



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—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 4/30	8:00	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: open</i>)
	10:30	Worship w/Communion
	11:30	Rehearsal: Confirmation
	11:45	Christian Growth Ministry Team Meeting
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 5/1	6:30	Choir
	7:30	Young Adults @ Starbucks
Tuesday 5/2	5:30	Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting
	6:30	Missions & Outreach Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday 5/3	10:00	Regional Pastors' Conference @ Orlando
	5:00	Confirmation
	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Living Hope Worship
	6:30	Hope Studies
Thursday 5/4	10:30	Bible Study
	6:30	Elders Ministry Team Meeting
Saturday 5/6	8:00	Trustees' Workday
Sunday 5/7	<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	
	<i>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</i>	
	<i>Nurse Appreciation Week</i>	
	<i>Ministry Team Leaders: Voter Meeting Reports Due!</i>	
	9:15	Worship w/Communion
	10:30	Confirmation Pot Bless
	11:45	Youth Ministry Team Meeting
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Worship: 6:30: 32/27

Hope Studies: 9

Sunday, April 23, 2017:

Worship: 8:00: 50 10:30: 76

FBH: Adults: 36 Youth: 5 Children: 3

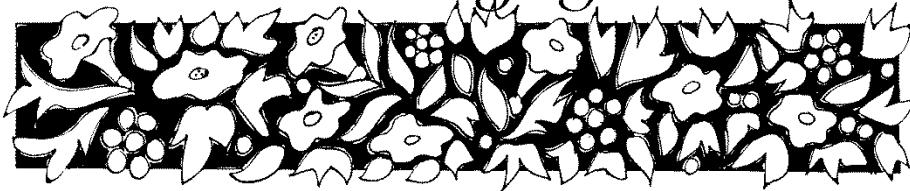
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 33/24

Offerings—General Fund: \$6,315.62

Stewardship Perspective:

1 Peter 1:18-19 “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” We have been ransomed—bought back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, or to the devil, or to the world: we belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

Third Sunday of Easter



April 30, 2017

AS WE GATHER

It took the resurrection to reveal God's eternal plans to save the fallen human race. Who among the people of Jerusalem knew that "this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36) would be Lord and Christ? Who knew that it would take His blood to pay for our sins—as Peter reveals in the Epistle. And how could the disciples on the road to Emmaus understand that their guest was Jesus, risen from the dead, until He revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread? We would also be clueless were it not for the grace of God in revealing His plan of salvation to us and working faith in our hearts to believe it. To Him be the glory forever!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "*Low in the Grave He Lay*" arr: Franklin Ritter
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 "Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom" *LSB 481*

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

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

- P: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
- C: **our God is merciful.**
- P: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice
- C: **and my pleas for mercy.**
- P: Because He inclined His ear to me,
- C: **therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**
- P: I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
- C: **What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?**
- P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
- C: **I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.**
- P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C: **who made heaven and earth.**
- P: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- C: **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**
- P: Let us confess our sins, confident of God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness.
(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination) We give thanks, Lord Jesus, for Peter and the apostles, who confidently revealed the gravity of what the people of Jerusalem had done, but rejoiced to announce the forgiveness Your death won for us all, bringing many to Baptism.
- C: **We confess that we have not always been as ready to speak Your Word of judgment and mercy to the people around us. We have often reflected the futile ways of this world rather than the faith in our hearts. We have failed to bring our friends with us to hear the promise that is for them and their children. Forgive us, good Lord.**
- P: Likewise we give thanks, heavenly Father, that Your Word remains forever, assuring us that Your Son's death paid for all our sins, as You had planned from before creation.
- C: **We confess that we have been too aware of the fragile nature of our human flesh, fearful of withering under the heat of opposition from the society around us. We have not always trusted Your abiding Word. Forgive us, good Lord.**
- P: Moreover, O Holy Spirit, we give thanks that, as our Lord was discerned in the breaking of the bread, so You use Word and Sacrament to work and sustain faith in the hearts of all believers.

