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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

I read this quote by Cherie Carter-Scott the other day: "Anger makes you smaller, while forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were." Now I don't know about you but I've experienced first-hand how anger makes me feel - and I really don't like it. I understand what she means when she says that anger makes us smaller because the times that I've been angry have not always been the best of times for me. Everyone has to deal with anger. The challenge is to deal with anger in the right way.

Anger is a powerful emotional warning that something is wrong. We have been hurt or rejected. Something has changed and we don't like it. The longer I work with people the more I realize that there is always a reason for their behavior. Hurt people – hurt people. When you are angry at someone, ask yourself why. Think back to what led up to the conflict. Was it something someone said to you? Has a past problem triggered your present anger?

The truth is - anger itself is not wrong – in fact it is important to express our anger. Many of us just stay angry without ever expressing it and that can be even more damaging than letting our anger out. We

just have to learn to express anger in the right way. Mishandled anger is destructive but anger that is handled correctly can become a tool for good and a tool that leads to forgiveness.

When we're thinking completely objectively, it's pretty easy to see the advantages of forgiveness over anger. Forgiveness keeps us focused on love, and it recognizes another person's right to make mistakes without being severely punished for them. True forgiveness allows us to let go of anger and resentment - freeing up our minds and spirits to allow them to focus on more important things such as love and compassion.

Anger, on the other hand, keeps us focused on what we perceive to be negative incidents or actions. It keeps us dwelling in the past as long as we keep running over in our mind the awful things that someone has done. It holds us as its prisoner, and our minds and spirits are not free to find positive and constructive things upon which to stay focused - we hold them back because we like to feel the self-righteousness that comes with most anger.

Sure it's true that a lot of anger is justified - but as we hold on to it, it becomes less and less justified, **and** more and

more destructive. The best way to deal with anger is to face it directly and then let it go - not because someone else has bent to our will and begged forgiveness, but because we're willing to forgive and move on with our lives and keep growing as human beings.

God created us with the capacity for emotions. That means there is a right place for emotions in our lives. Anger management and forgiveness are really spiritual disciplines that honor, bless and empower us to live in harmony with God and with others.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 7

9:00 AM

Holy Communion

Sunday, July 14

9:00 AM

Holy Communion

Sunday, July 21

9:00 AM

Holy Communion

Sunday, July 28

9:00 AM

Holy Communion

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. . . coming July 8—12

"To Mars and Beyond". Your children will discover the wonders of God's universe by journeying through space and exploring where God's power can take them. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. until

noon, with a closing program on Friday, July 12 at 7 p.m. Ages include 3 year olds (potty trained) to children completing 6th grade in June 2019. Registrations can be made at vbs.hopecherryville.org or by completing a registration form located in the narthex.

We need lots of help 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 blast off to Mars with Gillian and his crew.

For faster registrations, use the QR code.

**It's not too late -
register today!**



Youth Group will be going to the **Shore July 22 - 26**. Anyone entering 9th grade next school year or who has just finished 12th grade this school year is able to attend. The cost is \$150 per person. There is still room available. Please contact Ally Lockard if you are interested in attending.

Any youth and parent of a youth who is attending the **Shore Trip**: We will have a meeting on July 14 after the church service in Hanson Hall. Please see Ally Lockard if unable to attend.

There will be a **Youth Group Leader** meeting on July 29 at 6 p.m. If you are interested in becoming involved with the youth group, please join our meeting.

Sunday, August 4, after church service (approximately 10:00 a.m.) we will have an interest meeting for any youth and parents of youth interested in attending the **National Youth Gathering in 2021**. We will meet in Kuntz Hall. Youth who are able to attend the Youth Gathering will need to be entering the 9th grade for the 2021-2022 school year through anyone who graduated high school in the 2020-2021 school year. This is an informational meeting only and we will not be asking for commitments at this time. Please contact Ally Lockard if you are interested in attending the 2021 Youth Gathering, but are not able to attend the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for anyone who is willing to share their talents with our youth in grades Cradle Roll through 6th grade. If you are willing to be a teacher or classroom helper, please contact Ally Lockard by email at alockard313@gmail.com

We will be holding a Sunday School planning meeting on Sunday, July 28, after the church service. We will meet in Kuntz Hall and lunch will be provided.

