



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship
9:15AM—Family Bible Hour
4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship
6:30PM—Hope Studies

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“Anchored in Christ, Empowered by the Spirit, Connecting People to Jesus”

We are glad you are taking the time to worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us this weekend! We pray God’s blessings on your worship and time spent among us at Hope Lutheran Church! We ask you to please take the time to fill in the Friendship pad (be sure to give us your name and address) and feel free to indicate any prayer concerns on the reverse side of the pad. We are a “Family-Friendly Church” and encourage the participation of children in our worship. However, we realize there are times when children can become disruptive to other worshipers, and for that reason there is a cry room located in the back of the church for your use. Children’s worship bags are available in the narthex for your use during the service (see an usher or elder). Please return the bag following the service to the “Worship Bag Tree.” We encourage you to join us for any and all activities at Hope in the week ahead!

IMPORTANT NOTES: *for the sanctity of our worship and the benefit of those around you, please refrain from excessive talking in the narthex and sanctuary, and turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. Please time entrances and exits during congregational singing to minimize distraction to our worshipping community. Following our worship, please make every effort to leave God’s House just as you found it. Please do not bring coffee, cans of soda or bottled water into the sanctuary for your use before or even during the service. Also, please be sure to remove any “used” tissues from the pews or hymnal racks. Your help in keeping God’s house neat and clean will most certainly be appreciated! Thank you!*

Hope: Anchored in Christ



Please turn off or silence your cell phone and NO food or drinks in the Sanctuary.

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Activities This Week at Hope:

Sunday 2/19		High School Youth Gathering @ Daytona Beach
	8:00	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: L. Pfeffer</i>)
	10:30	Worship w/Communion
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 2/20		Presidents' Day
		High School Youth Gathering @ Daytona Beach
	6:30	Choir
	7:30	Young Adults @ Starbucks
Tuesday 2/21	10:30	GriefShare
	6:30	GriefShare
Wednesday 2/22	4:00	UFBPC Board @ Hope
	5:00	Confirmation
	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Living Hope Worship
	6:30	Hope Studies
Thursday 2/23		Best Practices in Ministry Conference @ Phoenix, AZ
	10:30	Bible Study
Friday 2/24		Best Practices in Ministry Conference @ Phoenix, AZ
	5:30	Zaycon @ Hope
Saturday 2/25		Best Practices in Ministry Conference @ Phoenix, AZ
	3:00	Food Prep @ Hope
	5:00	Feeding the Hungry
Sunday 2/26	8:00	Worship
	9:15	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: open</i>)
	10:30	Worship
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Worship: 6:30: 28/25

Hope Studies: 5

Sunday, February 12, 2017:

Worship: 8:00: 78 10:30: 106

FBH: Adults: 46 Youth: 5 Children: 4

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 17/11

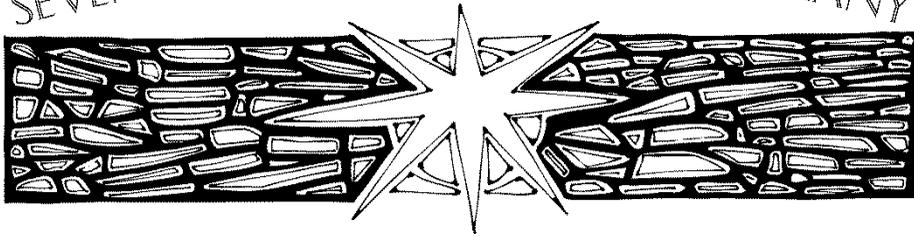
Offerings—General Fund: \$6,551.00

Stewardship Perspective:

Leviticus 19:2 "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." By God's grace we are His children – and we are called to be spitting images of our Father who is in heaven. Growing in holiness is not some abstract concept – it is growing into the image of God: in love, in generosity, in kindness, in humility. Where Jesus goes, we follow. How Jesus is, thus are we called to be.

Large Print editions of our Sunday worship folders are available from the ushers. If you are in need of one, don't hesitate to ask!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



February 19, 2017

AS WE GATHER

"We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation." These words from stanza 3 of the well-known hymn "Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand" are a reminder to us of who we are, and it gives us a sense of belonging. As we gather for worship, we are those stones being piled up together one more time. Whether the pile is small or huge, includes many pebbles or none at all, it is the use of the stones that is important. The stones are fashioned by the working of God for His own habitation. They—and we—can serve no greater purpose!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION *"With Praise All Unite"* arr: Geoffrey Edwards
The sanctuary is a place of meditation and preparation for worship. Therefore, as the prelude begins, we cease our conversations and quiet our hearts to converse silently with God.

