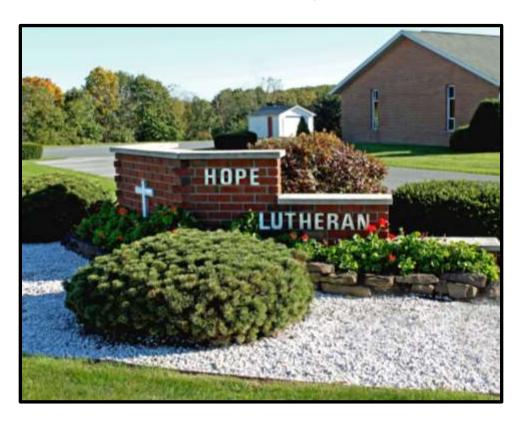
# HOPE HOME NEWS

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		Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden	
	Regular			Loan		
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 79,131.40	\$106,630.01	\$106,347.01	\$ 93,081.10	\$	(6,461.92)
Income - February	30,059.49	1,732.54	2,531.60	25.00		.=
Income - January	32,240.28	1,752.45	2,304.33	(263.19)	8	25
Total Income	62,299.77	3,484.99	4,835.93	(238.19)		=
Expenses - February	31,288.32	99.00	1,070.00	- 12N		25
Expenses - January	36,964.65	1,425.67	582.50	2,000.00		<b></b>
Total Expenses	68,252.97	1,524.67	1,652.50	2,000.00	8	2 3
Net Income	(5,953.20)	1,960.32	3,183.43	(2,238.19)		
Net Special Appeals	724.65	701 20	70 E	S - 20 - 20 S	8	9
Balance End of February	\$ 73,902.85	\$108,590.33	\$109,530.44	\$ 90,842.91	\$	(6,461.92)
SUMMARY:						

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of February by \$1,228.83, and for the year 2017, expenses exceeded income by \$5,953.20, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$73,902.85. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(4,603.17) with a balance of \$72,218.86.

# **NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

All committees, groups and persons submitting content for the church newsletter should follow the schedule listed below. Articles may be edited so we do not exceed Post Office guidelines. Please email your articles to Nina Weiss (communications@hopecherryville.org). Thank you.

<b>Edition</b>	<b>Article Deadline</b>	<b>Collation Date</b>
May	Friday, April 21 @ Noon	Thursday, April 27 @ 10:00 AM
June	Friday, May 19 @ Noon	Thursday, May 25 @ 10:00 AM

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 April 2017 issue of** Synod News is available online. Visit <a href="http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2017-04.pdf">http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news-2017-04.pdf</a>























<sup>\*\*</sup> The current income statement is posted in the narthex. \*\*

#### **GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...**

#### From Pastor Jami Possinger



As I sit writing this article, we have only three more mid-week Lenten services and then we will be rushing headlong into Holy Week. Starting with Palm Sunday and moving into the Triduum (the three days) which include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we walk our way through Lent to Easter Sunday morning. I really do love this season — it is filled with so many images, stories and good news!

Over the years I have noticed that lots of people don't take advantage of the wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth that Holy Week offers. So many folks I know come to

church on Palm Sunday and symbolically wave their palms in praise of Jesus our Lord and go back to their daily lives forgetting that the greatest story ever told is about to be retold throughout Holy Week. And those same folks show up on Easter Sunday to celebrate Jesus resurrection without ever recognizing that Jesus had to have died in order to be resurrected. They skip right over the painful moments of his disciples' betrayal, his trail, his beating and his death. And I wonder why that happens.

Maybe we don't intentionally make the time to hear the story again. Maybe we don't want to hear the painful parts. Maybe we just want to experience the high points of the Christian life and pass over the difficult ones.

But if you are one of those folks who move from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday – without experiencing any parts of Holy Week – here is what you are missing...

- Jesus last supper with his disciples and the "first-ever communion"
- Jesus washing the feet of the disciples
- Jesus struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane where he wonders if this is the way it has to unfold
- Jesus arrest and trial and flogging
- Peter's denial of Jesus just as Jesus predicted
- Jesus journey to Golgatha to be hung on a cross
- Jesus death, the earthquake and the rending of the curtain in the temple
- Jesus' body being placed in a tomb and sealed

And how does this get celebrated during Holy week?

