during the Lutheran synod painting project. We were able to finish the project a day ahead of schedule with the help of many hands. Kudos to Lee Creyer, Judy Dieter, Lee and Georgene Blose, Kim and Dan Belletti, Laurie and Rod Christman, Cathy Moore and Doug and Leslie Daniel. Over 60 hours were given to complete this project. We also had others that were all ready to help but our work was completed early. Hopefully, others will be able to join us on future projects.



Last day to order crab patties from Hope's Helping Hands is Sunday, March 6th. Pick-up on Sunday, March 13th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in Kuntz Hall kitchen. If unable to get to church to order you can always call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340 to place an order for these delicious crab patties. Stock up now because the next crab patty sale won't be until October! (They freeze very well).



EVANGELISM NEWS

Bible Studies: Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM Evangelism Committee sponsors a weekly Bible Study. The current series is entitled "The Lord's Prayer" written by Douglas Connelly. Come out and be a part of this group; you may join us at any time. Everyone is welcome! This is a very informal study and discussion group.



Day of Prayer: In recognition of day of prayer, Pastor Jami will lead us in a prayer and worship service on Thursday, May 5 beginning at 11:30 AM. This service will be followed by a soup, salad, and dessert luncheon. Aren't we fortunate to be able to pray at any time!



YOUTH GROUP

Vera Bradley Bingo: Saturday, April 23rd The proceeds will benefit the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston. Doors open at 11:00 AM and bingo begins at 12:30 PM. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door for 20 games of bingo. There will also be Specials and a Chinese Auction. The kitchen will be open as well.



We are currently in search of sponsors (individuals or businesses) for our Vera Bradley products. There are four categories of sponsors so individuals do not need to sponsor an entire bag, but have the option of contributing towards one. If you or anyone you know would be willing to be a sponsor for the bingo, please pick up a form from the table in the narthex. We will also have a Chinese Auction at the bingo and welcome any donations of baskets, gift certificates, or other items. Thank you in advance for making a difference in the lives of the young people of our church!

Easter Candy Sale

The youth are selling their homemade Easter candy once again this year! Be sure to visit the youth group board to sign up for your favorite flavors so we can have a box set aside for you. Delivery dates are March 13th or March 20th. Choose from peanut butter, coconut, and peanut roll eggs. New this year is the option of an assorted box. This box will be a mix of all 3 types of eggs. \$10 per box. Sign-up sheets will be available through March 13th. Don't miss out on these tasty treats!

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 March 13th. All clothing must be dropped off by March 18th. More details will follow as March approaches.





New Amazon Program Enables Shoppers to Easily Donate to Their Favorite Nonprofits

Do you shop online with Amazon?

Register at smile.amazon.com. Shop... And designate Hope Lutheran Church as the recipient. .5% of your purchase comes to us direct from Amazon. Hope earned a **\$24.17** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2015.



Flower Sale

The last day to order Easter flowers is Sunday March 13th Please include payment with your order form. Choose from Tulips, crocus, azalea, iris, lily, and hyacinth.

WOMEN OF FAITH

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



Monday, March 28th – we will be watching the movie “Courageous” beginning at 6:00pm. (This was postponed from January due to a snowstorm)

Monday, April 25th - Pastor Jami will be teaching us about the “Bad Girls of the Bible (Part 2)”. This will be a fun and interactive evening which will begin at 6:00pm. Watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted in the narthex.

ALL are invited to attend any of our events that you may be interested in. Any questions, please call Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203.

FROM THE WELLNESS TEAM

March is National Kidney Month

The kidneys are the organs in the middle of the back above the waist. Unless you have donated to someone in need in the past, everyone has two. They perform a number of roles meant to sustain your life, such as removing waste.

It is an unfortunate fact that many people suffering from chronic kidney issues just do not know it; that is because early symptoms are more subtle than most, only truly manifesting when disease has progressed. While it is important to note some common symptoms and signs of kidney issues, it is equally important to remember that only your doctor can correctly diagnose any kidney problems.

10 Signs and Symptoms of Kidney Disease:

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Urination Changes | 6. Leg Pain |
| 2. Rashes | 7. Nausea |
| 3. Fatigue | 8. Swelling |
| 4. Chills | 9. Out of Breath |
| 5. Bad Taste in Mouth | 10. Dizziness |

Look for more information on the bulletin board.

Did you take the Wellness Survey? The Wellness Team wants to help our members with health and wellness topics – but we need to know what you, the member, would like to see offered. In order to help us best meet your needs, please take a few minutes to respond.

