

# Hope *Home News*

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

As I write this article, the staff is getting ready to move into the Lenten season. If I am honest, Lent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. Sure – Christmas offers us the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus and Easter gets us singing “Alleluia” at the rising of Jesus from the tomb – but Lent...Lent is a different kind of season. Other pastors I know dread the extra work we have as we add midweek and Holy Week services - but I love the richness of Lent.

First, there is the opportunity for reflection and the focus on turning away from that which pulls us from God and toward that which draws us to God. This requires taking the time for some prayerful soul searching and purging of those bad habits we so easily pick up. Second, there is opportunity to add a Lenten discipline to our lives which again helps us to focus inwardly and outwardly. This year I plan to add an extra devotional time to my schedule and participate in the Women of Faith’s Daily Food Challenge – a program where I will add a food item to a box each day of Lent that will be blessed here at Hope on Palm Sunday and donated to families in our congregation and our community. Third, there is the opportunity to add an additional worship service to our lives by participating in the mid-week Lenten services.

This is my personal invitation to all of you. Please join me in a Lenten adventure – taking time to do your own soul-searching, fasting, adding a Lenten discipline and worshipping weekly on Wednesdays at either 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. Hopefully, the themes I am working on for those services will encourage you to attend. Here are the line ups:

### **Faces of Failure - Midweek 11:00 a.m. service**

Each week we will take a look at some of the characters Jesus encounters in his ministry and their “failures” as they relate to Jesus. Beginning with the service on Ash Wednesday we will hear

stories about Nicodemus, the Disciples, Jesus’ family, Judas Iscariot, Peter and Pontius Pilate.

### **Last Words of Christ - Midweek 7:00 p.m. service**

As Jesus hung on the cross, he was not silent. He still had things he needed to say - and those final words are significant. Not only will we explore some of Jesus’ last words from the cross, we will also weave together stories of people who had meaningful interactions with Jesus during his ministry - and reflect on how these words of Jesus are still so poignant and meaningful for us today.

During the weeks of Lent we will meet the Paralytic, the Rich Young Ruler, Martha, the Adulteress and the Disciples as they get ready for Jesus’ ride into Jerusalem. Through their stories we will get a deeper meaning of Jesus’ ministry and the words he shared as he died on the cross.

The season of Lent – with all its richness – will begin on March 6 – Ash Wednesday. I am inviting you to carve out the time from your busy schedule to be with God and other people who are participating in the richness of the Lenten adventure. If you are anything like me – you will find that your life and your faith will be filled by the spirit of the Lord.

Lenten Blessings,  
Pastor Jami



*Turn your clocks ahead on March 10*

## Youth Group

**Youth Group Clothing Drive** to benefit the youth headed to the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

**March 3 - 8** - Youth will be available each evening to help people unload their cars and place gently used clothing into a storage unit in our parking lot. Members and the community may drop off clothing in the storage unit throughout the day. Youth may sign up through Sign-Up Genius so watch for the email coming your way!

### “Survivor Sleepover”

**Friday, March 8 from 6 p.m. through Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m.**

This is an action-packed evening filled with competitions and races against time. Teams will compete to become the “survivors” of the sleepover. Make sure you eat dinner before you come. Youth are asked to bring a snack or drink to share – Hope will provide pizza and breakfast. You don’t want to miss THIS event.

### March POW

**Wednesday, March 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Come and have a meal with us – Pizza of course – followed by devotions and super fun activities designed to help us grow our faith!



## CONFIRMATION

### Level 1

- **Saturday, March 2 – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**  
Mentor Event – Pizza and Game Night in Kuntz Hall  
Snow date – March 9 same time
- **Saturday, April 6 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
Mini-Retreat on the Ten Commandments

### Level 2

- **Saturday, March 2 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
Mentor Event – Ice Cream and Game Night in Hanson Hall  
Snow Date – March 9 same time
- **Saturday, April 6 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
Mini-Retreat on the Ten Commandments

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 3

#### Transfiguration

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

### Wednesday, March 6

#### Ash Wednesday

11:00 AM Communion &  
Distribution of Ashes  
7:00 PM Communion &  
Distribution of Ashes

### Sunday, March 10

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

### Wednesday, March 13

#### Mid-Week Lenten Service

11:00 AM  
7:00 PM

### Sunday, March 17

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

### Wednesday, March 20

#### Mid-Week Lenten Service

11:00 AM  
7:00 PM

### Sunday, March 24

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

### Wednesday, March 27

#### Mid-Week Lenten Service

11:00 AM  
7:00 PM

### Sunday, March 31

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Holy Communion



Monday, March 18  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Kuntz Hall

## HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

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Hope's Helping Hands is having our semi-annual crab patties and lobster bisque soup sale in March. Six ounce crab patties are available either breaded or un-breaded for \$5.00 each and the 16 ounce container of lobster bisque is being sold for \$4.00. Watch for our members who will be taking orders in the narthex on Sunday mornings, March 10, 17 and 24 following both worship services. Crab patty and soup delivery will be on **Sunday, March 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Kuntz Hall kitchen.** This is an extremely popular sale so don't miss stocking up on these items for Lent and Easter! Both items freeze very well. All our fund-raising events help support our mission team and our work in helping others in need. We really appreciate the contributions of our church members over the past several years.

