



Greetings from Church Council:



At Hope Lutheran Church, we celebrate All Saints Day with deep reverence and joy. It is a day to remember and honor all the saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us, as well as to welcome the new living saints who have been baptized in

the last year. We recognize the spiritual connection between those who are still with us on earth and those who have joined the heavenly realm, and we take this opportunity to light a candle and offer prayers for those who have suffered a significant loss. Our worship service on All Saints Sunday, which will be November 5 this year, is a beautiful and meaningful way to pay tribute to the departed while also celebrating the new life that is constantly being born in our community. All Saints Sunday is an opportunity for us to reflect on the incredible diversity of saints who have touched our lives. It is a time to remember family members, friends, and mentors who have passed away, as well as those who continue to inspire us with their unwavering faith.

As described in Revelations 7:9, the saints are countless in number, symbolizing the vastness of those who have found eternal peace with God. On this day, we have the opportunity to honor and remember our own loved ones while contemplating the immense community of saints throughout history. It is a time to reflect on the unity and diversity that exists within the realm of faith, and to find solace in the knowledge that our departed loved ones are among the countless saints resting in the presence of God. Let us come together in celebration and remembrance, cherishing the bond that transcends borders

and languages, united in the shared hope of eternal life.

On All Saints Sunday, we come together as Lutherans to honor not only the extraordinary figures we read about in the Bible, but also the everyday saints living among us. As believers, we recognize that we are all flawed and in need of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is through God's grace, rather than our own merits, that we are made saints. This special day also serves to remind us that holiness is not reserved for a select few but is accessible to all who seek it. We celebrate ordinary individuals who embody love, kindness, and compassion in their daily lives, inspiring us to follow their example.

But All Saints Sunday is not just about looking back. It's also a chance to think about how the concept of All Saints can influence our everyday lives. What can we learn from those who have lived before us? How can we carry their legacy forward and make a positive impact on our congregation and the world around us?

We invite you to join us on Sunday, November 5th to explore these questions and more. Our service will be a time of reflection, remembrance, and inspiration. As we gather in worship, we join the global Christian community in recognizing the power of God's grace to transform lives. We are reminded that our salvation is not earned through good works, but is a gift freely given by our loving Creator.

Together, we can celebrate the saints who have come before us and strive to be saints in our own right. Let us come together on All Saints Sunday to honor the saints among us, to give thanks for their witness, and to strive to live lives that reflect the love and grace of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Hope Lutheran Church Council **Council Highlights-October 2023**

- + Are you ready for some BINGO action? Youth Group has got you covered with our upcoming Gift Card Bingo event on **Saturday, November 4th**! This is your chance to win big and take home some amazing gift cards. You can purchase your tickets in advance for just 20 at the church office or pay 25 at the door. Make sure to bring cash or check because we are unable to process card payments currently. So, grab your friends and family and get ready for a night of fun and excitement with Youth Group! See you there!
- + Get ready to feast and give thanks with your fellow seniors at our upcoming Senior Thanksgiving Feast! Join us on **Saturday November 11th** at 12 PM in Kuntz Hall for a delicious meal and great company. Don't forget to sign up on the list posted in the Narthex so we can plan accordingly. We can't wait to see you there!
- + We are excited to announce that our Annual Congregational Meeting will be taking place on **Sunday, November 12th** during the Sunday School hour, in the welcoming atmosphere of Kuntz Hall. We cordially invite you to join us for this important event and be an active participant in shaping the future of our church and congregation. Your presence and input are invaluable to us, and we look forward to seeing you there.
- + On **Sunday, November 19th**, during both services, we will be hosting a special presentation on Growing Young with Stacey Burke from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. We encourage you to come and learn from Stacey, connect with like-minded individuals, and discover new ways to grow young together. We look forward to seeing you there!
- + We are thrilled to announce that our Sunday School children will be hosting a special Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 17th** at the 10:30 AM service. This is an event you won't want to miss! Our talented children will be presenting a festive program including the children running the majority of the service! The program promises to be a heartwarming and joyful celebration of the holiday season. So, bring your family and friends, and join us for this special event!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

10:30 AM Worship

Sunday, November 12

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

Sunday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 26

8:00 AM Nativity Display-Kuntz Hall 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation Class

10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

AS OUR CONGREGATION LOOKS FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR AND PREPARES THE 2024 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.



EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Wednesday,

November 1

6 PM

Hanson Hall



HOPE FRIENDSHIP **DANCE**

Monday,

November 20

7-9 PM

(SET UP BEGINS AT 6 PM)

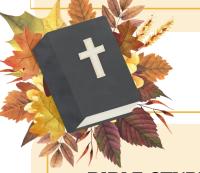
WELCA

Tuesday,

November 14

10 AM

Adult S.S. Room



BIBLE STUDY

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

NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 30

Please call the church office more information is needed.

SENIOR THANKSGIVING FFAST

Saturday,

November 11

12 PM

Kuntz Hall



SOUP GROUP AND DELIVERY

Wednesday,

November 1

9 AM

Kuntz Hall Kitchen



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.

Women ELCA

WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday,

November 21

6:30 PM

Hanson Hall



STORY WEAVERS

The November meeting is

CANCELLED

this month



YOUTH GROUP GIFT CARD BINGO

Are you ready for some BINGO?! Join us for an exciting game of Gift Card Bingo and help support our youth attending the Youth Gathering in 2024. Our doors open at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 4th, and the games begin at 12:30 p.m. With advanced tickets priced at only \$20, you can enjoy 15 regular games, 5 specials, and 1 door prize entry. And don't worry if you forget to purchase tickets ahead of time, we'll have them available at the door for \$25.

But that's not all! We'll also have a basket raffle and our kitchen will be open, so come hungry and ready to win big! And if you're feeling extra generous, we're accepting sponsors for our Gift Card Bingo event. You can make a monetary donation or donate gift cards in denominations of \$5, \$25, or \$50. We're also looking for items to include in our basket raffle or delicious baked goods for the bake sale.

So what are you waiting for? Swing by the church office during the week or purchase your tickets in the Narthex after each service (CASH OR CHECK ONLY).

Let's make this Gift Card Bingo Bonanza one for the books!



COLLECTIONS AT HOPE

IN GATHERING: We will be collecting items for the Allentown Rescue Mission. Items will be collected now through Sunday, November 26th. Please place your donations in the labeled box in the Narthex.

+ Canned chicken

+ Canned vegetables

+ Coffee (NO "K" cups)

+ Coffee creamer

+ Corned beef hash

+ Deodorant

+ Disposable razors

+ Granola & cereal bars + Toilet paper

+ Liquid bleach

+ Liquid laundry soap

+ Low sodium soup

+ No sugar baked beans

+ Paper towels

+ Powdered eggs

+ Scouring cleanser (comet)

+ Shampoo

+ Shaving cream

+ Single-serve beverages

+ Supermarket Gift Cards

+ Trash bags (45 & 55 gal.)

+ Tuna fish

+ Window cleaner



Social Ministry has placed the Mitten Tree in the narthex for collection of your donations of knit or store-bought hats scarves, mittens and gloves - all sizes welcome children and adult. All donations can be placed right on the tree now through Sunday, November 26th! These



donations will be provided to organizations to help those in need.

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer! Women of Faith is thrilled to announce our Toys for Tots collection is back and better than ever. From November 23 to December 10, drop off your new, unwrapped toys for newborns to teens in the narthex. Let's work together to make this holiday season magical for as many children as possible. With over 62 years of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, we can make a difference and bring smiles to those who need it most. Let's make this year's donation the biggest yet!



We warmly invite you to join us on Sunday, November 5th for All Saints' Sunday. During both services, we will take a moment to remember and pray for those from our congregation who have passed away in the last year. These individuals were a vital part of our community and we will honor their legacy in our prayers.

Additionally, we will celebrate those who have become saints through baptism since last year's All Saints Sunday. These newest saints are a testament to God's grace and we want to give thanks for them in our worship.

We hope that you will join us in this special service as we remember and celebrate the saints among us.



