



A Message from the Interim Pastor:

It was some time ago when my granddaughters were young playing in the yard. The older one was (and still is) very afraid of bees. If she saw one flying through to its next source of nectar, she would run to the door to go inside. One time, the younger sister was swinging in the hammock in the yard and the older sister ran to it and scrambled to get onto it. "Hey", the younger said, "I was here first!" This was followed by the younger shouting out, "A bee! A bee!" Of course, one sister ran to the porch to safety. I was nearby and looked over. "Shame on you for scaring your sister like that, when there is no bee!" The scared sister realized what had happened and said, "Don't take advantage of my fear!"



Often, we find things to seemingly be afraid of when we read the newspaper or watch the nightly news. What is going to happen? How will things turn out? Are we safe? We find things that bring out our fear – the news, spiders, snakes, high places! We navigate through our lives, pushing down our fears and hopefully facing them when we are forced to do so.

During May, we embark on the days of Easter. The fearful disciples on seeing the risen Lord (John 20:19-31) are fearful and the same kind of fear is absent for us today. Instead, we might wonder at our journey and ask do we find the resurrected Christ in our lives? What does it look like for us to acknowledge Christ as our shepherd? Christ as a servant? Christ sending an advocate for us? Our lives change almost every month, sometimes every day and our needs might feel like something buzzing around and hard to see. Let our understanding be that we have no fear, EVER, that Jesus will forget about us, that Jesus will abandon our lives, or that Jesus will not guide us when we ask.

In His Name, Pastor Sue

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL 2025

- Hey there, amazing college students! We've got some super exciting news that you won't want to miss—our **Scholarship Program** has undergone some awesome changes! Whether you're gearing up for a new semester or just exploring your options, these updates are designed with YOU in mind! If you're curious about what's new or want to snag your very own copy of the updated policy, don't hesitate to hit us up at our church office at 610-767-7203. We're all about supporting you on this journey and creating a welcoming community where everyone is valued. So, let's chat and make sure you're all set for success!
- + Hey there, Hope Lutheran family! It's that wonderful time of year again—Easter is blooming with renewal, and so are our **bulletin boards**! Were thrilled to announce that the 50th Anniversary board just outside the sanctuary has transformed into our vibrant Sign-Up board! This is your go-to spot for all things sign-up, whether you want to be a Flower Sponsor, a Bulletin Sponsor, or dive into one of the awesome worship volunteer roles we have available. Each opportunity comes with a description to help you find the perfect fit, so don't be shy—come on by and see how you can get involved! And guess what? This is just the beginning; keep your eyes peeled for more exciting bulletin board updates rolling in soon!
- + Mark your calendars and grab your friends for a day packed with fun at Hope Lutheran Church's Annual Gift Card Bingo on Saturday, May 3rd! The doors swing open at 11 AM, and the bingo excitement kicks off at 12:30 PM! Snag your tickets now for just 25 or 30 at the door—don't wait! With your ticket, you'll get to play 15 regular games, 5 special games, and a chance to win fabulous door prizes! Feeling lucky? Dive into our Basket Raffle and see what treasures await! And let's not forget—come hungry because well have delicious lunch specials and a bake sale that'll make your taste buds dance! Remember, it's CASH OR CHECK ONLY, so plan ahead! This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with our amazing community, so don't miss out! We can't wait to share this joyful occasion with you!
- + We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our very own **Bill Lewis** and **Betty Rock** will be representing Hope Lutheran Church at the **2025 NEPA Synod Assembly: Connect the Dots** this coming May 30-31! Alongside our beloved Pastor Sue, they will embark on this exciting journey to Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church in Stroudsburg, PA. This is not just a trip; it's a chance for our delegates to bring the spirit and voice of our congregation to the wider church! Let's shower them with our love, support, and prayers as they travel and participate in this significant event. Together, as a family, we can uplift them and cheer them on as they carry our hopes and dreams to the Assembly!
- + Exciting news, everyone! Hope Lutheran Church is about to unveil a delightful Little Library, thanks to the amazing teamwork of our Property Committee and the dedicated Hope's Moms Group! This outdoor library box is not just a collection of books; it's a vibrant gathering spot where families can bond over stories, embark on literacy adventures, and create lasting memories together. We are especially honored to dedicate this wonderful initiative to the memory of Emily Ladd's father, Peter Kahora Jr. (1952-2025), ensuring his legacy lives on through the joy of reading. We invite all congregation members and the wider community to come and be a part of this heartwarming project! Stay tuned for more details to come—can't wait to see you there and celebrate our shared commitment to community service and fellowship!
- + We are bursting with gratitude for our incredible **Evangelism Committee**, who are stepping up to tackle the important mission of cleaning out the **Kuntz Hall Kitchen Pantry!** Their dedication and teamwork shine brightly, reflecting the warm and community-driven spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. By taking on this task, they are not only enhancing the beauty and organization of our church but also creating a welcoming environment for both our cherished members and new visitors alike. Let's rally together to support their efforts and keep this vibrant community thriving! Join us in celebrating their hard work and consider lending a hand in future initiatives that foster our mission of hospitality and connection. Together, we can make a difference!