OPENING HYMN *"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"* LSB 646

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

C: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Let us go to Him, confident that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake. (*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*) Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to live in faithfulness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Yet we would hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

LSB 171



P: [A] This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



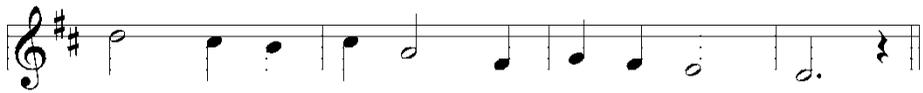
C: [C] Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You have established the Church with Christ as the foundation and made us to be Your holy people.

C: Use us as You continue to grow the Church to the glory of Your holy name;

P: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

10:30 SPECIAL MUSIC

"Make Us One, Father"

Jubilation
Singers



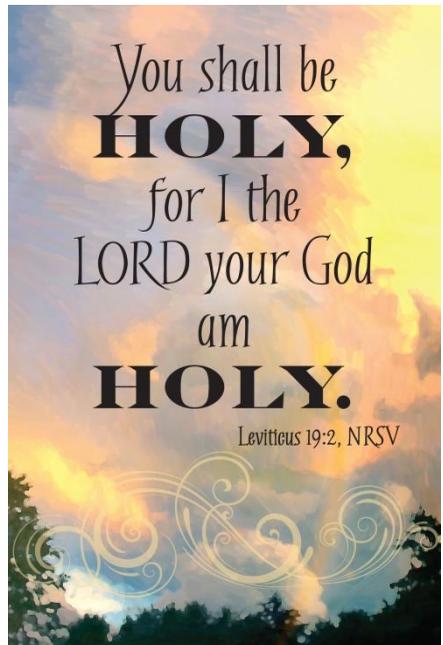
† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

OLD TESTAMENT

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (p.97)

(The Lord demands right living among His people.)

¹And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. ¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ¹⁵You shall do no injustice in court. You



shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. ¹⁷You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

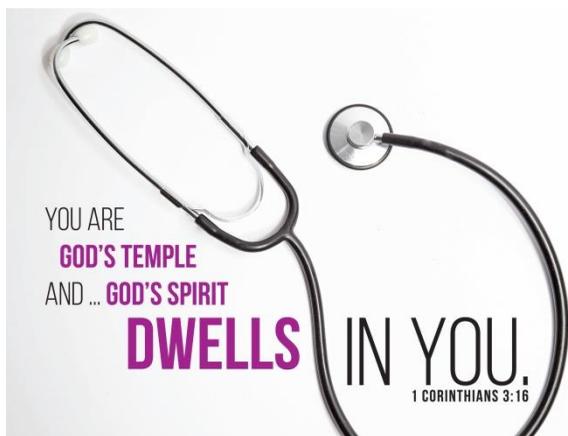
EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 3:10-23 (p.953)

(We are God's temple, the Spirit dwelling in us.)

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—¹³each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you

thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." ²¹So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.



L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE*"Alleluia-II"**LSB 952*

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HOLY GOSPEL*Matthew 5:38-48 (p.810)**(Jesus continues to teach the Law with authority.)***P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.**C:** *(Sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.****P:** [Jesus said,] "You have heard that it was said,**C:** **'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'****P:** "But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said,**C:** **'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'****P:** "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C:** *(Sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ!****HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"**LSB 909*

SERMON

*"No Exceptions!"
Rev. Dean Pfeffer*

Matthew 5:44

CREEDAL HYMN

"In God We Believe"

(tune: LSB 802)

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

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CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

As the offerings are received, please sign the register in the pews, whether you are a member of Hope Lutheran or a visitor. The person at the end of the pew should start and then pass it along. Thank you for making worship with us a priority this Lord's Day.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the gospel. Our offerings are our special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes.

