

Hope *Home News*

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

Hope Lutheran Church - what are we known for? When folks hear our congregations' name – what comes to mind? What do we do well as a congregation? What are Hope's assets? And your last question might be – why is Pastor Jami asking these questions?!

Here's why . . . sometimes, when we get into maintenance mode, we lose our focus on questions such as these. We forget that we actually are very much engaged in God's work. So - these are important questions we should be asking ourselves as we regroup and renew our ministries after these past years of Covid19 and an abnormal rhythm in our life as the church. You see - the answers to these questions become the motivation for people join our church, the motivation for members to volunteer in various ministries, and the motivation for people to give generously to our ministry. People join the church and volunteer and give generously because they see that together – we are doing the work of Jesus.

And that got me to thinking that this is the perfect theme for our 2023 Stewardship Emphasis. At our Stewardship Committee meeting a few months ago I asked the question: What are Hope's assets? Let me share with you the list we developed...

- * Intergenerational, family-oriented atmosphere of the congregation
- * Children and families involved in worship and programs
- * Well-respected lay leadership
- * A creative and dynamic music program that energizes members and worship
- * Strong children and youth programs designed to grow faith
- * Support of our community through activities

and experiences such as: Hope's Preschool, Friendship Dances for special needs adults, Cherryville Senior Center, Scouting programs for boys and girls, Hope's Community Food Cupboard, Soup Group for STAR (Seniors with Transportation and Accessibility Restrictions) members, Children's Community Backpack program, Adopt-A-Family at Christmas, Christmas Ingathering for local social ministry organizations, Toys for Tots, Indianland Garden Club and many more

- * Intergenerational, family-oriented worship experience that is inclusive and flexible
- * An imaginative, fun, faith-filled Vacation Bible School
- * Ownership of our facilities that are conducive to a variety of ministries and are utilized daily
- * An energetic pastor who cares about the congregation and wants to bring people under our wings
- * Ministry programming that is diverse and active – if you have an interest, we can help you grow it

You might be able to name even more – but you see what I am getting at - don't you? Hope Lutheran Church is a lively, vibrant, intergenerational community working to share and live out the gospel of Jesus Christ. And that is something to celebrate! Which is just what we are planning to do – celebrate our assets.

So - mark your calendars for Sunday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m. when we will gather for a celebration with an intergenerational, carnival-like hour of fun, food and fellowship. On this day, the Stewardship Committee - with lots of help from mem

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—October 2022

- ◆ Council accepted with regret the resignation of Tom Nichols as President and council member due to a temporary relocation that will inhibit his ability to remain on the council. Kim Roth will assume the President position until new officer elections in January 2023. The nominating committee will add another position on council to fill at the Annual Meeting.
- ◆ The 2022 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m. in Kuntz Hall. Refreshments at the meetings will be provided by Amy Nichols and Thrivent. Items on the agenda will include the election of new council members, election of new members to the nominating committee and the 2023 Annual Budget. Council urges all members to attend.
- ◆ Council approved the following fundraisers for the Youth Committee:
 - ◇ Nut roll sale in October for pick-up in November
 - ◇ Clothing drive the week of October 30
- ◆ Council approved the crab cake and lobster bisque fundraiser for Hope's Helping Hands in October for pick-up in November
- ◆ The Basket Social group had another successful social with the proceeds being split between the Northampton Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund. Bake sale proceeds were donated to Laura Bealer – Hope's young member dealing with cancer.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Communion

Sunday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship



Thursday, November 23

7:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Communion

WHEN YOU THINK THEY AREN'T LISTENING

Our church is alive with the voices of people singing, praying, and worshipping together! We are especially blessed to have so many little voices joining us for worship each week. While some people may think they are too little to be in church, these lively and energetic participants are observing, listening, and learning. How do we know? It's the parent who tells about her child singing "Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way" at home. The toddler who looks around at the congregation and then folds his hands and closes his eyes during the prayer. The mother who hears her daughter singing Jesus Loves Me through the baby monitor after nap.

Many churches are struggling to bring in young families, but we are blessed to have so many! How can you support these littlest members and their families?

- Introduce yourself and ask them their names
- Say you are glad they are here
- SMILE: Everyone has a bad day from time to time. A smile shows you understand.
- Say "See you next week!"

We truly are an intergenerational church. Let's continue to grow, worship, and praise God together.