## PASTORAL ACTS

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**Rhyan Natalie Schmieder**, daughter of Mallory and Eric Schmieder, was baptized on Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Please welcome **Rhyan** as the newest member of our church family.

## NEW MEMBERS

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Welcome to new members received Sunday, January 27:

Cathy & Jack Sweeney

Mallory Sweeney Schmieder & Rhyan Schmieder

Robert Wehr

William Danish

Daryl & Linda Handley

Terrie, Jeffrey & Alexander Geisel

Ron Connelly

Brenda Leigh

Barbara Stankovich

Harry & Irene R

## BASKET SOCIAL NEWS

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A decision has been made that beginning in 2020 the Spring Basket Social will be eliminated. The Annual Fall Social will continue as a community-based fund raiser.

Thank you to Hope Lutheran Basket Committee and the many helpers for their hard work and faithfulness to this ministry as we enter our 21<sup>st</sup> Spring Social and our 25<sup>th</sup> Fall Social!

A special note of Thanks:

To Clair Larkin, for her dedication and service to Basket Social fund raisers. We'll miss working with you, Clair, but hope to be seeing you at the socials!

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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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Thank you for all you do to support our mission during the holidays and throughout the year. As you plan for the year's end and look forward to a new year, please consider additional giving to your church. For your convenience, we offer electronic giving options for one-time gifts and recurring contributions. Visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

### REMINDER:

If you already use online giving and have adjusted your contributions for 2019, don't forget to update your information on the Online Giving page.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 2019

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- ◆ Council extended the deadline for submission of applications and resumes for the part-time Youth Ministry Program Coordinator and a part-time Confirmation Coordinator (these jobs may be combined into one part-time position). The new deadline is February 25. We will continue to advertise in the newsletter, bulletin and Synod e-news.
- ◆ Save the date for the Youth Group's Clothing Drive to be held from Sunday, March 3 through Friday, March 8. There will be a storage container in the parking lot for daytime drop-offs and youth will be available each evening to help unload cars. Details will be in the bulletin and newsletter.
- ◆ In response to the congregation's concern regarding church security, the council is planning to offer the ALICE Training Network active shooter civilian response training for all members who are interested in attending. Details are being worked out so look for the announcement in a future newsletter.
- ◆ The next Coffee with the Council will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 9:15 a.m. in Kuntz Hall. All members are invited to come and share some goodies and conversation/concerns/questions with council members.
- ◆ The Youth Group will be selling Easter Candy again this year – proceeds going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2021. They will take orders after each service on March 10, 17, and 24.

### WOMEN OF FAITH

**Monday, March 18** – Mrs. Deb Gable, one of our nursery school teachers at Hope Church will be helping us make Easter cards to send to our STAR members. Mrs. Gable makes beautiful 3D paper cards and will teach us how to make a simple version of one of her cards.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, May 5** – we will be having a Fashion Show and Tea to celebrate Mother's Day. More details to follow.

We meet at 6:00 p.m. in Hanson Hall. All are welcome to attend any of our meetings/events that may interest you. Please call Jane Tretiak at 610-767-0918 with any questions.

### FOOD BANK

Just a reminder March is Hope's month to staff the Northampton Area Food Bank with volunteers. We need to provide at least 4 volunteers for the three Wednesday mornings and two Friday morning packing days as well as the three Thursday evenings and two Saturday morning distribution of food days. A sign up sheet is still available on the bulletin board. Please help us provide the needed volunteers so that Hope continues to support the food bank during our assigned month. Several of our church members are at the food bank regularly so you're sure to see some familiar faces if you choose to join us!

### IS THERE CHURCH?

Find out by tuning into WFMZ T.V. or check their website to find out. You can also check our website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org).

## Ministry at St. Stephen's Outreach Center



Wednesday,  
March 13  
2:30 p.m.

## STORYWEAVERS and lunch

Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.  
For more information call  
LeeAnn Chandler,  
610-440-0341

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thursday,  
March 14  
10:00 a.m.



