



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

9:15AM—Worship
10:30AM—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 9/17	Youth Scrip Orders Due
9:15	Worship w/Communion
10:30	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: open</i>)
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 9/18	8:00 Zaycon @ Hope
	6:30 Choir
	7:30 Young Adults @ Starbucks, Plant City
Tuesday 9/19	10:30 GriefShare
	6:30 GriefShare
	6:30 Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday 9/20	5:00 Confirmation
	5:30 Bell choir
	6:30 Youth-led Living Hope Worship
	6:30 Hope Studies
Thursday 9/21	10:30 Bible Study
Saturday 9/23	3:00 Food prep @ Hope
	4:30 Youth Group
	5:00 Feeding the Hungry
	6:30 Movie Night @ Hope: Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World
Sunday 9/24	9:15 Worship
	10:30 Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: open</i>)
	4:00 Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Worship: 6:30: 23/22

Hope Studies: 5

Sunday, September 10, 2017:

(All activities cancelled; Hurricane Irma)

Worship: 9:15: 0/0

FBH: Adults: 0 Youth: 0 Children: 0

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 0/0

Offerings—General Fund: \$0.00

Stewardship Perspective:

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves: we belong first of all to God and through Him we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church; as a neighbor you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.



September 17, 2017

AS WE GATHER

The Readings for today focus on living together under the kingship of God. Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they had sold him into slavery. Paul urges us not to quarrel over opinions about earthly matters, but to honor the Lord in all we do. Jesus tells a parable about God's overwhelming forgiveness and how such forgiveness leads us to forgive others. We can live under the kingship of God only because He has forgiven our sins. In Jesus, God has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west. We practice such forgiveness with one another, living together as the family of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "CWM Rhondda"

John Hughes

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*"Lord of Lords, the Sparkling Heavens"*

CW 237



1 Lord of lords, the spar - kling heav - ens Show the great - ness
 2 Lord of light, your gift of beau - ty Fills our plan - et
 3 Lord of love, we bow be - fore you, Hum - bled by your
 4 Lord of na - tions, by your Spir - it Cause our fear and



of your hand, Bril - liant gal - ax - ies un - fold - ing,
 here be - low. Crys - tal snow and sil - ver moon - light,
 con - stant grace. Word in - car - nate, sent from heav - en,
 greed to cease; Rest - less hearts and lives re - fash - ion



Dis - tant suns your wis - dom planned, Morn - ing stars in
 For - est green with life a - glow, Sap - phire o - cean,
 On the cross you took our place. By your death and
 By the en - trance of your peace. May we now with



con - cert sing - ing — Praise the one whose pow'r we
 flam - ing sun - set Your cre - a - tive joy pro -
 res - ur - rec - tion We shall live through end - less
 firm com - mit - ment Fol - low in o - be - dience



see: Lord of might and maj - es - ty.
 claim! Lord of all, we praise your name!
 days! Lord of life, we sing your praise.
 true: Lord of lords, we wor - ship you!

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
C: and forget not all His benefits,
P: who forgives all your iniquity,
C: who heals all your diseases,
P: who redeems your life from the pit,
C: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
P: who satisfies you with good
C: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
P: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. Joseph's brothers cast him into a pit, sold him into slavery, and then lied to their father about what had happened.
C: We, too, are guilty of sinning against our own families. We have harmed our brothers and sisters. We have lied to our parents. We have covered up our sins, hoping to get away with evil.
P: We turn to our heavenly Father, who is merciful and gracious, and repent of our sins. *(Silence for reflection)* As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. He showed compassion to us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our forgiveness and rose again to bring us new life. Because of Jesus, God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 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. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LSB 814; vs. 1-3



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, our righteousness, restore the broken relationships in Your Church,

C: especially between family members.

P: Provide reconciliation and peace where Satan has sown division and discord,

C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

P: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

C: one God, now and forever. Amen.



FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21 (p.44)

(Joseph and his brothers are reconciled.)

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12 (p.948)

("Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.")

