



Pastor's Page

Dear Faith Walkers:

Let me ask a serious (yes, serious) question...Do you have a "wet feet faith?" Listen to these words from Matthew 14:27-29: **But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.** (Gospel August 13th)

Like most of you, I have read this account of Jesus walking on the water and seen Peter's lack of faith as some kind of sad but understandable weakness. However as I read this account again recently, I saw something different (see, old dogs can learn something new): I saw Peter take a courageous first step! While all those in the boat would eventually worship Jesus, saying, "**Truly you are the Son of God,**" only Peter's faith had "**feet,**" trusting that Jesus WAS Lord of heaven, earth, and also the sea. You see, if you want to walk on water you have to get out of the boat!

Which of us at Hope, like Peter, would have climbed over the side of the boat, lowered ourselves into the water, and carefully put our feet down on a heaving sea to risk that first step? How can we gain the kind of faith, imperfect though it was, that Peter displayed? Perhaps a closer examination of this account can help us.

First, Scripture records that Peter was the ONLY one who, upon hearing Jesus' voice, answered Him that night. Peter, first of all heard the voice of Jesus calling to be able to respond. We can only display this kind of faith if we are hearing Jesus call to us in His word.

Second, Peter asked Jesus to strengthen his faith. Peter asked, "**Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water.**" Jesus answer was, "**Come.**" Jesus will give us the strength of faith we need to heed His Call. But, be prepared it may mean you have to get out of the boat!

Third, Peter trusted Jesus. Peter's experience of Jesus' faithfulness enabled him to trust the Lord in this new circumstance. In trust Peter obeyed. It is only God's gracious, loving, eternal, faithfulness to us that enables our trusting obedience.

Lastly, when in his weakness, fear overcame him and he began to sink, Peter called out to Jesus for help and he was saved. It is not the strength of our faith that saves us. We are saved when we call out in helpless weakness to Jesus, the ONLY one who can (and does) save us.

Peter was a simple fisherman with an extraordinary God given faith. Like Peter, we will, in every circumstance, find Jesus to be faithful to His word... just trust Him and get out of the boat.

Dear Lord, grant us grace to listen for Your voice, the courage to ask in faith believing, the faith to trust in Your goodness, and the knowledge of Your presence in our every need. Amen.

Walking Together in Faith,
Pastor Pfeffer



Financial Report at a Glance

JUNE 2017

WORSHIP & SERVICE

ATTENDANCE

Total Monthly: 759

Average per Week: 191

(2016: 189)

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Net Monthly Income:

\$32,406

Monthly Budgeted:

*\$34,298

Year-to-Date Income:

\$193,416

Budgeted through Month:

*\$204,820

Monthly Income
Less Expenses:

\$4,065

Year-to-Date:

\$7,243

*Denotes amount in our Blueprint
for Ministry and Mission 2017

Growing in the Grace of Giving

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten, and more by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth

of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. And so, it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and mak-



ing a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives—our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question—How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to

others—to asking the question—what have they done for me lately. We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we have more because when we give we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus we are reflecting the divine nature. As Jesus said “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho, IT'S BACK TO WORK WE GO!

Now that our Ministry Teams have had a “summer vacation” so to speak, now it's time to get back to work... To that end, team members, please note your team's meeting:

Tuesday, August 1	5:30PM	Fellowship	Pastor Pfeffer's Office
	6:30PM	Missions & Outreach	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, August 3	6:30PM	Elders	Conference Room
Saturday, August 5	8:00AM	Trustees	Around Campus
Sunday, August 6	11:45AM	Youth	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, August 10	6:30PM	Board of Directors	Conference Room
Sunday, August 13	11:45 AM	Christian Growth	Fellowship Hall
	11:45AM	Human Care	Fellowship Hall

Remember, the Lord's work here at Hope is counting on you—and so are we!

Ministry Team Leaders: Please remember to email Jessica (hopepcsecretary@gmail.com) your meeting notes by **TUESDAY, August 8 (NOON)** for our BOD meeting.





Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the western world in the 1500s—with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day. This film tells the great adventure story of his life. At the same time, it examines his quest for truth—questions we all must face—including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

Now you can see this compelling new movie on Saturday, September 23rd at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Stay tuned for more details...



Privacy law impacts hospital stays!

The federal law entitled HIPAA greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, our pastors, parish nurse, and church office may **NOT** know that a member of Hope has been admitted to the hospital. Please, if you are hospitalized, and would like our pastors and the office to know, it is important that **YOU** (or a family member) contact us as soon as possible. Remember, the hospital can no longer provide this information to us, so the only way we can visit you, is if you let us know!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Kids in school need the prayers and support of this community of faith! So, **KIDS**—bring your backpacks to church for a very special blessing on August 6th!