## WELCA

Tuesday, March 19  
at 9:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School Room  
Lunch will follow meeting



## BIBLE STUDY

Evangelism Bible Study continues Thursday evenings at 6:30. Everyone is welcome. We are currently using the four gospels to study the miracles that Jesus performed.

## CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Centering Prayer group will meet March 4 & 18; the first and third Monday. We will gather at 6 p.m. in the Sunday School Room off Hanson Hall. Newcomers are always welcome!

## SOUP GROUP AND DELIVERY



Wednesday,  
March 6  
9:00 a.m.  
in Kuntz Hall kitchen.

## NEW STAFF POSITIONS

**Part-Time Youth Ministry Coordinator** - paid position available immediately for up to 10 hours per week. Candidate must have ability to work with children in grade 6 through grade 12, as well as provide primary oversight for youth ministry program in conjunction with youth leaders and other church staff. Responsibilities include: planning, coordinating and attending all scheduled youth activities; communicating with youth, parents, volunteers and other youth leaders; organizing and planning all logistical aspects of the ELCA Youth Gathering that occurs every three years. Associate or bachelor's degree in education or a related field and/or equivalent experience with youth is preferred. Detailed job description is available upon request. Submit letter of interest, resume, and completed application (available at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org)) to Pastor Jami Possinger, Hope Lutheran Church, 4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville, PA 18035. Deadline for applications is **February 25, 2019**.

**Part-Time Confirmation Coordinator** - paid position available immediately for up to 10 hours per week. Candidate must have ability to work with children in grade 7 and grade 8, as well as provide primary oversight for all aspects of the two-year confirmation program in conjunction with grade 7 and grade 8 Sunday school teachers and mentor coordinators. Responsibilities include: planning, coordinating and attending all

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## **New Staff Positions** *(Continued from page 5)*

scheduled confirmation activities and retreats; communicating with confirmands, parents, volunteers and mentors; recording of student attendance; and working Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. during the Sunday School year. Associate or bachelor's degree in education or a related field and/or equivalent experience with youth is preferred. Detailed job description is available upon request. Submit letter of interest, resume, and completed application (available at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org)) to Pastor Jami Possinger, Hope Lutheran Church, 4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville, PA 18035. Deadline for applications is **February 25, 2019**.

**If desired, the two positions may be combined and filled by one individual working 15 to 20 hours per week based on scheduled youth and confirmation activities.**

## **WITH THANKS . . .**

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Dear Congregation & Council,

Thank you for the monetary Christmas gift I received. It is always a practical gift and I appreciate your generosity, thoughtfulness and kind words regarding the music. I frequently feel like Sully from the movie *Monsters Inc.* While Sully fed off of the screams of children, I feel I reenergize for the week off of the singing of the congregation. It is a pleasure to be able to continue to serve the congregation in the capacity of music director. *Soli Deo Gloria.*

David Ziegler,  
Director of Music

## **Lenten Daily Food Challenge**

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So often we think about giving something up for Lent – a discipline the church calls fasting. Fasting, or giving up something, reminds us of the life that Jesus gave for us. Many people put aside a bad habit or a food that we love for the 40 days of Lent to keep the focus on Jesus. Another way to keep that focus is to add something to our lives – a kind of spiritual practice that changes our life for 40 days. This year the Women of Faith would like to challenge you to add a spiritual discipline to your life by collecting a food item for each day of the 40 days of Lent. Start with a sturdy box or a tote and then follow the schedule that was listed in the February newsletter (available on our website) and fill it up! Drop it off at the church by Palm Sunday – April 14 - when the food items will be blessed during worship and then donated to needy families in our congregation or to the Northampton Area Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who accepts this challenge! What a wonderful way to share your Lenten discipline with others in need.

## **Evangelism**

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Evangelism committee's next meeting will be Thursday, March 7 at 5:45 p.m. This will be a reorganization meeting. Plans will be discussed for the rest of the 2019 Evangelism calendar. This committee meets on the first Thursday of each month. There is much this committee could accomplish; however, we definitely need more people and more ideas to better serve the congregation of Hope and our community. Some of our past activities have included the annual nativity display, worship and luncheon for National Day of Prayer, leading monthly worships for the residents of Weston Village in Northampton, cards to our STAR residents throughout the year, a Hope Church family picnic, Bible studies and more. Please consider becoming a part of this

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**21<sup>ST</sup> Annual**

**SPRING BASKET SOCIAL**

Kuntz Hall, Hope Lutheran Church, 4131 LEHIGH DRIVE, CHERRYVILLE



**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019  
DOORS OPEN AT 4 P.M.**

TICKET DRAWING BEGINS AT 7:30 P.M.

