

# Hope *Home News*

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

This past Sunday we returned to offering communion by intinction – after two and a half years of using pre-packaged cups that contained a wafer and some grape juice. I was looking forward to doing one more thing that would take us back to what we knew as normal. What I wasn't prepared for was the emotions that I felt as I said the words to everyone who stepped up to my communion station, "the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given and shed for you." Honestly, I was overwhelmed being able to look our members in the eye and saying those words that conveyed the grace of God.

I have been offering a hug to folks as they leave worship as another "get-back-to-normal" thing because I desperately missed getting and giving hugs during the pandemic – and I realized that many of you did as well. It is such a joy to make that kind of connection with people.

Leo Buscaglia - also known as the "The Love Dr." and "Dr. Hug" - was an American author, motivational speaker, and a professor in the Department of Special Education at the University of Southern California. While teaching at USC, he was moved by a student's suicide to contemplate human disconnectedness and the meaning of life and began a noncredit class he called Love 1A. This became the basis for his first book, titled simply *Love*. He went on to write another 13 best-selling books on loving and human relationships. I've read several his books and have enjoyed their insights.

He once wrote, "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

It's true - we do underestimate the power of these things. I'm not sure why. Maybe we just think that people don't really need our input in their lives - or maybe we're just used to people not encouraging us - or sharing kind words or compliments with us. As I've aged, I've learned how important a hug or smile or compliment is. And I certainly don't want to overestimate the power of things like these. After all, I'm not going to solve anyone's problems with a listening ear, or completely turn their lives around with a smile. But we should always keep in mind that the things that turn people's lives around generally are a bunch of things together - and my smile or compliment will be a part of a greater whole, a whole that gives someone hope or peace, and that would be incomplete without my contribution. So - I give the compliment or the kind word - a hug or a smile – because I truly believe that it is better to err on the side of the positive than the negative.

Which makes me wonder...how many opportunities do we have each day to make this sort of contribution to others? And...how many of those opportunities do we actually take advantage of? The truth is that our ordinary lives are filled with opportunities to bless others. The power of a single glance or an encouraging smile must never be underestimated.

Leo Buscaglia spent much of his life teaching us about the power of loving one another and that we do have power to help others - to make them feel good about life and living. And if we do have that kind of power in our hands, don't you think we should use it more?

Blessings,  
Pastor Jami

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—June 2022

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- ◆ The council will be taking the month of July off. The next scheduled council meeting will be Monday, August 8.
- ◆ Sunday morning worship will include communion by intinction beginning Sunday, June 26. This is one more step Hope is taking toward our pre-pandemic practices.
- ◆ The installation of the flooring in Kuntz Hall is completed. Members are encouraged to stop in and take a look.
- ◆ Council approved the rentals of Kuntz Hall, Hanson Hall, the Pavilion and classrooms effective immediately. This includes funeral receptions hosted by our funeral crew as well.
- ◆ The Education Committee is looking for teachers and helpers as well as Confirmation teachers and helpers for the upcoming Christian education year which will begin in September. If you feel called to help with these duties, please contact Ally Lockard for Sunday School and Jennifer Knouss for Confirmation.
- ◆ The Property Committee purchased a new freezer for the shed on the Hanson Hall side of the building. This is typically used for overflow freezer space and Vacation Bible School.
- ◆ The youth who are going on the “Mini Gathering” from July 24 -28 will be hosting a coffee hour on July 31 to thank the congregation for their support over the past few years. The youth will be spending time in Hershey – at the park and participating in a day-long service project – and then head up to Pastor Jami’s lake house for more bonding and outdoor activities.



## NEW MEMBERS

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Sunday, June 12, during our 9:00 a.m. worship service we received new members. We welcomed to our Hope Family.

