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GRATITUDE SUNDAY 2019

Gratitude is a perspective that affirms appreciation for the blessings one has. From the earliest pages of the Bible, the concept of giving to the work of God has always been about an interplay between a sense of obligation and a sense of gratitude. Let's be honest—God doesn't need our money. That's a straight out given. But—and this is the crazy thing - God tells us that both obligation and gratitude should motivate our giving toward God's work in this world. No, God does not need our money - but the church does so that it can do ministry in God's name in the world.

On **Gratitude Sunday, November 17**, at both worship services, we will show our gratitude to God for the many blessings we have by completing and returning an Estimate of Giving Card during worship. This is our opportunity to financially offer our support to the ministry of Hope Lutheran Church. We hope you will join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. If you can't make a commitment at Gratitude Sunday, that's okay. We want you to come and celebrate with us anyway. But let us encourage you to offer something ... anything ... a single penny would be a start ... at least something that by giving it, you are testifying to God that God is central to your life, and that your heart is filled with gratitude for God's generosity to you!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said: "In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."

The Stewardship Committee
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We will never
change the world
by going to church.
We will only
change the world
by being the church.

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

We all admire and respect upright and honorable people. After all - they are the true role models and the ones that inspire us every day. But how many of us actually possess true integrity? Although we try, it's really hard to define integrity because it consists of so many actions. Integrity is having a strong set of ethical principles - being able to tell the truth no matter the consequences - admitting to a wrong even if you could get away without doing it. Integrity is about doing the right thing. It is being principled, honest, and above all, doing all these things when no one is around to see it.

The truth is - we want everyone around us to act with integrity. It seems like such a common trait - but if it is so common - why is it so hard to find these days? Maybe because doing all those things

listed above, all the time, is really not that easy. If you really think about it, living with integrity is simply making sure the things you say and the things you do are in alignment. And when they are - it can have a great impact on those around you.

Let me share a short story ... Several years ago, a young pastor, fresh out of the seminary, was assigned to a small parish, in a small town. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the local bus from the church to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh,

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forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change." The driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new pastor in town?" "Yes", he replied. "Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about returning to church. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday."

When the young pastor stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and

said, "Oh my God, I almost sold Jesus for twenty-five cents!"

When we think about integrity we often think about the big and obvious ways we see integrity in people. But, most often, integrity is seen in the small ways that we deal with others on a daily basis. I want to live my life so that when my children, grandchildren, friends, co-workers and parishioners think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of me. I don't succeed every day – but I'm working on it. I leave you with a quote from Rachel Naomi Remen: "Deep inside, our integrity sings to us whether we are listening or not. It is a note that only we can hear. Eventually, when life makes us ready to listen, it will help us to find our way home."

Blessings, Pastor Jami

GRATITUDE SUNDAY



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 6	Sunday, October 13	Sunday, October 20	Sunday, October 27
8:00 AM Holy Communion	8:00 AM Service of the Word	8:00 AM Holy Communion	8:00 AM Service of the Word
9:00 AM Sunday School	9:15 AM Sunday School	9:15 AM Sunday School	9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Service of the Word	10:30 AM Holy Communion	10:30 AM Service of the Word	10:30 AM Holy Communion

INSTRUMENTALISTS WANTED

The Hope Lutheran Church Orchestra is always looking to expand and increase our instrumental ensemble. We play four times per year on Christmas Eve, Easter, Pentecost and All Saints Sunday. Players can participate per individual event as suits your schedule; no long-term commitments required. Orchestra membership is open to anyone with a minimum of two-years playing experience. Rehearsals typically start 3-4 weeks prior to the scheduled service and are posted in advance on our on-line church calendar.

Our first event is on All Saints Sunday, November 3 at both services with three (3) rehearsals. Rehearsals are scheduled for October 19, 27, and November 2. Members and new players can sign up at orchestra.hopecherryville.org. Music is not selected until the instrumentation is known so early sign up is important to selecting a suitable repertoire.

If you have any questions about joining orchestra, speak to any member about their experience. Feel free to contact David Ziegler with any questions you may have regarding logistics, rehearsals, level of music difficulty, etc. David can be reached at organist@hopecherryville.org or by calling 610-767-7203, Ext. 11.

