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# HOPE HOME NEWS

## Greetings from the Interim Pastor:

This month, we often have a lot thrown at us from the media, the store shelves, the movies we watch that are centered on the word: LOVE. Sometimes people call February the 'love month': red hearts, affection, good acts, love. I once read a poster that said, "Hello February, May you see love in everything." That would be nice, seeing love in everything!

This year, Valentine's Day shares the date with **Ash Wednesday**. Ash Wednesday as you know is the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. It is a penitential time and marked with ashes as a symbol of death and sorrow. Love may seem hidden in a Valentine and Ash Wednesday union. But Ash Wednesday reminds of the greatest love, the walk to the cross. Ash

Wednesday is often marked with fasting and reflecting on our lives as we travel to the glorious day of Easter.

So what to do? Maybe this year work hard to see love in everything. Maybe this year try and reflect on our lives and how much we forget to love God and love our neighbor (Jesus command). Let's try to fix that. What if 'seeing love in everything' means every day beginning on Ash Wednesday trying to do a kind act? Not just lip service but do a truly kind act. Write it down in a journal for your reflection. Post it somewhere. Share your kind act. Make a poster that says: 'Hello Lent, in February, I see love in everything!'

We can encourage our children to do a kind act every day too. Talk about Lent with them as they eat their heart shaped candies. Talk about love that God gives to us and we in turn show love in our lives with kind acts. Feel free to share your acts (or have your children share) with an email to me ([pastor@hopecherryville.org](mailto:pastor@hopecherryville.org)) and I will try and post them on my office door. Let us celebrate love in everything!

**Blessings,  
Pastor Sue**

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## Council Highlights-January 2024

- + It's a new year and Hope Lutheran Church is proud to introduce our new council officers! We are thrilled to have **Doug Daniel** as our new President, **Tim Moore** as our Vice President, and **Matt Sekol** as our Secretary. These dedicated individuals bring a wealth of experience and passion to their respective roles, and we're confident they will lead our church community with integrity and grace. Join us in congratulating our new officers and wishing them all the best in their new roles!
- + Get ready to tantalize your taste buds with Hope Lutheran's **Youth Group** as we team up with **Red Robin** for an unforgettable dining experience this Spring! Indulge in delicious food while supporting a great cause. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event, and mark your calendars for a night of delicious food and good company!
- + The church council is excited to announce that the **Ministry Site Profile (MSP)** is almost complete and will soon be submitted to the synod. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to this important document. With the completion of the MSP, we are one step closer to finding a new pastor who will lead us in our spiritual journey.
- + We understand that the **carport** that was damaged at the end of last year is still unusable at this time. However, we want to assure you that the church is taking all necessary steps to fix the structural damage. We are pleased to announce that we will be working with Stellar Construction to repair the damage. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this process, and we look forward to having the carport back in use soon. Thank you for your continued support and trust in our church.
- + The **Property Committee** is excited to announce that we are taking on a massive decluttering project to make room for new opportunities in the church. We'll be diving into the trailers, sheds and basement to assess what can be tossed, donated, or sold to make room for other members and committees to utilize. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved and help make a difference in our church community!



### Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship

### Sunday, February 11

**Transfiguration Sunday**

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

### Sunday, February 18

8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship

### Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

## ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AS YOU BEGIN A NEW YEAR, PLEASE CONSIDER ADDITIONAL GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE OFFER ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS FOR ONE-TIME GIFTS AND RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS. VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE AT [WWW.HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG) AND LOCATE THE ONLINE GIVING PAGE.

Online Giving





## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

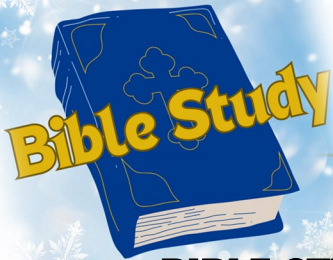
Wednesday,  
February 7  
6:30 PM  
Hanson Hall

## HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday,  
February 19  
7-9 PM  
(SET UP BEGINS AT 6 PM)

## WELCA

Tuesday,  
February 13  
10 AM  
Adult S.S. Room



## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held in  
Kuntz Hall at 10 AM  
Thursdays

**FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Please call the church office if  
more information is needed.

## MID WEEK Lenten Services

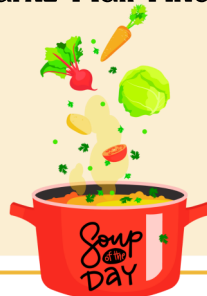
Midweek Lenten  
Services will be held  
in the Sanctuary at 7  
PM Wednesdays