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LSB 814; vs. 4-6



4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- ⁵ **He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for the oppressed.**
- ⁶ **His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His belovèd Son.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35 (p.823)

(The parable of the unforgiving servant)

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

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

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."



**“Forgive your
brother or sister
from your heart.”**

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Forgive Us for Not Sharing"* (tune: LSB 848)



1 Lord, for - give us for not shar - ing Mer - cy to our
 2 Pe - ter asked the ver - y ques - tion We our - selves have
 3 For God's reign is like a rich king Call - ing ser - vants
 4 This same ser - vant, who was par - doned, Found a friend who



neigh - bors' need. Our ne - glect - ful lives keep err - ing,
 thought be - fore. Is for - give - ness our dis - cre - tion?
 to his throne, There to set - tle some ac - count - ing,
 owed a debt. Since his heart was ev - er hard - ened,



Come, at - tend Your flock, we plead. When our
 When can we cease giv - ing more? Je - sus
 There to pay the king his loan. But one
 He re - sort - ed to a threat. Though his



self - ish - ness has owned us, When our
 an - swered with a - bun - dance, "Sev - en
 ser - vant begged for mer - cy. He owed
 friend had begged for pa - tience, He re -



friend - ships are ig - nored, Send Your love which has a -
 times? No, that won't do. Try for - giv - ing with re -
 bil - lions to his Lord. Yet the king raised con - tro -
 fused and had him jailed. But the king heard these vex -



toned us; Send Your grace which has re - stored.
 dun - dance As the Lord's for - giv - en you."
 vers - y, "I for - give the debt," he roared.
 a - tions. This vile ser - vant was as - sailed.

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SERMON

"God Is Still in Control"
 Rev. Shea Pennington

Genesis 50:15-21

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

"Beach Spring"

arr: Charles Callahan

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to live a perfect life and die in our stead, to pay the price for our sins in order to reconcile us to You. Grant us to live in daily contrition and repentance, not despairing over our sin, but ever mindful of the reconciliation Christ won for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, just as Joseph forgave his brothers and provided for them and their families, let us forgive those who have sinned against us. Grant that we would share with them the Gospel of reconciliation in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving Heavenly Father, for those affected by Hurricane Irma and its aftermath; for those who mourn the loss of loved ones; for those who have lost home, property or employment; for all who seek to bring relief and care to devastated lives, broken hearts and injured bodies, let us pray to the Lord:

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, guard and keep all who are sick, lonely, overwhelmed by grief or poor in spirit, especially *Barbara Ahlers, Diane Bates, Cindy Kemp, Laura Rademacher, Rose Thomas, Richard Van Matre, and Tom Whitehurst*, that they may be comforted and healed according to Your good and gracious will. Let them look to Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, in their time of need, and remind them that He is the Light no darkness can overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, we come to Your table as servants who owe a debt we cannot pay. Thanks to Christ, that debt has been forgiven in its entirety. As we receive His very body and blood for our forgiveness, let us be ever grateful, that we may go out to serve others with that same spirit of forgiveness. 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.



+ HOLY COMMUNION +

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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

(tune: LSB 621)

Lamb of God, we pray Your mercy;

Take all the world's sin away.

Lamb of God, we pray Your mercy;

All our sins remove this day.

Grant us, holy, precious Lamb, peace,

Your own peace till time shall cease.

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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

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 611

"What Is This Bread" LSB 629

THANKSGIVING *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (tune: LSB 621)*

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

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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: We are now entering the mission field!

C: 'Here am I! Send me!'

CLOSING SONG *"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LSB 816*

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.



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.



STEPHEN MINISTERS: For those who missed our support meeting **this past Wednesday**, your new study book is in your mailbox. Please read chapter 1 for our next meeting.



