



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

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

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

5:15PM—Fellowship Dinner
6:30PM—Lenten Worship

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 worshippers, 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 3/26	8:00	Worship
	9:15	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: Booher & Reitzel</i>)
	10:30	Worship and Reception of New Members
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 3/27	6:30	Choir
	7:30	Young Adults @ Starbucks
Tuesday 3/28	10:30	GriefShare
	12:00	Staff Meeting
	6:30	GriefShare
Wednesday 3/29	4:00	UFBPC Board Meeting @ Hope
	5:15	Fellowship Dinner (<i>Host: Elders & Health Ministry; Menu: Macaroni Casserole</i>)
	5:45	Bell Choir
	6:30	Worship
Thursday 3/30	10:30	Bible Study
	6:30	Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting & Church Picnic setup
Saturday 4/1		No Confirmation classes
	8:00	Trustees' Workday
Sunday 4/2		No Family Bible Hour
	8:00	Worship w/Communion
	10:30	Outdoor Worship w/Communion
	11:30	Church Picnic
	11:45	Christian Growth Ministry Team Meeting
	11:45	Youth Ministry Team Meeting
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Worship: 6:30: 51

Sunday, March 19, 2017:

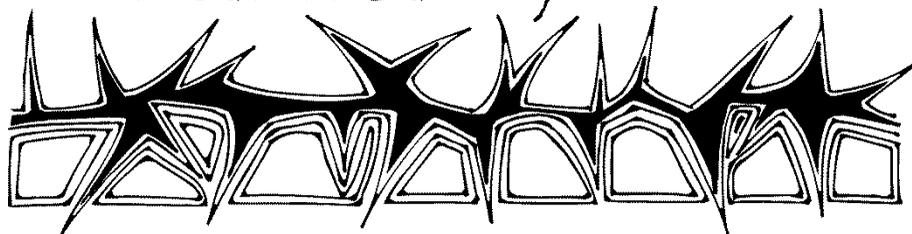
Worship: 8:00: 67/65 10:30: 96/74
FBH: Adults: 46 Youth: 9 Children: 2
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 27/10

Offerings—General Fund: \$10,261.25

Stewardship Perspective:

Psalm 142:5 — I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control—so we can follow His Word in confidence.

Fourth Sunday In Lent



March 26, 2017

AS WE GATHER

From the start of His public ministry to its conclusion, Jesus performed many miracles. In bringing sight to the blind, He gave them a new vision of the world and opened new possibilities for them. As the One who brings the light of salvation to His people, Jesus opens new possibilities for our lives. As our perfect substitute, He takes the weight of sin from us and lightens the burdens we bear. Both lightened and enlightened, we rejoice in the miracles we experience each day by His grace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



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 SONG

"Your Grace Is Enough"

ABS (3) 22

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, And nothing can keep us apart.**

(Pre-Chorus) **So remember Your people, Remember Your children.
Remember Your promise, O God.**

(Chorus) **Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me.**

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**Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, And all Your people sing along.**
(Pre-Chorus) (Final Chorus)

(Final Chorus) **Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.**

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Women: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Men: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

P: Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

C: **Eternal God, we confess that we are sinners in need of forgiveness. By nature we are sinful from the very beginning of our life. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

P: God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

C: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Better Is One Day"

BOB 23

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.

For my soul longs and even faints for You.

For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings. *(Chorus)*

(Chorus)

**Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.**

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,

**Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,
Thousands elsewhere**

**One thing I ask and I would seek; to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.**

**One thing I ask and I would seek; to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells. *(Chorus)***

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, whose grace attends us all our days,

C: **look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit.**

P: Direct our steps into pathways of peace, and keep safe our going out and our coming in.

C: **Preserve us in Your righteousness, and at last bring us to Your eternal kingdom,**

P: where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

C: **one God, now and forever. Amen.**



† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 42:14-21 (p.602)

(The Lord will turn darkness into light.)