NEWS FROM THE UNITED FOOD BANK OF PLANT CITY:

Here are the facts and figures for June at our Food Bank...

- Number of clients served: 2,598
- Number of families served: 1180
- Pounds of food received: 111,983.81 pounds
- Pounds of food distributed: 120,158.7 pounds



In addition, the Food Bank assisted 103 new families during the month of June. Your continued prayers and support are always appreciated.

A Hand Up, Not A Hand-Out

A PLACE OF HEALING

Join us as we take an in-depth look at wrestling with the mysteries of suffering, pain, and God's sovereignty.

Bible study meets **every Thursday** at **10:30am** in the Stephen Ministry Room

All (men & women) are welcome to come.



*Join us...
and invite a friend!*





Confirmation

Attention parents: If your child will be entering 6th grade or above this fall and has NOT participated in Confirmation instruction, now is the time to make plans for the two years of Confirmation instruction that will begin on Wednesday, **September 6th from 5:00 – 6:00** in the **Conference Room**. We have an exciting program planned for this fall, so be sure to set this time aside for your child's continued growth in the Lord. To register your child for Confirmation, please contact the church office. An exciting program is being planned for this year that will involve Pastors Dean & Shea and Becky Hartmann. Great things are in store—don't miss out!

COLLGE STUDENTS (or mom & dad)...

YOUR CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU WHILE YOU ARE AWAY AT SCHOOL. THE BEST WAY FOR US TO DO THAT IS FOR **YOU** (OR MOM & DAD) TO GIVE JESSICA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE (HOPEPCSECRETARY@GMAIL) YOUR EMAIL & ADDRESS.

DON'T DELAY... SEND IT TODAY!



500 Reformation

Five Hundred Years 1517-2017

MARTIN LUTHER TO VISIT HOPE!

Yes, you read that right; on Sunday, August 27th the proclamation of the Gospel will be by Martin Luther as he visits Hope. As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation this year, Luther's visit will serve as our kick off for this grand once in a lifetime celebration. The Rev. Gary Schuschke of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Oviedo is well known for his Luther presentation, and we are blessed to have him join us that day. Housing is needed for Pastor Schuschke the evening of Saturday, August 26th; if you can house him, please contact Pastor Pfeffer. Then, in September, will we have a screening of the new major motion picture release of LUTHER: The Idea That Changed the World. This will be shown in Fellowship Hall as our September movie night, and you are ENCOURAGED to invite a friend to join you for this very special event.

HOUSING IS NEEDED for the evening of Saturday, August 26; if you can house Pastor Schuschke, please contact Pastor Pfeffer ASAP!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3rd	Abbey Bryan	18th	Nick Trivunovich
3rd	Mike McMinn	20th	Barbara French
3rd	Ken Buschbacher	21st	Glenn Miller
3rd	Marvin Wright	21st	Richard Van Matre
4th	Kathy Stone	24th	Ian Matthews
7th	Tracie Adkins	24th	John Trivunovich
9th	Wendell Lattz	25th	Judy Adkins
11th	Sue Griffin	25th	Betty Christiansen
11th	Carol Walkenhorst	25th	Melva Dennison
12th	Jesilynn Pfeffer	26th	Tom Whitehurst
13th	Donna Donel	27th	Lillie Shumaker
14th	Abby Aigner	27th	Kristina Martin
16th	Gloria Warner	29th	Alex Drapp
16th	Jill Worthington	31st	Ron MacDonald
17th	Stacey Greatens	31st	Cindy Petersen



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

6th	Del & Sue Larkham	57
7th	Dale & Jonie Wenzel	35
12th	Brad & Judy Landis	22
14th	Richard & Mary Decker	7
15th	Justin & Amanda Bertsch	9
15th	John & Donna Koren	36
15th	Ryan & Holly Reese	8
20th	Bill & Marion Engel	51
27th	Richard & Joyce Van Matre	52
28th	Lin & Millie Houck	57
30th	Jeff & Alison Reaume	3

Dear Jesus,
 Breathe your peace upon me;
 Wrap me in your love;
 Cover me with your
 mercy and forgiveness.
 Amen





Scrip Order Form



Restaurant	#	Value	Total \$
Applebee's		\$10 or \$25	
Arby's		\$10	
Bob Evans		\$20	
Burger King		\$10	
Cheese Cake Factory		\$25	
Chili's		\$10 or \$25	
Chipolte		\$10	
Cracker Barrel		\$25	
Denny's		\$10	
Dunkin Donuts		\$10	
Golden Coral		\$25	
Honey Baked Ham		\$25	
Longhorn Steakhouse		\$25 or \$50	
Macaroni Grill		\$25	
O'Charley's		\$25	
Outback Steakhouse		\$25	
P.F. Chang		\$25	
Panera Bread		\$10 or \$25	
Pizza Hut		\$10	
Red Robin		\$10 or \$25	
Starbucks		\$10 or \$25	
Steak & Shake		\$10	
Subway		\$10 or \$25	
Taco Bell		\$10	
T.G.I. Fridays		\$10 or \$25	
Wendy's		\$10	