VOLUNTARY

"Westminster Abbey"

Ralph C. Schultz

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, You are building a living temple for Your Holy Spirit out of the Church, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ, Your Son. Grant faithful master builders to lay upon this foundation that which will survive the day of His return. Never let us trust or boast in our own works, but only in the work You do by Your Spirit through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: When there are divisions in the Church on earth, let what is genuine be recognized, that we may always walk the path of Your commandments and so please You. Guide us to a reliance on Your Son, the One who perfectly loved His enemies. Let us imitate Him and be holy as You are holy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, You ask us to pray for our enemies and do good to those who hate us. Help us in this task, that all may humbly come before You, confess their sins and be reconciled to You and to each other. Let no one be after selfish gain, but rather help us to consider others more significant than ourselves. Do not let us hate our brother in our heart, but instead model the humility of Your Son and make peace with our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, You do not willingly afflict or grieve Your children. Look with compassion on those who are suffering in body or mind especially this week we pray for *Joyce Brewer, Connie Harsh, Bud Hendershot, Tena Matthews, Ginger Moore, Rose Thomas, Dale Wenzel, Millie Wetz, and Tom Whitehurst*. Remember them in Your mercy, strengthen them in patience, comfort them with the memory of Your goodness and let Your face shine on them, that they may be guarded by Your peace in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

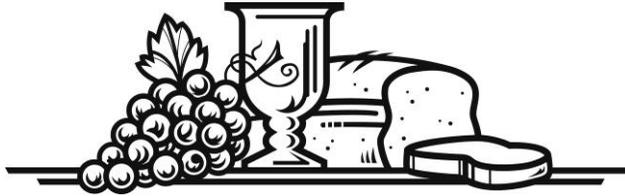
C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, by Your Word give us understanding to keep Your Law and observe it with our whole heart. By Your Son's body and blood, confirm to Your servants Your promise, that You may be feared, our reproach turned away and life granted us in Your righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever who taught us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



+ HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right...praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We listen again to the very words spoken by Jesus Christ in the upper room, "take and eat, this is my body... take and drink, this is my blood". We prepare to receive what Jesus has promised to share with us, His very presence. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, Christ nourishes us, forgives us and strengthens us with His presence.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(The congregation may be seated.)

COMMUNION STATEMENT

If you desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please remember that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is available to those who: ¹Are baptized AND instructed in the Christian faith; ²Examine themselves in a manner appropriate to adult maturity and recognize their own need for forgiveness; ³Believe that the Crucified and Risen Lord is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine; ⁴Believe that in this sacrament God gives us forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith; ⁵Accept their place of responsibility in the whole church on earth. If this is your sincere belief, then joyfully share this sacrament with us. If this is not your belief, please remain seated for a time

of prayer on the many blessings God has given you. If you have any questions, please see a pastor or an elder. Please remember the words of St. Paul, "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor. 11:29) For those with dietary restrictions, a light-colored grape juice is also served in the center of the tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Note: During distribution, one of our pastors will be in the back of the church for a time of individual prayer with anyone desiring.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What Is This Bread" LSB 629

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

LBS 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er - Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

8:00 SPECIAL MUSIC

"Make Us One, Father"



BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: 'Here am I! Send me!'

CLOSING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644

POSTLUDE

"Spanish Trumpet"

arr: Patricia Lou Harris

NO 
SMOKING

The "No Smoking" sign consists of the word "NO" in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters, underlined. To the right of "NO" is a red circle with a diagonal slash through it, containing a black silhouette of a lit cigarette with smoke rising from it. Below "NO" is the word "SMOKING" in the same large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters.

Important Reminder

Our *ENTIRE* Hope campus has been designated a "no smoking" facility. Your help in keeping this policy will go a long way! Thanks for your help and the stewardship of the body God has entrusted to you!

Connecting Points

TODAY: we continue in what is commonly known as the "Sundays after Epiphany." **This season** can vary in length **from four to seven Sundays** depending on when Ash Wednesday falls. The emphasis of the season is based on the word "epiphany, which means to reveal or make known." We will see through our readings how the Word of God and the Word is made known to the people. The color of the season is **GREEN**~ the color of life and growth a reminder to us that we are to be continually growing in the grace and love of our Lord as we **LIVE.BOLDLY** for Him!



DON'T DELAY—SIGN UP TODAY!: Many (like 99) hands are needed to work our hot boiled peanut booth at the *Florida Strawberry Festival (March 2-12)*. There's a variety of shifts available for **morning, afternoon, and evening** workers. For our newer members, on the job training will **GLADLY** be given! Booth workers will also receive a **FREE ADMISSION** to the festival, so either before or after your shift, you can enjoy all that the Festival has to offer! See the sign up board in the *Narthex* or call *Patrick Griffin (813-376-0258)*.



