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Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope 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 8/27	Martin Luther @ Hope
9:15	Worship
10:30	End of Summer Breakfast Pot-Bless—Bring a breakfast food to share!
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 8/28	6:30 Choir
	7:30 Young Adults @ Starbucks
Tuesday 8/29	10:30 GriefShare
	6:30 GriefShare
Wednesday 8/30	6:30 Living Hope Worship
Thursday 8/31	10:30 Bible Study
Saturday 9/2	8:00 Trustees Workday
Sunday 9/3	No Family Bible Hour
9:15	Worship w/Communion
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Worship: 6:30: 36/26

Sunday, August 20, 2017:

Worship: 9:15: 131

FBH: Adults: 40 Youth: 2 Children: 1

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 33/14

Offerings—General Fund: \$7,454.50

Stewardship Perspective:

Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” St Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in I Cor. 3, and Jesus says more about this “repaying” in Matt 19:27-30. Bottom line: your good works can’t buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter, they’re pleasing your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words: your sacrifices for the Lord’s Kingdom are not in vain, they are not unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.

welcome

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!

TWELFTH



SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2017

AS WE GATHER

There are many different opinions in our world about who the Lord is, and many of those opinions are based on who people want the Lord to be. What a privilege and joy it is that as we gather we don't need to try to seek and find the Lord and His attributes on our own. Instead, He reveals Himself as who He was, is, and ever shall be, in and throughout Scripture. We hear this today in our Old Testament Reading as God, through Isaiah, calls His people to look and listen to Him as He seeks and makes us His redeemed children (Isaiah 51:1-6). As His children, we are part of His Body and blessed to complement one other in faith and fellowship (Romans 11:33-12:8) and in the confession of who our Savior Jesus Christ truly is (Matthew 16:13-20). As He continues to seek and to find, and by the calling, gathering, and enlightening by His Holy Spirit through His Word, we worship in that promised grace giving certain hope now and in the future.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "Mighty Fortress"

Aaron Shust

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

"Mighty Fortress"

**He won't abandon, He won't deceive,
He won't desert us, He won't ever leave.
He'll never forsake us, He won't ever run, He'll never reject us,
the Faithful One... Your love will remain... Your love will remain...**

(Chorus 1)

**/ A Mighty Fortress is our- God! / A Tow'r of Strength / never fail-ing.
The name of Jesus, true and strong.../No other pow'r could ever save- us.
/ You are good, / You are good, / Mighty For-tress... / Mighty For-tress...**

**You won't abandon, You won't deceive, You won't desert us,
You won't ever leave. You'll never forsake us, You won't ever run,
You'll never reject us, the Faithful One... Your love will remain...
Your love will remain.**

(Chorus 2)

**/ A Mighty Fortress is our- God! / A Tow'r of Strength / never fail-ing.
The name of Jesus, true and strong.../ No other pow'r could ever save- us.
/ You are good, / You are good, / Mighty For-tress...**

(Bridge)

**/ Yesterday / and today / and forever, Your love / will remain.
/ Nothing has the pow'r to sever Your love. You are good, / You are good,
/ and Your mercy endures./ You are good, / You are good...**

(Chorus 3; with melody change)

**A Mighty Fortress is our- God! / A Tow'r of Strength / never failing.
The name of Jesus, true and strong.../ No other pow'r could ever save- us.
A Mighty Fortress is our- God! / A Tow'r of Strength / never fail-ing.
The name of Jesus, true and strong.../ No other pow'r could ever save- us.
You are good, You are good, and Your mercy endures!
/ You are good, / You are good, / Mighty For-tress.
You are good, You are good, and Your mercy endures!
You are good, You are good, Mighty For-tress...
/ You won't aban-don... You won't deceive,...
You won't desert- us... You won't ever leave...**

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen.

P: I bow down toward Your holy temple

C: and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.

P: For though the Lord is high,

C: He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

P: Do not be conformed to this world,

C: but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

P: The Lord, who is the rock of our salvation, invites His people to listen. "Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord."