Gas Stations	#	Value	Total \$
BP		\$50	
Chevron		\$50	
Marathon		\$25	
Mobil		\$50	
Shell		\$25 or \$ 50	
Sunoco		\$50	

Grocery Stores	#	Value	Total \$
Albertsons		\$25	
Sam's Club		\$25	
Winn Dixie		\$50	

Stores	#	Value	Total \$
Aeropostale		\$25	
Amazon.com		\$25	
AMC Theatres		\$25	
Babies 'R' Us		\$10 or \$25	
Barnes & Noble		\$25	
Bath & Body Works		\$10 or \$25	
Bed, Bath & Beyond		\$25	
Best Buy		\$25	
Books-A-Million		\$15	
CVS		\$25	
Disney Store		\$25	
Home Depot		\$25	
iTunes		\$25	
Jo Ann Fabrics		\$25	
Kmart		\$25	
Kohl's		\$25	
Lane Bryant		\$25	
Lowes		\$25 or \$50	
Macy's		\$25	
Marshalls		\$25	
Michaels		\$25	
PetSmart		\$25	
Ross Dress for Less		\$25	
Staples		\$25	
Target		\$25	
Toys 'R' Us		\$10 or \$25	
Visa		\$50	
Walgreens		\$25	
WalMart		\$10 or \$25	

ORDER TOTAL

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YOUR NAME: _____

HOPE MEMBER
NAME: _____

(OPTIONAL)
YOUTH I AM SPONSORING: _____

Make checks payable to: **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Scrip orders will be in your church mailbox
the Sunday after orders are due.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPT GIFT CARDS

Ace Hardware 25/100	Carrabba's Italian 25/50	Gymboree 25	Pet Smart 25
Advanced Auto Parts 25	Catherines 25	Hallmark 25	Pier I Imports 25
Aeropostale 25	Charleys Crab 25/50	Hardee's 10	Pizza Hut 10
Albertson 25/50/100	Chart House 25/50	Home Depot 25/50/100/500	Pottery Barn 25/100
Amazon 25/50/100	Cheesecake Factory 25	Hometown Buffet 25	Quality Inn 100
AMC Theatre 25	Cheryl's 20	IHOP 25	Quiznos 10
American Airlines 100	Chevron Gas 50/100/250	itunes 10/25	Rainforest Cafe 25/50
American Eagle	Children's Place 25	J Crew 25	Red Lobster 10/25/50
American Express 50/100	Chili's 10/25	Jack in the Box 10	Red Robin 10/25
American Girl 25	Chipotle 10	J C Pennys 25/100	Regal Entertainment 10/25
Applebee's 10/25	Chuck E. Cheese 10	Jiffy Lube 25	Rite Aid 25/100
Arbys 10/50	Claire's 10	Jo-Ann Stores 25	Ross Dress for Less 25
Auto Zone 25	Cold Stone Creamery 10	Kids Foot Locker 25	Ruby Tuesdays 10/25
Avis Rental Car 50	Columbia 50	K-Mart 25	Rusty Pelican 25/50
Babies "R" Us 10/25	Comfort Inn 100	Kohl's 25/100	Ruth's Chris Steak 25/50
Baby Depot 25	Comfort Suites 100	LL Bean 25/100	Ryan's Steakhouse 25
Bahama Breeze 10/25/50	Cooper River Grill 25	Ladys Foot Locker 25	Safeway 25/100
Banana Republic 25	Country Buffet 25	Lands End 25/100	Sally Beauty 25
Barnes & Noble 5/10/25	Cracker Barrel 10/25	Lane Bryant 25	Sam's Club 25/100
Bass pro 25	CVS 25/100	Little Caesars 20	Sears 25/100/250
Bath & Body Works 10/25	Dairy Queen 10	Logan's Roadhouse 25/50	Sears Auto Serv 25/100/250
Bed Bath & Beyond 25/100	D'Angelo 10	Longhorn Steak 10/25/50	Shell Gas 25/50/100
Belk 25/100	Darden 10	Lowes 25/50/100/500/1000	Shoe Carnival 25
Bertucci's 25	Dave & Busters 25	Luby's 25	Shutterfly 25
Best Buy 25/100	Dell 100	Macaroni Grill 10/25	Smokey Bones 25
Black Anger's Steakhouse 25	Delta Airlines 250/500	Macys 25/100	Sports Authority 25
Bloomingdales 50	Dennys 10	Maggiano's 10/25	Staples 25/100
Bob Evans 20	Dicks Sporting 25	Marathon 25/100	Starbucks 5/10/25
Bonefish Grill 25/50	Dillard's 25	Marie Callender's 25	Steak & Shake 10
Books-a-Million 15	Disney Stores 25/100	Marshalls 25	Stein Mart 25
Boston Market 10	Domino's 10/50	Menards 25	Subway 10/25
BP Gas 50/100	Dunkin Donuts 10/50	Men's Warehouse 25	Sunglass Hut 25
Brenner Steakhouse 25/50	Einstein Bagels 10	Michaels 25	Sunoco 50/100
Brookstone 25	Exxon 50/100/250	Mimi's Café 10/25	Taco Bell 10
Brueggers Bagels 10	Finish Line 25	Mobil 50	Target 25/100/250
Brusters Ice Cream 5	Fish Tales 25/50	O'Charleys 10/25	Texas Roadhouse 10/25
Bubba Gump 25/50	Food Lion 25/100	Office Depot 25	TGI Fridays 10/25
Budget Rental Car 50	Foot Locker 25	Office Max 25	The Crab House 25/50
Buffalo Wild Wings 10/25	Fuddruckers 25	Old Navy 25	TJ Maxx 25/100
Build-A-Bear 25	Game Stop 25	Olive Garden 10/25/50	Toys "R" Us 10/25
Burger King 10/50	Gap Kids 25	Omaha Steaks 25/50	Under Armour 25
Burlington Coat Factory 25	GFS Marketplace 25/100	Outback Steakhouse 25/50	Walmart 5/10/25/50/100
Cadillac Bar 25/50	Golden Corral 25	P F Changs 25	Walmart 250/500/1000
Caribou Coffee 10	Groupon 25/100	P S by Aeropostale 25	Walt Disney Resort 25/100
Carl's Jr. 10	Gymboree 25	Panera Bread 5/10/25	Wendys' 10
Carrabba's Italian 25/50	Hallmark 25	Papa John's 10/50	Winn Dixie 50/100
Carrs 25/100	Hard Rock Café 25	Payless Shoe 10	Yankee Candle 25
Catherines 25	Hardee's 10	Pep Boys 25	
			PUBLIX 25/50