THIS WEEKEND (FEBRUARY 18-20): our High School Youth—*Yulia Hartmann and Kristin Reagin*, along with chaperones, *Lynn Reagin and Pastor Shea*—are in *Daytona Beach* for the *FL-GA District High School Youth Gathering*. The theme **this year** is *Chosen (1 Peter 2:9)*, and leading us in what it means and how to live as God's "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession" are *Matt Popovits & Abi Tesfaye* (we heard them at the 2016 Nation Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA). Please pray for safe travel for everyone attending the Gathering and for Jesus' blessing upon the HSYG that all who are attending will be renewed and strengthened by the message in order to return to their communities ready to "proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light." *Chosen to Connect People to Jesus.*



THANK YOU: to *Dan & Lyn Senkarik* for all the many hours they have given in tending for our roses. Your help in keeping our Lord's house neat and clean to all who come on campus or pass by is **ALWAYS** appreciated!



THANK YOU: to one and all who donated bears for our annual Teddy Bear Sunday. Thanks to your Spirit motivated giving, 170 bears were received and given a tag by our *Human Care Team*. They will be distributed to the *Plant City Police Department, Hillsborough Sheriff's Office*, and **LIVE!**—Our *LCMS student ministry at UCF*. Thanks for sharing your love with those in need.

HOPE'S YOUNG ADULTS: gather on **Monday evenings 7:30PM** @ Starbucks in Plant City. So, if you're a Young Adult (age 19-39) and like fun & fellowship or just coffee then join us Monday nights at Starbucks.



THIS IS IT: Our **Wednesday evening** *Living Hope Worship* and *Hope Studies* begin a pause **after this Wednesday** for our mid-week Lenten Services. Special thanks to *John Koren* for his Bible Study leadership and our *praise team* for their leadership in *Living Hope*. *Living Hope Worship* and *Hope Studies* **will resume after Easter.**



ATTENDING A CONFERENCE: Please note that *BOTH Pastor Pfeffer and Pastor Shea* will be participating in the *Best Practices in Ministry Conference* **this week** in Phoenix, Arizona. *Pastor Pfeffer* will attend the conference **beginning February 22nd** and return to *Plant City* on **February 25th**; *Pastor Shea* will attend the conference **beginning February 23rd** and return **February 27th**. In the event of a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact the *Church Office (813-752-4622)* daytimes, and either *Joyce Van Matre (813-545-4318)* or *Lyn Senkarik (863-670-4866)* evenings, and they will contact the Pastor on call. Thanks for your understanding!



START THINKING NOW: whom you are going to invite to join you in attending our very special mid-week Lenten services **beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 1st**. This is such a very special time in the church—a great opportunity for you to share just what Jesus did for you during the season of Lent.



DAYTIME VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: by our *United Food Bank of Plant City*. If you can give some time to assist at the food bank, please contact *Lydia* at 813-764-0625.

A REMINDER FROM OUR ELDERS: regarding **Sunday morning** announcements before worship: ¹There is a limit to 5 announcements to be made on a Sunday morning; ²Your announcement should be no more than 60 seconds in length; ³You MUST be seated on the FRONT pew if you are to make an announcement (you can then return to your family); ⁴You MUST use the handheld microphone so that EVERYONE in the church hears what you have to share and; ⁵All announcements MUST be made at BOTH morning worships—what's good for one service to hear, is good for the other. ...And remember, all requests to make a Sunday announcement MUST be made to the *Church Office* by **NOON** on **Wednesday**. Thanks in advance for your assistance!



You were born
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!!!

Our lives seem to be continuously changing and wondering what the Lord has planned for us—next! Following the examples from Scripture, we will look into the lives of others as they faced the same challenges of purposeful events. Our teacher and leader will be Dr. David Jeremiah during this series of guidance and directions the Lord has given us based on the story of two cousins who work together in God's plan.

Join us on **Thursdays at 10:30AM**
in the Stephen Ministry classroom.

All welcome! Bring a friend! See you then...

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GRIEF SHARE[®]

Tuesdays

at 10:30AM and 6:30PM

in Stephen Ministry Room

For more information, contact *Lyn Senkarik*



LIVE BOLDLY... Join an ACTION TEAM!