- Holy Communion and a reenactment of foot washing on Maundy Thursday
- Stripping of the altar and covering the chancel in black as we prepare for Jesus' death
- Dramatically retelling of the story of Jesus death during Tenebrae (service of the shadows) on Good Friday
- Prayer vigil during the time Jesus laid in the tomb from Good Friday to Easter morning

So, you are invited to not just walk through Holy Week but to *LIVE* through Holy Week. You are invited to hear the stories, share the meal, experience the darkness and be stilled by the silence so that when you arrive on Easter Sunday morning the joy of the resurrection is even more joyful because you **lived** through it all.

Lenten Blessings, Pastor Jami



**PLEASE NOTE** – we ask that no beverages are brought into the church. We appreciate your cooperation!

# **PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS**

Light and darkness have a great deal to do with both the physical life and the spiritual life. As the snow melts



and days lengthen, we know spring is approaching. And one of the most drastic shifts is when we set our clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time. Even though it's still cold after and we usually get more snow, the longer days are a reminder of the promise of spring. It's fitting that the season of Lent usually surrounds the end of winter and beginning of spring. As we put ashes on our foreheads and remember our mortality, the days are usually dark and cold. And

by the time we are rejoicing in our Lord's Resurrection, it is as if the entire creation is rejoicing with us — grasses showing, flowers blooming, leaves filling barren tress. It is truly a Light-filled experience.

It has been fun exploring themes of the Reformation this Lent. I've enjoyed leading 11:00 AM Wednesday services on major Reformation themes like forgiveness, justification by grace through faith, and the priesthood of all believers. I loved learning about Martin Luther in college and seminary. It was a time of great historical importance that shined light on a corrupt church and inspired many disheartened Christians in medieval Europe. The light of the Gospel was seen more clearly and people's lives were transformed. I hope this Lent and this 500th year of the anniversary of the Reformation provides a time for you to learn more about the history of the Lutheran church, to further reform your own understanding of our world, and for Light to shine on your relationship with God.

This April, as we continue to explore themes of the Reformation, I hope you will take time to reflect on the light and darkness of the outside world and in your own inner world. Holy Week and the Easter season offers an excellent time to strengthen our disciplines began in Lent and contemplate further what Christ endured for us and the abundant life He offers. May the Light of Easter shine in your life this month. I pray it will be a time of devotion and refreshment, that you feel the renewal of the seasons and the inspiration and joy of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Blessings, Pastor Brian

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# Monday, April 17 7:00 to 9:00 PM Kuntz Hall

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

#### WELCA

- WELCA meeting Tuesday, April 18 at 9:00 AM
- WELCA Spring Cluster Event, Saturday, April 22, Weisenberg Church, Registration 8:30 AM \$3.00

#### PRAYER SHAWL

The group meets the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM. All are welcome any time.



The last day to order Easter flowers is Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please include payment with your order form.

Choose from tulip, daffodil, crocus, azalea, iris, lily, and hyacinth.

# **SOUP DINNER & TABLE TALK DURING LENT**

Join us as we gather for soup and table talk before midweek worship service on Wednesdays (March 29 and April 5). There's a signup sheet on the board if you're inclined to make soup to share. 6:00 to 7:00 PM.



#### THEMES FOR LENTEN SERVICES AND CORRESPONDING TEXTS

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

The Always-Reforming Church2 Corinthians 3:12-18

#### **REFORMATION 500 EDUCATIONAL EVENT**

Have you ever wondered when the foundations of the Protestant Reformation happened and who was involved? Are you interested in what happened to those people who stood up to the Catholic Church in the lead-up to the Reformation and once it began? Do you have any idea what their lasting impact has been on Christianity? If you answered yes to any of these questions you may want to join Pastor Jami on the Sundays during Lent to explore these questions. For six Sundays (March 5<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>) at 9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall we will be introduced to six reformers – their lives, their witness and their impact on the faith of many – through a video series entitled "Reformation Overview." Based on the Gateway Films/Vision Video church history film series, these six programs vividly bring to life the Reformation, its colorful leaders, and history-shaping turning points. Here is a list of the characters we will cover:

- John Wycliffe Called the "Morningstar," this courageous forerunner paved the way for momentous changes to come.
- John Hus He carried forth Wycliffe's groundbreaking work. His passionate calls for reform brought him before the Council of Constance.
- Martin Luther He wanted only the quiet solitude of the monastery. There this guilt-burdened monk discovered the freedom of the Gospel.
- Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin They led the Reformation in Switzerland. Both capable scholars, they had
  to interpret the newly recovered dimensions of the Gospel in the midst of a hurricane of change, social
  chaos and fierce opposition.
- The Anabaptists Called "the Radicals," they were opposed by just about everyone –Catholics,
   Protestants, and political leaders.
- God's Outlaw: William Tyndale This humble, young scholar became one of the most hunted fugitives ever, pursued by King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, Sir Thomas More and others.

Get into the Reformation 500 Spirit and join Pastor Jami for this series.



# **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – MARCH 2017**

- ☼ We are in need of two delegates one male, one female for the 2017 Synod Assembly which will be held on June 2 & 3 at Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. The congregation pays all the expenses for church delegates. If you are interested in this opportunity or need more information please speak to Pastor Jami.
- Council approved the painting of Kuntz Hall as presented by the Property Committee. Payment will be made from the Building Fund.
- Council offers this reminder to members: There is a monthly envelope in our packets that is designated for the Building Fund. This fund is used for capital improvements to our facility. Projects such as the painting of Kuntz Hall are paid out of this fund. Please remember to use the building fund envelope every month.
- The Stewardship Committee is once again launching "The Church Has Left the Building" program on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10:30 AM worship service. Members are invited to watch for the sign-up sheets and choose a project area in which they would like to be involved. The afternoon begins with a luncheon in Kuntz Hall, launching projects into the community or here at the church and returning at around 3:00 PM for an ice cream social.
- the next Coffee with the Council is scheduled for Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall. Members are encouraged to join the council for refreshments and time to ask questions, share concerns, review financial information, etc.
- Throughout the month of March members will be offered the opportunity to complete a survey that will help us discern the time(s) of our summer worship service(s). Surveys results will be compiled for the Worship and Music Committee and Council to review. Please help us by completing this anonymous survey and share your input. You can also complete the survey online by visiting <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZSZXWF">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZSZXWF</a>.
- THANK YOU to Lee Blose, Earl Synder and Ed Tretiak for the installation of the beautiful rails that were placed in the chancel area to assist worship leaders and altar guild members as they use the stairs. The lack of a railing was a safety concern because over the years some of our altar guild members have fallen as they as they fulfilled their Sunday duties. We are blessed to have talented people like Lee, Earl and Ed who graciously give their time and talents to improve our facility!
- THANK YOU to Pastor Jerry Mraz for all his work with the AV Team as the projectors and cameras were installed in the sanctuary. This project was quite a large undertaking planning, raising the funds and installation. Jerry took time to meet with many different people and oversee the completion of this project. Jerry continues to recruit and train people who are interested in running the equipment on a Sunday morning.

#### **ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING**

We realize most people don't carry cash or a checkbook anymore. To make it easy for both members and visitors to express their generosity during the Easter season, we offer electronic giving options that allow you to contribute when and how you prefer. You'll find that electronic giving is fast, secure and easy to use. Visit the church website at

www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.

### **GIVE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE**

Make a contribution from your smart phone anytime by locating the Online Giving link on our home page... <a href="https://www.hopecherryville.org">www.hopecherryville.org</a>.



