



Greetings from Church Council:

October 31st marks the anniversary of the Reformation, a pivotal moment in Christian history that was sparked by Martin Luther's actions in 1517. Luther's bold stance on the gospel and his insistence on the authority of scripture

ignited a movement that forever changed the landscape of Christianity. As Lutherans remember the legacy of the Reformation, it's natural to evaluate the contemporary church through the lens of this historic event. While we celebrate the widespread recovery of core Reformation convictions, there are also concerns about the endurance of this movement. We need to continue to press upon the nerve that Luther first hit and uphold the authority of scripture, the centrality of the gospel, and the importance of personal faith in Christ.

The Reformation was not about creating something new; it was about reviving something old. The leaders of the Reformation loved the church and its doctrine, and they wanted to reform it. In today's world, we often have an attitude of "out with the old, in with the new". We are always looking for the next big thing, the new trend to follow. But what if we shifted our focus to reforming the old instead of always pursuing something new? Pastors and church leaders often talk about their vision for what God wants their church to be, while church members speak of new ways to stay relevant. However, the Reformers looked back to the old ways, even amid the ashes of 16th-century Roman Catholicism. They sought to revive the true doctrine of justification by faith alone. Let us follow in their footsteps and focus on reforming the old, instead of always pursuing something new. Let us revive the true doctrine and love for the church.

It's easy to get caught up in seeking the approval of others, but as believers, our ultimate loyalty should be towards God. In a world where speaking out against false teachings might lead to criticism, it's crucial to remember that staying true to God's Word should always be our top

priority. The Reformers, who stood firm in their faith despite great opposition, serve as an inspiration for us to follow. So, let's not be afraid to speak truth in love and prioritize pleasing God over pleasing man. Remember, as Galatians 1:10 says, "If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."

In today's world, many people are quick to dismiss the importance of doctrine in their spiritual journey. But the truth is, without a solid foundation of doctrine, we risk falling prey to false teachings and a shallow understanding of our faith. As the Bible instructs us, it's crucial for pastors and church members alike to embrace the power of doctrinal preaching and application. By doing so, we can deepen our understanding of God's word and grow closer to Him in our daily lives. So don't be afraid to dig deep and embrace the beauty of doctrine - it's the key to true spiritual growth and maturity.

As Christians, we love our leaders and are grateful for their teachings. However, we must not make the mistake of idolizing them and forgetting the true source of their wisdom - the Word of God. Let's not forget that the Reformation was born out of a deep love for the Word and a desire to recover the truth of justification by faith. We must see our leaders as a means to an end, not an end in themselves. So, let's make sure that we are not just reading books, but that we are truly getting gripped by the Word of God and the God of the Word.

The Reformation stands as a powerful re-God's transformative minder of presence throughout history. With the declaration of "Post Tenebras Lux" (after darkness light), we are reminded of God's ongoing work in illuminating the truth. As we reflect on this significant event, let us be empowered to carry forward the torch of the Reformation, drawing from the lessons learned and the profound impact it had on faith and society. May God strengthen our hands as we embrace the legacy of the Reformation and continue to seek truth, justice, and spiritual renewal in our world today. Blessings,

Hope Lutheran Church Council

<u> Council Highlights-Sept 2023</u>

- + The Church Council has officially initiated the call process and has found six dedicated members of the congregation to sit on the call committee.
- + A Parish Study Report will be completed and submitted by church council to synod in the near future, outlining the character and mission of our church/ congregation and what we are looking for in a pastor.
- + The Property committee has been busy sprucing up our church campus! We're excited to announce that they've replaced the trees along the back parking lot with 15 beautiful Arborvitaes. We want to extend a big thank you to the Property committee for taking on this task and for making our campus a little greener.
- + Join the Basket Committee on **Friday, October 6th** for their 28th Annual Basket Social! Get ready to indulge in delicious food, enjoy great music and games, and most importantly, bid on some amazing baskets!
- + The Eucharistic Committee will be holding a meeting in October. The details are not confirmed yet, but we wanted to give you a heads-up so you can mark your calendar! Stay tuned for more information on the exact date, time, and location of the meeting. We can't wait to see you there!
- + The Stewardship committee is pleased to announce that we will be hosting an intergenerational carnival-style celebration on Reformation Sunday, October 29th at 9 AM in Kuntz Hall. We are excited to bring our church community together for this special occasion and look forward to seeing you there.
- + Youth Group is hosting a Gift Card Bingo event on **Saturday, November 4th at 12:30 PM**. Doors open at 11am, so make sure to arrive early to secure your spot!
- + Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **November 12th at 9:15 AM** in Kuntz Hall. We value your input and participation and encourage you to attend this important event. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sunday, October 22