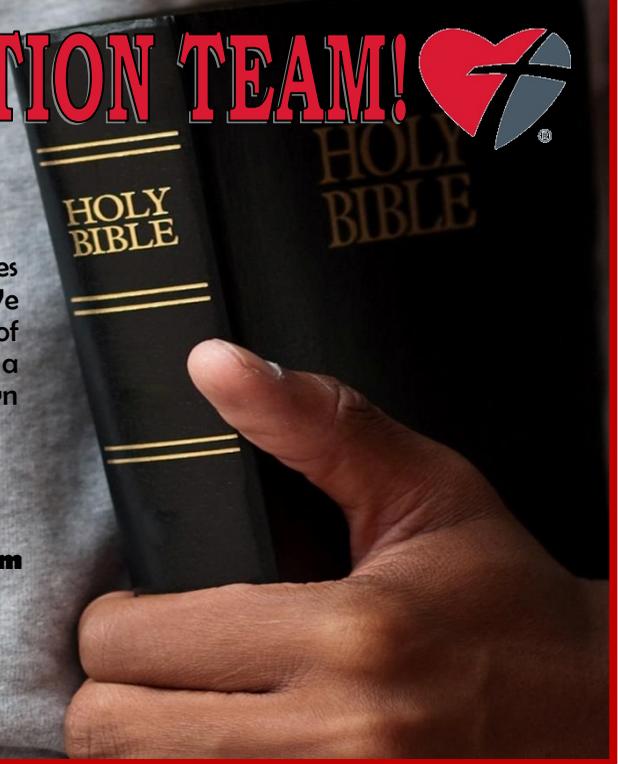
Chaplains at prisons around the country are asking for Bibles to give to the inmates for personal study!

Everyone, all ages...Join us to prepare several cases of Bibles to ship to various locations in need. We will be marking Gospel passages, writing words of encouragement, and inserting bookmarks as a personal interaction for those receiving their own copy of Scripture.

Donations of Christian books, Bibles, or devotionals are encouraged!

Drop in anytime between **10:30am & 12:30pm**
on **SUNDAY, MARCH 5th**
in FELLOWSHIP HALL

See Gloria Warner for further details...
and pick up a FREE T-shirt!



EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT CULTURES, CHANGE LIVES—EVEN YOURS

You'll be greeted with warm smiles and be invited to broaden your cultural experiences. You'll learn what it feels like to build hope by building a home.

Join us for a Thrivent Builds Worldwide trip

See firsthand how the opportunity to own a simple, decent home can change a family's life. Join me, Thrivent Financial members, and other like-hearted volunteers as we put our generosity into action.

Thrivent Builds Worldwide Trip

Where: Ahuachapán, El Salvador

Date: July 15 – July 23, 2017

Cost for members: \$820

Cost for nonmembers: \$1,120.

Location description: El Salvador is located in Central America, Tropical Climate.

As a Thrivent member, you'll receive a discount on trip expenses. And a generous donation will be made to the Habitat host program on your behalf.

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For program information, visit ThriventBuilds.com/worldwide.

For trip details, contact Brian Heipp at (863) 284-1100 or brian.heipp@thrivent.com.

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FAMILY BIBLE HOUR @ 9:15AM

ADULTS

A MAN NAMED LUTHER: This is the second installment of a three part study series designed to honor the life and times of the German Reformer, his unparalleled contributions to the Christian church and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. *Leader: Pastor Pfeffer*

WATCH THE LAMB, WALK IN VICTORY: The darkness-shattering light spoken into existence by God in Genesis explodes into glorious, unfiltered radiance in REVELATION. Here, God's story, revealed in His Word, draws to a stunning consummation. REVELATION unveils God's perfect justice and glorious design for those Jesus redeems from every tribe, language, people and nation. God's children find HOPE, PEACE AND REST in the unfailing purposes of God. Join us for a verse-by-verse study of REVELATION. *Leader: Gloria Warner*