Shannon Arndt

Adele Beil

Derek & Lillian

The Ladd Family: Patrick, Emily, Weston, Elena & Lincoln

Marie & Lawrence Lorah

The Stein Family: Brittany, Derek & Lillian



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, July 3**

**9:00 a.m. Worship**

**Sunday, July 10**

**9:00 a.m. Communion**

**Sunday, July 17**

**9:00 a.m. Worship**

**Sunday, July 24**

**9:00 a.m. Communion**

**Sunday, July 31**

**9:00 a.m. Worship**

**Sunday, August 7**

**9:00 a.m. Worship**

**Sunday, August 14**

**9:00 a.m. Communion**

**Sunday, August 21**

**9:00 a.m. Worship**

**Sunday, August 28**

**9:00 a.m. Communion**

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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Sunday, June 19, during worship we celebrated our graduates:

**Reece Anderson** – Northampton Area High School

**Kasey Frey** – Arcadia University

**Ashley Hildebrand** – Moravian University

**Shaye Kerper** – Bloomsburg University

**Kevin Laudano** – Lehigh University

**Aislinn McDonald** – Northampton Area High School

**Elizabeth Moore** – West Chester University

**Cyril Neff** – L. V. Charter High School for the Arts

**Logan Ninos** – Ithaca College

**Felicia Paly** – Northampton Area High School

**Nicole Spohn** – Seton Hall University

**Thomas Spohn** – Northampton Area High School

**Daedra VanLuvanee** – Northampton Area High School

## HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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To be eligible for Hope's college scholarship money you must:

- Be attending an accredited college/university full time
- Be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2022
- Be member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church
- Complete an application

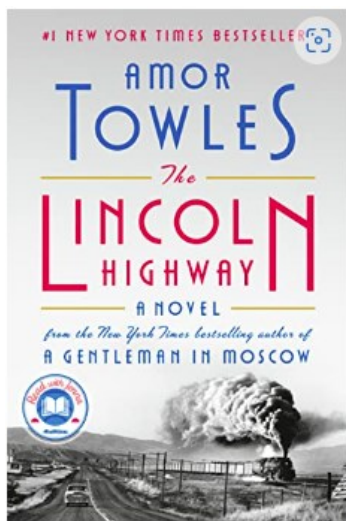


Applications are available on the church website ([hopecherryville.org](http://hopecherryville.org)) or by request from the church office. The deadline for receipt of applications to the church office is **July 24, 2022**. Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to attend a worship service to receive the first of two checks, the second check will be sent the first week in January 2023.

## BOOK BUDDIES

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The next read for Book Buddies is *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. The cost of the book is \$18.00 and the groups will meet on Thursday, July 18 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.



*In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction—to the City of New York. Spanning just ten days and told from multiple points of view, Towles's third novel will satisfy fans of his multi-layered literary styling while providing them an array of new and richly imagined settings, characters, and themes.*

## **BIBLE STUDY**



Bible Study is held in Kuntz Hall at 10 a.m. every Thursday. In addition Bible Study will still be offered via Zoom. Call the office for more information.

## **Soup Group and Delivery**



Wednesdays,  
**July 6**  
&  
**August 3**  
10 a.m.  
meeting

## **FAMILY PICNIC**

**Sunday September 18**, at Indian Trail Park sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. The picnic will begin at noon in Pavilion Number 1. The committee will provide meat, rolls, condiments, and beverages. Just bring your favorite dish to share, and don't forget your lawn chair. Fun and games for all ages. Volunteers to help with the picnic are appreciated. A sign up sheet for the picnic will soon be posted.



## **STORYWEAVERS**

Tuesday, **July 19**  
meet at 11:30  
for lunch at Wert's  
and  
Tuesday, **August 16**  
meeting 10 a.m.—SS Room.  
lunch 12 noon  
Place TBD

## **WOMEN OF FAITH**



Collection of items for the **Ukraine** is continuing by the Women of Faith. They are teaming up with the organization, *Through These Hands*. *Through These Hands* is a non-profit organization that acquires and distributes medical/non-medical supplies primarily, but not limited to, Developing Countries through other non-profit organizations. Following is a list of items needed as given to *Through These Hands* by the Ukrainian Community. Diapers and formula are especially needed. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex in the boxes indicated.

Adhesive Tape  
Antiseptic Wipes  
Blankets (NEW)  
Elastic Bandage  
Soap  
Toothpaste  
Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen  
Bleedstop

Alcohol Wipes  
Band-Aids (all sizes)  
Diapers  
Infant/Toddler Powder Formula  
Wet Wipes  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Tweezers

Antibiotic Ointment  
Battery Powered Lanterns  
Sterile Gauze Pads (all sizes)  
Deodorant  
Toothbrushes  
First Aid Kits  
Urological Pads



Also, *Through These Hands* is always looking for canes, crutches, walkers and wheelchairs (in good condition). If you have any of these items and you do not know where to donate them, please bring them to the church and we will make sure to deliver them to their warehouse.