C: We confess that we have not listened to the Lord. We have instead listened to what our itching ears want to hear and have shut our ears to the truth of Your Word.

P: The Lord invites His people to look. "Look to the rock from which you were hewn . . . to Abraham and Sarah."

C: We confess that we have not always looked to the Lord for our provision, hope, and guidance. We have looked for and to other things of this world that have led us astray, through which our worship and prayers have faltered.

P: The Lord invites His people to "Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation."

C: We confess that we have become distracted in our earthly pilgrimage. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed."

Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, the rock on whom our confession is made, our hope is built, and our eternal victory won, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Let God Arise"

ABS (4) 42

**1 Hear the holy roar of God resound...
Watch the waters part before us now.
Come and see what He has done for us, tell the world of His great love.**

(Chorus) **Our God is a God Who saves. Our God is a God Who saves.
Let God arise, let God arise....
Our God reigns now and forever, He reigns now and forever.**

**2 His enemies will run for sure...
And the church will stand, she will endure.
He holds the key of life, our Lord; Death has no sting, no final word.**

(Chorus 2x)

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LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

C: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**



† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6 (p.611)

(Listen, look, and give attention to the salvation of the Lord.)

¹Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 11:33-12:8 (p.947)

(Bound together in faith as one body)

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we,

though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

"Ancient Words"

ABS (2) 15

**Holy words / long preserved / For our walk / in this world;
They resound with God's own heart / O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life / words of hope / Give us strength / help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam / Ancient words will guide us home.**

(Chorus) **Ancient words / ever true / Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts / O let the ancient words impart.**

**Holy words / of our faith / Handed down / to this age;
Came to us thro' sacrifice / O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Ancient words / long preserved / For our walk / in this world;
They resound with God's own heart / O let the ancient words impart.**

(Chorus x2)

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20 (p.822)

(Confession of Jesus as the Christ)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

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

P: Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said,

C: **"Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."**

P: He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied,

C: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

P: And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of

hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* *LSB 657*

SERMON *"What Does Luther Say"*
Rev. Gary Schuschke, Associate Pastor, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, help me to grasp that all the blessings I think I have are really yours. Help me to grasp that all the blessings our church has does not belong to the church, but to You. Give us healthy giving hearts to use these blessings according to Your purpose. In Your name I pray. 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

"Ancient Words"

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. Heavenly Father, You revealed Jesus of Nazareth to be the Christ and Your beloved Son. Bless the Church, that we always confess this, even in the midst of persecution and hostility. Do not let our faith grow faint, but renew our minds, that we be not conformed to this world. Help us to test what we see and hear, that we may discern Your will and rejoice in all that is good and acceptable and perfect. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, we ask that You would grant health and wisdom to those in authority, that they may carry out their duties according to Your will, protecting us from violence and evil and maintaining peace and righteousness. Let our land be filled with citizens who love You with all their heart, mind, soul and strength, and who love their neighbors as themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of Abraham, he was only one when You called him, but You blessed and multiplied him. So bless and multiply us with children. Protect mothers with child, and equip fathers, that they may lead and raise their households in the fear and love of You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Kind Master, remember all who cry out to You in their time of need particularly all whom we have been asked to remember: *Barbara Ahlers, Laura Rademacher, Flint Seth, Rose Thomas, Richard Van Matre, and Tom Whitehurst*. Grant each one Your peace, Your healing and Your comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, whose depths of riches and knowledge are immeasurable, as a new school year starts, we ask that You bless our schools with riches of knowledge. As Your Son grew in strength and wisdom, so bless students

with learning that leads to faithful and loving service in the world. We especially ask that they come to recognize that from and through and to You are all things, that they may live with this end in their minds. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, 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.

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: We are now entering the mission field!

C: 'Here am I! Send me!'

