



Summer is on the way, and I love this season of the year. Already I am thinking of all the things I want to do as the weather offers us more daylight hours and opportunities for outside activities. I think about what I'd like to do in my

free time and what gives me joy. I think about vacations, visiting our son in Washington DC, spending time with our grandchildren, boating and drifting on the Delaware River. And then I think...where am I going to find time to do all the things I'm thinking about??!! How can I possibly fit all this into my already over-crowded schedule? It's all about managing our time.

Read the following statements and check the ones that are true in your life.

- I often feel confused and scattered.
- I have too much to do and too little time in which to do it.
- I think of myself as contented.
- I enjoy my family.
- I have a daily quiet time.
- I sometimes take a nap.
- I enjoy regular exercise.
- I spend most of my time on urgent things instead of the important things.
- I often feel guilty for taking time to relax.
- I have prayerfully set life goals.

Here's a hard truth for many of us - time management is a dreaded and often ignored spiritual discipline. On any given day we choose where to invest our time - carefully planning everything from work-related meetings and lunch appointments to play dates and trips to the grocery store - but fail to schedule the most important activity of all - spending time with God.

I am convinced that much of our frustration in life comes from doing things we were never intended to do. Temptation happily dances across our overcrowded schedules. Here is the reality - our minutes, hours and days are precious commodities, gifts from God that can be unwrapped only once. Often, we become so busy meeting the needs of others that we destroy ourselves in the process. Being intentional about our time and our lives can help. I am, by no means, an expert in time management - but I do want to share some simple ideas to which I have been exposed.

- Prepare Just as we budget our money, we must budget our time. Every day, we are presented with twenty-four hours, and every day we must choose to either spend those hours or invest them.
- Prioritize If we don't set priorities others will. Time thieves will steal the hours and days as we allow them to impose their plans and demands on us.
- Eliminate Learn to leave the "lesser" things undone.
 (This lesson is especially hard for me because I actually believe I can do it all. My trusty "Superwoman" cape is never far away!)
- Delegate Remind everyone around you that they are an important part of this team – then use them to help.
- **Simplify** Give up on perfection it won't happen all the time anyway. Learn to say "this is sufficient."
- Spend time with God Whenever you can. Wherever you can. However you can. Spending time with God keeps us centered, focused, intentional about the way we are spending the precious gift of time God offers.

Good time management skills for many of us do not come naturally or easily. And while we will falter in our attempts to manage our time well - we can always begin again. Join me today in a new commitment to cultivate, apply and relish the time we have.

God's blessings, Pastor Jami

Council Highlights-April 2023

- The Audit Team completed the 2022 audit and submitted it to the Synod and ELCA. Many thanks for their important work.
- The row of trees along the parking lot were cleared due to a fungus that was killing them. Property Committee is considering next steps.
- ◆ The National Day of Prayer Service will be sponsored by the Evangelism Committee on May 4th at 11:30 AM followed by a luncheon in Kuntz Hall. This event is open to anyone who is interested in attending.
- The Council is looking to put together a **50th Anniversary Committee** to begin working on a celebration in 2024. Anyone interested please contact the church office, Pastor Jami or Council President, Kim Roth.
- Looking ahead to fall 2023 a new church directory is in the works. A planning team is being assembled and more information will follow.
- Hope's Youth are holding a clothing drive from April 30th through May 5th. A "pod" will be in the parking lot for drop off day or night. Youth will be available in the evening to help unload cars and fell the "pod."
- The Youth Group will be participating in an all-night event Friday, May 5th – Saturday, May 6th. Youth and leaders will travel throughout the Lehigh Valley doing fun team-building activities and a service project.



ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

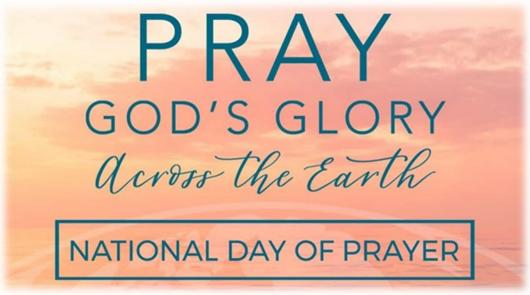
Thank you for all of your contributions throughout the year. It is through the contributions of every member that we are able to fulfill our mission. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. Help us achieve a more consistent level of funding by setting up a recurring giving plan. Visit the abuse we have because the property will a grant level.

ing plan. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page or click the Online Giving Button.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 4, 2023



Hope's Evangelism Committee will again honor this day; there will be a worship service at 11:30 AM following the Thursday morning bible study and after the service Evangelism committee will serve a lunch.