## CONFIRMATION



Sunday, June 5, the youth pictured to the left affirmed for themselves the promises that were made at their baptism.



Alexandra Beal Tretia, Jarod Knouss, Jr., Kasidy Mahalick  
Anna Sekol, Emily Koplin



## YOUTH GROUP

There will be a Youth Gathering LEADER meeting on Sunday, **July 10** immediately after the service.

There will be a mandatory youth **and** parent meeting for those attending the youth trip this summer on Sunday, **July 17** immediately after the church service in Kuntz Hall.

Our Youth Members have been working hard over the past three years to be able to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the trip was cancelled this cycle. However, we continued to fundraise and work together to create our own trip for those youth that signed up for the Youth Gathering. Please join us at worship on **July 24** for our sendoff and to hear everything we have planned.

The congregation is also invited to attend our thank you coffee hour style reception on **July 31** immediately after the service. We thank you for your support!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 11–15

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If you've registered for

### *"Food Truck Party"*

We are ready and excited to welcome your little chefs to the **Food Truck Party: on a Roll with God**. Classes will be held from 9 AM until noon, with a closing program on Friday, July 15 @ 7 p.m. A donation of \$15 is suggested for each student.

So don't miss out on cooking up some fun with Gillian and his crew.



## ALL CREATION SINGS

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Hymnal sponsorships are available for the new "All Creation Sings" hymnal supplement. It was published in early 2020 just before we shut down for the pandemic and we have used many of these new hymns during our parking lot worship. This is a hymnal supplement and does not replace our current hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.



New hymnals can be sponsored for \$15 each and can be dedicated in memory, honor or celebration of a person or persons. A bookplate with names will be placed in the front of each dedicated hymnal. Sponsorship envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Place your completed Hymnal Sponsorship envelope in the offering plate or the locked box in the narthex.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

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Sunday, July 17, at 10:00 a.m. will be Hope's outreach church service at Gracedale, led by Bob Small. Church members are welcome to help the Social Ministry Team share the Word with the residents.

Following Gracedale protocol, Covid vaccination cards (or copies) must be shown, and non-cloth masks must be worn. Gracedale will have appropriate masks available.

Please consider attending this event!

Cindy Kocher- SM chairperson

Nancy Miller - SM member

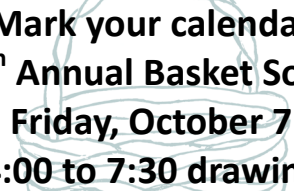
## HEARTFELT HELP

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Social Ministry is sponsoring a collection of hygiene products to benefit personal needs. The Caring Hearts Clothing Closet, located in Slatington and also Allentown, offers FREE clothing and hygiene products to anyone in need. Hope members are invited to help offer HOPE at Caring Hearts by donating any of the below items listed. Please help fill the container located under the big bulletin board. Thank you.

Chapstick	Mouthwash	Disposable razors	Shampoo
Disposable razors	Dry shampoo	Shave cream	Conditioner
SPF sun screen	Body wash	Flashlights	Lotion
Disposable washing cloths	Feminine hygiene items	Batteries	Q-tips
Deodorant	Small combs	Travel size issues	Bug repellent

For questions or more information contact: Nancy Miller, 610-392-8344



Mark your calendar  
27<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Social  
Friday, October 7  
4:00 to 7:30 drawing

### Evangelism Committee

No meeting in July  
Next meeting August 9  
6:30 p.m.—Hanson Hall

### **THANK YOU . . .**

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Dear Evangelism Committee,  
We so enjoyed receiving your Easter Basket.

Thank you,  
Floyd and Irene Williams

Many Thanks to you and the Evangelism Committee for Keeping Hope's seniors in your thoughts and prayers.

Richard Demko

Thank you so much for remembering me with the special Easter basket.

The visits are so appreciated.

Easter Blessings,  
Maribeth Murphy

Dear Evangelism Members,

It has been many years since I have had an "Easter Basket" so I was delightfully surprised when Betty and Loretta brought the "Hope Easter Basket". Purple and white ribbons, Palms note pad, pen, cream and inside – colored eggs cookies, jello, pudding and fruit cups, candy and jellybeans. What a treat.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. God bless you as you continue your journey at Hope.

