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Worship Hours

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School

9:15 AM

Church Office Hours

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM M, W, Th, F

9:00 – 3:00 PM Tu

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 31, 2017

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 79,131.40	\$106,630.01	\$106,347.01	\$ 93,081.10	\$ (6,461.92)
Income - January	32,240.28	1,752.45	2,304.33	(263.19)	-
Expenses - January	36,964.65	1,425.67	582.50	2,000.00	-
Net Income	(4,724.37)	326.78	1,721.83	(2,263.19)	-
Net Special Appeals	-				
Balance End of January	\$ 74,407.03	\$106,956.79	\$108,068.84	\$ 90,817.91	\$ (6,461.92)

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of January by \$4,724.37, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$74,407.03.

Last year the net income for the same period was \$(3,212.37) with a balance of \$73,545.66.

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

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.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
April	Friday, March 17 @ Noon	Thursday, March 23 @ 10:00 AM
May	Friday, April 21 @ Noon	Thursday, April 27 @ 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 March 2017 issue of ***Synod News*** is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2017-03.pdf>



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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger



40! It's not my age – at least not anymore. But it is a significant number. It appears time and again in the Bible. It rained for forty days and nights when God cleansed the world with a great flood and saved Noah and his family. Moses spent 40 days on the mountain with God – twice. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness before they entered the Promised Land. Jonah warned the city of Ninevah they had 40 days to repent or God would destroy the city. Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness before he began his ministry. Jesus appeared on earth for 40 days after his resurrection and before he ascended into heaven. And 40 is also the number of days in the Lenten season.

40... lots of folks say that if you can do something or refrain from doing something for 40 days it becomes a new behavior. If you begin to eat more healthy food and you do it for 40 days you are more likely to continue to eat healthily. If you begin to exercise and you do it for 40 days you are more likely to continue to exercise. If you quit smoking and you do it for 40 days you are more likely to kick the habit.

With all that in mind, the Lenten season of 40 days offers us some unique opportunities. Many Christians during the season of Lent practice some kind of Lenten discipline. It may be fasting from something, praying daily, attending mid-week services in addition to Sunday worship or simply paying attention to the voice of God through quiet, meditative time. Lent encourages us to slow down, reflect on our relationship with God and discern God's will for us. And just as eating healthy food for 40 days might start us on the path of lifelong healthy eating habits, spending time with God for 40 days will help us set a pattern of putting God first in our lives.

Lent begins on March 1st – Ash Wednesday. I invite you to worship with me that day and every Wednesday in Lent. I challenge you for 40 days to eliminate something from your life that sucks the life out of you and then add a spiritual discipline for 40 days that will be life-giving to you.

- ❖ Read the Bible or a daily devotional each day.
- ❖ Spend a few minutes in prayer with God.
- ❖ Take time each day to recall a God-sighting – something that makes you aware of God's presence even for just a moment
- ❖ Spend some quiet time listening for what God may be saying to you.
- ❖ Spend some time in service to others.
- ❖ Make a point of being positive for 40 days or smiling at everyone you pass.

Whatever it is – do it for 40 days during the season of Lent – focusing on your relationship with God and your life of faith. And share what you are doing with me and other people you know. Take the opportunity to talk with others about how your Lenten discipline is affecting you. Who knows...maybe after doing it for 40 days you will find that you want to continue that discipline for a lifetime!

Lenten Blessings, Pastor Jami



Monday, March 20

7:00 to 9:00 PM Kuntz Hall

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



New Members were welcomed to Hope on Sunday February 26th

Jennifer Erkinger and children, Jessica and Jonathan

Mary Green

Valarie Gross

Carol Kunkle

Randy & Judy Stubits

Meredith Misko ,and children Ella and Jack

Glenn & Diane Wampole

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – MARCH 2017

<p><u>Wednesday, March 1, 2017</u> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 11:00 AM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 5, 2017</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Reformation 500 Kuntz Hall 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 8, 2017</u> 11:00 AM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 12, 2017</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Reformation 500 Kuntz Hall 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 15, 2017</u> 11:00 AM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 19, 2017</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Reformation 500 Kuntz Hall 10:30 AM Holy Communion / Girl Scout Sunday</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 22, 2017</u> 11:00 AM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 26, 2017</u> <i>First Communion</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Reformation 500 Kuntz Hall 10:30 AM Holy Communion / First Communion</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, March 29, 2017</u> 11:00 AM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p>

PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS

As many of you know my beloved New England Patriots won the Super Bowl this past month in epic fashion: coming behind from 28-3 to tie the game 28-28 in the fourth quarter and win on the first possession in overtime—making history in the first overtime game in Super Bowl history, the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history, and Brady and Belichick's fifth Super Bowl win, the most in Super Bowl history! Other big sporting news this month is that the UConn Women's basketball team won their 100th consecutive game—a record spanning three seasons and counting!