Daylight Savings Time

March 12th



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Now is the time to register for Summer! There is more information on the community bulletin board. **NOW HIRING COUNSELORS!** We are currently in the process of hiring summer camp counselors. If you know a fun, exciting and college-aged person, encourage them to apply!

HOPE HELPS THE NORTHAMPTON FOOD BANK

There are still some available spots for volunteers to help at the Northampton Area Food Bank. Hope Church always does a great job providing the needed volunteers to run the food bank during our assigned month. ***Food donations of boxed potatoes, pancake mix and syrup and bottled juice (must be 100% juice) are also needed this month.*** Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support of the Northampton Area Food Bank. Volunteers are needed on the following dates and times:

DAYS/DATES	TIMES	DUTIES
Monday March 7	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Un-packing of delivery (ability to lift)
Wednesdays: March 2, 9 and 16	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Packing of food orders
Thursdays: March 3, 10 and 17	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Distribution of food orders
Fridays: March 18	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Packing of food orders

A sign up list is located on church bulletin board. The Food Bank is located at 1601 Canal Street. For additional information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340.



HOPEFEST!

Hope Fest needs you! Hope Fest is less than four months away and planning meetings have already begun. This year Hope Fest will take place on June 17 and 18. We again are looking for entertainment sponsors. This year we have the Rehrig Brothers on Friday night and The Large Flowers Heads on Saturday night. Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 8 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome! If anyone is interested in helping plan this annual church event or would like to help sponsor a band, please come to our meeting, contact Josh Larkin at (610) 844-5832 or cjoshlarkin@gmail.com, or talk to any committee member you know.

BASKET COMMITTEE NEWS

SPRING BASKET SOCIAL



Friday, April 8, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Ticket drawing begins at 7:30 PM
 Tickets: \$5/card or 3 cards for \$10 - Each card gives you 25 chances to win! Special table of items valued at \$50 and up: tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Proceeds will be divided between the Northampton Area Food Bank and the Hope Lutheran Good Samaritan Fund. Please bring a canned good or nonperishable item for the food bank. Refreshments will be sold along with delicious baked goods!

**anyone interested in donating something for this fund raiser is encouraged to drop off a theme basket, gift card (please include receipt), case of water or soda, or baked goods on the evening of April 7 from 6-8 PM or the morning of April 8 from 10-12:00 PM.*

Questions may be directed to the church office by calling 610-767-7203.

Thank you!

Hope Lutheran Basket Committee

Reminder: The Basket Committee will meet on Monday, March 28 at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall.

INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB BUS TRIP

Join us for a bus trip to Nemours! (DuPont and Gardens Tour) on Thursday, May 19. There will be a house tour, a tour of the gardens and a short time in the garden on your own. The trip is rain or shine – no refunds. The \$52.00 includes the bus, driver tip and two guided tours. The bus departs from Hope Church at 7:30 AM. At 12:15 PM, we will depart the gardens for the Concord Mall for shopping and lunch and depart for home at 3:00 PM. Checks should be payable to Enzo Travel, 3320 Airport Road, Allentown, PA 18109 no later than April 1. Along with your check, include your name, cell number, email.. **The price is based on 40 participants so invite friends, family, neighbors! The trip will be cancelled if the number of 40 is not reached by April 1.* If you have any questions, call Connie at 610-767-8420 or Sara (Enzo Travel) at 610-264-4585.



Lenten Worship in 2016

Every year Hope Lutheran Church has two opportunities for mid-week Lenten worship. This year will be no different. Beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10th we will offer a service each Wednesday at 11:00 AM and another one at 7:00 PM. Here's what the "line up" looks like for 2016...

Mid-week 11:00 AM Service – Open My Life, Lord

How do we open ourselves to God and the work God calls us to do in the world? All too often we simply go through the notions of worship or allow ourselves to be drawn into activities as it happens. But what if we were to intentionally look at all aspects of our lives and open them up? This will be our task at the 11:00 AM mid-week services. Each week we will open a part of ourselves up to Jesus as Pasto Brain and Pastor Jami share the ways we can do this.

- ☩ Wednesday, March 2nd – Open My Ears, Lord
- ☩ Wednesday, March 9th – Open My Heart, Lord
- ☩ Wednesday, March 16th – Open my Life, Lord

Mid-week 7:00 PM Service – Giving It Up

Many of us give up certain things for the forty days of Lent – and this can be very beneficial for us. But this year, let's give up more than chocolate – let's take it a step further by giving up the things that GOD wants us to give up – and not just for forty days, but forever. What might those things be? And how will it help us to give them up? Join Pastor Jami and Pastor Brian as they present this series every Wednesday evening.