PASTORAL ACTS

Holy Baptism:

Harper Rein Daptula, daughter of Mark A. and Hannah C. Daptula, was baptized Sunday, June 2.

We welcome Harper as the newest member of our church family.

Funeral:

Elaine Kern entered eternal life on June 12.

Our sympathy to family and friends of Elaine.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hope Church offers scholarship money to college students. The requirements of eligibility are:

1. Attending an accredited college/university full time
2. Will be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2019
3. Is a member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church

Applications can be picked up from the church office, phone 610-767-7203 or email the church office at office@hopecherryville.org. The deadline for applications to reach the church office is **July 21**. (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at the worship service on August 4 to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be sent the first week in January 2020.)



FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are approaching the half way point of our fiscal year. Overall financially we are having a pretty decent year. If you make adjustments for the various things that have occurred after our budget was approved last fall we are still pretty much on track. I am not going to bore you with a lot of numbers but I did want you to know we are about 5% behind last year's numbers with respect to our General & Plate receipts which is something we are keeping an eye on. As you may know, the church has had a few unexpected property related expenses this year. We

have made some roof repairs, purchased a new stove and had to remove a BIG tree. We also still have a few capital improvement projects yet to come, most notably and the most expensive of which is the concrete stair/A.D.A. ramp project of Hanson Hall. This project alone will cost us about \$19,000 to \$20,000. So please keep HOPE's financial needs in mind as we enter the summer and fall months ahead.

Bill Lewis
Finance Committee Chairman

ELECTRONIC GIVING: A SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO GIVE!

If you think you may miss church services this summer due to travel or other commitments, consider setting up an automatic giving schedule. Your consistent support is vital to our church, especially during summer months. To set up a recurring contribution, visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the electronic giving

A green rectangular button with rounded corners and a slight shadow, containing the text "Online Giving" in a white, sans-serif font.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 2019

- ◆ The Annual Church Picnic is being held at Indian Trail Park on Sunday, July 14, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ The Evangelism Committee has only 6 tickets left for the bus trip to Sight and Sound to see “The Miracle of Christmas.”
- ◆ The Stewardship Committee is hosting a Family Movie Night on Friday, July 19’ where they will be showing the movie, “Beethoven.” Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will be shown at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ The concrete project to replace the steps and add a handicapped accessible ramp on the Kuntz Hall side of the building will begin on June 17. That area will be closed throughout the project.
- ◆ The church steeple is leaking and water is coming in through the ceiling of the sanctuary. Property Committee has been researching ways to correct this. There is the possibility that the steeple will need to be replaced and the committee is looking at pricing for replacement costs.
- ◆ The pole light on the Hanson Hall side of the building has been replaced so there is lighting in the parking area.
- ◆ The front wooden doors to the church will be sanded and resealed in the coming weeks. Korpics Contracting will be doing the work. They will need to remove the doors for the week to complete the work.
- ◆ The Stewardship Committee reported that the date for Commitment Sunday 2019 will be Sunday, November 17.

SUMMER HYMN SING

Do you have a favorite hymn that you just don’t think we sing enough . . . or maybe there’s one in the hymnal that’s new to you and you’d like to give it a try. Now is your chance!

The congregation will get to pick the hymns to be sung for the 15 minutes before the service.

In order to accommodate as many requests as possible, we will only sing the first two stanzas of each hymn requested.

HOPE BASKET COMMITTEE

At our spring breakfast event, we held a special meeting to discuss past and upcoming Socials.

It was decided that since there were quite a number of inquiries about the absence of filling and soups not being part of the spring menu, we will bring back these foods in fall. An additional item offered for sale will be small bags of variety snacks.

Three persons have already come forward asking to sponsor tickets for fall.

Watch future newsletters and bulletins for additional information about Hope's 25th Annual Fall Basket Social, and mark your calendars for Friday, October 11, as we celebrate this special "Silver Anniversary"!

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting pill bottles! The response has been so great here and elsewhere, that they are no longer needed.

When the current supplies run low we will once again let you know to resume collection.



CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, July 1 & 15
6:00 p.m.
Sunday School Room off Hanson Hall
Newcomers are always welcome!

OUTREACH MINISTRY TO ST. STEPHEN

Wednesday, July 24
10 a.m.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls,
and beverages supplied by
Evangelism Committee

Sign up on the narthex bulletin board

ANNUAL YARD SALE



Start cleaning out those closets, basements and garages!