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14 (p.978)

(Walking as children of the light)

⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**ABS (1) 111***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.****Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You. I want to see You.***(Repeat)***To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.****Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy, holy, holy.****Holy, holy holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.***(Repeat All)*

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HOLY GOSPEL*John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (p.895)**(Jesus heals a man who was born blind.)***P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.**C:** *(Sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C:** *(Sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ!**

and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

10:30 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Larry & Connie Harsh; Beverly Mane;
Brooks Seufzer & Kristin Mercier and Devan, Cyrus, Sidney & Tristan Mercier;
Richard & Carol Nilles; April Walkenhorst*

10:30 HYMN OF WELCOME *(tune: "Doxology")*

**We welcome you to Hope today,
to walk with us along God's way,
to share His love that sets us free.
You're welcome in our family.**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**



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

"Amazing Grace"

Harmony w/Handel

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. O holy Lord, You have opened the eyes of Your Church to behold the light of Christ. Grant that we may always walk in His light and not return to the darkness of sin that blinds us to the truth of Your saving Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful Father, through holy Baptism You grant us the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit, who grants us spiritual sight. Keep us firmly in the faith that You established in us, that we may always look to Christ alone for salvation with our eyes fixed upon His cross where He died for our sins, trusting in His resurrection for our justification. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Everlasting God, grant Your peace to all the nations of our world, and especially give wisdom and compassion to the leaders of our nation. Bless us also with faithful and devout citizens who will defend the weak and helpless, including the unborn and the infirm. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Lord, there are many in our world and community who are in need. We pray for those who are poor, homeless or hungry among us, that You would grant them all that they need to support this body and life. Open the hearts of all who are blessed with more than they need, that they would be generous toward those in want. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that You would grant gainful employment to all who are able to work but cannot find jobs that meet their needs or the needs of their families. Provide for their necessities and keep them from losing heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Blessed Lord, we pray that You would grant healing to all those who suffer from any affliction of body or soul including *John Burtz, Connie Harsh, Bud Hendershot, Gordon Jaenecke, Lauren Matthews, and Rose Thomas*. Shine upon them with Your mercy, according to Your good and gracious will, and continually remind them of Your love and care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, we know that You hear us as we pray and promise to answer in accord with Your will. Grant these things and whatsoever else You know that we need. Thanks be to You for Your mercy. Keep us in Your care and bring us at last to Your nearer presence with all the saints who stand in Your light forever, 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.

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

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537

POSTLUDE

"Beautiful Savior"

John A. Behnke

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Welcome to Hope!



Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7



WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO WITTENBERG GERMANY!

You may calculate your weekly miles or minutes for the week and record them in the red welcome/friendship book in your pew—there is a special insert inside. We will collect these weekly and tally the number of miles based on exercise/walking/running.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS TO ADD MILES TO OUR TOTAL:

- *Walk
- *Lift Weights
- *Tennis
- *Aerobics
- *Volleyball
- *Softball
- *Run
- *Basketball
- *Cheerlead
- *Football
- *Dance
- *Scooter (non-motorized!)
- *Skateboard
- *Hockey
- *Bike Ride

STAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN!

You can pick the method of "travel" that suits you best—or do a little of everything. With the sports that you cannot calculate actual miles, such as softball or lifting weights, please count ONE (1) mile for every 15 MINUTES of exercise.

Keep your eyes on the **World Map** in the Sanctuary for our progress as we leave Plant City and begin the long journey across the Atlantic Ocean. If you have special Bible verses that help you on your "daily walk" with God, please consider writing them out on a piece of paper and place in the envelope next to the map. We will tape them to the map to **help us all keep focused**

on our goal! We don't want to lose sight of the important fact that our body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit: **we need spiritual exercise as well as physical exercise.** After your physical exercise each day, spend a little while in "TIME OUT" with your Bible, reading and meditating on **God's Words** to us. He wrote them just for you, tailored to what you need to know **for** everything and **about** everything that is important in your life.

As always, we will ask the Lord to be our guide and we pray for no injuries along the way. BUT, before starting an exercise program, be sure and have your doctor clear you medically, especially if you have health problems for which you are being treated or you have not seen a doctor in the last year for a physical.



Walk to Wittenberg Update:

We have walked 1,860 of our 5,001 miles!