Hope you can come and enjoy this day of worship and fellowship!

Please see the sign up sheet for this on the bulletin board in the narthex. Everyone is welcome!

How to Pray for America

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

As we Pray for America whose pledge of allegiance recounts that we are "one nation under God," and whose currency states that it is "in God we trust," we want Americans to encounter the God who rules over their country. "He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals His thoughts to man, He who turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is His name." —Amos 4:13 NIV

He is the One who gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we'll be changed, and we'll see transformation in America through prayer!

HOW TO PRAY FOR AMERICA - BY PRAYING INTO SEVEN CENTERS OF INFLUENCE IN OUR NATION: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church, and Family

Evangelism Committee

May 3 6:30 PM Hanson Hall



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held in Kuntz Hall at 10 a.m. Thursdays

MAY 4, 11, 18 & 25

In addition Bible Study will still be offered via Zoom.

> Call the office for more information.

GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday,

May 9

6 PM

in Kuntz Hall



Hope's Friendship Dance and Pizza Party

Monday,

May 15

6-9 PM

(SET-UP BEGINS AT 5:00 PM)

WELCA

Tuesday,

May 9

10 AM

Adult Sunday

School Room



SOUP GROUP DELIVERY

Wednesday,

May 3

9 AM



KUNTZ HALL 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.

STORY WEAVERS

Tuesday,

May 16

10 AM

in Adult Sunday

School Room

LUNCH @ NOON

(TBD)

WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday,

May 16

6:30 PM

in Hanson Hall



Youth Group Clothing Drive is Back!

YOUTH **MINISTRIES**

Ally Lockard-Youth Ministry Coordi-

Youth Group will be hosting an Out All Night event for students in 6th - 12th grade. We will be participating in various activities beginning the night of May 5th - the morning of May 6th (sleeping is discouraged!). Details are still being planned, but there will be a lot of fun! Parents, please be on the lookout for an email with specifics. If you would like to join, please email Ally at alock-

A POD will be available in the parking lot for collection (please follow signs) from April 30th-May5th.

All soft items must be bagged in garbage bags.

Items accepted include: clothing for men, women & children; shoes, clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves, etc.; soft household items: towels, blankets, bed sheets, pillows, quilts, comforters & curtains; small toys (2ft. or less), stuffed animals, bikes, scooters, and strollers.

Items are collected by A&E Clothing

Money raised from the drive will benefit those attending the Youth Gathering in 2024.

Please contact Ally Lockard at alockard313@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School kids (cradle roll-6th grade) will be having an end of the year celebration on the last day of Sunday School:



More details to follow!



ard313@gmail.com.

Youth Gathering 2024:

Every 3 years the ELCA hosts a Youth Gathering for our high school students. This Over the years Hope Lutheran has been lucky Gathering. Our youth members and adult leaders work hard to raise funds so our students can attend at a minimum cost to each through the generous support of you, our church family, that we have been able to changing event. Our youth are the future of our church and we appreciate your commitment and generosity towards helping to grow our youth programs. We hope and pray show their support for our young people in our future endeavors.



CONFIRMATION

Jennifer Knouss—Confirmation Program Coordinator

May 7th - Parent/Student Conversations

Sunday, May 7th is Parent & Student Conversations during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15). We are asking that one parent per student attend. Any questions/concerns or if you are unable to make it, please let Jenn know. There is make-up work if you do not attend. Thank you!

May 21st - Confirmation Rehearsal (9-10:30 AM)

This rehearsal is very important for the students to be prepared for Sunday!! We will be meeting in the church at 9AM. Parents, we ask that you stay for the first 15 minutes of rehearsal to go over your role on Confirmation Sunday. Thank you!

May 28th - Confirmation (10:30 AM service)

We will be meeting in the church at 9AM for pictures and to review the service one last time prior to the start of the 10:30 worship service.



DOGS & VETERANS

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 @ 6:30 PM in Kuntz Hall

Are you a veteran? Do you know a veteran? Did you know that therapy dogs for veterans are trained right here in the Lehigh Valley?

Save the date to join friends and neighbors of Hope for a

refreshing, informative, and heartfelt evening with an experienced veteran and his dog-in-training!

LESTONES

For more information speak with Nancy Miller in person or at nemiller@ptd.net





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



"Totally Submerged" ...

coming July 10-14.

Come dive into the Bible with the Gilligan Crew on the adventure of a life time. They will be exploring the wet and wild stories from the ocean floor.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m.

until noon, with a closing program on Friday, July 14@ 7 p.m. Ages include 3 year olds (potty trained) to children completing 6th grade in June 2023.