**FEBRUARY 21 & 28**

WEDNESDAYS DURING  
*Lent*

## SOUP GROUP AND DELIVERY

Wednesday,  
February 7  
9 AM  
Kuntz Hall Kitchen



## KUNTZ HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

Visit Hope's website:  
[hopecherryville.org](http://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 of the **ELCA**

## WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday,  
February 20  
6:30 PM  
Hanson Hall



## STORY WEAVERS

Tuesday,  
February 20  
10 AM  
(Adult S.S. Room)  
Lunch at 12 PM  
**2brothers**

## Good News for Seniors Over 70.5! A Tax-Free Gift With Your IRA Rollover

If you're looking for a way to reduce your taxable income from your IRA while making a meaningful contribution to Hope Lutheran Church, then the IRA charitable rollover is an excellent option to consider! By making a tax-free gift to our ministries through your IRA, you can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution without increasing your Federal income taxes. Even though you won't get an income tax charitable deduction for the gift, you won't have to pay taxes on your IRA withdrawal either. This means that the IRA charitable rollover is a tax-reducing and tax-free way to make a gift to our church.

If you're 70.5 years of age or older, you can instruct your IRA administrator to transfer your gift directly from your Traditional or Roth IRA account to Hope Lutheran Church. We can put your gift to use right away in providing financial support to our ministries throughout the Church. By choosing to make an IRA charitable rollover gift to Hope Lutheran, you'll not only be supporting our ministry but also reducing your taxable income, making it a win-win situation for everyone involved.

However, there are several requirements that you need to keep in mind before making such a gift. Firstly, the gift must come from a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA account, and not from other retirement accounts such as 401(k) or 403(b) Plans. Additionally, the gift check must come directly from your IRA administrator to the designated charity, in this case, Hope Lutheran Church.

It is also important to note that the total IRA charitable rollover gifts in any one year cannot exceed \$100,000, and the gift can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you have not already taken your RMD for the year you make your gift. Furthermore, the gift from your IRA will be excluded from your taxable income, but it will not be available as an income tax charitable deduction. If you are interested in making an IRA charitable rollover gift or need more information, please contact your IRA administrator, tax preparer, or the Church Treasurer, **Trudy Mertz**, at [treasurer@hopecherryville.org](mailto:treasurer@hopecherryville.org). Consider making an IRA charitable rollover gift today and make a difference in the lives of those in need.

## PROPERTY/PARSONAGE UPDATE



**Dear members of Hope Lutheran church community,**

We are excited to announce that our parsonage has been leased for \$1,600 per month plus utilities. The new tenant has been qualified by the leasing company we use for the parsonage and is expected to move in within the next 30 days. We are confident that this tenant will be a great addition to our community.

As you may know, since the departure of our long-time tenant in August 2023, we have spent approximately \$11,000 on improvements to the property. This money was spent on replacing the carpet, painting the interior, cleaning the interior, completing miscellaneous repairs, pumping out the septic tank, general maintenance of the property, and fuel oil. We want to remind everyone that the money for these and future expenses comes out of our Building Fund and not the Church's operating budget/cash flow.

The **BUILDING FUND** is funded by either direct envelope contributions or fundraisers held by the church. We appreciate all of your contributions to this fund and want to assure you that your money is being used wisely to maintain our parsonage and make it a comfortable home for our tenants.

Please note that the leasing company is the intermediary between the church and the tenant. The tenants first contact with any concerns/issues is the leasing company, and the church is charged a monthly fee for this service. Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our Building Fund!

**We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to our community!**



## Hope Lutheran Nursery School is excited to announce that REGISTRATION for the 2024-2025 school year is now OPEN!

With 32 four-year-olds and 16 three-year-olds already enrolled in our nurturing and stimulating environment, we welcome all interested families to join our community. Our experienced and dedicated teachers provide a fun and engaging curriculum that promotes social, emotional, and academic growth. The 4-year-old class meets on Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 9:00-11:30 AM, while our 3-year-old classes meet on Tues., and Thurs. from 9:00-11:30 AM. Don't miss out on this opportunity to give your child a head start in their education!

Register now by visiting our nursery school website [nurseryschool.hopecherryville.org](http://nurseryschool.hopecherryville.org) or by calling us at 610-767-7203.