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

Sunday, October 29

8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:30 AM Worship

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. PLEASE CLICK THE ONLINE GIVING BUTTON HERE OR VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE AT www.hopecherryville.org AND LOCATE THE ONLINE GIVING PAGE.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Wednesday,
October 11th
6 PM
Hanson Hall



HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday,

October 16

7-9 PM

(SET UP BEGINS AT 6 PM)

WELCA

Tuesday,
October 10th
10 AM
Adult S.S. Room



BIBLE STUDY

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

OCTOBER 5, 12, 19, 26

Please call the church office if more information is needed.

GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday,

October 10th in Kuntz Hall



SOUP GROUP AND DELIVERY

Wednesday, Oct 4
9 AM
Kuntz Hall Kitchen



KUNTZ HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

Visit Hope's website: **hopecherryville.org** for the *Church Use Pol-*

icy and the Facility Rental Form. If you have any questions, call the church office, 610-767-7203.

Women **ELCA**

WOMEN OF FAITH

Friday, October 20

Meet at church @

12:45 PM

(MAKING A FALL CRAFT AT FEL-LOWSHIP MANOR)



STORY WEAVERS

Tuesday,

October 17

10 AM

Kuntz Hall

Lunch at

Berlinsville

FLU SHOTS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center will be offering flu shots on Wednesday, October 4th starting at 10 AM. You must bring with you at the time of your appointment all your insurance cards, including your Medicare Part B or Aetna Medicare Advantage cards. Appointments are REQUIRED.

Please contact **Karen** at **610–767–2977** to schedule your appointment.



SPONSORSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2023! FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & THE PRESS CAN BE SPONSORED IN MEMORY, HONOR, OR CELEBRATION OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION. YOU'LL FIND THE SIGN-UP SHEETS AND PAYMENT ENVELOPES ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.

EXTRA, EXTRA... READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Hey there, fellow congregation members! We hope you are all doing well. We wanted to remind you that if you ever find yourself in the newspaper, we want to hear about it! Whether it's a feature article or a quick mention, it's always exciting to see our community members in the news.

So, if you come across an article or picture of yourself, don't be shy! Cut it out! and leave it in the Communication Specialist's mailbox. We'll make sure to post it on our bulletin board in the narthex so everyone can see your moment of fame.

Remember, we love celebrating each other's accomplishments, big or small. Keep shining, and we can't wait to see your name in print!

ANNUAL FALL BASKET SOCIAL

Come one, come all to our 28th Annual Fall Basket Social at Hope Lutheran Church on **Friday, October 6th**! Doors open at 4 PM and the Ticket Drawing begins at 7:30 PM.

Don't miss your chance to win big with tickets for only \$5/card or 3 cards for \$10. With each card, you'll receive 25 chances to win! And for those feeling extra lucky,



there's a special table of items valued at \$50 and up, with tickets priced at \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Best of all, all proceeds will be divided equally between Hope's Good Samaritan Fund and the Northampton Area Food Bank, so you'll be supporting two great causes while having a blast. And, all Bake Sale proceeds and dentations from our donation jars will be donated to the Lehigh Township Fire Company! We are excited to support our local heroes!

And don't worry about going hungry - we'll

have delicious refreshments like

BBQ, halushki, soups, filling/gravy, and baked goods available for dine-in or take-out.

If you're interested in donating something for the fund-raiser, we encourage you to drop off a themed basket, gift card(s) (please include receipt), case of water/soda, or wrapped baked goods on the evening of October 5 from 6 PM-8 PM or the morning of October 6 from 10 AM-12 PM. Have any questions? Contact the church office at 610-767-7203. We can't wait to see you there!