Connecting Points

TODAY: we now find ourselves in the season of Lent. Lent is a time of deep repentance for the people of God as we focus on the payment God made for our sins through the sacrifice of His only begotten Son on the cross that we might live. During this time of Lent, the singing of our "Alleluia's" is omitted from the vocabulary of the church until we sing them again on the Day of Resurrection. While Lent lasts a period of 40 days, Sundays are *NOT* included, as every Sunday for the Christian is a mini celebration of our Lord's Easter victory. The color of Lent is *purple*~ the color of repentance and royalty as we reflect on our sins and give thanks for our Lenten King of Glory.



EASTER LILIES: Yes, it's that time to start thinking about ordering your Easter Lilies to adorn our Lord's altar as we celebrate His Easter victory! There are a limited number of plants available, so the **absolute deadline is April 9th**. Please be sure to complete the insert in your bulletin and submit it (with payment). You can place it in the offering plate **today** or bring your order to the church office **during the week**.



NUMBER OF PLANTS: 60 STILL AVAILABLE: 26

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY: We will welcome the following new members into our Hope family **today at our 10:30 worship**: *Larry & Connie Harsh; Beverly Mane; Brooks Seufzer & Kristin Mercier and Devan, Cyrus, Sidney & Tristan; Richard & Carol Nilles; and April Walkenhorst*. Please be sure to take the time to meet and greet them and most important welcome your newest brothers and sisters into the Hope family.



LENTEN FOLDERS: to assist you this Lenten Season are in your mailboxes. Please take yours home with you and return it on **Easter Sunday** as a special gift to the Lord in remembrance of His tremendous sacrifice for you! (A few extra folders are under the mailboxes as well.)



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: from *Lutheran Hour Ministries* are also in your mailboxes (with additional copies underneath the mailboxes for you to take and share). Please feel free to help yourself to extras to share with family and friends. Note: Pastor Pfeffer's next devotions will be **March 29 and Good Friday, April 14** (flgadistrict.org).



PEANUTS AVAILABLE: Anyone interested in purchasing a frozen 5lb bag of our regular boiled peanuts (\$6.50/each), contact *Patrick* (813-376-0258) **this week**.



IT'S IN THERE: That's right—your April issue of “Hope's Anchor” is either sitting in your email just waiting for you to click open OR it is in your mailbox **TODAY** waiting for you to take it home so you can read, mark, learn, and pass along to others to share and invite them to Come and See what God has done and is doing here at Hope!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER INVITES: will be handed out **TODAY following each service and again on Palm Sunday, April 9th.** While these are very unique invitations, **please be sure to pass them along to family and friends**—basically share them with your favorite “peeps.” We know that your friends will just “eat these invitations up” so don't be bashful or shy...take some and CONNECT



PEOPLE TO JESUS as you LIVE BOLDLY!



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.

GRIEFSHARE CONTINUES: to meet **every Tuesday at 10:30AM & 6:30PM** in the *Stephen Ministry classroom*. See *Lyn Senkarik* for more information.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: on **Tuesday from 12:00—1:00PM** for the regular meeting, prayer

time, and study (*Joining Jesus on His Mission*) of our Hope staff. During this time, there will be no one available to answer phones or assist should you come by. Therefore, we ask that you please time your calls and visits accordingly. The Hope families for whom our staff will pray **this week:** Mike & Kathy George; Sheila Gibbs; Mack & Sheila Goethe; Jack Goetsch; Ray & Rita Gonzalez; Chris & Gloria Graham; Erika Grant; and *President Walton and the staff of our FL-GA District, LCMS*. If ANYONE has ANY prayer concerns for our staff, please be sure to contact *Jessica* in the *Church Office*.



BRING A GUEST: to our **Wednesday evening** Lenten worship. This is such a very special time in the church, which it is a great opportunity for you to share just what Jesus did for you during the season of Lent. And by the way, don't forget to invite them to dinner in Fellowship Hall as well! **Every week**, another fantastic dinner will be served by one of our ministry teams.



YOU GOTTA WATCH: the special live-stream service from *Concordia University, Texas* at <http://connect.concordia.edu/chapel> (Log in as guest). The placement service for our own *Skylar Smith* (to receive her DCE Internship) will take place on **Saturday, April 1st at 10:30AM**.