C: We confess that we have not always valued the promises of our Baptism. Forgive us, good Lord.

P: Rejoice and be glad! Our gracious Savior is with us today as surely as He was in Emmaus. The Holy Spirit continues to strengthen us as we follow the apostles' footsteps. You have been redeemed by the blood of Christ; therefore, as a called and ordained servant of 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

(tune: LSB 633)

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Futile are all worldly ways; Jesus' rising fear allays.
He has paid with His own life, Saving us from deadly strife. Alleluia!**

**Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

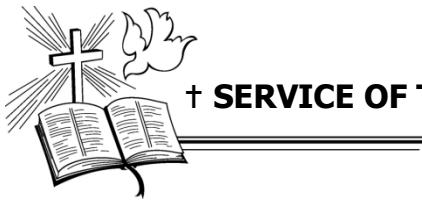
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, through the death and resurrection of Your Son, You fulfilled all the ancient promises.

C: Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the futility of this world, freedom to serve You in endless joy;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (p.910)

(Repent and be baptized.)

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17-25 (p.1014)

(Since you have been born again, love one another.)

¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

LSB 952



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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35 (p.885)

(Jesus is recognized in the breaking of the bread.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: *(Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.*

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes

were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*Sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY "*Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow*"

LSB 476

SERMON

"*Burn, Baby, Burn*"

Luke 24:32-35

Rev. Dean Pfeffer

EASTER CONFSSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, Who sent His Son as my Savior to rise on Easter morning.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate and died on Good Friday, rose again on Easter morning to free me from the curse of sin, the sting of death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Easter. And by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of my resurrected Lord. Amen.

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

"*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*"

arr: Adam Mason

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Lord of mercies, we do not know all things, but we know that You have made Christ to be our Savior and have given us the Spirit to call Him Lord. Hear us in His name on behalf of all people according to their need. Lord God, we live in a crooked world at odds with Your purpose. Open our eyes to see Your hand at work among us, and make our hearts burn with faith in Your presence, that we may not fear but trust in You for all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Father, our glory is fleeting and our lives are born in the weakness of sin and its death. Give us Your Son, that in Him we may be granted eternal life. Sustain us in every temptation, and deliver us from every trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, in Your Word and Sacraments, Your Son dwells with us and Your Spirit leads our fearful hearts to faith. Help us to know You through Your Word and to receive the precious food of Christ's flesh and blood, that we may follow Christ to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of power, reign in the powers of darkness and end the reign of war, violence and terror. Give to us and to all nations leaders who will seek peace and work for the common good. Instill in them a love of righteousness, and guide them in the pursuit of justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of compassion, those who suffer cry to You in their need. Hear them and answer them with grace sufficient for all their needs. Heal the sick according to Your will, comfort all the wounded and give to the dying Your peace. We especially pray for *John Burtz, George Hayes, Lauren Matthews, Rick Nilles, and Rose Thomas*. You are our health and strength for this life and for eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, give us the joy of Christ's victory over sin and death, and help us to manifest this victory in holy, upright and godly lives. Receive our thanks for hearing our prayers, and receive our thanks for giving us all things in Him. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.



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

(tune: LSB 474)

Holy is God, Father, Son, Spirit.

Heaven and earth show His glory and might.

Hosanna sing, Blessed is Jesus,

In the Lord's name turning darkness to light.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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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

(tune: LSB 474)

**Jesus, God's Lamb, Jesus, have mercy.
Jesus, You take all the world's sin away.
Jesus, God's Lamb, Jesus, have mercy.
Risen Lord Jesus, grant Your peace today**

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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(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

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

LSB 477

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(tune: LSB 474)

**Lord God above, Now let Your servant
Go from here with the assurance of sight.**

**My eyes have seen Jesus, my Savior, Glory of Israel; for nations, Light.
Praise we the Father, the Spirit and Son, Now and forever! Alleluia!**

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BENEDICTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: He is risen! Alleluia!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: **'Here am I! Send me!'**

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ Arose"