Do you have a stash of unwanted gift cards lying around, collecting dust? Why not put them to good use and make a difference in someone's life! Our Basket Social is just around the corner and we're accepting donations of gift cards. Whether it's a restaurant, retail, or entertainment gift card, every little bit counts. And if you have any questions about the Basket Social or how to donate, Toni Snyder and Nancy Miller are here to help. Just seek them out after Sunday service or shoot them an email at:

nemiller@ptd.net or tne7751@yahoo.com

Youth Group will be hosting a Gift Card Bingo on Saturday, November 4th at 12:30pm (doors open at 11am). Advanced tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door for 20 games of bingo (includes 5 specials). We will also have a basket raffle, bake sale and the kitchen will be open. Advanced tickets will be on sale October 15th - November 3rd. You can purchase them in the Narthex after services or stop by the church office. We are also looking for monetary sponsors, gift card donations and basket raffle donations. If you are interested in helping with any of these

items, please see Ally Lockard, or you can email her

at youthgroup@hopecherryville.org.

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) will be going to Lehigh Valley Scream Park on Saturday, October 7th. We will meet at the church at 6pm. The cost is \$25 per person, you can bring extra money for food if you desire. An email will be sent with more details, please email Ally Lockard at youthgroup@hopecherryville.org if your child

on Sunday, October 22nd from 11:30am - 1pm in Kuntz Hall.

would like to attend.

Youth Gathering Students will have their next mandatory Getting Ready Meeting

Don't forget to drop off your clothes! The USAgain bins are outside in the parking lot near Hanson Hall waiting for your donations. All proceeds from these bins will help fund the youth who attend the ELCA Youth Gatherings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are thrilled to announce that our Sunday School rally day on September 17th was a huge success! The kids had a blast with all the carnival-style games, tattoos, and popcorn! But now that the carnival

is over, it's time to get serious about Sunday School.

If you have a student, from infant to Confirmation age, who would like to join us, we would love to have them!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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All you need to do is stop by the Sunday School office or email us at sundayschool@hopecherryville.org to register your student. Our program is full of fun, and we can't wait to share it with your child. See you at Sunday School!

STEWARSDSHIP CARNIVAL

The Stewardship committee at Hope Lutheran Church is excited to announce that we will be hosting an Intergenerational Carnival on <u>Sunday, October 29 at 9 AM</u>! As a community that is committed to sharing and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ, we believe that our assets are something to be celebrated. That's why we are planning this fun-filled event for all members of the congregation to enjoy. Whether you attend the 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM worship, make sure to mark your calendars and join us for this exciting event.

Families big and small are welcome to join in the festivities of games, food, and fellowship! Please note that there will be NO Sunday School classes that day, so everyone can participate. Look out for a letter in the mail that will include your 2024 Generosity Card to complete and return.

This will be a day of joy and generosity, as we return our Generosity Cards with our financial commitment to the ministry of Hope Lutheran Church. We urge you to prayerfully consider your financial contribution, as we work together to do the work of Jesus Christ.

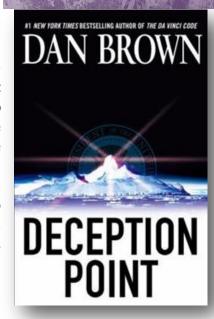
Don't miss out on this opportunity to come together as a congregation and celebrate the power of faith, love, and generosity. Join us at Hope Lutheran Church and let's make a difference together!



BOOK BUDDIES

Deception Point by Dan Brown-Thursday, October 26th @ 1 PM

When a new NASA satellite spots evidence of an astonishingly rare object buried deep in the Arctic ice, the floundering space agency proclaims a much-needed victory...a victory that has profound implications for U.S. space policy and the impending presidential election. With the Oval Office in the balance, the President dispatches White House Intelligence analyst Rachel Sexton to the Milne Ice Shelf to verify the authenticity of the find. Accompanied by a team of experts, including the charismatic academic Michael Tolland, Rachel uncovers the unthinkable: evidence of scientific trickery — a bold deception that threatens to plunge the world into controversy. But before Rachel can contact the President, she and Michael are attacked by a deadly team of assassins controlled by a mysterious power broker who will stop at nothing to hide the truth. Fleeing for their lives in an environment as desolate as it is lethal, their only hope for survival is to find out who is behind this masterful ploy. The truth, they will learn, is the most shocking deception of all.