Sunday, May 4

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation
9:15 AM Confirmation Parent Meeting-HH
10:30 AM Worship

Sunday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 25

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING!

TOO BUSY TO WRITE WEEKLY CHECKS FOR YOUR CHURCH OFFERING? REDUCE PAPERWORK AND STRESS BY HAVING YOUR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS DEBITED DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT AS YOU PROBABLY DO WITH OTHER OBLIGATIONS. ELECTRONIC GIVING IS A CONVENIENT WAY TO KEEP UP WITH YOUR INTENDED OFFERINGS. TO GET STARTED, SIMPLY VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE AT WWW.HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORS.

Online Giving

STORY WEAVERS

Tuesday, May 20

Meet @ church

11:30 AM

Lunch at Grove Street 1092 HOWERTOWN RD, CATASAUQUA, PA 18032



HOPE FRIENSHIP DANCE PIZZA PARTY

Monday,

May 19

6-8 PM

(SET UP BEGINS AT 5 PM)

WELCA

Tuesday,

May 13

10 AM

Adult SS Room



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held in Kuntz Hall at 10 AM Thursdays

MAY 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Please call the church office if more information is needed.

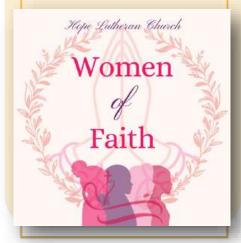
WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday,

May 20

6:30 PM

Hanson Hall



SOUP GROUP & DELIVERY

Wednesday,

May 7

9:30 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, please call the church office at 610-767-7203.

Women ELCA

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Wednesday,

May 7

6:30 PM

Hanson Hall

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Saturday,

May 24

9 AM-12 PM

Hope Lutheran Church

Pavillion

RAIN OR SHINE

CASH & CARRY



INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB

Explore our plant sale delights!

SATURDAY, MAY 24 @ 9 AM



EVANGELISM STAR MEMBERS EASTER BASKETS



At Hope Lutheran Church, the spirit of community shines brightly, especially during our heartwarming Easter Baskets initiative! Our dedicated **Evangelism Committee** has crafted <u>eighteen delightful baskets</u> filled with love and cheer for our STAR members, who are homebound.

A special shoutout goes to our wonderful Moms Group, whose homemade candies were the cherry on top, bringing smiles and joy to everyone involved! These thoughtful gestures not only foster a sense of belonging among our STAR members but also remind us all of the power of kindness and connection.

Let's continue to spread joy and support within our community—join us in our future service opportunities and make a difference today!







NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SPECIAL SERVICE & LUNCHEON

After a long history of prayer in the United States, in 1952 a bill was passed designating a National Day of Prayer. This legislation, signed into law by President Truman, called for the president to annually set aside a day (other than a Sunday) for the people of the United States to turn to God in prayer and meditation, whether in churches, groups, or individually. In 1988, President Reagan further established the first Thursday of May as the National Day of Prayer.

In celebration of this cherished freedom, our beloved Pastor Sue will be leading us in a special National Day of Prayer service on **Thursday, May 1st, at 11 AM**. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this uplifting event! Immediately following the service, the Evangelism Committee will be providing a delightful luncheon.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex <u>(please see NEW LOCATION by reading the Bulletin Board Updates article)</u> so we can plan accordingly. We can't wait to have you there as we come together in prayer and fellowship on this wonderful day!



HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



It's time to power up for an unforgettable journey at Vacation Bible School "Magnified"! Join our Mario Family as we embark on an adventure where kids will dive deep into the marvelous details of God's creation while discovering just how im-

mense His love is.

From July 7th to 11th, every day from 9 AM to 12 noon, children aged 3 (and potty trained) to those who have completed 6th grade can join in the fun!

We're also calling on older kids and adults to step up and volunteer - your help is vital! Plus, we provide a cozy nursery for the little ones of our amazing volunteers.

Ready to join the fun? Simply scan the QR code or head to ubs.hopecherryville.org to register! And remember, all volunteers aged 18 and up need to have their clearances updated—our clearance coordinator, Julie Sekol (clearances@hopecherryville.org), is here to assist!



Don't miss out on this chance to <u>MAGNIFY</u>
your summer with faith, fun,
and friendship!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: MAGNIFIED!

REGISTRATION IS
OPEN FOR THE 20252026 SCHOOL YEAR,
AND SPACES ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY!



The three-year-olds meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and,

The four-year-olds meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Both classes run from 9 AM - 11:30 AM.

For more information or to register for our program, please visit our webpage by using the link or scanning the QR code below:

nurseryschool.hopecherryville.org

or you can call Hope Lutheran Church at 610-767-7203.