# **WORSHIP SCHEDULE – APRIL 2017**

#### Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

**9:15 AM** Reformation Overview Kuntz Hall

**10:30 AM** Service of the Word

# Wednesday, April 5, 2017

11:00 AM Lenten Worship

7:00 PM Lenten Worship

# Sunday, April 9, 2017

#### Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Service of the Word

9:15 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM Reformation Overview Kuntz Hall

**10:30 AM** Holy Communion

# Thursday, April 13, 2017

**Maundy Thursday** 

**11:00 AM** Holy Communion / Luncheon **7:00 PM** Holy Communion / Foot Washing

# Friday, April 14, 2017

**Good Friday** 

**12 Noon** Community Service (here at Hope)

7:00 PM Tenebrae

9:00 PM Prayer Vigil Begins

# Saturday, April 15, 2017

**Prayer Vigil Continues** 

# **Sunday, April 16, 2017**

**Easter Sunday** 

7:00 - 10:30 AM Breakfast

6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service/Holy Communion

8:00 AM Holy Communion

10:30 AM Holy Communion

# Sunday April 23, 2017

8:00 AM Service of the Word

9:15 AM Sunday School

**10:30 AM** Holy Communion

# Sunday, April 30, 2017

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion



# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

# July 10-14, 2017 "Hero Central"

Your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God. They will become Super Heroes and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. Classes are from 9 AM until 12 noon, with a closing program on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Ages from 3 year olds (potty trained) to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Register at **vbs.hopecherryville.org** or by complete a registration form located in the narthex. A t-shirt is provided for each student registering by Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lots of help will be needed so please consider volunteering. A staff nursery is provided for volunteers if you have younger children who are not old enough to attend. Volunteers need to register as well.



So come soar yourself into God's unstoppable love. For faster registrations, use the QR code below.



#### **FLOWER SPONSOR CHART**

The flower chart for 2017 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 2017 is posted. Three sponsors are needed per week at a cost of \$8.50 per sponsor.

#### **PRESS SPONSOR CHART**

The press sponsor chart for 2017 is posted. One sponsor is needed per week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor



Car Wash for a Cause: Save the date! Saturday May 13! Youth group and Confirmation students and mentors will be hosting a car wash, with half the money raised going to youth group and the other half to a charity of the students' choice (TBD).



# **HOPE'S HELPING HANDS**

Crab patty orders will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12 PM in the Kuntz Hall kitchen. Thanks for your support!



Thank you to everyone who helped during March at the Northampton Area Food Bank. The board of the food bank and more especially the clients of the food bank really appreciate the efforts made by Hope members to staff the Food Bank during the month of March. Your

assistance and willingness to change schedules due to weather was great. The Food Bank would be unable to continue to offer services

to the needy members of the school district without the help of numerous volunteers from a number of local churches and other organizations. Once again, Hope demonstrated that we are: People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and



serve others. A special thank you to Chip Hunsicker, Jean Leibenguth, Doug and Leslie Daniel, and Lee and Georgene Blose who not only volunteer during March with other Hope members, but who are there throughout the year assisting at the food bank. Also thanks to Linda Sidor who serves as a member of the fundraising committee of the food bank and assists with the many fundraising events that are held by the food bank.

**Upcoming Event:** We will be hosting a coffee hour in May where we will be presenting a slide show of some of the work that Helping Hands has done during the past year, so you can see where some of our fundraising dollars are spent. Watch upcoming newsletters and bulletins for more information and for exact day and time.

#### **WOMEN OF FAITH**

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

Monday, April 24 – Movie Night. We will be going to see the movie, "The Shack". If the movie is not playing in a local theater, we will have a movie night here at the church.

<u>Wednesday, April 24<sup>h</sup></u> – we will join with Hope's Wellness Team at their Lunch and Learn Workshop. (12:15 PM). Bring a bag lunch and we will provide beverages and desserts.

<u>Wednesday, May 3</u> – we will join with Hope's Wellness team for their evening workshop. (6:00 PM). We will provide beverages and desserts.

<u>Sunday, May 21</u> — we will participate in Hope's "The Church Has Left the Building" day. Everyone is welcome to attend any events you may have interest in! Questions, call Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203. Watch the weekly bulletins for more information on the above events.