Registrations can be made at <u>vbs.hopecherryville.org</u> or by completing a registration form located in the narthex. A t-shirt is provided for each student registering by Sunday, June 18. A donation of \$15 is suggested for each student which includes the price of the t-shirt. This is collected during vacation bible school.

Lots of help will be needed 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. Volunteers can order a t-shirt as well for \$6 also payable during VBS.

Water you waiting for—Sign up now!

Registrations open now!

For faster registrations, use the QR code.



GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Indianland Garden Club is having a Plant Sale! MAY 13TH 9 AM-2 PM AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PAULLION

The following plants will be available: Perennials, shrubs, houseplants, trees, annuals, and bulbs

This event will be rain or shine; cash and carry. All plants are grown by Indianland Garden Club Members.

Any questions, please call **Judy Christman at 610-767-7102**.



SAVE THE DATE

Church Council will be hosting a farewell/ retirement gathering for Pastor Jami on August 13th!

More details to come!



50TH ANNIVERSARY

We are looking to put together a committee to organize the celebration of Hope's 50th anniversary. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact the Church Office (office@hopecherryville.org, 610-767-7203).





What is Growing Young? Learn more from Hope's own Stacey Burke with the NEPA Synod of ELCA!

Read more here: <u>nepasynod.org/growingyoung/</u> Register for this event: <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>GYSowSession1</u>

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships are still available for 2023.

Flowers, Bulletins, and The Press

can be sponsored in memory, honor, or celebration of

a loved one or occasion.

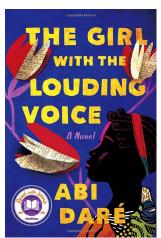
You'll find signup sheets and
payment envelopes
on the bulletin board
in the narthex.

AVAILABLE

BOOK BUDDIES

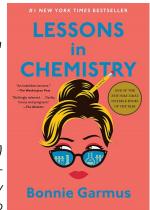
Next up in book buddies:

The Girl with the Louding Voice—Wednesday, May 31 (cost \$10.50) The Girl with the Louding Voice is a 2020 coming of age novel and the debut novel of Nigerian writer Abi Daré. It tells the story of a teenage Nigerian girl called Adunni who becomes a maid and struggles with many things growing up, including her limited education, poverty and her inability to speak up for herself.



Lessons in Chemistry—Wednesday, June 28 (cost \$18)

Lessons in Chemistry is a bestselling novel by Bonnie Garmus about women's lives, careers, and struggle for empowerment in the late 50s and early 60s. It follows the story of Elizabeth Zott, a brilliant chemist who is forced to become a television chef when she finds herself a young, single mother.





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CONTACT INFORMATION

New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals

Call the church office 610-767-7203

REGARDING	CONTACT	PHONE NO.	
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Yard Sale	Open		





People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others...



FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MARCH 31, 2023					
					Memorial
	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$252,235.16	\$148,738.04	\$167,705.65	\$ 94,136.96	\$ 5,907.23
Income - March	33,833.69	(255.18)	(2,789.23)	(2,908.36)	2.48
Income - JanFeb.	65,462.05	10,038.13	7,793.17	2,931.38	4,100.74
Total Income	99,295.74	9,782.95	5,003.94	23.02	4,103.22
Expenses - March	35,467.21	1,738.30	15.50		-
Expenses - JanFeb.	62,002.29	198.00	181.01	1,800.00	-
Total Expenses	97,469.50	1,936.30	196.51	1,800.00	-
Net Income	1,826.24	7,846.65	4,807.43	(1,776.98)	4,103.22
Net Special Appeals	33.64				
Balance End of March	\$254,095.04	\$156,584.69	\$172,513.08	\$ 92,359.98	\$ 10,010.45

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of March by \$1,633.52, and for the year 2023, income exceeded expenses by \$1,826.24, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$254,095.04. Last year the net income for the same period was \$9,507.54 with a balance of \$255,840.73.

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 Krystina Adams (communications@hopecherryville.org). Thank you.

Edition	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
June	Monday, May 15	Thursday, May 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 can run longer.

SYNOD NEWS

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^{**}The current income statement is posted in the narthex. **



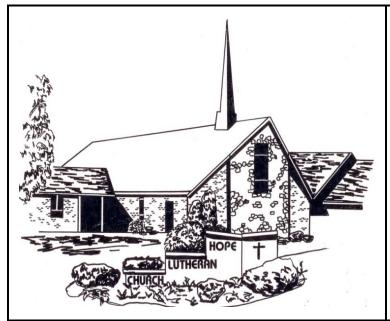
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