In Christian Love,  
Olive

### **God's Love** Poem By: **Anna Sekol**

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God's love is always there  
In the sky and in the air.  
God's love will follow me  
Wherever I end up to be  
He was there for Noah as he built an ark  
He lit up the world when it was dark  
He traveled with the Israelites for 40 years  
He's always there to wipe away our tears.  
He was there when Jonah was eaten by a whale  
He and his love could never fail.  
He fought by David's side, courageous and strong,  
He helps us get through days that seem especially long  
He wrote with Martin Luther, and protected him.  
He guides us through our lives, even when it seems grim.  
He grieved with Mary and Martha about their brother  
He loves and cares for us like no other

He sat with Daniel in the lions' den.  
He shows us his love again and again  
He gave Ruth courage to save what she had  
He always forgives us when we are bad  
He sat with three men in a fiery furnace  
He will never let harsh flames burn us.  
He suffered great pain and died on a cross.  
He gives us strength when we're facing a loss.  
God seems so great, so powerful, so kind  
Why would he pay me any mind?  
Because he loves us and looks deep inside  
And sees the real us and the things that we hide.  
So I'll always love God, because I can see.  
Just how much he loves you and me.  
So as I leave confirmation and Sunday school  
I'll always go to church because God's super cool.



Wait I don't think that woman in the green apron is the person from the commercials! And those council members seem strangely familiar. Check this video out at: [Growing Young Scenario 1 - YouTube](#)

## **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](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the electronic giving page.



## **RETURNING TO “NORMAL” WORSHIP**

You will notice our worship is returning to pre pandemic format. We still need additional volunteers. Below is a list of what is needed. Don't be a stumbling block to bringing back something you miss, step up! Training for all positions is provided.

- \* Communion Assistants
- \* Ushers
- \* Greeters
- \* Lectors
- \* Choir Members
- \* Acolytes
- \* Altar Guild
- \* AV Operator

And come Fall we also need:

- \* Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers

You'll find sign-up sheets in the narthex, or you can call the office and let Jennifer know in which position you are interested.

## **TEACHER NEEDED**

Hope Lutheran Nursery School in Cherryville, PA is seeking a Preschool Teacher and a Teacher's Aide for our 3 year old students for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

These are both Tuesday and Thursday part-time positions, which require current clearances as well as CPR and First Aid Certifications. Training and fees for CPR and First Aid will be covered. Previous experience with young children in a classroom setting is preferred, and the ability to keep up with the physical requirements and energy level of teaching young children is a must. Additionally, a teaching degree is required for the teacher position.

Applications are due by July 15 and can be printed from the Nursery School website: [https://www.hopecherryville.org/nursery\\_school.php](https://www.hopecherryville.org/nursery_school.php) or picked up at Hope Lutheran Church.

Please call or text Trish Claypoole, Nursery School Board President at 610-360-6034 should you have any questions.



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY 31, 2022**

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$246,275.19	\$188,752.29	\$187,720.51	\$107,308.57	\$ (496.92)
Income - May	33,364.90	(5,154.31)	(6,714.25)	(5,240.39)	-
Income - Jan.-Apr.	138,336.23	(2,413.63)	(2,254.39)	(1,767.68)	500.00
Total Income	171,701.13	(7,567.94)	(8,968.64)	(7,008.07)	500.00
Expenses - May	33,253.57	3,399.00	765.00	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	128,362.52	18,809.02	5,714.56	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	161,616.09	22,208.02	6,479.56	2,000.00	-
Net Income	10,085.04	(29,775.96)	(15,448.20)	(9,008.07)	500.00
Net Special Appeals	(1,000.00)				
Balance End of May	\$255,360.23	\$158,976.33	\$172,272.31	\$ 98,300.50	\$ 3.08

**SUMMARY:**

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of May by \$111.33, and for the year 2022, income exceeded expenses by \$10,085.04, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$255,360.23. Last year the net income for the same period was \$51,559.08 (included PPP Loan Forgiveness of \$36,872.23) with a balance of \$239,938.78.

*\*\* 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>
September	Monday, August 15	Thursday, August 25

*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 may run longer.*

**SYNOD NEWS**

The July 2022 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2022-7-color.pdf>

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