The yard sale is approaching fast. Friday and Saturday, August 30 & 31 (Labor Day weekend), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NO clothing, shoes, linens, electronics, large furniture, car seats, hard-sided luggage or mattresses/box springs will be accepted.

Watch for the units to arrive in the front corner of the parking lot end of July or beginning of August.

SOUP GROUP AND DELIVERY



None
in July

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Next meeting will be
Monday, August 12
6:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Next meeting will be
Monday, August 12
7:00 p.m.

WELCA

Will resume
Tuesday,
September 17



Next dance
will be
Monday, September 16

STORYWEAVERS and lunch

No meeting in July

THANK YOU . . .

Dear Members of Hope Lutheran Church,

Thanks to your help we were able to save food costs on 103 meals! I hope you had a wonderful time as I know the men really enjoyed it. I look forward to seeing you again at the Mission.

With much appreciation,

Rosaria Stoops

Donor Relations Specialist, Allentown Rescue Mission

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

It's Shrimp Boil time again! Come join Hope's Helping Hands on Saturday, August 17, for our 5th annual SHRIMP BOIL. Orders will be taken after church on July 28, August 4 and August 11. Dinners include: 1/2 lb. of shrimp, 1/4 lb. of sausage, baby potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, roll with butter, and dessert for only \$15.00. Dinners will be available for TAKE OUT ONLY. The TAKE-OUT dinners, can be picked up in Kuntz Hall during half hour intervals (you choose 4:00 to 4:30, 4:30 to 5:00, 5:00 to 5:30, or 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. for pick-up when you order your meal). All orders must be pre-paid. Orders may also be placed by calling Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340 until August 11. Hope's Helping Hands members are looking forward to seeing many of you on August 17. We thank everyone who has supported our events as we continue our ministries of helping others in need.



2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

On Saturday, June 1, approximately 500 delegates and visitors gathered at Genetti Ballrooms Inn & Suites in Hazleton for Northeastern PA Synod Assembly 2019. The day began with a Festival Worship Service led by Bishop Zeiser and synod Vice-President Kristen Edelman-Weiner. An offering of \$3,600 was collected for World Hunger. In his sermon, Bishop Zeiser spoke of a “stirring” within us when we recognize the active presence of God in our life. Driven by faith, we become convinced that we “are onto something”; and we then are compelled to see it through. The result is ministry, ministry built on the generations of Christians who likewise were convinced that they were onto something. However, the past, no matter how great, is sometimes unhelpful for this time. Our theme “Freed in Christ for a New Day” reminds us that it is indeed a new time; and it further reminds us of who it is that got us here, and who will come again.



Bishop Zeiser reviewed some of the mission and ministry of our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod during the past year. He then talked about challenges that the next bishop (to be

elected at Assembly 2020) will face. He emphasized that many congregations will be facing challenging situations; and that it is critically important for both congregations and rostered ministers to commit to building a collegial relationship with the new bishop and his or her staff as together they face the immense challenges to come.

After the morning session, the delegates and visitors adjourned for a luncheon in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Synod receiving its charter. They enjoyed their meal under a large tent on a beautiful spring afternoon.

Several individuals were elected to offices in the synod: Synod Vice President: Kristen Edelman-Weiner; Synod Secretary: The Rev. Carl Shankweiler; Synod Council-Clergy: The Rev. Cheryl Meinschein; Synod Council-Lay Female: Ruth Major; Synod Council-Lay Male: Thomas Engle; Reports from Synod Officers Resolutions.

The Assembly adopted two resolutions. The first was a major revision of “Continuing Resolutions” offered by Synod Council to bring them up to date with current practice. The second was a resolution that the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry Team address the need for synodical youth leadership; and that this Team work with the Transition Team that will report to the new bish-

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WELLNESS TEAM

JULY IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

A mental illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling or mood. Such conditions may affect someone's ability to relate to others and function each day. Every person will have different experiences, even people with the same diagnosis. Recovery, including meaningful roles in social life, school and work, is possible, especially when you start treatment early and play a strong role in your own recovery process.