YOUNG ADULTS

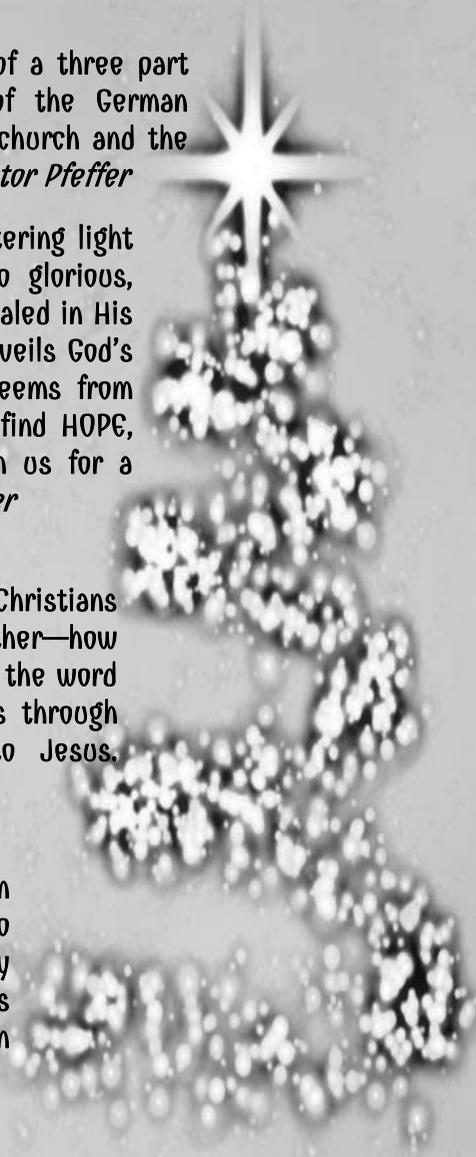
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GRADES 9—12

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PRE-SCHOOL—GRADE 8

GROWING IN CHRIST: The fall quarter begins with an overview of the New Testament beginning with the birth of John the Baptist through the calling of Jesus' first disciples. *Leaders: Yolanda Heipp, Tracy MacDonald, Liz Pfeffer, Ellen Whitehurst*



LENT BEGINS MARCH 1st

4:30PM (*Ash Wed. ONLY*): **Worship w/Imposition of Ashes & Communion**
5:15—6:15PM: **Fellowship Dinner**
6:30PM: **Worship w/Imposition of Ashes & Communion**

STANDING AT THE CROSS will be the theme for our Mid-Week Lenten worship on Wednesdays during Lent at our **6:30PM** worship services (please note only *ONE* service each week, *except* for Ash Wednesday). As a Lenten lead-in to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this series will focus on portions of sermons by Martin Luther for Lent. As we stand with Luther at the foot of the cross each week, we contemplate the ways in which we stand firm in the faith as followers of Christ during this holy season. Our fellowship dinners will be served from **5:15—6:15PM**. Again this year, most of the pastors of our Winter Haven Circuit will be participating in a "round robin," so each Wednesday we will welcome another of our circuit pastors to our worship as *Pastor Shea* leads worship in their congregations (excluding Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Services).

Ash Wednesday, March 1: Standing in the Word | Rev. Dean Pfeffer
Dinner Host: Youth & Youth Ministry Team
Menu: Chili (*donated by Wendy's of Lakeland*), Salad, Cornbread & Ice Cream

March 8: Standing in Persecution | Rev. Andy Ritchie (*St. Paul, Lakeland*)
Dinner Host: Christian Growth Ministry
Menu: Soup, Salad, & Baked Potato bar

March 15: Standing in Suffering | Rev. Charles Reich (*Grace, Winter Haven*)
Dinner Host: Human Care Ministry Team
Menu: Pasta, Salad, Bread & Dessert

March 22: Standing in Truth | Rev. Tod Shouse (*Our Savior, Zephyrhills*)
Dinner Host: Board of Directors
Menu: Baked Ziti & Salad

March 29: Standing in Prayer | Rev. Jonathan Horsman (*Redeemer, Bartow*)
Dinner Host: Elders and Health Ministry Teams
Menu: Macaroni Casserole & Salad

April 5: Standing Unafraid | Rev. Shea Pennington
Dinner Host: Missions & Outreach Ministry Team
Menu: Shepherds Pie

YOUTH DATES

Feb. 18-20—H.S. Y.G. @ Daytona Beach

Mar. 14—Roller Skating @ Skateland, Brandon (7-9pm)

Mar. 25—Feeding the Hungry (3:30-5:30pm)

Apr. 28-29—Lock-in @ Hope

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!