REFORMATION 2017: will be here in a matter of weeks and Hope is the host for our *Winter Haven Circuit Reformation Festival* on **October 29th**. **Following the celebrative worship**, we will join together for good “German Lutheran” Fellowship (brats, German potato salad, etc.), and **MANY** hands are needed to assist in preparing and serving this meal to the many that will be coming to our campus! If you are willing to help in this endeavor, please join us **TODAY following Family Bible Hour** in Fellowship Hall—or contact *Liz Pfeffer* (813-752-1164 or epfeffer@HNTB.com).



MINISTRY TEAMS: (*Christian Growth and Human Care*) that were scheduled to meet last Sunday (9/10) will meet **TODAY** at **11:45AM** in Fellowship Hall. Remember, the Lord's work here at Hope is counting on you—and so are we!



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: Join us for *Living Hope Worship* in the Sanctuary or *Hope Studies* with *John Koren* in the Conference Room. Both **begin at 6:30PM and end at 7:30PM every Wednesday**. 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!





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.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REMINDER: As agreed at our **August** meeting, since there will be 10 members of Hope participating at the *President's Equip Conference* **September 28-30**, we will **NOT** meet in **September**. Our next board meeting will be **October 12th**.



NEW ADDRESS: As many of you have asked, here is the new address for Barbara Wagner as she is now settled in her new home in Indiana: Blue Bell Lofts, 307 S. Whitley Street, Apt. 214, Columbia City, IN 46787.



DUE TO IRMA: a lot of the "regularly" scheduled food donations from corporations were unable to be made. Please, prayerfully consider a special gift of food (see list below) for our United Food Bank of Plant City.

Please help us restock the shelves of the United Food Bank of Plant City!

Immediate needs:

- peanut butter
- jelly
- cereal
- mac & cheese
- soups
- fruits (applesauce, fruit cups)
- pasta meals

Donation baskets are located in the Narthex & Church Office.



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Pastor Dean, Pastor Shea, and Christine for the lovely memorial service for my dear husband Tom.

I would also like to thank the ladies of the kitchen for the delightful job they did feeding us, and most of all for the many friends and family who came out to honor my husband Tom.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart; you helped make my time of sorrow so much easier for my family and I.

Nancy Kehr



HARVEY AND IRMA RELIEF

UPDATE: 9/17/17

“As LCMS World Relief and Human Care and its LCMS Disaster Response now answer the call for two hurricanes, it’s important that the kindness being expressed across the Synod continues in the aftermath of these catastrophes. LCMS Disaster Response, in the stead of a multitude of sacrificial donors who are determined to make a difference in the lives of those who are genuinely suffering, is committed to supporting affected districts and their church communities while also building on their capacity not only in responding to a congregation’s needs, but also in extending Christ’s mercy by providing body-and-soul care to individuals and entire communities.”

— REV. DR. ROSS JOHNSON, LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE DIRECTOR

To Give:

- **Online** — Visit lcms.org/harvey and lcms.org/irma.
- **By text** — Text “LCMSHARVEY” or “LCMSIRMA” to 41444.
- **Over the phone** — Call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438 or the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267.
- **By mail** — Make checks payable to “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod” (or “LCMS”). On the memo line, write “Disaster Response/Relief,” and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO, 63166-6861. Gifts also can be designated specifically for Hurricane Harvey and/or affected areas by stipulating in the memo line.

Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Additional information about our LCMS response, and the impact your gifts are having, will be available over the weeks and months ahead at lcms.org, on the Synod’s social-media outlets, and in our official periodicals and publications.

Prayer:

For all who have been devastated by Hurricane Irma and for those still in danger; for those who have lost loved ones, home or employment; for those who will respond in the Caribbean and Florida and for those who continue to respond to the wildfires in the West and to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana; for all hearts that are weary and discouraged, that they may find good courage and hope in what never passes away, the love we have been given in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

HOPE...for the months ahead...