HELP WANTED

Attention all string players! Are you looking for a chance to showcase your talent this holiday season? Look no further, as we are excited to announce that we are forming a string orchestra to perform at our Christmas Eve service at 8:30 PM. Our orchestra is open to all, but a minimum of two years playing experience is required. Don't worry about the music - it will be tailored to your abilities.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact our director of music, David Ziegler, at organist@hopecherryville.org. He will provide you with all the information you need and get you signed up. We kindly ask you to respond by Sunday, October 29th to allow for adequate music preparation time. Let's make this a holiday season to remember with the sweet sounds of strings!

Are you ready to ring in the holiday spirit? We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our Handbell Ensemble for our 4 PM Christmas Eve Service! Our bells will accompany hymns and play a prelude, making it a truly magical experience.

No experience is necessary, but the ability to read music certainly helps. Rehearsals will be scheduled based on your availability, so don't be afraid to sign up. Contact our director of music, David Ziegler at organist@hopecherryville.org to join in on the fun. Remember to sign up by Sunday October 29th - we can't wait to hear the beautiful sound of your bells!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting is coming up on Sunday, November 12 at 9:15 AM. This is your chance to make your voice heard and play an active role in shaping the future of our church and congregation. The meeting will be held in Kuntz Hall, and we strongly encourage all members of Hope Lutheran Church to attend. Your input is greatly valued and will help us make important decisions about the direction of our congregation. Below you will find the Nominee Biographies for potential future council members. We understand that schedules can be busy, but we urge you to make attending this meeting a priority. Together, we can ensure that our church community remains strong, vibrant, and compassionate. We hope to see you there!

Michelle Inocencio

Michelle has been a member of Hope for 10 years. Michelle is the daughter of Marie and Lawrence Lorah, and married to her husband, Ivan Inocencio. She has two sons, Nicholas and Seth Hankee. Michelle works as a billing specialist supervisor at ID Care in New Jersey. Michelle is involved with volunteering during the services (i.e. usher, lector, comm. assist., etc.) and is involved with the Decorating Committee.

"My hope for our congregation is to increase our active membership. My dream for Hope is to choose a pastor who will guide our congregation on a spiritual journey of discovery and enlightenment."

Justin Maurer

Justin has been a member of Hope for 9 years (and joined the church dressed as Martin Luther). Justin is married to his wife, Steph (Ziegler) Mauer, and they have two daughters, Addilyn and Kadence. Justin is a project manager at Stellar Construction doing fire restoration. Justin is currently involved at Hope with the property, worship arts and the 50th anniversary committee. He is also a member of the choir and recently played with the bell choir. He was previously involved with youth group and the national youth gathering.

"I am hoping to help during the transition of the church while looking for a pastor. Also I'd like to continue to see our church grow and see more families join us to do the good works of God."

Timothy Moore

Tim has been a member of Hope for 29 years. He is self-employed, and married to his wife, Rebecca; they have a daughter, Elizabeth. He is currently the Vice President of Church Council.

"I am running for a second term, and I am currently Vice President of Council. I am also on the Finance Committee. I hope to see the congregation grow and add programs and activities. I was on Church Council during the transition from Pastor Kuntz to Pastor Possinger."

Laurie Christman

Laurie has been a member of Hope for 27 years. Laurie is married to her husband, Rod, and she has two sons, Rodney Jr. and William. Laurie coordinates Staff at Northeastern PA Synod/ELCA. Laurie currently volunteers at Hope as an usher, Helping Hands member, opening & closing the church on Sundays, Sign changer and the AV team.

"I want to see Hope continue to many ways we demonstrate God's love to others inside and outside our church walls. Still, I would like us to challenge ourselves to find even more ways to live out Jesus' teachings in our actions with others."

Patrick Ladd

Patrick has been a member of Hope for about 2 years. Patrick is married to his wife, Emily, and they have three children: Weston, Elena and Lincoln. Patrick is an Account Executive at Ironton Global. Patrick and his family attend services regularly, his children are active in Sunday School and VBS, his daughter Elena is on the Junior choir and his wife, Emily, is on the Senior choir. His son, Lincoln, attends Hope Lutheran Nursery School and his oldest, Weston, has been asked to serve on the AV team.