- ☩ Wednesday, March 2nd – Giving Up Superiority
- ☩ Wednesday, March 9th – Giving Up Stress
- ☩ Wednesday, March 16th – Giving Up Popularity





Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 20th	8:00 AM	Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Service of the Word
Tuesday March 22nd	Please check Sunday bulletin for time	Stations of the Cross & Labyrinth: Self-Guided Journey Opens
Wednesday March 23rd	Please check Sunday bulletin for time	Stations of the Cross & Labyrinth: Self-Guided Journey
Maundy Thursday March 24th	11:00 AM	Holy Communion w/ Luncheon to Follow (sign up in narthex)
	7:00 PM	Holy Communion w/ Symbolic Foot Washing (sign up in narthex)
	Please check Sunday bulletin for time	Stations of the Cross & Labyrinth: Self-Guided Journey
Good Friday March 25th	12 Noon	Community Service @ St. Paul's Indianland
	7:00 PM	Tenebrae
	Please check Sunday bulletin for time	Stations of the Cross & Labyrinth: Self-Guided Journey Closes
	11:00 PM	Prayer Vigil begins (sign up in narthex)
Saturday March 26th	all day	Prayer Vigil continues
	5:00 AM	Prayer Vigil ends
Easter Sunday March 27th	6:00 AM	Holy Communion Sunrise Service
	8:00 AM	Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Holy Communion
	7 – 10:30 AM	Breakfast in Kuntz Hall



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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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REGARDING	CALL	PHONE NO.
Basket Cmte	Linda Sidor	610-767-8372
Boy Scouts	Tom Nichols	732-547-7118
Church Website	Tom Perry	610-261-0743
Confirmation	Rachel Holencik	610-767-7203
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Hope Fest	Josh Larkin	610-844-5832
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Memorial Garden	Barry Ritter	610-428-2320
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VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
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CORE  **PURPOSE**
Statement

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



Dear Congregational council,

Thank you very much for the kind year-end bonus. It is always nice to be remembered in such a special way during Christmas. This year 100% of this bonus was donated to the Hope's Helping Hands team to help them further their ministry.

Thank you,

David Ziegler

Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

I wanted to thank the congregation for your Christmas card and gift. It has been such a blessing being here and I look forward to all this new year will bring. I'm honored to be your pastor and wish you all the best for a happy and healthy 2016!

Peace, Pastor Brian

Prayer Shawl Committee,

Thank you very much for the beautiful scarf and for thinking of me while I am away at college. Now that it is finally cold I can wear it and keep warm!

Thanks again!

Kasey Frey

THANK YOU! We just wanted you to know that we received your gift. We truly appreciate your support! Thank you so much for your generous donation!

Dan, Bear Creek Camp

Dear Neighbor,

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a personal "THANK YOU" for your donation of \$100 to our 2015 Fund Drive. We can assure you that your donation is being put to good use in acquiring and maintain the costly equipment necessary to provide quality Fire Protection Services to the community that we serve. Thank you for helping us to help you. We look forward to your continued support in 2016.

Sincerely,

Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

Words of thanks

Steve Paly thanks all the members of Hope that sent sympathy cards and warm wishes to brighten my spirits. A special thank you to the soup groups women for their dedication to my wife and me the last several years.

Steven Paly

Dear Hope Lutheran Basket Committee, Thrivent Financial and Friends of Hope,

Thank you for your contribution of \$2710.50 (\$2210.50 raised at your 2015 Spring Social and \$500.00 Care Abounds in Communities monies) donated to The Northampton Area Food Bank last spring. Financial support enables us to purchase necessary food and supplies and to maintain the operations of the distribution and storage facility. Donations of canned goods and boxed food are always needed, especially during the holidays and summer months. Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. 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

Dear Hope Council,

Thank you for the scholarship money you awarded me at the end of the summer. As I'm sure you know, college is not cheap these days so every little bit of assistance helps. It's nice to know that I had that money to pay for my textbooks this semester, which totaled over \$700. Our church is definitely something I truly miss while I am away at school. Thank you again for the scholarship money and I will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Mikayla Ninos

Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the money. It is helping me pay for school and pay for my tools that are needed for class.

Sincerely,

Cory Ninos