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16)

YOUTH GROUP:

Nut Roll Sale

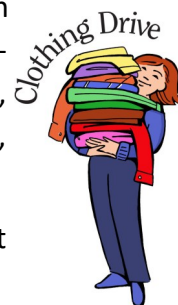
Anyone who ordered nut rolls from the Youth Group can pick them up in Hanson Hall on Sunday, November 20 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. All outstanding payments are due at time of pick-up. Stop by Hanson Hall on the 20 to see if there are any extras available for sale.

Please email Ally Lockard at alockard313@gmail.com with any questions. All profits will benefit those attending the Youth Gathering in 2024.

Clothing Drive

Youth Group is hosting a clothing drive from Sunday, October 30 - Friday, November 4. Youth members will be available to help unload cars Monday, October 31 – Friday, November 4 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

All items must be bagged in a plastic trash bag and can be placed in the POD in the church parking lot. Accepted items include: clothing for men, women and children, shoes, clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves etc, soft household items like towels, blankets, bed sheets, pillows, quilts, comforters and curtains, small toys (2 ft. or less), stuffed animals, bikes/scooters, car seats (only with base) and strollers.



If you would like more information on the company we are using, please visit www.aeclothing.net. All money raised will benefit those attending the Youth Gathering in 2024.

Mystery Dinner



Youth Group will be hosting a **Mystery Thanksgiving Dinner** for any youth in grades 6th – 12th. There's a mystery to be solved, can you solve it before dinner is over? Join us for games, food and fun! We will meet on Saturday, November 12 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in Kuntz Hall. Friends are welcome. Cost is free. Contact Ally Lockard at alockard313@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be participating in the Stewardship Carnival on Sunday, November 20 during the Sunday School hour. Bring your family to play games, make crafts and eat food. There's a lot of fun to be had, so come out and join us!

There will be no Sunday School from cradle roll – 6th grade on Sunday, November 27. We hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving with their families.

CONFIRMATION

Level I Confirmation students will be attending a 10:45 worship service at Slatington Baptist Church on Sunday, November 6. We will also be going to Temple Beth El on Friday, November 11 for a 5:30 p.m. meet and greet and a service at 6:00. More details to follow.

Both Level I and Level II Confirmation students will have their Fall Mini-Retreat on Saturday, November 19 from 9-12. We will be meeting in Kuntz Hall. Students must be present for the entire time or make-up the entire content (no late drop-offs/early pick-ups). If you are unable to attend, please see Jennifer Knouss for make-up work.

No class on Sunday, November 27 for Level I or Level II Confirmation students.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *(Continued from page 2)*

- ◆ The annual Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee will be held on November 5.
- ◆ Finances YTD remain flat but in the black. Council thanks members for their financial support and encourages members to continue their faithful giving. A copy of the September financial report can be found on the large bulletin board in the hallway by the church office.

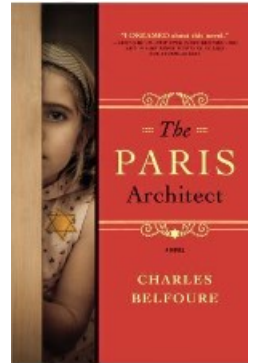
BOOK BUDDIES

Our next book for “Book Buddies” will be *The Paris Architect*:

The Paris Architect - \$14.50 we will meet Monday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Like most gentiles in Nazi-occupied Paris, architect Lucien Bernard has little empathy for the Jews. So when a wealthy industrialist offers him a large sum of money to devise secret hiding places for Jews, Lucien struggles with the choice of risking his life for a cause he doesn't really believe in. Ultimately he can't resist the challenge and begins designing expertly concealed hiding spaces—behind a painting, within a column, or inside a drainpipe—detecting possibilities invisible to the average eye. But when one of his clever hiding spaces fails horribly and the immense suffering of Jews becomes incredibly personal, he can no longer deny reality.

Written by an expert whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every life the architect tries to save.



FALL BASKET SOCIAL

Thank you to everyone that supported this years 27th Fall Basket Social. Maybe you donated a basket, gift card or an object. Maybe you donated or made food, cake or drinks. The committee appreciates everything that you have done to make this basket social a success.

Thank you to the Boy Scouts with helping set up tables, chairs and baskets. The confirmation students helping to deliver baskets and clean up.

Thank you to Tanzos Beverage for the ice and Thrivent for their generous donation in gift cards to purchase food and paper products. Thank you to everyone else that I may have missed.

The baked goods money this year will go to Laura Bealer to help in her fight against cancer. This year we raised \$626.