Please submit your questions to Leslie at leslie.daniel@rcn.com

Zoom Meeting Details:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605892517?pwd=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVB1N1JiT1ZjNmdTQT09

Please use the link above or scan the QR code for the Book Buddies Meeting via Zoom

BOOK BUDDIES ZOOM

Members of Book Buddies will be sharing the responsibility of developing questions to discuss; each member will submit two questions for each book and the person who recommends the book will lead the discussion. So, put on your thinking cap and join us for some fun-filled, thought-provoking discussions! Please note, all members will be responsible for purchasing their own copies of the books. But, if you need help finding or ordering the book, don't worry – we've got you covered! Just reach out to Jen in the church office for assistance at office@hopecherryville.org or 610-767-7203.

JOIN BOOK BUDDIES TODAY!

I always knew I was part of an awesome congregation, but what I experienced on Sunday Aug 27 (and the two Friday rehearsals before) made me appreciate and love the people of Hope so much more. Thank you to all who helped make Pastor Jami's final service such a special moment and most of all, a surprise! We have various different talents within our congregation, which so many were able to share during the Make a Difference flash mob at the end of the service. This surprise could not have been possible with out all the dancers both small and tall especially Alexis Soltis & Giada Nyce who choreographed the start of the dance and also the hip hop section. The quick crew hands made all the movie magic come together and really added flare to the overall dance. Hours of brainstorming and prepping had to happen to create this special moment for PJ. So a

thank you to those individuals who helped plan the overall flash mob is needed as well. This included Mikayla Boyer, Ally Lockard, the Maurer and Ziegler families and myself. However, what really made the dance so perfect was the involvement of the congregation. You! Dancing together one final time was such a powerful way to express how much PJ made a difference in each of our lives. So, thank you! We are beloved children of God and are truly blessed with many creative gifts. Thank you again to all who helped create such an amazing send off to PJ'S retirement.

God is good, Stacey Burke



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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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| Confirmation | Jennifer Knouss | 610-767-7203 | |
| Evangelism | Sharyn Kratzer | 610-261-1277 | |
| Finance | Bill Lewis | 610-442-5212 | |
| Girl Scouts | Karen Zimmerman | 610-760-1887 | |
| Hope's Helping Hands | Leslie Daniel | 610-767-7918 | |
| Memorial Garden | Church Office | 610-767-7203 | |
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| Nursery School | Amy Krug | 610-767-7203 | |
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| Property | Charlie Kutzler | 610-844-4342 | |
| SCS/Christian Ed | Allison Lockard Stephanie Maurer Shelbey Ziegler | 610-216-5384 610-392-7857 610-262-9197 | |
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| Youth Group | Allison Lockard | 610-216-5384 | |

2023 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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



| 2 | Monday | | Wednesday 4 | Thursday | Friday 7 | Saturday |
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| FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 31, 2023 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Regular | Building | Memorial | Scholarship | Memorial Garden |
| Balance Beginning of Year | \$252,235.16 | \$148,738.04 | \$167,705.65 | \$ 94,136.96 | \$ 5,907.23 |
| Income - August | 27,914.48 | 3,647.56 | 4,399.83 | 2,074.74 | 3.11 |
| Income - JanJul. | 233,865.56 | 28,725.52 | 15,002.19 | 5,683.09 | 6,115.41 |
| Total Income | 261,780.04 | 32,373.08 | 19,402.02 | 7,757.83 | 6,118.52 |
| Expenses - August | 32,068.27 | 6,740.37 | (322.97) | 2,800.00 | 81.04 |
| Expenses - JanJul. | 243,245.50 | 9,896.61 | 10,761.19 | 1,800.00 | 201.38 |
| Total Expenses | 275,313.77 | 16,636.98 | 10,438.22 | 4,600.00 | 282.42 |
| Net Income | (13,533.73) | 15,736.10 | 8,963.80 | 3,157.83 | 5,836.10 |
| Net Special Appeals | - | | | | |
| Balance End of August | \$238,701.43 | \$164,474.14 | \$176,669.45 | \$ 97,294.79 | \$ 11,743.33 |

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$4,153.79, and for the year 2023, expenses exceeded income by \$13,533.73, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$238,701.43. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(642.78) with a balance of \$244,650.41.

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> | Collation Date |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| November | Monday, October 16 | Thursday, October 26 |

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SYNOD NEWS

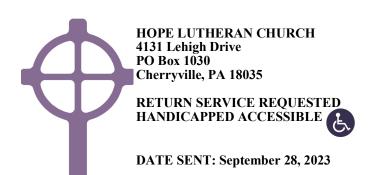
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Sunday School at 9:15 AM

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