Now I could probably write an entire article about how much I love the Patriots or UConn basketball, but the reason I'm bringing them up is to admit that for whatever reason the success of certain group of people ("my" teams) has quite the impact on my personal happiness. It's irrational, but it's something I'm working on. You see, it's great when they win. But I remember years the Patriots lost the Super Bowl and feeling upset about it for months. My first truly heartbreaking sports moment was in 2003 when the Boston Red Sox lost Game 7 of the ALCS in extra innings to the dreaded "Evil Empire" aka the New York Yankees. Why is it that some of us identify so much with a group of men or women with whom we have no connection, aside from the fact they may or may not be the team representing our geographic region?

Our minds seem to have a pattern of wanting to grab onto groups to give us a stronger sense of self by associating ourselves with "our team," creating the illusion of a more important "us". It's not wrong to root for a sports team, but your emotions won't lie to you: if you've invested too much of your personal happiness on the outcome of a game you'll be able to tell. And it goes far beyond sports to political parties, ethnic groups, and religious organizations. Whenever we over-identify with any particular group (Pennsylvanians, Americans, Democrats, Republicans) we are missing our calling to be one people the world over. We can lose sight of what's right and pay attention only to the party line. Even being Christian at the expense of inclusively incorporating the entire human family into our sense of self can be damaging. In fact, the early church went out of its way to be religiously inclusive. The writings of the New Testament reflect Christians like Paul exploring the greatness of God's promises via the new covenant given through Jesus while still maintaining the old covenant made with the Jews. I once had a seminary professor who said, "Of course the Holy Spirit is active in other religions, that's what it means to have a Trinitarian God!" This doesn't mean it's not important to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ—in fact it means it's even better Good News than we imagined!

Realizing we are children of God and brothers and sisters with all of the human family, we can live our lives recognizing our oneness rather than letting differences divide us. We can listen better, honor each other's points of view, and appreciate each other's stories, opinions, and heritage. Diversity flourishes in a world where unity is recognized deep within every heart. People are not afraid to be different when we know we are all one at the core. We don't need to live with an "us and them" mentality, because Christ has broken the bonds of all that separates us and united us as children of God. As Paul wrote to the Galatians, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

So as we embark on the journey of Lent this month, let us reflect on how we can better be the unique individuals God created us to be, and strive to recognize the oneness we have with God, each other, and all of creation. Let us recognize our attachments and tribal identities and surrender them to God. And let us practice living into light and love and being the Kingdom People we're called to be.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Brian

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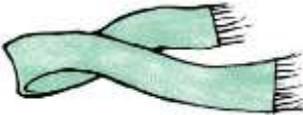
COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRARY 2017

- ⚓ Council has approved surveying the congregation regarding summer worship hours. The survey will be distributed on the following Sundays: March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.
- ⚓ The Youth Group will be holding a Clothing Drive from Sunday, March 12th through Friday, March 17th. Items can be dropped off during office hours or each night at the “drive through” at the Kuntz Hall rear door (youth group members will be available to unload bags). Proceeds will be used to support the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in July 2018 in Houston, Texas.
- ⚓ The Property Committee will be working on a master plan for landscaping around the Memorial Garden. Currently there is the possibility of two trees being donated as well as a butterfly garden that will be incorporated into the plan.
- ⚓ Save the date for the Youth Group Vera Bradley Bingo on Saturday, April 29th. This is one of their largest fundraisers for the ELCA Youth Gathering.
- ⚓ A reminder to members of the congregation that there is a monthly Building Fund Envelope in each member’s packet. The Building Fund is used for capital improvements to our facility and members are encouraged to use the envelopes monthly to help keep this fund growing.
- ⚓ The next Coffee with the Council is scheduled for Sunday, April 30th at 9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall. Members may attend and ask questions, share concerns, review financial information, etc.

WELCA

WELCA meeting Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 AM

PRAYER SHAWL



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

CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Brian will continue his centering prayer sessions the first and third Tuesdays at 6:00 PM and the first and third Wednesdays at 2:00 PM of each month. The classes will be using a new book, “*The Shack*” (\$10.00 each). All are welcome to join at any time. Speak to Pastor Brian with any questions.