Come and See...Worship with Us!

SUMMER WORSHIP

SUNDAYS

9:15AM—Worship
10:30AM—Family Bible Hour
4:00PM—Spanish Worship

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship



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

Topics for this month:

August 6: "On Thee the High and Lowly"

It's "Archives August" and we present a classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Dale Meyer. (Exodus 20:10)

August 13: "Looking for a Good Speaker"

"Archives August"-What do the words "Our Father" teach us about our relationship with God and with each other. (Matthew 6:9)

August 20: "God's Dog"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Was Jesus being politically incorrect--or worse--when He compared a Canaanite woman to a canine? (Matthew 15:21-28)

August 27: "Absolutely Nothing"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Pastor Ken Klaus explains how something that is "absolutely nothing" can be a very good thing. (1 Corinthians 15:14-19)



FAMILY BIBLE HOUR

Sundays @ 10:30am

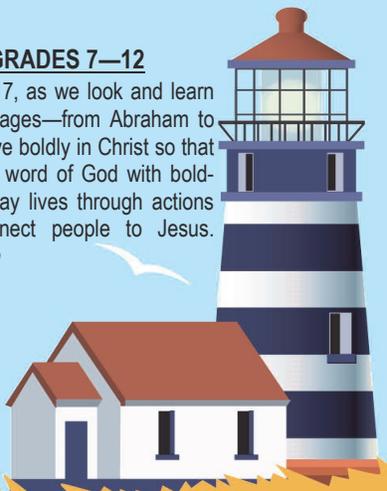
ADULTS: GODCONNECTS: a Lutheran Hour Ministries video/discussion series explaining the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. Plain language and helpful illustrations present God's work of salvation in a concise manner; ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. This class is also great for anyone interested in becoming a member of Hope who has not been part of a Lutheran Church.
Leader: Pastor Pfeiffer

YOUNG ADULTS & GRADES 7—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 6

Join us each week as we explore the many blessings and opportunities God gives us.
Leaders: various



WEDNESDAYS at Hope

6:30PM

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this summer 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!





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Jesus loves you!



Our Sunday morning sermons are available at
www.hopeplantcity.com/sermon



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HASN'T CHANGED
GOD STILL LOVES YOU!**

500 years ... Still proclaiming salvation.



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2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

**Sins forgiven.
Life given.
By Jesus.
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