The fun never stops at our nursery school! We've been having a blast with our little ones and they love it. From painting apples in September to learning about autumn and fire prevention in October, we've kept our kids engaged and entertained. And what's more, we've been on a field trip to Unangst's Pumpkin Patch and had a visit from the Lehigh Township Fire Company - talk about excitement! Our 4-year-olds even got to visit the fire station again this year. And of course, we couldn't forget about Halloween - we had a program and parade for families and the kids had a spooktacular time at their parties!

Our little champs have had a blast this November and December, celebrating the harvest season and the true meaning of Christmas! From making Indian, Pilgrim, and turkey costumes to learning the nativity story, the kids have been buzzing with excitement and energy. They even spread some holiday cheer by singing to seniors at our Senior Center and collecting food for Hopes Food Pantry. And the fun didn't stop there! Our little ones also indulged in Show and Tell, Painting, Gym Day, and Science Day. To top it off, our annual Christmas program and parties were a huge hit! We can't wait to see what the new year brings for these bright young minds!

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming learning experiences and activities planned for the months ahead; Our students will have the opportunity to learn new songs, participate in Valentine's Day celebrations, and gain knowledge about good nutrition. They will also learn about the significance of springtime and Easter, hear inspiring Bible stories, and engage in various craft projects. Additionally, we are excited to announce that family field trips have been planned for all classes in the spring, providing a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to bond while learning together. We are committed to providing a well-rounded education that fosters intellectual and personal growth, and we look forward to seeing our students thrive on these exciting learning opportunities.

We at Hope Lutheran Nursery School would like to express our sincere gratitude to the parents who have supported us throughout the year. Your generous donations have allowed us to continue providing high-quality services to our members and community. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Sue Ruggles for her unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement! We would also like to acknowledge Jen in the church office for her invaluable contributions as our church secretary and Hope Church for allowing us to use their excellent facilities. Your contributions have been instrumental in making our programs a success. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you all in the future. Thank you!



Kind Regards,

Amy Krug  
Head Teacher

## LENT: JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Hope Lutheran Church invites you to join us for **Ash Wednesday** service on **February 14, 2024, at 7 PM**. This special service marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a time for reflection, repentance, and spiritual growth.

In addition to our Ash Wednesday service, we will be holding Lenten **midweek services** every Wednesday evening at 7 PM leading up to Holy Week. These services will provide an opportunity for you to deepen your faith, connect with others in our community, and prepare your heart for Easter.

We welcome you to come and worship with us during this meaningful time of the year. Our doors are open to all, and we look forward to sharing the Lenten season with you.



## AHOY, MATEYS!

## WELCA'S TUNA CHALLENGE

Hope's WELCA group is calling all hands on deck to join us in our mission to Fill the Boat with cans of tuna fish for the Northampton Food Bank. We challenge not only our own group, but the entire congregation to come together and make a difference in our community.



Let's show our support and generosity by bringing in as many cans of tuna fish as possible throughout the month of February. The small boat in the narthex will be our vessel for collecting these donations.

Together, we can make a big impact and provide much-needed support for those in need. Don't let this opportunity pass you by – let's "tuna" up and make a difference!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hey there, fellow do-gooders! It's that time of year again - our **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** is back and better than ever! We're excited to announce that on Sunday, February 11th, our congregation will be holding a noisy offering to tackle hunger in our local communities. All you need to do is bring your spare change (and dollars, too!) and drop it in the soup pots that our amazing youth will be holding in the back of the church after services. Let's show hunger who's boss and make a difference in the lives of those in need. See you there!

Easter is just around the corner and our Sunday School is excited to host an Easter egg hunt for our students on March 24th. To make this event even more special, we are asking for your help in filling the eggs with small items. From stickers to candy, any donation is appreciated! Donations can be dropped off in the Sunday School office by Sunday, March 17th. Let's make this Easter egg hunt one to remember!



## Love is in the air!

HOPE CHERRYVILLE'S YOUTH GROUP IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR VALENTINE'S DINNER ON **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024**. JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF DELICIOUS FOOD AND LOVE AND LAUGHTER. TICKETS FOR THE EVENT WILL BE ON SALE FROM JANUARY 14TH TO FEBRUARY 4TH IN BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES. YOU CAN ALSO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE BY VISITING [WWW.YOUTH.HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.YOUTH.HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG) OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW. ORDER FORMS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN THE BULLETINS ON JANUARY 14TH AND IN THE NARTHEX IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS.