CH 357

Refrain faster

POSTLUDE

"Joyous Praise Unending"

Lani Smith

Connecting Points

TODAY: the church continues to rejoice as we celebrate the season of Easter which **lasts for 7 Sundays and culminates with the Festival of Pentecost (50 days after Easter)**. During the Easter Season, the *Pascal candle* is lit to remind us of our Lord's physical presence on earth prior to His ascension to the right hand of the Father. During the season as well, we 'resurrect' our Alleluia's that have been buried since the beginning of Lent. The color of the season is **WHITE**~ the color of purity and completeness as we rejoice in our Lord and what He has done for us through His suffering, death and resurrection.

IT'S IN THERE: Your **May** issue of "Hope's Anchor," for those who receive the printed version, is in your mailbox **TODAY!** For those who receive the email version, you should have received your copy **last week**...if not, please be sure to sign up at www.hopeplantcity.com. Please pass along the good news of what our Risen Lord is doing with us as we join Him on His mission and what He is doing among us as we **LIVE BOLDY** for Him!

ON VACATION: We pray God's blessings for our Music Director, Christine Mansell who is taking some well-earned time off—**4 weeks** to be exact—to travel with her friend and fellow Music Director Gloria Klockziem from St. Paul, Lakeland as together they explore Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. We pray God's richest blessings on your journey as we **THANK** Pat Bender who will be covering for Christine during her time off.

WINTER VISITORS & FRIENDS: We realize that **within the next few weeks** many of you will be heading north again **until next fall**. We ask that you would please notify the Church Office so that we make the needed changes for your mail, etc. We pray God's hand of safety on your journey and we look forward to seeing you again in the fall. God be with you till we meet again!

CONGRATULATIONS: to Hope member Skylar Smith who graduated **yesterday** from our Concordia University, Texas with her degree in Religious Education. Skylar will begin her internship in **June** at Trinity Lutheran Church, Navasota, Texas to serve our Lord and His church as a Director of Christian Education in our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

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.

REGIONAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE: will take place on **Wednesday, May 3rd**. That means BOTH Pastor Pfeffer & Pastor Shea will be out of the office **that day** (Pastor Pfeffer **returning early** for Confirmation & Worship). In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the Church Office, and they will contact the pastors.



CONFIRMANDS & PARENTS: Please note: **ONLY** Pastor Pfeffer's class will meet this **Wednesday from 5:00—6:00PM**. This is our **final** session.

WEDNESDAY OPPORTUNITIES: for Living Hope Worship and Hope Studies have returned to Hope once again. Worship and Bible study both **begin at 6:30PM and end at 7:30PM**. Take advantage of these great opportunities for a mid-week faith lift of Word and sacrament as you continue on your journey in the mission field!



ELDERS: Don't forget we meet **this THURSDAY at 6:30PM** in the Conference Room. Please be sure to read chapter 4 of "Autopsy of a Dead Church" in advance of our meeting. Your meeting packet will be emailed to you **by Thursday morning**. If you need yours printed, please contact Jessica in advance of our meeting.



DON'T FORGET: We begin our summer worship schedule **NEXT SUNDAY through Labor Day**. **Sunday morning** worship will **begin at 9:15 followed immediately** by Family Bible Hour and Spanish worship at **4:00PM**. Our Living Hope worship will remain unchanged on **Wednesdays at 6:30PM**. Please be sure to join us and invite a friend! Don't let your praise & worship take a vacation!



ATTENTION USHERS: As we begin our summer schedule **next week**, usher teams will alternate service to our Lord and His people each month. Therefore, the 8:00 usher teams will serve for the month of MAY; JUNE: 10:30 teams; JULY: 8:00 teams; AUG: 10:30 teams. Thanks for your service and serving our Lord with a smile and warm welcome to all who enter here!



MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS: TWO special notes for your attention: 1) your report for the **May 21st** Voters' Meeting is due to Jessica **NO LATER THAN next Sunday**. 2) Don't forget to submit your report for our **May** Board of Directors' Meeting **by Tuesday, May 9th** so that all information for our meeting can be dispersed in a timely fashion.