HOPE’S HELPING HANDS

It is crab patty time again for Hope's Helping Hands just in time for Lent and those who are looking for a meat alternative for meals! We will be selling crab patties and lobster bisque soup after church services on Sundays - March 12, March 19 and March 26. Crab patties are 6 oz. and can be bought either breaded or unbreaded for \$5.00 each. The lobster bisque soup comes in a 16 oz. container and sells for \$4.00. We had great feedback on the lobster bisque soup that we offered for the first time in October. Everything is made and packaged by Todd's Island Seafood in Allentown. See any Hope's Helping Hands member to order or you can call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340 if you miss us at church. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, April 2nd from 9:00 AM to 12 PM in the Kuntz Hall kitchen. Thanks to everyone for supporting our fundraisers throughout the year.



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.

REFORMATION 500 EDUCATIONAL EVENT

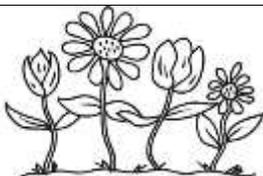
Have you ever wondered when the foundations of the Protestant Reformation happened and who was involved? Are you interested in what happened to those people who stood up to the Catholic Church in the lead-up to the Reformation and once it began? Do you have any idea what their lasting impact has been 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 5th through April 9th) 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.

THEMES FOR LENTEN SERVICES AND CORRESPONDING TEXTS

Wednesday, March 1st Ash Wednesday	Forgiveness and the Office of the Keys John 20:19-23
Wednesday, March 8th	Justification by Grace Through Faith Romans 3:21-26
Wednesday, March 15th	The Authority of Scripture 2 Timothy 3:14-17
Wednesday, March 22nd	The Priesthood of All Believers 1 Peter 2:9-10
Wednesday, March 29th	The Freedom of the Christian Ephesians 2:4-10
Wednesday, April 5th	The Always-Reforming Church 2 Corinthians 3:12-18



Flower Sale

The last day to order Easter flowers is Sunday April 2nd. 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. Five Wednesdays (March 8, 15, 22, 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.





Hope Lutheran Cherryville maintains a separate account specifically for the building fund. This fund assures financing for capital improvements of our facility, as well as emergencies that may arise throughout the year. Did you know... there are special monthly envelopes just for the building fund? Take a look in your envelope box, and donate to the building fund in 2017.

BASKET COMMITTEE NEWS

**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

WOMEN OF FAITH

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

We would like to thank Pastor Jami for teaching us about prayer beads and helping us make our very own set to take home with us at our February meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 27th at 6:00 PM in Hanson Hall. All are welcome to join us anytime. Call Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203 with any questions.



**Daylight Savings Time
March 12th**



Time to
Spring Ahead

WELLNESS TEAM

March is National Kidney Month

Your kidneys are vital organs. This means that you cannot survive without them. Most people are born with two kidneys, but some people are born with just one. You can survive with one functioning kidney. Although they are small, each about the size of an adult fist, your kidneys perform many complex and vital functions that keep the rest of the body in balance.



One in three American adults is at risk for kidney disease. Major risk factors include diabetes and high blood pressure, a family history of kidney failure and being age 60 or older.

Kidney disease often has no symptoms, and it can go undetected until very advanced. But a simple urine test can tell you if you have kidney disease. It is important to get tested because early detection and treatment can slow or prevent the progression of kidney disease. For more information about kidney issues, please visit the bulletin board.

For your information and education: The Wellness Team has obtained a carousel to store all sorts of educational information regarding medical diseases and conditions for you to take for your personal use. This awesome carousel is located outside of Nina's office. We are in the process of stocking it. Please be patient with us and feel free to help yourself when stocked.

The Wellness Team and Women of Faith invite you to join us for: A "Lunch and Learn" to be held April 26th 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 3rd 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.

**Next Wellness Team Meeting is
March 21st at 6:00 PM**

	<p>The next Blood Pressure Screening by the Wellness Team is on Sunday March 12th following both worship services in the conference room.</p>
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MARCH MADNESS is almost here! Pastor Brian made a bracket on ESPN for Hope Lutheran Church ("Hope Lutheran 2017"). Just for fun and bragging rights, no betting money or gambling. On Selection Sunday, watch for group info on Hope Lutheran's Facebook page, or email Pastor Brian early at astp pastor@hopecherryville.org to express your interest in joining

the pool. We'll be making groups for both men's and women's NCAA tournament brackets!