SEATING TIMES ARE EVERY HALF HOUR FROM 4:30PM - 7:00PM. PLEASE NOTE THAT SEATING IS LIMITED, SO BOOK YOUR SPOT EARLY! WE HAVE A VARIETY OF MEAL OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM, INCLUDING CHICKEN OSCAR, BEEF TIPS, CHICKEN MARSALA, OR VEGETABLE LASAGNA. KIDS MEALS INCLUDE 2 HOTDOGS AND MAC & CHEESE. ADDITIONAL MEAL SELECTIONS AND INFORMATION ARE PROVIDED ON THE ORDER FORMS. ADULT MEALS ARE \$20, JUNIOR MEALS ARE \$10, AND KIDS' MEALS ARE \$5. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL ALLY LOCKARD AT [YOUTHGROUP@HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG](mailto:YOUTHGROUP@HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG).

SET UP FOR THE EVENT WILL BE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AT 6PM IN KUNTZ HALL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Hey there, Hope Lutheran Youth! Get ready to soar to new heights with us at **Skyzone**! Join us on Sunday, February 25th, after services, for an exhilarating afternoon of trampoline park fun. We'll fuel up with a delicious lunch at 11:30 AM in Kuntz Hall before bouncing off to the park. The best part? You can bring your friends along for the ride! The cost is only \$15 per person, so don't miss out on this high-flying adventure. To reserve your spot, simply shoot an email to Ally Lockard at [youthgroup@hopecherryville.org](mailto:youthgroup@hopecherryville.org). See you there!

Hope Lutheran Church  
Youth Group

*Valentine's  
Day Dinner*

A Candle Light Dinner

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10** KUNTZ HALL  
SEATING BEGINS AT 4:30 PM  
IN 30 MIN INTERVALS

Dinner starts from **\$20 per adult**  
**\$10 per junior, & \$5 per child**

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW: CALL 610-767-7203  
OR EMAIL [YOUTHGROUP@HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG](mailto:YOUTHGROUP@HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG)

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.YOUTH.CHERRYVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.YOUTH.CHERRYVILLE.ORG)



2024 YOUTH GROUP VALENTINE'S DINNER

We are excited to announce that our next Youth Gathering "Getting Ready" Meeting for students is coming up on Sunday, March 3rd from 11:30am - 2pm in Kuntz Hall.

We'll be discussing important details about the event, including schedules, activities, and more. Plus, it's a chance to connect with other students and leaders in a fun and supportive environment. We hope to see you there!

## BOOK BUDDIES

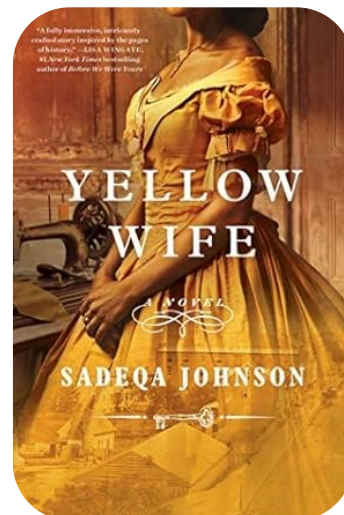
**The Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson**  
**Wed, February 21 at 1 PM**  
**Submit questions to [Annette Frazza](#)**

Born on a plantation in Charles City, Virginia, Pheby Delores Brown has lived a relatively sheltered life. Shielded by her mother's position as the estate's medicine woman and cherished by the Master's sister, she is set apart from the others on the plantation, belonging to neither world.

She'd been promised freedom on her eighteenth birthday, but instead of the idyllic life she imagined with her true love, Essex Henry, Pheby is forced to leave the only home she has ever known. She unexpectedly finds herself thrust into the bowels of slavery at the infamous Devil's Half Acre, a jail in Richmond, Virginia, where the enslaved are broken, tortured, and sold every day. There, Pheby is exposed not just to her Jailer's cruelty but also to his contradictions. To survive, Pheby will have to outwit him, and she soon faces the ultimate sacrifice.



**Zoom Meeting Details:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605892517?pwd=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVBINiJiTiZjNmMmQTO9>



Please use the link above 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, that 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](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) or 610-767-7203.