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Christ Lutheran Church, Lakeland (2715 Lakeland Hills Blvd.) is currently accepting resumes for a church secretary. This is a part-time position, **Monday-Friday**. Pay is commensurate with experience. Please forward all questions and/or resumes to: christlutheran17@gmail.com.



HE'S HERE: Congratulations to Hope member Lauren Matthews and Joshua Blocker as they welcomed Micah James Blocker into the world on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017** at Tampa General Hospital. Micah came into the world at 7lbs, 9oz and 21 inches. Proud grandparents are Tim & Tena Matthews and uncle Ian!

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5

GOD LOVES YOU:

He always has, He always will

This new series of Bible study meets **Thursdays**
at **10:30am** in the Stephen Ministry Room.

This is an in-depth look at the amazing attributes of God's love towards us and our relationship with HIM.

All (men and women) are welcome to come.



Join us...and invite a friend.

Walk to Wittenberg Update: WE MADE IT!

We have walked 7,636 of our 5,001 miles—we're on our way home now.



SUMMER Worship

begins May 7

SUNDAYS

9:15am—Worship

10:30am—Family Bible Hour

4:00pm—Spanish Worship

WEDNESDAYS

6:30pm—Living Hope Worship

6:30pm—Hope Studies



PLEASE JOIN OUR CONFIRMANDS

Joslin Alexis Kinkead

Jules David Kinkead

Andrew Thomas MacDonald

AS THEY CELEBRATE THE
RITE OF CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

9:15AM SERVICE

POT BLESS TO FOLLOW.
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Date: May 21, 2017

Time: 11:45AM (*Immediately Following Family Bible Hour*)

Place: In the Church

PROPOSED AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from November 2016
- Approval of Pastors' Reports
- Approval of Ministry Team Reports
- Building committee Update

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM POT BLESS TO FOLLOW!

Please bring only a side dish to share;

Fellowship will provide main dish;

Board of Directors will provide desserts

NOTE: Voters' Meeting information packet will be available by **5/14**.

MINISTRY TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE

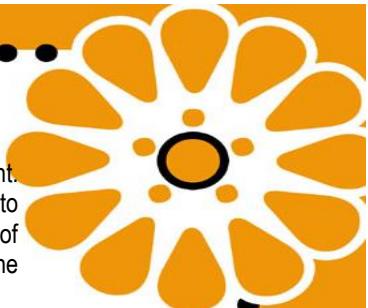
TODAY, 4/30	11:45AM	Christian Growth	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 5/2	5:30PM 6:60PM	Fellowship Missions & Outreach	Pastor's Office Fellowship Hall
Thursday, 5/4	6:30PM	Elders	Conference Room
Saturday, 5/6	8:00AM	Trustees	Around Campus
Sunday, 5/7	11:45AM	Youth Ministry	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, 5/11	6:30PM	Board of Directors	Conference Room
Sunday, 5/14	11:45AM	Human Care	Fellowship Hall

Ministry Team Leaders, please remember to email Jessica
hopepcsecretary@gmail.com) your meeting notes by **NOON** on the
Tuesday before our Board of Directors' Meeting.

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR @ 9:15AM

ADULTS

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 & GRADES 9–12

LIVE.BOLDLY: Join us in 2017, as we look and learn from Christians throughout the ages—from Abraham to Paul to Martin Luther—how to live boldly in Christ so that we may “continue to speak the word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31) in our everyday lives through actions and attitude in order to connect people to Jesus. #LiveBoldly Leader: Pastor Shea

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

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

6:30PM

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this spring as we celebrate the goodness and mercy of our God in an alternative worship format and style. Holy Communion is celebrated each Wednesday. Join us for a relaxed, celebrative worship alternative!