# **HOPE NIGHT AT THE IRON PIGS**

Wednesday June 28
7:05 PM
Iron Pigs vs
Pawtucket Red Sox
\$11 by May 21<sup>st</sup>
Youth Fleece Blanket 12 and under
Sign up on the bulletin board

# **WELLNESS TEAM**

# **IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME (IBS)**

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) affects up to 10 - 15% of adults and has a significant worldwide prevalence. Although IBS is not associated with an increased risk for lifethreatening illness, it is associated with a significant health care and economic burden.



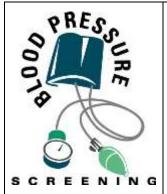
Studies have shown that IBS patients have an increased number of outpatient health care visits, diagnostic tests, and surgeries. IBS can also severely compromise a person's quality of life. IBS is second only to the common cold as a cause of absenteeism from work.

IBS is best understood as a long-term or recurrent disorder of gastrointestinal (GI) functioning. It usually involves the large intestine (colon) and small intestine with disturbances of intestine/bowel (gut) motor function (motility) and sensation. These gut related activities are regulated by the brain. This may also be impaired, which is why IBS is often called a brain-gut disorder.

These disturbances can produce symptoms of abdominal pain or discomfort, bloating, or a sense of gaseousness, and a change in bowel habits. Please check the bulletin board for causes, signs and symptoms, and treatment.

<u>For your information and education</u>: Visit the Wellness Team's carousel in the narthex for educational information regarding medical conditions. Please be patient as we are in the process of stocking it, and feel free to help yourself to information.

<u>The Wellness Team and Women of Faith invite you to join us for</u>: A "Lunch and Learn" to be held April 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. Liz Buresh, from Good Shepherd rehab in Laury's Station will be speaking to us about exercise, fall prevention, balance and proper body mechanics, while we enjoy a brown bag lunch and each other's company. Dessert and beverage provided. If you cannot attend a daytime meeting, we will offer the same event the evening of May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM. The topic will be different and we will serve dessert and beverages. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet.



The next Blood Pressure
Screening by the
Wellness Team is on
Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>
following both worship
services in the
conference room.

# **THRIVENT AND MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLANS**

On Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM, our Thrivent representative, Kristen Edelman-Weiner, will be here to meet with members of the congregation who wish to compare their supplemental Medicare plans with Thrivent rates or, if they do not have a supplemental plan, Thrivent can guide them to a plan best suited to their individual needs. Thrivent is a preferred provider in Pennsylvania. If you are interested, please sign up at your preferred time on the sheet in the Narthex. If you are unable to meet with her on that day, you can schedule a private appointment with her. Her phone number is 610-377-3493.

#### **PASTORAL ACTS**

#### **FUNERALS**

<u>Robert A. Wescott</u> entered eternal life on March 11, 2017 at the age of 74. Services were held here at Hope Church on March 18, 2017. Pastor Jami officiated

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

#### **BAPTISMS**

<u>Samantha Amber Neff</u> was baptized on March 12, 2017. Samantha is the daughter of Matthew and Justina (Bufogle) Neff. Samantha was born in September 2008. Pastor Brian officiated

Please welcome Samantha as our newest baptized member of faith.

#### **CONFIRMANDS**

There are no Confirmation events for April besides your regular Sunday mornings. But those of you who have not yet fulfilled your Outreach Event requirement, you can do so by volunteering at the Basket Social this month, Friday April 21.

And remember Level 2 students: the first weekend in May is our weekend retreat, the culminating event of your Confirmation career! Be ready for an epic adventure Friday May 5 through Sunday May 7 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in the Poconos!

If you are unable to attend any events, please see Pastor Brian for makeup work. Call or email with any questions/concerns: <a href="mailto:asstpastor@hopecherryville.org">asstpastor@hopecherryville.org</a>

### **YOUTH GROUP**



Thanks to everyone who came to the youth group sleepover in March! Also thanks for your clothing donations and pierogie purchases. Our April event is a visit to **Free Fall Trampoline Park Sunday, April 2** after church. We'll take the church van and stop for lunch on the way, returning no later than 4:00 PM.