VETERAN'S SUNDAY CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

Mark your calendars. Once again we will be assembling a Veteran's Sunday Choir to sing before both services on Sunday, November 10. There is no experience necessary and it is not limited to veterans. Music is arranged for men's voices or for women who can sing men's parts.

Rehearsals are independent of our weekly adult choir rehearsals and on various days to appeal to varied schedules. The first rehearsal is Sunday, October 13 at 11:45 a.m. with the full rehearsal schedule posted on the church's on-line calendar.

Please contact David Ziegler if you are planning to sing so that we have enough copies of music available for the first rehearsal. Hope to see more participation this year for the Veteran's Sunday Choir.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—SEPTEMBER 2019

- ◆ Council accepted with regret the resignation of Katie Weiss as the Youth Representative to the Council. Katie was appointed to serve two years, the remainder of Maya Costanzo's term, which ends in December of 2019. The Nominating Committee will be looking for youth who are interested in running for that Council seat and will be voted on at the Annual meeting on Sunday, November 10.
- ◆ The Stewardship Committee is hosting a Family Movie Night on Saturday, October 19, where they will be showing the Halloween movie, "Hocus Pocus." Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Free hot dogs, pizza, drinks, ice cream treats, popcorn and candy will be served.
- ◆ The Annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. in Kuntz Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The items on the agenda will be the 2020 Proposed Budget and the election of new Council Members.
- ◆ The new handicapped accessible ramp and steps are completed. The installation of the railings made it usable for the first Sunday of Sunday School. Thank you to Charlie Kutzler and the Property Committee members who spearheaded this project.
- ◆ Youth who are planning to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2021 are holding a Gift Card Bingo on Saturday, November 9. Tickets will be on sale in the narthex after worship in October. They are also selling Nut Rolls as a fundraiser for the Gathering and will be taking orders for those in October with a planned delivery date of the Sunday before Thanksgiving – November 24. Look for more information in the bulletins.

GIFT CARD BINGO

Saturday, November 9
Games begin at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door
for 20 games of regular bingo.

Tickets will be on sale October 13, 20, 27 & November 3 after each service.

You can also purchase tickets from any youth
attending the youth gathering.

Help sponsor this event by either donating gift cards,
being a sponsor, or donating an item for the raffle (*no gift cards please*).
Envelopes for sponsors can be found on the back table in the Narthex.

To donate,
please take a gift card envelope from the bulletin board in the Narthex.

All sponsorships and donations are due to
Ally Lockard or Suzanne Kroc by November 3.

Benefits the group attending the National Youth Gathering in 2021



POW

Pizza on Wednesday
October 9

Halloween Party.
Friends are invited.

Please sign up on
the youth bulletin board.

2021

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Minneapolis, MN

Non-refundable deposit is due
by September 15

Checks should be made
payable to:

Hope Lutheran Church

THIRD FRIDAY

October 18

We will be going to
Mazezilla in Saylorsburg.
Cost is \$12 per person.

We will meet at the
church at 6pm.
Please sign up on the
youth bulletin board.
Friends are invited.



CREW 4:12

(POST CONFIRMATION)

will meet Sunday, October 6
10:15 a.m. for a hike
(will go for breakfast if it rains).
Sign up on youth bulletin board.

NUT ROLLS

from **Country Cottage, Tamaqua**

Youth attending the
National Youth Gathering in 2021
will be selling nut rolls after both services on
October 27, and November 3 & 10.

Cost is \$18 per roll.

All money is due at time of order.
Orders can be picked up on November 24 after both
services.

Available flavors are:

English Walnut (Traditional),

Poppyseed,

Apricot,

Prune lekvar,

Seedless red raspberry,

Pumpkin cheese.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Hello Confirmation Students and Families! Happy Fall!

The confirmation classes are underway and I have some wonderful news to share! Lori Hildebrand and Kris Weiss have volunteered to teach our Level 1 Confirmation students! They will be assisted by Sarah Fritz and Brianna Weaver.