The total amount of \$4,990.75 will be split between hope's Good Samaritan Fund and the Northampton Bood Bank.

Thank you to marge Zimmerman and Nancy Xander who have helped us in the past and have decided not to continue on the committee. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We hope to see everyone next year for the 28th Fall Basket Social on Friday, October 6, 2023.

CRAB PATTY AND LOBSTER BISQUE PICK-UP

Don't forget to pick up your Todd's Island Seafood crab patties and lobster bisque on **Sunday, November 6** from **9 a.m.** to **12 p.m.** in Kuntz Hall kitchen. Thank you from the Hope's Helping Hands Mission Team to everyone that placed orders. Any questions please call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340.



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bers - will be hosting a time for all of us to come together to share in some fun activities. There will be food stations, a Hope photo booth where you can take a family photo and have some fun dressing up a bit, craft activities to take home, a giant Hope craft that everyone will contribute to and will hang in our Gathering Space at Christmas, minute-to-win it games, carnival games, people bingo and so much more. If you attend 8:00 am worship - please plan to stay. If you attend 10:30 a.m. worship – please come early to participate. There will be no Sunday School classes that day so that all families big and small can join in the festivities.

Additionally, this will be the day when we return our Generosity Cards with our financial commitment to the ministry of Hope Lutheran Church. Look for a letter coming your way in the mail that will include your 2023 Generosity Card to complete and return. The truth is that Hope can offer all the programs, activities and atmosphere we list in our assets because of your generosity - which is the fuel that drives our engine. Please prayerfully consider your financial generosity. We are giving because we are working together to do the work of Jesus Christ. Join me in this most important work.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

THANK YOU . . .

Dear Hope Family,

About six months ago I was diagnosed with a neuroendocrine tumor of pancreatic cells with metastases to the liver. This is my second bout with cancer unfortunately, but my diagnosis is not the purpose of this letter. I wanted to give an immense thank you to everyone who contributed to the Vacation Bible School coin toss, and therefore to the check I was so graciously given. I also want to thank anyone involved in the bake sale that just transpired and for the generous donation of its proceeds. There are not enough words to explain how grateful I am for such incredible acts of kindness. This feat has been anything but easy, but this community, that I am lucky enough to be a part of, has helped me in so many ways. While the monetary value of the proceeds I received are amazing and honestly quite unbelievable, the act of kindness behind it is more meaningful to me. I am so grateful that you thought of me and determined me worthy of these generous gifts. I also wanted to say thank you to everyone who has been praying for me. God's love is one of the only constants in my life right now, and having the support from him and this church has gotten me through my best and worst days. I still have quite the journey ahead of me so I ask you all to not only keep me in your thoughts and prayers, but I ask for you to please pray for my family and uplift them through the rest of our journey. Thank you again for all your generosity. It means so much to me.

Sincerely,
Laura Bealer

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

As our congregation looks forward to a new year and prepares the 2022 financial budget, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what we are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.



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.

Story Weavers.

Tuesday,
November 15
10 a.m.
lunch at Assante

HOPE'S FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday,
November 21
7—9 p.m.



WELCA

Tuesday,
November 8
10:00 a.m.

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

Soup Group and Delivery

Wednesday,
November 2
9 a.m.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday,
November 15
6:00 p.m.
Hanson Hall

THRIVENT UPDATES

Coffee hour November 13 after both services.

53 Action Teams were used to benefit Hope Lutheran Church equaling \$13,250 in Action Team Spending!! As of August 31 a total of 46 members have directed a total of \$3,850 Thrivent Choice Dollars

Action Teams

There is still time to use your 2022 Action Teams!!! To register: <http://thrivent.com/actionteams>.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that gives eligible Thrivent members the power to recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable funds each year. Members are invited to direct Choice Dollars® among thousands of enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches, camps, schools, seminaries, campus ministries and more.

Amy Nichols – Thrivent

<https://connect.thrivent.com/Amy-Nichols>

Annual Senior Thanksgiving Meal

Saturday, November 5
in Kuntz Hall.
Please sign-up on the sheet located in the narthex.



IN GATHERING

We will be collecting items for Gracedale this year. A labeled box will be in the Narthex for your donations. The items are listed below and will be collected through November.