CLOSING SONG

"Rock of Ages"

ABS (3) 65

**There is no Rock, There is no God like our God,
No other name, Worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation That cannot be moved,
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no Rock; There is no God like ours. (Repeat first time)**

**Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock. Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
There is no Rock; There is no God like ours. (Repeat all)**

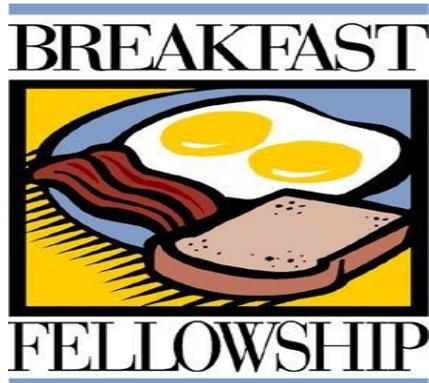
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POSTLUDE

"Rock of Ages (Reprise)"

Join us this morning
following worship for our
End of Summer
Breakfast Pot-Bless

Sponsored by Christian Growth Ministry Team



Want to attend **Disney's Night of Joy** on Friday,
September 8th— *want to get your ticket(s) at a discount?*



See Pastor Shea **TODAY** to get
YOUR \$40 ticket to enjoy a Friday...

night of joy!



**FROM OUR
ELDERS**

It was decided at our August Elders meeting to **CONTINUE** after Labor Day with our Sunday morning worship at 9:15AM followed by Family Bible Hour at 10:30AM. Please note, however, should we experience an uptick in attendance rendering our sanctuary to be "uncomfortably crowded," your Elders will take *immediate* action to return to the two morning services and notification will be given in a multiple of ways. Thank you for your understanding as we join our hearts and hands together in praise and thanksgiving to our risen Lord and Savior.

Connecting Points



TODAY: we continue in the Sundays after Pentecost or “the long green season.” The Sundays after Pentecost will take us to the end of the church year in November. During this season, you will note how the Gospels take us from the life of our Lord to putting His teachings into practice in our daily lives as we live as Jesus disciples. The color of the season is GREEN~ the color of growth as we are reminded to be constantly growing in the grace and love of our Lord.



A WARM WELCOME: to Rev. Gary Schuschke, Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL for sharing his portrayal of Martin Luther with us **this morning**. We are so blessed to have you with us and share God's Word as Luther **today** as we look toward celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in **October**. We pray God's blessings on your time and ministry among us this Lord's Day! Thanks also to Ernie Reaume who hosted Pastor Schuschke **last night!**



A SPECIAL THANK YOU: to Hope member Doug Brown for his generous donation of pins bearing the “Luther Seal” for all worshipers **today and again on Reformation Sunday**. Be sure to proudly wear your pin as we mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and share what it means with others. (See seal explanation inside the back cover of your bulletin.)

IT'S IN THERE: For those who receive an email version of our monthly newsletter, “Hope's Anchor,” you should have received it in your inbox **this past week**; for those who receive a PRINTED copy, you can find it in your mailbox **today!** No matter how you receive your copy of “Hope's Anchor,” be sure forward or pass it along to friends to share with them what God is doing among us!



YOUR FAVORITE FROZEN PASTRY IS BACK!: Hope's Youth are selling these delicious treats **TODAY (last day to order)**. If you have a craving for something sweet, and if you want to help support Hope's youth...buy a Butter Braid!



BE SURE TO INVITE: family and friends to our worship **each Sunday at 9:15AM**. What a great way for you to share with others what God is doing among us as we join together as God's family for worship.

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.



WEDNESDAY OPPORTUNITIES: for *Living Hope Worship* **begin at 6:30PM and end at 7:30PM every Wednesday.** Take advantage of this great opportunity for a mid-week faith lift of Word and sacrament as you continue on your journey in the mission field! ...And watch for *Hope Studies* with John Koren to **return September 6th**!



A PLACE OF HEALING: This Bible study meets **Thursdays at 10:30am** in the Stephen Ministry Room. Join us as we take an in-depth look at wrestling with the mysteries of suffering, pain, and God's sovereignty. All are welcome...and invite a friend.



SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the Labor Day holiday **next weekend**, there will be **NO** Family Bible Hour **following worship next Sunday morning** AND the church office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday (Labor Day)**. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact *Pastor Pfeffer* at 813-752-1164 or 813-416-2373.



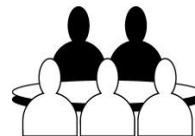
SEPTEMBER MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS: Team members, please note your team's meeting:

- Trustees—**Saturday 9/2 @ 8:00AM**, around campus
- Fellowship—**Tuesday 9/5 @ 5:30PM**, Pastor Pfeffer's office
- Missions & Outreach—**Tuesday 9/5 @ 6:30PM**, Fellowship Hall
- Elders—**Thursday 9/7 @ 6:30PM**, Conference Room
- Christian Growth—**Sunday 9/10 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall
- Human Care—**Sunday 9/10 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall



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

MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS: You have received a letter **last week** from *Hope's Nominating Committee* to see if you would like to remain on your current Ministry Team or serve our Lord and His people at Hope on another team. Please note that your response is due back to the committee **by September 3rd**. If you are currently serving on a Ministry Team and did not receive the letter, please contact the church office. Thanks in advance for your help!



GREETING CARDS NEEDED: Do you have an overstock of unused greeting, birthday, get-well, blank—any kind of note card? If you have extra cards that you are willing to part with, please pass them along to *Ernie Reaume*. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



ATTENTION PARENTS: If your child is ENTERING 6th GRADE OR ABOVE **this fall** and has NOT participated in Confirmation instruction, **now is the time** to make plans for the **2 years** of Confirmation instruction that **will begin on Wednesday, September 13th from 5:00-6:00PM** in the *Conference Room*. ALSO, RETURNING Confirmation students and parents should plan on being a part of this orientation meeting. At least one parent MUST accompany their child (new or returning students) to this meeting. To register your child for Confirmation, please contact *Pastor Pfeffer* in the church office. An exciting program is being planned for **this year** that will involve *Pastors Pfeffer & Shea, and Becky Hartmann*. Great things are in store—don't miss out!



Confirmation
NEWS



HOLY LAND 2018: *Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer* will be hosting a **10 day** tour of the Holy Land **beginning February 27, 2018** for members of *Hope*. If you are interested in participating in this amazing tour to walk where Jesus walked, please see *Pastor or Liz* today! Travel brochures are located under the mailboxes.



URGENT NEED: for volunteers at our *United Food Bank of Plant City!* As school has opened, many of our volunteers of **this past summer** now are back in classes and our food bank is short of loving, willing volunteers. If you are able to donate some time to the Food Bank, please contact, *Mary Heysek* at 813-764-0625.

Martin Luther

NARRATED BY
HUGH BONNEVILLE

**THE IDEA
THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**

ONE NIGHT EVENT
Saturday, September 23
6:30PM, Fellowship Hall
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

TUESDAYS @ 10:30AM & 6:30PM

GRIEF  SHARE

Middle School Youth Gathering

**WHAT'S
NEXT**

Registration Cost

\$155 Early Bird
Register by October 4

\$165 Regular
Registration closes October 18

Band - Bread of Stone



Speaker - Shelli Haynes

NEW-BURNING-PEACE
LUKE 24 NOV.3-5

*See
Pastor Shea
for details!*

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center

Making the world
a better place.

////////// The Girl Scout Gold Award



MEDICINE FOR THE SOUL



Alzheimer's is an excruciating disease with no known cure that compromises a person's ability to function. This disease destroys a person's ability to form new memories and eventually progresses to death.

Many affected by this awful disease withdraw inward and have little hope for the future...

But there is Hope! That Hope is in Music!

By playing music for Alzheimer's patients you can bring back profound memories. With music, a capacity for love and affection can continue. For this Gold award project, I will be providing iPods to Dementia/Alzheimer's patients in local nursing homes and creating playlist tailored to them so that they continue to have joy in life and remember their happiest memories.