Contact Pastor Shea for more info: hopecpastorshea@gmail.com



The
Lutheran
Hour

can be heard EVERY Sunday morning at 7:30 on 540AM

Topics for this month:

February 26: "Guilt's Gone"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

A guilty conscience accuses; a forgiving Savior brings peace to troubles hearts. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Joyce Brewer
Sue Crouse
Melva Dennison

Bonnie Genrich
Tom & Nancy Kohr
Dorothy Maltzahn

Rick Nilles
Peg Stone
Richard Van Matre

LEADERS:

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer
Pastor Shea Pennington
Hope Staff

Hope's Ministries
LCMS Synod & District
Our Nation
Our Armed Forces

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Linda DeGagne	neighbor of Joyce Van Matre—newly diagnosed; auto-immune disease
Susan Gross	mother of Jessica Griffin—heart concerns
Connie Harsh	recovering from surgery (2/16)
Bud Hendershot	Recovering; pneumonia
Cindy Kemp	safe travel to/from Costa Rica (through 3/11)
Ginger Moore	Recovering; knee replacement surgery
Dale Wenzel	surgery (2/23)

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Joyce Brewer	recovering; hip replacement
Dave Conzelmann family	family of Patrick, Jessica & Keaira Griffin—mourning his death
Bobby Dines	brother-in-law of Sue Griffin—diagnosed w/Lewy Body dementia
Beverly Mane	health concerns
David Miller Family	friend of Pastor & Liz Pfeffer—mourning his death
	friend of Jesilynn Pfeffer—hospitalized
DeAnne Reiter	sister-in-law of Kathy Drapp—breast cancer; double mastectomy (2/7)
Greta Slagle	health concerns
Millie Wetz	recovering at home; hip replacement
those who serve & protect	

BATTLING CANCER:

Jennifer Barkley	Dee	Idele Green	Victor Miranda	Sherrie
Tom Battling	Austin Dobbs	Lynnie Green	Larry Morrell	Al Simmons
Laura Blake	Ginnie Donaldson	JoAnne Hayashi	Jim Moore	Judy Strait
CanDee Brandon	Donna	Lori Heneka	Joy Neely	Chuck Sullivan
John Brom	Casey Doyle	Jeanette Herndon	Thomas Onderdonk	Rose Thomas
Laura Brom	Jace Driggers	Maggi Hutto	Sharyl Pallard	Mr. Wells
Bob Broshelle	Kori Dunke	Dale Jarvis	John Rademacher	Tom
Ken Buschbacher	Marcus Elam	Dot LaBar	Alan Rauner	Millie Wetz
Chantal	Ellen	Delores Lopresto	Andrea Reichard	Laura Winkel
Carol Chapman	Joy Fritzke	Lucille Luedke	DeAnne Reiter	Candy Wolfe
Chrissie	Gail	Pat Mailloux	Sara	Rick Ward
			Abbey Sedlacek	Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

Zachary Allen	Trevor Dahlke	Ira Kinkead	Donnie Pittman
Alex Almaguer	Triston Dahlke	Joshua Kinkead—R	Derek Quackenbush
Joseph Apthorp	Lorrie Daniell—R	Brad Landis	Justin Rappa
Zachary Bennett	Stephen Daniell—R	Bobby Martin	Ryan Sonnenberg
Matt Bracken	Joshua Gross	Aaron Morley	Caleb Strand
Matthew Clissold	Erika Grosskopf	Stephen Olliff—R	Mike Szostkiewicz—R
Rachael Clissold			



"Think of us in this way as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries."

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING THE LORD THIS SUNDAY (2/19/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Alex Attalla
Greeters 8:00/Carl & Brenda Bergner; 10:30/Jim & Karen Szostkiewicz
Acolyte 10:30/Scarlett Gembala
Lector 8:00/Mary Decker; 10:30/Loretta Scott
Elder on Duty 8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Jim Drapp; 4:00/Pastor Pfeffer
Communion Assistant 8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers Dahlke & Trivunovich families
Offerings Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers Team 2
8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings, James Tennyson;
10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by

Nick & Nora Trivunovich

and

Frank Dahlke in memory of Bev's birthday

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (2/22/2017) ARE:

Lector 6:30/Donna Donel
Elder on Duty/Communion Assistant 6:30/Wayne Warner

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (2/26/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Mason Reese
Greeters 8:00/Ray & Rita Gonzalez; 10:30/Ken & Becky Hartmann
Crucifer 8:00/Kristin Reagin; 10:30/Yulia Hartmann
Lector 8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich; 4:00/Brian Heipp
Flowers E. Miller & Reichard families
Offerings Richard & Mary Decker
Ushers Team 3
8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Judy Adkins, Andy Anderson, Jack Moberg

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Altar Guild Liz Pfeffer
Nurse/HMT Member Sally Kimbrell