"The support, commitment for the youth, and community outreach by the congregation, are what drew us to Hope. Continuing to strengthen these and helping guide the congregation for the best pastoral candidate is a calling I'd like to be a part of."

Glenn H. Wampole, II

Glenn has been a member of Hope for 7 years. Glenn is married to his wife, Diane, and has two adult children, David and Michelle. He is the owner of Glennick Inc, t/a Waitz Corporation in Allentown, PA (award and promotional product company). Glenn has been serving on church council the psat 3 years and is running for a second term.

"My hope is that the congregation continues to grow and prosper while maintaining and staying true to its identity as a local, friendly, member involved body, ministering to the needs of its members and the community around it—which I believe is its greatest strength."

ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

Hey there, all you Christmas lovers! Hope Lutheran Church of Cherryville is excited to announce our 22nd Annual Nativity Display on Saturday, November 25 from 10 AM until 5 PM and on Sunday, November 26 from 8 AM until 3 PM. And guess what? It's totally free and



open to everyone! That's right - you can come and enjoy a wide variety of Nativities scenes without spending a single penny!

We've got a huge selection of Nativities scenes for you to view and enjoy. From traditional to modern, we've got it all! But wait, there's more! If you've got a Nativity that you'd like to share for the weekend, bring it on down to the church on Friday, November 24 between 9 AM and 1 PM. We'd love to add it to our collection and share it with our visitors.

So, mark your calendars and come on down to the Hope Lutheran Church of Cherryville for a weekend full of Christmas spirit and Nativity joy. We can't wait to see you there!

BASKET SOCIAL THANK YOU

Thank you note to put in the news letter at Hope Lutheran Church. Thank you to everyone that supported this years 28th 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 confirmation students that helped to deliver baskets and clean up. Thank you to Tanzos Beverage for the ice and Thrivent for there generous donation in gift cards to purchase food and paper products. Thank you to everyone else that I may have missed.

The cake money this year will go to Lehigh Township Fire Co. This year we raised \$533.50. The total amount of \$5,754.00 will be split between Hope's Good Samaritan Fund and the Northampton Food Bank. Thank you to Marion Druckenmiller who has helped us in the past and has decided not to continue on the committee. Your help was greatly appreciated.



We hope to see everyone next year for the 29th Fall Basket Social on Friday, October 4, 2024!



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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

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

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 30, 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
IncomeSept.	28,926.97	(4,094.17)	(3,005.87)	(2,806.86)	3.00
IncomeJanAug.	261,780.04	32,373.08	19,402.02	7,757.83	6,118.52
Total Income	290,707.01	28,278.91	16,396.15	4,950.97	6,121.52
ExpensesSept.	27,060.59	803.61	410.57		
ExpensesJanAug.	275,313.77	16,636.98	10,438.22	4,600.00	282.42
Total Expenses	302,374.36	17,440.59	10,848.79	4,600.00	282.42
Net Income	(11,667.35)	10,838.32	5,547.36	350.97	5,839.10
Net Special Appeals	17.37				
Balance End of Sept.	\$240,585.18	\$159,576.36	\$173,253.01	\$94,487.93	\$11,746.33

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of September by \$1,866.38, and for the year 2023, expenses exceeded income by \$11,667.35, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$240,585.18. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(2,899.74) with a balance of \$242,411.45.

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

Edition	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
December	Monday, November 20	Thursday, November 30

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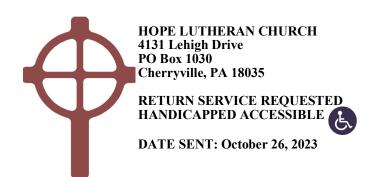
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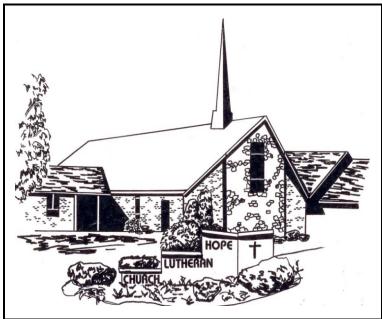
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