TICKETS: \$5/CARD OR 3 CARDS FOR \$10

EACH CARD GIVES YOU 25 CHANCES TO WIN!

Refreshments, including baked goods, will be sold

Special table of items valued at \$50 and up: tickets \$1 or 6 for \$5

Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable item for the food bank

Interested in donating something for this event—  
drop off a theme basket, gift card (please include receipt),  
bottled water, soda, or baked goods  
on the evening of April 11 from 6-8 P.M.  
or the morning of April 12 from 10-12 A.M.

\*One set of tickets is needed for the Spring Social. The cost is \$30.

We are looking for three sponsors at \$10 each.

If interested, please speak to Linda Sidor.

Questions may be directed to the

Church office at 610-767-7203



Thank you,

**THE BASKET COMMITTEE OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Basket Social** *(Continued from page 3)*

To Dawn Dewalt. She was not a member of Hope, but she was excited to help with our mission of serving the Hope family and our community. Thank you, Dawn! May your enthusiasm follow you throughout all endeavors, and we hope to see you at future socials!

# WELLNESS TEAM

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## ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

### KEY FACTS—

Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats to global health, food security, and development today. Antibiotic resistance can affect anyone, of any age, in any country. Antibiotic resistance occurs naturally, but misuse of antibiotics in humans and animals is accelerating the process. A growing number of infections - such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, gonorrhea, and salmonellosis - are becoming harder to treat as the antibiotics used to treat them become less effective. Antibiotic resistance leads to longer hospital stays, higher medical costs and increased mortality. Antibiotics are medicines used to prevent and treat bacterial infections. Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria change in response to the use of these medicines. Bacteria, not humans or animals, become antibiotic-resistant. These bacteria may infect humans and animals, and the infections they cause are harder to treat than those caused by non-resistant bacteria. The world urgently needs to change the way it prescribes and uses antibiotics. Even if new medicines are developed, without behavior change, antibiotic resistance will remain a major threat. Behavioral changes must also include actions to reduce the spread of infections through vaccination, hand washing, practicing safer sex, and good food hygiene.

For more information please look for the monthly poster.

Due to the bad weather and the inability to reschedule the Blood Drive, we will look forward to our next Blood Drive in July. Look for more information in the following months.



### **Evangelism** *(Continued from page 6)*

committee and help us to better serve our God, our church family, and our community. For more information on the Evangelism Committee, contact Sharyn Kratzer, 610-261-1277.

**Bible Studies:** our weekly Bible studies will resume Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. We are currently studying the miracles that Jesus performed as noted in our four gospels. With lent beginning, this would be a wonderful way for you to add a little more preparation and discipline to your Christian life. You do not have to be a Bible scholar to study God's word. This Bible study is a very informal study/discussion group; we first study the Word then try and apply it's meaning to life in today's world. It is never too late to participate in this study. Join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the first and second grade classroom. For more information on weekly Bible studies, please contact Sharyn Kratzer at the number above. Hope to see you there.

**Worship at Weston Village, Northampton:** The second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Hope's Evangelism committee goes to this assisted living to lead the residents there in worship and communion. Approximately 25 of the residents participate in this worship opportunity. Anyone wishing to go along and provide a meaningful worship for these folks is certainly welcome to join us. Our time there is usually about one hour but is greatly appreciated by the residents. It is a rewarding experience for those of us that led the worship. Consider joining us at Weston! (Please be aware of their name change-- it was once Northampton Village, also Weston, and now is Renaissance -- different names but still with residents that enjoy worshipping God)



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 31, 2019**

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$102,873.22	\$146,144.08	\$139,489.65	\$ 95,612.84	\$ (4,061.92)
Income - January	31,619.55	(5,107.39)	(9,451.49)	(8,733.33)	-
Expenses - January	30,065.39	1,140.00	-	2,000.00	-
Net Income	1,554.16	(6,247.39)	(9,451.49)	(10,733.33)	-
Net Special Appeals	10.00				
Balance End of January	\$104,437.38	\$139,896.69	\$130,038.16	\$ 84,879.51	\$ (4,061.92)

**SUMMARY:**

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of January by \$1,554.16, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$104,437.38.

Last year the net income for the same period was \$(5,143.65) with a balance of \$85,067.79.

*\*\* 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 Laurie Christman ([communications@hopecherryville.org](mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org)). Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
April	Tuesday, March 19	Thursday, March 28 @ 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 the news that fits on six pages. The digital version generally runs longer.*

**SYNOD NEWS**

The March 2019 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2019-3.pdf>

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