THIS WEEK'S LENTEN SERVICE: in our *Standing at the Cross* series focuses on prayer. When a Canaanite woman asked Jesus to heal her daughter, Jesus did not immediately do so. But hidden beneath his "No" was the Savior's "Yes," and the woman's daughter was healed. This week in our Lenten worship we will explore the "Yes!" imbedded in the heart of Jesus. Fellowship dinner is served in Fellowship Hall from **5:15-6:15PM**; worship in the sanctuary at **6:30**. Our preacher for this week is *Rev. Jonathan Horsman from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bartow. Pastor Shea is at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakeland.*



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 look into the lives of others as they faced the same challenges of purposeful events. Our teacher and leader is 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...*



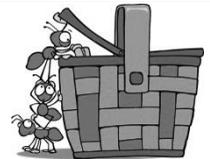
APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE: Ministry team members, please note your team's meeting:

Trustees—**Saturday, April 1 @ 8:00AM**, around campus
Christian Growth—**Sunday, April 2 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall
Youth Ministry—**Sunday, April 2 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall
Missions & Outreach— **Tuesday, April 4 @ 6:30PM**, Fellowship Hall
Elders—**Thursday, April 6 @ 6:30PM**, Conference Room
Human Care—**Sunday, April 9 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall
Board of Directors—**Thursday, April 20 @ 6:30PM**, Conference Rm



Ministry Team Leaders: Please remember to email your meeting notes to *Jessica (hopepcsecretary@gmail.com)* by **TUESDAY, April 18 (NOON)** for our BOD meeting.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG: and that means it's time once again for our *Hope Family Picnic* on **Sunday April 2nd!** We will hold our **8:00AM** service in the Sanctuary, there will be **NO** Family Bible Hour, and our **10:30AM** worship will take place in the courtyard to be followed by the picnic. A good time is in store for everyone...and be sure to **INVITE** a friend to join you!



WALK FOR LIFE: Please join us as we walk in support of God's created life and in support of our *Plant City Pregnancy Care Center*. The *Walk For Life* will be held **Saturday, April 8 at 10:00AM**. For more information, for a sponsor pledge form, or to make a pledge, contact *David or Sandra Booher*.





URGENT HELP NEEDED: by Tom & Rose Thomas to move household goods from the garage into their new home in Valrico. If you can help, please contact Ernie Reaume at 770-530-4326.

LOST NOW FOUND: If by chance, you recently lost on campus, a key ring with a Ford key or a clip-on earring, please contact the church office to claim.



...the box in the Narthex, that is!

Your Missions & Outreach Ministry Team is collecting men's and children's socks for our monthly Feeding the Hungry at the Winter Visitors' Center. As we are always being asked for socks, lets show how much Hope cares and fill that box in the Narthex with lots of socks!

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR @ 9:15AM

ADULTS

CROSSROADS OF LENT: Crossroads. They are there for all of us especially during Lent. A choice point. Which way? What waits at each of those choices? Which way does my heart call me to go? Which way is the way of Christ? Together we will look at some of the crossroads of confession, betrayal, judgment, compassion, declaration and obedience to see how the cross of Christ leads us to follow the path of God's will. *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*

STANDING AT THE CROSS

is the theme for our Mid-Week Lenten worship on Wednesdays during Lent at our **6:30PM** worship services. As a Lenten lead-in to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this series focuses 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 are served from **5:15—6:15PM**. Again this year, most of the pastors of our Winter Haven Circuit are participating in a “round robin,” so each Wednesday we welcome another of our circuit pastors to our worship as *Pastor Shea* leads worship in their congregations.