All of our areas of music opportunities now have openings. Apply immediately. The pay is heavenly. The bonuses are blessings to come. Equal opportunities, with no prejudices—we take all ages, all ethnicities, all people with God given talents (known or unknown); on the job training. Jobs are part time, with full time benefits and rewards. Don't think twice...rush to be the first to sign up...ring, sing, play...be our guest, be our guest, be our guest

CHOIR: Mondays, 6:30pm, Music Room (by church office)

BELLS: Wednesdays, 5:30pm, Music Room (by church office)

PRAISE TEAM: Wednesdays, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

INSTRUMENTAL: Contact Music Director, Christine Mansell, rehearsal set by group

Special commitment NOW for the 500th Reformation Celebration, see Christine Mansell

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY...INVITE, INVITE, INVITE others to join you!



We are seeking new members for the choir so please come and join the chorus.
Help us make a joyful noise !



FALL WORSHIP

begins October 1

Sundays

8:00 & 10:30am—Worship

9:15am—Family Bible Hour

4:00PM—Spanish Worship

Wednesdays

6:30pm—Living Hope Worship

6:30pm—Hope Studies

Let's celebrate the...

50TH Anniversary



OF THE REFORMATION



Winter Haven Circuit Reformation Festival

Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday October 29, 2017

4:00pm (3:30pm—Pre-Service Music)

Preacher: Rev. Dr. David Schmitt,

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Professor of Practical Theology

Good Lutheran Fellowship to follow worship!

FL-GA District LCMS Flood Bucket Challenge IS BACK!

What is a Flood Bucket?

A Flood Bucket is a 5 gallon bucket that is filled with cleaning supplies and words of encouragement that are handed out following a flood or hurricane.

How can the congregation of Hope help?

We need the following items brought in to help fill the buckets:

1. 1 gallon size bleach
2. Cleansing Powder
3. Glass Cleaner
4. Liquid Cleaner
5. Scrub Brush
6. 2 Pair of Rubber Gloves
7. Sponges
8. Paper Towels/Disposable Rags
9. Devotional/Words of Encouragement



Sponsored by Hope's Missions & Outreach Ministry Team

Martin

NARRATED BY
HUGH
BONNEVILLE

Luther

THE IDEA THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

ONE NIGHT EVENT

Saturday, September 23

6:30PM, Fellowship Hall

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pizza will be served.

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



DIET OF WORMS.

Yuck ... How did Luther get so fat? Luther obviously didn't stick to his diet. A Diet was an imperial meeting of the Holy Roman Empire. Official business was conducted that changed things throughout the empire. Luther was called to the Diet that took place in Worms, Germany. There, he was told to say he recanted of what he wrote and taught. Luther responded that he could not in good conscience deny his writings because they proclaimed the truth of the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here I stand.



REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

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 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 unfailing 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*

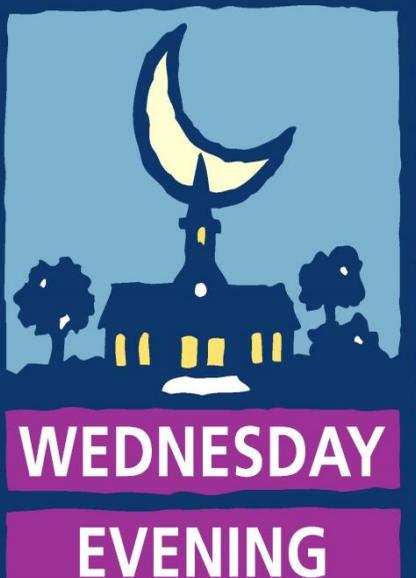
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm

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

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 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 24: "The Latest Polls"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Believing the latest public opinion poll is not the same thing as believing the truth.
(Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)



Joseph's brothers threw themselves down before him. What did Joseph say?