PASTORAL ACTS

Holy Baptisms

Isabella Binney Kuntz, daughter of David John and Cindy Le Kuntz, was baptized on July 7.

Alyvia Grace Long, daughter of Rhett M. Long and Yvette D. Sysol, was baptized on July 21.

Lillian May Williams, daughter of Andrew M. and Ashley M. Williams, was baptized on July 21.

Elias Philip Cinamella, son of Mark E. and Brittany N. (Amey) Cinamella, was baptized on August 25.

Greyson Charles McNally, son of Ian C. and Kaitlynn M. (Sell) McNally, was baptized on September 1.

Weston James Fritz, son of Todd A. and Andrea L. (Sterner) Fritz, was baptized September 8.

We welcome these newest members of our church family.

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

Hope's Helping Hands is having our semi-annual crab patties and lobster bisque sale in October. Six ounce crab patties are available either breaded or un-breaded for \$5 each and the 16 oz. container of lobster bisque is being sold for \$4. Watch for our members who will be taking orders in the narthex on Sunday mornings, September 29, October 6, and 13 following both worship services. Crab patty and soup delivery will be on **Sunday, October 20 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! Both items freeze very well. All our fundraising 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.



CONFIRMATION UPDATE

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We had an awesome first mentor event of the year with Art & Terri Stewart and our Level 2 confirmation students. If you were unable to attend this event we hope to schedule a make-up event soon!

Unfortunately, there was a typo in the calendars you received at the confirmation orientation meeting. The **fall mini retreat date is wrong**, October 13 carried over from last year! **The fall mini retreat will be held on Saturday October 26th.** Please correct your schedules and calendars. I apologize for any confusion and inconvenience this may cause.

Remember, the Fall Basket Social is coming up and it is a great opportunity to volunteer as your one outreach event for this year! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Laura Hafner

HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

We will again be collecting food to fill the rolling backpacks for the school students. Please place donations in the bin located in the narthex.

The following food items are needed:

- non-perishable milk boxes
- oatmeal packets & individual cereal boxes
- small jars of peanut butter
- canned pastas, stews, etc.
- boxed mac n' cheese
- granola bars
- snack-size pretzels
- fruit cups



ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Consider electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly contributions. Electronic giving offers convenience for members and provides much-needed contribution consistency for our congregation.

Visit the church website www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

- * Breast cancer attacks more women worldwide today than any other type of cancer, excluding cancers of the skin.
- * Breast cancer accounts for one of every three cancer diagnosis in women throughout the world.
- * One in every eight women in the United States, or about 12.6% of all women, will get breast cancer in her lifetime.
- * The lifetime risk of breast cancer has tripled in the United States over the past 50 years.
- * Breast cancer occurs in men and is increasing at an alarming rate. The cause in men is unknown.
- * Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among U.S. women aged 35-44. Research shows that delayed diagnosis and more aggressive tumors result in higher mortality rates in young women.
- * Incidence and death rate of breast cancer increases with age and every woman is at risk. Women in the U.S. aged 50 and older accounted for 70% of all new cases and 84% of breast cancer deaths from 1994-1998.
- * Breast cancer is the most common diagnosed cancer among women in every ethnic group in the United States.
- * Native American women have overall lower cancer survival rates than the Anglo population.
- * African-American women have the highest death rate from breast cancer.
- * Among Latinos, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and leading cause of death.
- * Over 80% of breast lumps are not cancerous, but benign such as fibrocystic breast disease.
- * When cancer has been confirmed to the breast area, more than 95% of women who find and treat breast cancer early will be cancer-free after 5 years.



More information can be found on the Bulletin Board.

Wellness Team

WOMEN OF FAITH



- ◆ **October**...Suites and Treats at the Iron Pigs (usually the last Thursday in October)
 - ◆ **November**...Monday, the 25th - We will learn how to make pillow case dresses for the project "Little Dresses for Africa". Pastor Linda Lennon will be telling us all about this project and teaching us how to make the dresses.
 - ◆ **December**...Monday, the 16th - our annual visit to the Lovelight House to Christmas carol, followed by our Christmas party at the church.
- Watch for more information on the above events and also future meetings in the monthly newsletters and the weekly bulletins.