**April POW is Wednesday April 12 at 5:30 PM** — join us for pizza, games, and worship!

Youth going to the National Youth Gathering will be making Easter candy on Saturday April 1 and Saturday April 8. We'll also be hosting Vera-Bradley Saturday April 29. Be sure to help out and earn fundraising points!

<u>Easter Candy</u>: Hope's youth group will be selling our homemade Easter Candy again this year. It is \$10 per box, your choice of peanut butter, coconut, peanut roll, or a mixed box. Sign-up to buy your favorite flavors on the youth group bulletin board!

Vera Bradley Bingo: Youth going to the National Youth Gathering in 2018 are hosting Vera Bradley Bingo on

Vera Bradley

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Doors open at 11:00 AM and bingo starts at 12:30 PM. Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked goods, popcorn, and other food items will be available for purchase. There will be door prizes as well as a Chinese Auction. Please come enjoy this exciting day, support

Hope's youth, and win some excellent prizes!

Also, we are currently looking for sponsors (individuals or businesses) for our Vera Bradley products. If you or anyone you know would be willing to be a sponsor for the bingo, please pick up a sponsor form from the narthex. We also welcome any donations of baskets, gift certificates, or other items for our Chinese Auction. Thanks in advance for all your support and for making a difference in the lives of the young people of our church!



Congratulations to the fifth grade class that celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Rorie Anderson, Jordan Chandler, Jessica Erkinger, Lucy Follweiler, Hannah Harwick, Aiden Maltese, Trent Moyer, Payton Neff, Claudia Pereira, Aubrey Rehrig, Matthew Rousenberger, Nora Sekol, Aiden Sell, Brance Shoenberger, Emma Smith, Kaitlyn Steuer, Caylee Strohl, Delaney Szwast, Lucas Vadelund, Elijah Weiss, Kody Ziegenfus

Thank you to their teachers for all the time, love and energy they put into preparing our children to receive this sacrament. The students received a study Bible and a corsage or boutonniere provided by the church.



#### **FAMILY CAMP**

Camp is known for creating memories and making new friends, which are two of the many amazing things that happen at our Family Camps! Plus you get great faith formation, high ropes, lake time and countless other fun activities!

Summer Family Camp Week (July 2-7)

http://bearcreekcamp.org/the-experience/

Memorial Day Family Camp (May 26-29)

http://bearcreekcamp.org/weekend-family-camps/

#### VIBRANT FAITH TRAINING SCHOOL

For the first time on the East Coast Vibrant Faith Training School is offering a 9 month long course in Children, Youth & Family Ministry, which includes one week of training onsite at BCC!

This training is open to anyone. <a href="http://bearcreekcamp.org/vibrant-faith-training-school/">http://bearcreekcamp.org/vibrant-faith-training-school/</a>



Shopping for Easter gifts at Amazon?

Shop through <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a> and Amazon will donate .5% of sales back to Hope Lutheran Church!

Our direct link... <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1948837">smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1948837</a>

#### **BASKET COMMITTEE NEWS**



# **SPRING BASKET SOCIAL**

Friday, April 21, 2017
Doors Open at 4 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 Church 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 fundraiser is encouraged to drop off a theme basket, gift card (please include receipt), case of water or soda, or wrapped baked goods on the evening of April 20 from 6-8 PM or the morning of April 21 from 10-12 PM. Questions may be directed to the church office by calling 610-767-7203.

Thank You!

The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church



The Basket Committee will be selling jewelry at Hope Fest. We'll have a box in the narthex for donations beginning in early May. Scour your jewelry boxes for any kind of jewelry – even broken pieces – and jewelry boxes, too!



Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the warm beautiful prayer shawls you donated to the St. Stephen's Outreach Center in Allentown. The after school children in our Playing in the Park program were delighted and excited to receive such a useful gift. I see them wearing their shawls daily as they arrive to work on their homework, have a snack, and to have fun together before sharing a meal and going home at the end of the day.

With our thanks, appreciation and continued blessings for Hope Church,

#### Linda Forand

Coordinator of Children's Programs (please see the cute photos on the bulletin board!)



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