Add and subtract letters to fill in the blanks below.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Joseph said,

" _____ ,
F-2 M+2 M+1 W-3 C-1 C+2

Y+2 E+1 P+2 C-2 J-1 B+2

F+3 Z-3 H+1 N-2 I+3

N+2 S-1 M+2 S+3 J-1 B+2 G-2 E+1 R-3 Q+1

Z-1 M+2 W-2 B-1 L+2 F-2 W+2 N+1 V-1 P+2

F-3 G+1 K-2 K+1 A+3 O+3 F-1 M+1 C-2 K+3 F-2

J-2 C+2 S-1 F-1 D-3 Q+2 U-2 X-3 P+2 C+2 A+3

S+1 K-3 C+2 L+1 D-3 L+2 F-2

U-2 N+2 M+2 L-1 H-3 J+1 F+3 P-2 F-2 M-1 W+2

V-2 M+2 R+2 K-3 C+2 N-1



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:

Jacob Ahlers
Diane Bates

FWC officer; search & rescue/recovery team in FL Keys
recovering; heart surgery

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Barbara Ahlers
Cassidy Baldwin
Brant Jarvis
David Jones
Cindy Kemp
Theresa
Laura Rademacher
Richard Van Matre
Tom Whitehurst

health concerns
injured knee
grandson of Helen Jarvis—serious accident; surgery; skull fracture & vertebrae injury
health concerns
recovering; health concerns
niece of Helen Jarvis—surgery; cancer
recovering; broken hip; surgery
recovering from fall; broken femur & hip
recovering; cardiac catheterization

BATTLING CANCER:

Jennifer Barkley
Tom Battling
Laura Blake
CanDee Brandon
John Brom
Laura Brom
Bob Broshelle
Ken Buschbacher
Chantal
Carol Chapman
Chrissie
Alice Correia

Austin Dobbs
Ginnie Donaldson
Donna
Casey Doyle
Jace Driggers
Kori Dunke
Marcus Elam
Ellen
Charlene Foster
Joy Fritzke
Gail
Idele Green

Lynnie Green
JoAnne Hayashi
Lori Heneka
Jeanette Herndon
Delores Huseth
Maggi Hutto
Dale Jarvis
Dot LaBar
Delores Lopresto
Lucille Luedke
Pat Mailloux

David Miller
Victor Miranda
Jim Moore
Joy Neely
Thomas Onderdonk
Sharyl Pallard
John Rademacher
Alan Rauner
Andrea Reichard
Sara
Abbey Sedlacek
Sherrie

Al Simmons
Judy Strait
Chuck Sullivan
Theresa
Rose Thomas
Mr. Wells
Tom
Millie Wetz
Laura Winkel
Candy Wolfe
Rick Ward
Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

Zachary Allen
Alex Almaguer
Zachary Bennett
Matt Bracken
Matthew Clissold
Rachael Clissold

Trevor Dahlke
Lorrie Daniell—R
Stephen Daniell—R
Joshua Gross
Erika Grosskopf

Joshua Kinkead—R
Brad Landis
Bobby Martin
Aaron Morley
Donnie Pittman

Stephen Olliff—R
Derek Quackenbush
Justin Rappa
Ryan Sonnenberg
Caleb Strand
Mike Szostkiewicz—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 (9/17/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer 9:15/Jalyn Aigner
Greeters 9:15/Julie Gates
Acolyte 9:15/Scarlett Gembala
Lector 9:15/Alex Drapp
Elder on Duty 9:15/Nick Trivunovich; 4:00/Brian Heipp
Communion Assistant 9:15/Nick Trivunovich
Flowers Flamm family
Offerings Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers Team 2
8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings, James Tennyson

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Bill & Mary Jo Flamm in honor of their wedding anniversary*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (9/20/2017) ARE:

Lector 6:30/Lana Hartmann & Yulia Hartmann
Elder on Duty/Communion Assistant 6:30/Mike McMinn

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (9/24/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer 9:15/Alex Attalla
Greeters 9:15/Judy Adkins
Lector 9:15/Nora Trivunovich
Elder on Duty 9:15/Brian Heipp; 4:00/Pastor Shea
Flowers Greatens family
Offerings Richard & Mary Decker
Ushers Team 3
8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

Altar Guild Yolanda Heipp
Nurse/HMT Member Joyce Van Matre