Save the date...Pastor Jami will be leading our **April** meeting to teach us about prayer. We will be making prayer jars! That meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020.

Call Jane Tretiak at 484-767-2346 with any questions.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY TO
ST. STEPHEN**

Wednesday, October 16
2:30 p.m.

PRAYER SHAWL



Thursday,
October 10
10:00 a.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 19
Rain date: October 26
Meet at 11 a.m.
Outreach Ministry to
St. Stephen



Monday,
October 21
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**STORYWEAVERS
and lunch**

Tuesday, October 8
10 a.m.
Call LeAnn Chandler



**SOUP GROUP
AND DELIVERY**

Wednesday,
October 2
9 a.m.



Saturday, October 19

“HOCUS POCUS” (PG)

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Show begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

This is a free event

Sign up on the bulletin board
in the narthex

Three hundred years have passed since the Sanderson sisters were executed for practicing dark witchcraft. Returning to life thanks to a combination of a spell spoken before their demise and the accidental actions of Max, the new-kid-in-town, the sisters have but one night to secure their continuing existence.



25TH ANNUAL

FALL BASKET SOCIAL!

KUNTZ HALL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 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!

DOOR PRIZES TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

50-50 DRAWING (\$1/TICKET)

\$25 CASH SURPRISE HIDDEN IN THREE BASKETS

SPECIAL TABLE OF ITEMS VALUED AT \$50 AND UP: TICKETS \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

PROCEEDS GIVEN TO HOPE LUTHERAN GENERAL FUND

REFRESHMENTS AND DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS WILL BE SOLD. PLEASE CONSIDER BAKING TO HELP MAKE THIS SILVER ANNIVERSARY OUR BEST EVER SOCIAL! THE PROCEEDS FROM BAKED GOODS IS USED TO BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN’S MINISTRY AT ST. STEPHEN’S, ALLENTOWN.

TICKET SPONSORS:

- ♥ IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY MOM, DELORES DERHAMMER, BY DIANE SILFIES AND FAMILY.
- ♥ IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, HARRY, AND SON, BRIAN, BY LORETTA WEIL AND FAMILY.
- ♥ IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES BY SANDY GLASSIC AND FAMILY.

DOOR PRIZE/BASKET SURPRISES SPONSORS:

- ♥ IN HONOR OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN BY CHARLIE AND KIM KUTZLER.
- ♥ IN LOVING MEMORY OF RITA HULSIZER BY DAUGHTER KIM TIER-ROTH AND FAMILY.
- ♥ IN LOVING MEMORY OF HOWARD STROHL BY WIFE, KATHRYN.
- ♥ IN LOVING MEMORY OF HUSBAND, LLOYD, BY LORETTA MOATS.
- ♥ TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY A FRIEND OF HOPE CHURCH.
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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 OCTOBER 10 FROM 6 - 8 OR THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 11 FROM 10 -12.

QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE, 610-767-7203.

THANK YOU!

THE BASKET COMMITTEE OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 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 - August	25,959.57	12,877.12	1,294.08	(280.86)	-
Income - Jan.-Jul.	233,517.55	17,518.96	3,274.06	1,987.46	2,000.00
Total Income	259,477.12	30,396.08	4,568.14	1,706.60	2,000.00
Expenses - August	31,106.88	14,863.74	1,960.99	3,400.00	-
Expenses - Jan.-Jul.	209,928.52	25,665.58	3,575.51	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	241,035.40	40,529.32	5,536.50	5,400.00	-
Net Income	18,441.72	(10,133.24)	(968.36)	(3,693.40)	2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	1,400.77				
Balance End of August	\$122,715.71	\$136,010.84	\$138,521.29	\$ 91,919.44	\$ (2,061.92)

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$5,147.31, and for the year 2019, income exceeded expenses by \$18,441.72, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$122,715.71. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(7,920.39) with a balance of \$84,385.05.

*** 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>
November	Tuesday, October 15	Thursday, October 24 @ 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 October 2019 issue of *Synod News* is available online.
Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2019-10.pdf>

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