5:15—6:15PM: Fellowship Dinner 6:30PM: Worship

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

Sunday, April 2

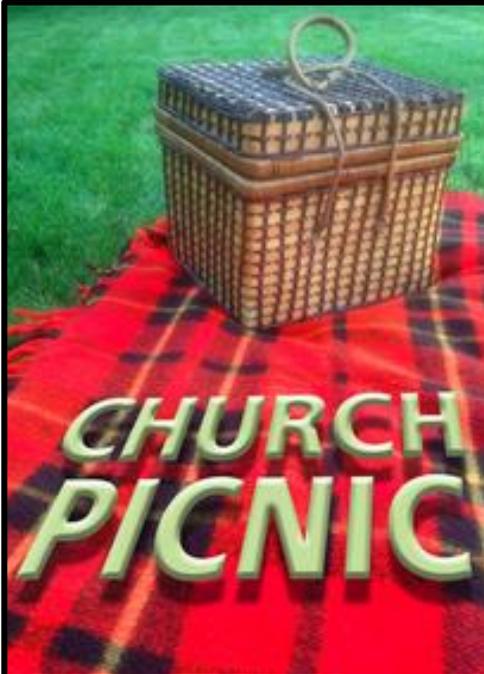
8:00AM Sanctuary Worship

10:30AM Courtyard Worship

11:30AM Hope Family Picnic

**FOOD, DESSERT CONTEST,
CORNHOLE, SOFTBALL,
BOARD GAMES and More!**

*Save the Date—
and invite a friend!*



YOUTH DATES

Apr. 8—Youth Group @ Hope (12:00-2:00pm)

Apr. 16—Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Apr. 28-29—Lock-in @ Hope

May 7—Confirmation

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!

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

The
Lutheran
Hour

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

Topics for this month:

April 2: "Freedom in the Spirit"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Jesus frees you to be the person you were created, redeemed, and called to be.
(Romans 8:1-11)

April 9: "Humble Strength for Eternal Salvation"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, not to set up an earthly kingdom but to overcome sin and death--for us. (Philippians 2:5-11)

In celebration of the death and resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

April 9—Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30AM Worship

4:00PM Spanish Worship w/Holy Communion

April 13—Maundy Thursday

4:00PM Spanish Worship w/Holy Communion

6:30PM Worship w/Holy Communion

(concluding with the Stripping of the Altar)

April 14—Good Friday

6:30PM Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness & Shadows)

“All glory, laud and honor to You Redeemer King!”

April 16—Easter Sunday

**7:00AM Sunrise Festival Worship
w/Holy Communion**

8:15AM Easter Breakfast

9:15AM Easter Egg-Stravaganza

**10:30AM Festival Worship
w/Holy Communion**

**4:00PM Spanish Worship
w/Holy Communion**

5:00PM Spanish Egg-Stravaganza

I know that my Redeemer lives! Job 19:25





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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING THE LORD THIS SUNDAY (3/26/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Alex Attalla
 Greeters 8:00/Ray & Rita Gonzalez; 10:30/Ken & Becky Hartmann
 Lector 8:00/John Koren; 10:30/Alex Drapp
 Elder on Duty 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Mike McMinn; 4:00/Lonnie Bertsch
 Flowers Adkins and Howell families
 Offerings Richard & Mary Decker
 Ushers Team 1
 8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, Ian Matthews, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
 10:30/ Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Wendell Lattz, Jim Szostkiewicz

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
 Judy Adkins in memory of Ray Adkins
 and
 Stuart & Sandy Howell in honor of Jackson's birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS LENTEN WEDNESDAY (3/29/2017) ARE:

Acolyte 6:30/Thomas Goethe
 Lector 6:30/Thomas Goethe
 Liturgist 6:30/Jim Drapp
 Elder on Duty 6:30/Lonnie Bertsch
 Ushers 6:30/Youth

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (4/2/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Jerry Cockwell
 Greeters 8:00/Bill & Janet Von Deylen; 10:30/EVERYONE!
 Lector 8:00/Carl Bergner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
 Elder on Duty 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Todd Warner; 4:00/Andy Anderson
 Communion Assistant 8:00/Wayne Warner;
 10:30/Jim Drapp, Nick Trivunovich, Todd Warner
 Flowers *(open)*
 Offerings Dale & Jonie Wenzel
 Ushers Team 2
 8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings, James Tennyson;
 10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF APRIL:

Altar Guild Yolanda Heipp
 Nurse/HMT Member Janet Reitzel