HOPE STUDIES

INQUIRING HEROES OF THE FAITH: In an era of great challenge, the Heroes of the Faith Series highlights men and women in the Bible who overcame extraordinary difficulties. Their stories show that God chooses ordinary people—people like you—to do His extraordinary work. Leader: John Koren

YOUTH DATES

May 7—Confirmation

May 20—Youth Rival Nerf Tag @ Grace, Winter Haven

Summer Youth Group @ Hope
begins Wednesday, May 10, 4:30–5:30PM

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!
Contact Pastor Shea for more info: hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com



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

Topics for this month:

May 7: "The Abundant Life of Grace"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Don't leave God's grace behind! We are still sheep who need the Good Shepherd.
(John 10:1-10)

May 14: "To Know God, Look to Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

To be saved by Jesus Christ is not religion--it is reliance upon God's grace, God's doing, and God's amazing love for you. (John 14:1-14)

Jesus joined the men and walked with them, but they did not recognize Him. Jesus asked them what they were talking about. How did they answer?

Use the code to find out.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Melva Dennison	Tom & Nancy Kohr	Peg Stone
Bonnie Genrich	Dorothy Maltzahn	Richard Van Matre
	Rick Nilles	

LEADERS:

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer	Hope's Ministries
Pastor Shea Pennington	LCMS Synod & District
Hope Staff	Our Nation & Armed Forces

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Sylvia Bosler	recovering from fall; broken hip
George Hayes	recovering; hip replacement
Roger & Carole Huset	traveling to IN
Lauren Matthews, Josh & family	celebrating birth of Micah James Blocker
Rick Nilles	Hospice
	Father of Holly Reese—prostate cancer

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Brad	young nephew of Jesilynn Pfeffer's boss—cancer
Joyce Brewer family	mourning her death
Jerrie Edelman & family	mourning death of her sister Dot
Carlos Floyd	shoulder surgery
Gordon Jaenecke family	mourning his death
Cindy Kemp	friend's aunt of Jeff & Theresa Justice—cancer
Mari	traveling to/from Budapest (through 5/6)
Ken & Wendy Plate	friend of Niver-Kimbrell family—serious medical concern
Vivian Stahl	health concerns
	recovering; Carpal Tunnel surgery

BATTLING CANCER:

Jennifer Barkley	Dee	Lynnlie Green	Victor Miranda	Sherrie
Tom Battling	Austin Dobbs	JoAnne Hayashi	Larry Morrell	Al Simmons
Laura Blake	Ginnie Donaldson	Lori Heneka	Jim Moore	Judy Strait
CanDee Brandon	Donna	Jeanette Herndon	Joy Neely	Chuck Sullivan
John Brom	Casey Doyle	Delores Huseth	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
	Idele Green	David Miller	Abbey Sedlacek	Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

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



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING THE LORD THIS SUNDAY (4/30/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Jackson Venrick
Greeters	8:00/Harold & Tami Hastings; 10:30/Jim & Karen Szostkiewicz
Acolyte	10:30/Jules Kinkead
Lector	8:00/Mary Decker; 10:30/Loretta Scott
Elder on Duty	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Mike McMinn; 4:00/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Pfeffer & T. Smith families
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 3 8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin; 10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Judy Adkins, Andy Anderson, Jack Moberg

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary
and*

Theresa Smith in honor of Skylar's graduation from Concordia University, TX

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (5/3/2017) ARE:

Lector	6:30/Donna Donel
Elder on Duty/Communion Assistant	6:30/Lonnie Bertsch

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (5/7/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Savannah Gembala
Greeters	9:15/Harold & Tami Hastings
Crucifer	9:15/Holly Drapp
Torch Bearers	9:15/Thomas Goethe & Bryan Greatens
Acolyte	9:15/Scarlett Gembala
Lector	9:15/Keaira Griffin
Elder on Duty	9:15/Todd Warner; 4:00/Pastor Shea
Communion Assistant	9:15/Todd Warner
Flowers	Atalla & Pfeffer families
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 1 8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF MAY:

Altar Guild	James & Lauretta Tennyson
Nurse/HMT Member	Sally Kimbrell