The mitten tree will be in the Narthex beginning the first Sunday in November. You can bring your mittens, hats, and scarves for children and adults and place them on the tree.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



INGATHERING ITEMS FOR GRACEDALE

Men

After shave lotion
Small combs
Talcum powder
Tube socks

Women

Hair brushes
Socks
Perfume/colognes
Body powder
Scarves

NO CROSSWORD BOOKS or BAR SOAP

Either

ankle socks	markers- washable	adult Coloring books
nail polish & remover	change purses	tissue packets
lg. print search a word	playing cards	crayons
body spray	moisturizing lotion	velvet coloring posters
slippers with sturdy bottoms	Chapstick	deodorant
lg print reading books	postage stamps	writing paper
body wash	colored pencils	
pens/pencils	small tablets	

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Poinsettias will adorn the Nave for Christmas. Each 8½ inch plant will cost \$22.00 (colors vary). Orders will be collected November 6 through November 13. All orders and payments are due together by November 13. The Poinsettias will decorate the church for Christmas Eve and December 25 worship services. Plants may be picked up after the worship service on the 25th or from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the week of December 27. Order forms and envelopes are located in the Narthex. Complete the form and return in the offering plate or to the church office.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

This year All Saints' Sunday occurs on Sunday, November 6, at both services we will remember and pray for those from our congregation who have died during the past year. They were the saints among us who have departed this realm to join the saints triumphant.

We will also recognize and celebrate those who became saints since last year's All Saints Sunday through God's grace in the sacrament of baptism. These are the newest saints among us for whom we want to give thanks in worship!

21st Annual Nativity Display

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

Saturday, November 26: 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 27: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

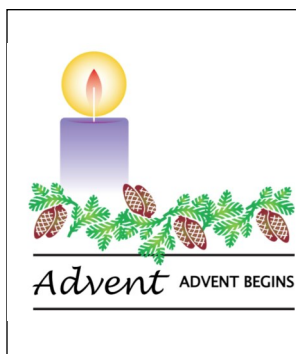
Free Event.

Large variety of Nativities to view and enjoy.

If you would like to share a nativity for the weekend, please bring it to the church on Friday, November 25 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.



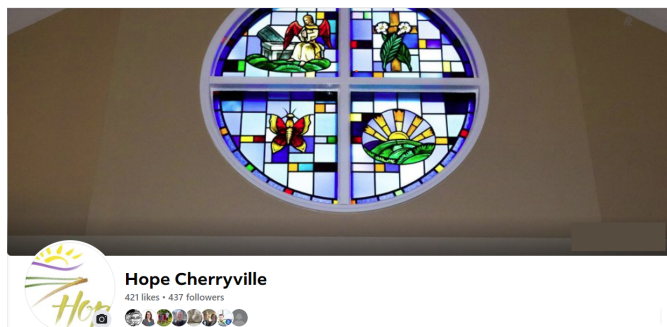
Sunday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m. in Kuntz Hall, we will hold our annual congregational meeting. At least 50 members are needed for a quorum that morning. Voting members are confirmed members. "Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation." Hope Constitution C8.02.



The first Sunday in Advent is November 27. Our mid-week Advent services will begin on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. and continue through Wednesday, December 21.

Kuntz Hall is available for rental. Visit Hope's website: hopecherryville.org for the *Church Use Policy* and the *Facility Rental Form*. If you have any questions, call the church office, 610-767-7203.

Join us on Facebook at **HopeCherryville** (just like our website address). If you don't see the picture to the right you probably are on the "unofficial page". That page is not monitored by any staff at Hope. For information on what is happening at Hope you will want to be on the official page.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 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 - August	25,097.51	4,973.28	7,824.12	3,990.26	-
Income - Jan.-Jul.	230,830.13	(7,865.81)	(11,321.11)	(11,582.36)	500.00
Total Income	255,927.64	(2,892.53)	(3,496.99)	(7,592.10)	500.00
Expenses - August	29,848.46	2,656.67	5,522.78	1,800.00	-
Expenses - Jan.-Jul.	226,721.96	36,499.17	10,485.57	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	256,570.42	39,155.84	16,008.35	3,800.00	-
Net Income	(642.78)	(42,048.37)	(19,505.34)	(11,392.10)	500.00
Net Special Appeals	(982.00)				
Balance End of August	\$244,650.41	\$146,703.92	\$168,215.17	\$ 95,916.47	\$ 3.08

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$4,750.95, and for the year 2022, expenses exceeded income by \$642.78, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$244,650.41. Last year the net income for the same period was \$46,678.28 (which included PPP Loan Forgiveness of \$36,872.23) with a balance of \$235,024.98.

*** 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	Monday, October 17	Thursday, October 27

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 October 2022 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

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