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WOMEN OF FAITH-APRIL EVENT





Wow, what a fabulous April it was for our Women of Faith! They rolled up their sleeves and got crafty, transforming simple picture frames and inspirational cards into beautiful crosses for Caitlin's Smiles, a nonprofit based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, that delivers arts and crafts activities to children in medical facilities! This wonderful organization empowers kids facing serious health challenges to unleash their inner artists, and our talented ladies brought that spark of creativity alive! The joy and self-worth these crafts inspire are simply contagious, lighting up the hearts of everyone involved!

But wait, there's more! We want <u>YOU</u> to join our vibrant women's group in future projects! Let's keep the momentum going and spread even more smiles! Whether you're a long-time member or a newcomer, everyone is welcome to bring their creative flair to the Women of Faith group at Hope Lutheran Church. For more information, please contact us at the church office—let's craft a brighter future together!









Saturday, May 3, 2025

Doors open: 11am | Bingo starts: 12:30pm

Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville

4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville Call: 610-767-7203 for advance tickets

Tickets \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door (includes 15 regular games, 5 specials and door prize entry)

EVENT IS CASH OR CHECK ONLY Basket Raffle Lunch Specials Bake Sale



BULLETIN BOARD UPDATES



Easter is a time of renewal and new beginnings, and it is time for our bulletin boards to get renewed as well!

Check out what was the 50th Anniversary board just outside the sanctuary. This is now our Sign Up board! All sign ups, including the Flower Sponsors and Bulletin Sponsors are now located on this board. You will also find descriptions of each of the worship volunteers that are needed and how you can sign up for these roles!

Keep watch, more bulletin board renewals are on the way to help our congregation be informed and get involved!

BOOK BUDDIES

Strangers in Time by David Baldacci **Wednesday, May 21 at 1 PM** From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of A Calamity of Souls comes David Baldacci's newest novel, set in London in 1944, about a bereaved book shop owner and two teenagers scarred by the Second World War, and the healing and hope they find in one another.

Fourteen-year-old Charlie Matters is up to no good, but for a very good reason. Without parents, peerage, or merit, he steals what he needs, living day-to-day until he's old enough to enlist to fight the Germans. After barely surviving the Blitz, Charlie knows there's no telling when a falling bomb might end his life.

Fifteen-year-old Molly Wakefield has just returned to a nearly unrecognizable London. One of millions of children to have been evacuated to the countryside Molly has been away from her home for nearly five years. Her return, however, is not the homecoming she'd hoped for as she's confronted by a devastating reality: neither of her parents are there.



Without guardians and stability, Charlie and Molly find an unexpected ally and protector in Ignatius Oliver, and solace at his book shop, The Book Keep. Mourning the recent loss of his wife, Ignatius forms a kinship with both children, and in each other they rediscover the spirit of family each has lost.

But Charlie's escapades in the city have not gone unnoticed, and someone's been following Molly since she returned to London. And Ignatius is harboring his own secrets, which could have terrible consequences for all of them.

As bombs continue to bear down on the city, Charlie, Molly, and Ignatius learn that while the perils of war rage on, their coming together and trusting one another may be the only way for them to survive.

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

Please use the link above or 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, 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 or 610-767-7203.



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Call the church office 610-767-7203

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2025 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

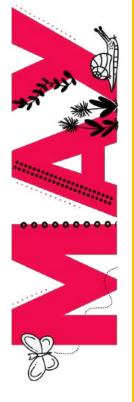
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People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others...



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MARCH 31, 2025

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	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	(Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$275,583.32	\$197,732.84	\$205,808.33	\$107,257.34	\$	9,102.32
Income - March	35,258.62	(2,634.83)	(1,721.01)	(1,146.91)		3.09
Income - JanFeb.	52,420.47	4,434.70	3,257.39	1,358.47		5.88
Total Income	87,679.09	1,799.87	1,536.38	211.56		8.97
Expenses - March	36,830.90	998.94	15.05	-		-
Expenses - JanFeb.	61,381.83	288.00	230.00	2,400.00		-
Total Expenses	98,212.73	1,286.94	245.05	2,400.00		-
Net Income	(10,533.64)	512.93	1,291.33	(2,188.44)		8.97
Net Special Appeals	-					
Balance End of March	\$265,049.68	\$198,245.77	\$207,099.66	\$105,068.90	\$	9,111.29

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of March by \$1,572.28, and for the year 2025, expenses exceeded income by \$10,533.64, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$265,049.68. Last year the net income for the same period was \$16,300.99 with a balance of \$278,291.48.

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.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	Collation Date
June	Monday, May 19	Thursday, May 29

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.

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The May 2025 issue of *Synod News* is available online. Visit http://nepasynod.org





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



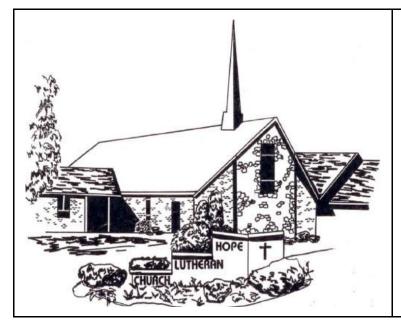
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