**"Thank you, Hope Congregation, for prayers, calls and cards during my hospitalization and rehab. It feels good to be home! What a blessing to be part of this caring congregation. Just as I say there's no place like home, there's also no place like Hope! God bless Hope Church!!!"**

**In Christian love,  
 Kathryn Strohl**

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

**Get ready to mark your calendars, folks! Hope Lutheran Church is gearing up to celebrate its 50th Anniversary and we want YOU to be a part of it!**

**Our anniversary committee is reaching out to all committees to see if there is any interest in doing something special throughout the year. We want to make this a year-long celebration of our church's legacy and all the amazing things we've accomplished together.**

**So, if you have any ideas or want to take on the challenge of organizing something truly special, don't hesitate to contact us through the church office at 610-767-7203 or [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org)! Let's make this a celebration to remember for the next 50 years!**





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## 2024 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

<b>Doug Daniel</b> <i>President</i>	<b>Tim Moore</b> <i>Vice President Finance</i>	<b>Matthew Sekol</b> <i>Secretary Finance</i>
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<b>Lori Kerper</b> <i>Evangelism</i>	<b>Megan Smith</b> <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<b>Glenn Wampole</b> <i>Mutual Ministry Property</i>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals		Call the church office <b>610-767-7203</b>
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Confirmation	Jennifer Knouss	610-767-7203
Evangelism	Sharyn Kratzer	610-261-1277
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VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
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Worship Arts	Karen Lockard	610-216-9679
Worship & Music	Janet Filchner	610-262-5215
Youth Group	Allison Lockard	610-216-5384



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



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>18</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:30am Worship	<b>19 Presidents' Day</b> 7:00pm Friendship Dance - Kuntz Hall (set-up 6 pm)	<b>20</b> 10:00am Story Weavers - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Girl Scouts - Lower-Level Rm 005 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8066 - Lower-Level Rm 004 6:30pm Women of Faith Meeting - Hanson Hall	<b>21</b> 1:00pm Book Buddies (Zoom Only) 7:00pm Lent Mid-Week Worship	<b>22</b> 10:00am Bible Study - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Jr Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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# FINANCIAL SUMMARY - DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$252,235.16	\$148,738.04	\$167,705.65	\$4,136.96	\$5,907.23
Income - December	48,496.94	8,731.64	7,065.38	4,461.90	3.11
Income - Jan.-Nov.	346,654.58	28,804.78	12,450.13	1,639.48	7,127.62
Total Income	395,151.52	37,536.42	19,515.51	6,101.38	7,130.73
Expenses - December	33,937.72	3,714.57	70.18	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Nov.	351,544.40	25,367.61	12,122.74	4,400.00	3,225.42
Total Expenses	385,482.12	29,082.18	12,192.92	4,400.00	3,225.42
Net Income	9,669.40	8,454.24	7,322.59	1,701.38	3,905.31
Net Special Appeals	-				
Balance End of December	\$261,904.56	\$157,192.28	\$175,028.24	\$95,838.34	\$9,812.54

## SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of December by \$14,559.22, and for the year 2023, income exceeded expenses by \$9,669.40, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$261,904.56. Last year the net income for the same period was \$7,034.47 with a balance of \$252,235.16.

*\*\*The current income statement is posted in the narthex.\*\**

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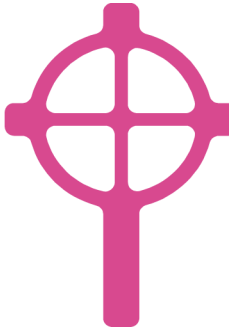
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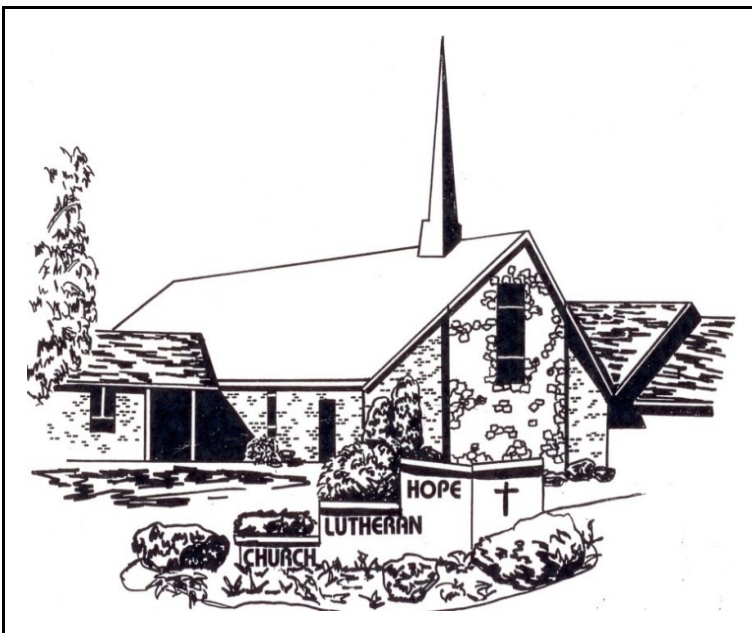
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