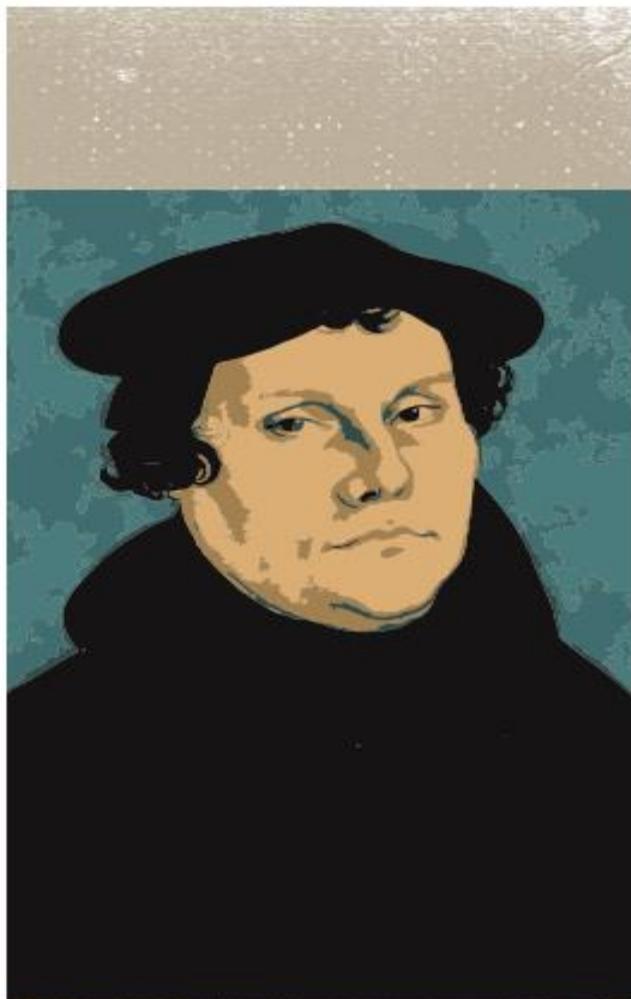
How you can help!



You can donate iPods! I will be putting donation bins throughout the community for people to place their used iPods. This will make it much more affordable to provide music to the patients. For any Questions please contact me, Kristin at Cell- (813)210-1204 or Email- medforsoul@gmail.com Thank you! Doing your part to help with this terrible disease makes all the difference!

Create a lasting change in your community.

Go Gold at gswcf.org/goldaward



CRUX SOLA EST NOSTRA THEOLOGIA.

The Cross alone is our theology. God's love is manifest in Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. God's love is fulfilled through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. With the New Testament, we proclaim Christ and Him crucified.

Luther stated that the cross alone is our theology, echoing the words of Paul: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 COR. 15:3).



REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—Sundays @ 10:30am

Fall Classes begin 9/10

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 Pfeffer*

ADULTS: 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 unending purposes of God. Join us as we continue a verse-by-verse study of REVELATION. *Leader: Gloria Warner*

YOUNG ADULTS & GRADES 7—12: LIVE.BOLDLY: Join us 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. *Leader: Pastor Shea*

GRADES 1-6: CROSS EXPLORATIONS: The fall quarter begins with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings looking at Solomon to Queen Esther. *Leader: Yolanda Heipp*

PRE-SCHOOL—KINDERGARTEN: GROWING IN CHRIST: The fall quarter begins with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings looking at Solomon to Queen Esther. *Leaders: Ellen Whitehurst, Tracy MacDonald*

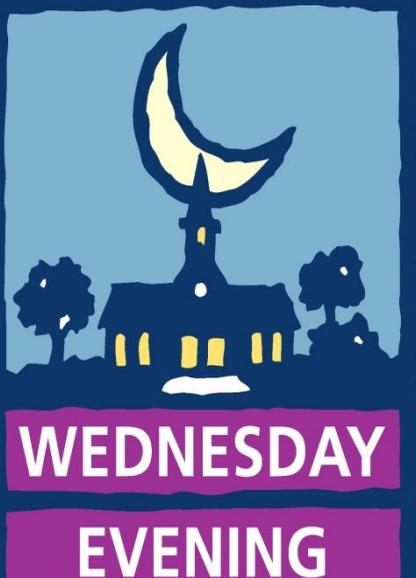
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this fall 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 (*begins 9/6*)