A mental health condition isn't the result of one event. Research suggests multiple, linking causes. Genetics, environment and life-style influence whether someone develops a mental health condition. A stressful job or home life makes some people more susceptible, as do traumatic life events like being the victim of a crime. Biochemical processes and circuits and basic brain structure may play a role, too. One in 5 adults experiences a mental health condition every year. One in 17 lives with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. In addition to a person's directly experiencing a mental illness, family, friends and communities are also affected. Half of mental health conditions begin by age 14, and 75% of mental health conditions develop by age 24. The normal personality and behavior changes of adolescence may mimic or mask symptoms of a mental health condition. Early engagement and support are crucial to improving outcomes and increasing the promise of recovery.

MORE INFORMATION IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.



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BLOOD DRIVE

JULY 21

Kuntz Hall

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This blood drive will be held in memory of Meagan Duarte.

We are asking volunteers to sign-up on-line or after church,

June 30, July 7, and July 14.

We are hoping for a good response since weather forced us to cancel in January.

Thank you for your support.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism meetings will not be held July and August. We will resume in the fall. Please consider becoming a part of this committee. We welcome you and we need some new ideas. Also Bible studies on Thursday evenings have stopped and will resume in the fall. If you share an interest in studying God's word, please join us.

Hope Church Family Picnic will be held Sunday July 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Indian Trail Park. The Evangelism Committee will supply the hot dogs, burgers, condiments and beverages. Please bring a covered dish to share. Lots of fun, good food and fellowship will greet you. Tootsie the Clown will be there for a

short time after lunch. Bingo will be played, so please bring a wrapped prize for some lucky player to win. We will again have a cake walk (or maybe fruit walk). Donations of prizes for the walk will be appreciated. Bring your lawn chair and, hopefully, enjoy some nice cool breezes by the creek; some people enjoy wading in the creek. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Come and enjoy the afternoon with your church family and friends.

Bus trip to Sight and Sound on November 2. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. for the 11:00 a.m. show. Lunch will be at Shady Maples. Expected re-

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Friday, July 19

“Beethoven” (PG)

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Show begins at 6:30 p.m.

Hot dogs, pizza, candy, snacks
and drinks will be provided

This is a free event

Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex

When the family of George Newton decides to adopt a cute St. Bernard puppy, the patriarch soon feels displaced by the dog. Before long, the adorable canine, dubbed Beethoven, has grown considerably, leading to household mishaps. While George's wife and kids dote on Beethoven, it takes time for him to see the pooch's finer qualities. However, Beethoven's life with the Newton family is jeopardized when a scheming vet tries to nab the dog for a deadly experiment.

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turn to church is 6:30 p.m. Price is \$125.00 per adult and \$75.00 per child under 10 and includes bus, show and meal. Checks should be made to Hope Lutheran Church with “bus trip” noted in the

memo section. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR MONEY PLEASE DO SO ASAP. It can be given to Trudy Mertz.

HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Is now accepting registrations for three year olds and four year olds for the 2019-2020 school year. The school's structured learning environment prepares children for their formal school experiences. Activities include: music, crafts, gym, painting, language arts, field trips and much more.

Please call Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 for more information or to register your child. Your child must be 3 years of age and potty trained by September 1 in order to register.

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS con't

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op in 2020. The 2020 compensation guidelines for pastors and deacons were also adopted.

Thank you to Betty Rock and Rod Christman for serving as our 2019 Synod delegates.

Assembly 2020

Election of our new Bishop

June 4-6

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY 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 - May	31,931.10	4,074.08	2,223.55	1,870.03	-
Income - Jan.-Apr.	143,048.92	7,797.85	(163.56)	(855.48)	2,000.00
Total Income	174,980.02	11,871.93	2,059.99	1,014.55	2,000.00
Expenses - May	31,145.76	1,404.06	-	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	119,017.31	5,445.31	-	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	150,163.07	6,849.37	-	2,000.00	-
Net Income	24,816.95	5,022.56	2,059.99	(985.45)	2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	1,133.30				
Balance End of May	\$128,823.47	\$151,166.64	\$141,549.64	\$ 94,627.39	\$ (2,061.92)

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of May by \$785.34, and for the year 2019, income exceeded expenses by \$24,816.95, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$128,823.47. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(872.46) with a balance of \$90,580.36.

*** 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). Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
August	Tuesday, July 16	Thursday, July 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 the news that fits on six pages. The digital version generally runs longer.

SYNOD NEWS

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

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2019-7.pdf>

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