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

Shopping for Valentine's Day gifts at Amazon? Shop through smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate .5% of sales back to Hope Lutheran Church! Our direct link... smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1948837



Sunday
March 26
10:30 AM
Worship

"SOUPER" BOWL OF CARING



On Sunday, February 5th confirmation students conducted a "noisy offering" immediately after the regular offering and collected \$803.00 which will go to the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Thank you!

CONFIRMANDS

In the month of March we will have our second mini-retreat of the year for both Level 1 and Level 2 students on Saturday, March 4. This is a mandatory event. See Pastor Brian for make-up work if you are unable to attend. If your child missed the fall mini-retreat and has not yet completed the make-up work, please hand it in to Pastor Brian by March 4.

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

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Don't forget to direct your choice dollars. Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let your Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2017 to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



YOUTH GROUP

Valentine's Dinner: <3felt Thanks

Youth group had a busy month in February. Thank you to all who supported us by coming out to the Valentine's Dinner. I know our kids had a great time serving you and we hope you enjoyed your night with us as well. Thank you so much for your support! And thank you to all the youth and parents who helped — you are what makes youth group happen; we couldn't do it without you! Special thanks to the Cura Hospitality chefs who cooked an excellent meal. Thank you to our band for playing awesome music for us at the dinner. And thank you to the Ziegler/Maurer family for everything you do for Hope's youth.



Youth group's annual clothing drive will be the week of **March 12 – 17**. Please donate any gently worn clothing to this wonderful cause. Youth and parents — there will be a sign-up coming to sign up for your slot to help.

Pierogi Sale

Thank you to all who purchased pierogis to support youth group—and a huge thanks to Dolores Reenock for making them! They are absolutely delicious!

Youth Events

Thanks to those youth who came out to watch the **Phantoms** game—it was a blast! In March, our youth event will be a **sleepover** at church the night of Friday March 17 into Saturday March 18!



Summer 2017 we will be looking at what it truly means to be Restored in Christ! We will have all of the same fun and experiences you expect to find at Bear Creek Camp and some new surprises as well! Register by March 1st to receive your Early Bird Discount!

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

March is Hope Lutheran Church month at the **Northampton Area Food Bank**. Assistance is needed unloading the food from the truck, packing food items, and distribution of food orders. Please see the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board; there are shifts morning, afternoon and evenings! We need at least four volunteers for every time slot. Please do your part to help with this very important community outreach activity. Hope Church has always been very supportive of the work done at the food bank through both food donations and on-site volunteer hours. Several of our church members are there on a regular basis, every month so come join us!



DAYS/DATES	TIMES	DUTIES
Monday March 6	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Unpacking delivery <i>*ability to lift</i>
Wednesdays March 1, 8, 15	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Packing food orders
Thursdays March 2, 9, 16	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Distribution food orders
Fridays March 10, 17	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Packing food orders
Saturdays March 11, 18	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Distribution food orders

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

During the upcoming Lenten season, we hope you will consider additional giving to your church. It is through the contributions of every member that we are able to fulfill our mission. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. Help us achieve a more consistent level of funding by setting up a recurring giving plan. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

GIVE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE

Make a contribution from your smart phone anytime by locating the Online Giving link on our home page...

www.hopecherryville.org.



HOPEFEST

**There will be a HopeFest meeting on Wednesday March 14th
at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall.**

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

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS

Denise R. Budihas entered eternal life on December 29, 2016 at the age of 51 years old. Funeral services were held on January 15 at Hope Lutheran Church. Pastor Jami officiated.

Richard Druckenmiller entered eternal life on February 1, 2017 at the age of 65. Services were held at Reichel Funeral home. Pastor Brian officiated.

Helen Marsh entered eternal life on February 9, 2017 at the age of 96 years old. Funeral services were held at Bensing Funeral Home on February 18. Pastor Jami officiated.

Dale E. Newhart entered eternal life on February 17, 2017 at the age of 91. Services were held at Hope Lutheran Church. Pastor Jami and Pastor Brian officiated.

Our sympathy to family and friends of Denise, Richard, Helen and Dale; may God Continue to be their guide and strength.

EVANGELISM

Bible Study: The Thursday evening Bible study continues to meet weekly at 6:30 PM. We have started a new study entitled PLEASING GOD. Everyone is welcome to join this study at any time. We meet in the 2nd grade classroom and our study is usually about an hour in duration.