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY: The Book of Esther tells the tale of the young, beautiful Jewish girl, who by God's gracious providence became queen of Persia. With Mordecai, Esther saves her people from a plot to exterminate the Jews in Persia. Join us on Wednesday evenings for interesting and lively discussion of God's word. *Leader: John Koren*



YOUTH DATES

September 8—Night of Joy @ ESPN Complex of Sports

September 20—Youth-Led Worship, 6:30PM

September 23—Youth Group, 4-6:00PM

October 14—kayaking

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:

September 3: "Finding Life in Jesus' Steps"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Take joy in the gift of being a follower of Christ who is willing to take His lead and be ordered by His steps. (Matthew 16:24-25)

September 10: "Who's the Greatest?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Jesus redefined greatness. He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 18:1-20)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Melva Dennison
Bonnie Genrich
Dorothy Maltzahn
Tom & Rose Thomas
Richard Van Matre

LEADERS:

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer
Pastor Shea Pennington
Hope Staff
Hope's Ministries

LCMS Synod & District
Our Nation & Armed Forces

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Barbara Ahlers health concerns
Richard Van Matre hospitalized; recovering from fall; broken femur & hip

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Lorrie Daniell & family mourning death of her uncle
Charlene Foster sister-in-law of Ernie Reaume—cancer
Frank neighbor of John & Susan Burtz—stroke
cousin of Julie Gates, Christine Mansell, Tom & Ellen Whitehurst—poor leg circulation; possible amputation
Sam Heysek young friend of Pfeffer family—accident; lost finger
Jeff McClure former Hope member—shoulder surgery (8/7)
Laura Rademacher recovering; broken hip; surgery
Tom Whitehurst recovering; cardiac catheterization

BATTLING CANCER:

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

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

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



Luther's Seal, or as it is sometimes called, **Luther's Rose**, is the most widely known symbol of Lutheranism. It was the seal that was designed for *Martin Luther* at the behest of *Prince John Frederick*, in 1530.

- In the center is a black cross indicative of Christ's dreadful sacrifice on the cross for every sinner who ever lived.
- The cross is in the center of a red heart, to show that faith causes love, joy and peace to grow in the human heart.
- The red heart is on a white rose (*Luther's favorite flower*) because white is the color of angels and blessed spirits.
- The white rose is against a blue-sky background to symbolize the Christian's hope for the coming joys of heaven.
- The seal is enclosed in a gold ring, showing that the bliss of heaven is unending.



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING THE LORD THIS SUNDAY (8/27/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Wyatt Daniell
Greeters	9:15/Carl & Brenda Bergner
Lector	9:15/Nora Trivunovich
Elder on Duty	9:15/Nick Trivunovich; 4:00/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Adkins & Drapp families
Offerings	Richard & Mary Decker
Ushers	Team 2

10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Adkins family in honor of Judy's birthday and Jim & Kathy Drapp in honor of Alex's birthday

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (8/30/2017) ARE:

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

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (9/3/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Isabeal Daniell
Greeters	9:15/Carl & Brenda Bergner
Acolyte	9:15/Bryan Greatens
Lector	9:15/Carl Bergner
Elder on Duty	9:15/Mike McMinn; 4:00/Jim Drapp
Communion Assistant	9:15/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Baldwin family
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 3

8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF AUGUST:

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

Rev. Dean Pfeffer, Senior Pastor

Rev. Shea Pennington, Associate Pastor

Rev. Miguel Sanabria, Spanish Ministry

Christine Mansell, Director of Music

Lyn Senkarik, Deaconess

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