Evangelism Meeting: Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. New members and new ideas for this committee are always welcome.



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HOPE LEADERSHIP

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Tony Pagotto	Matt Sekol	Manfred Steiner
A.J. Szwast	Ed Tretiak	John P. Zmyewski <i>Vice President</i>

CONTACT INFORMATION

New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals	Call the church office 610-767-7203
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REGARDING	CALL	PHONE NO.
A/V Committee	Pastor Jerry	610-442-8156
Basket Cmte	Linda Sidor	610-767-8372
Boy Scouts	Tom Nichols	570-905-6319
Church Website	Tom Perry	610-261-0743
Confirmation	Pastor Brian	610-767-7203
Cub Scouts	Emily Hassler	610-760-1547
Evangelism	Sharyn Kratzer	610-261-1277
Finance	Doug Daniel	610-767-7918
Girl Scouts	Karen Zimmerman	610-760-1887
Hope Fest	Josh Larkin	610-844-5832
Hope's Helping Hands	Leslie Daniel	610-767-7918
Memorial Garden	Barry Ritter	610-428-2320
Mentor Leaders	Trish Ninos	610-360-6034
Mutual Ministry	Charlie Kutzler	610-262-4588
Nursery School	Deb Gable	610-767-7523
OutreachMinistry	LeAnn Chandler	610-440-0341
Prayer Chain	Dolores Reenock	610-767-6698
Prayer Shawl	JoAnne Creyer	610-262-3204
Property	Earl Snyder	610-703-5166
SCS/Christian Ed	Michelle Hughes	484-547-4585
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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CORE  **PURPOSE**
Statement

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

Dear Family of Hope,

Hope, comfort, support all at Hope Church. The many cards, prayers, concerns, and donations to Cancer Society – what great support. I don't know where I would be without all my friends at church. Brian was a special person.

Love,

Loretta and Family



Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the use of the hall for the luncheon of Jerry Binder's funeral. Also, than you to everyone that helped at the luncheon (setting up, serving and cleaning up). We all greatly appreciate it.

Thank you,

The Binder Family

Dear Hope Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the spring semester scholarship. It will greatly help me with my school expenses. The congregation is in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Kasey Frey

So Many Thanks to so Many People...

My thanks to Pastor Jami and Pastor Brian for your visits and prayers during my lengthy hospital stay. What a help and comfort during those long days!

Thanks also to all the good cooks who brought meals to the house when I was able to come home from the hospital. It was so good to have nutritious, tasty meals to eat. Cancer is never easy but with the support of the thoughtful, caring people at Hope Lutheran, and the cards received, gifts, calls, and prayers, I have felt truly blessed.

I enjoyed a pleasant afternoon with Pastor Jami. She brought a beautiful prayer shawl made by the talented ladies of that group, and other gifts. We closed the afternoon with the most important gift of all...we shared Communion together.

Heartfelt thanks,

Ann Sassaman

Dear Pastor Jami,

On behalf of the Budihas, Creyer and Medina families, I would like to express the utmost appreciation to you and Pastor Brian for all the comfort and spiritual guidance to our families during the past several months. It is good people like the two of you who personify Christian values. The two of you took time out of your busy schedules to visit Denice in the hospital numerous times and spent several hours at our home when she was there. Most impressive to me was the night that Denice passed, you and Dr. Bren made your way over at a late hour to comfort us at our time of the most need.

The day of Denice's memorial service could not have been more perfect; it was a beautiful sunny mid-January day that started out with Jess, Tyler, my in-laws and I attending worship service. One fascinating thing for me was the hymn selection of "Here I Am Lord" (one that Denice requested for her Memorial Service) played that morning during the 10:30 AM service. It is quite ironic that I don't hear that song played very often during church, but that morning it was played. Funny thing though, was that when Brad, Eric and I attended Saturday evening mass at Queenship, it was played there, too. It was God's way of telling us that all is okay and she is

there, probably reading a book or baking something. You and Pastor Brian gave a glorious sendoff for Denice to eternity.

I would also like to send kudos to your wonderful church family. Could you please extend to them a big thank you for all the prayers sent our way. I truly believe that it was these prayers that kept Denice relatively pain-free through her fight with that awful disease. The hall was set up perfectly for the gathering afterwards. Your staff did a fabulous job on preparation, distribution, and organization of the meal. I know that several families were grateful for some packaged leftovers, myself included. Yum. Everything was perfect and I know that Denice was smiling.

Sincerely,
Jim Budihas