



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 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 9/24	9:15	Worship
	10:30	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: Erdakos & Lafferty</i>)
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 9/25	6:30	Choir
	7:30	Young Adults @ Starbucks, Plant City
Tuesday 9/26	10:30	GriefShare
	12:00	Staff Meeting
	6:30	GriefShare
Wednesday 9/27	5:00	Confirmation
	5:30	Bell choir
	6:30	Living Hope Worship
	6:30	Hope Studies
Thursday 9/28		President's Equip Conference, FL-GA District, LCMS @ Ponte Verda Beach
	10:30	Bible Study
Friday 9/29		President's Equip Conference, FL-GA District, LCMS @ Ponte Verda Beach
Saturday 9/30		President's Equip Conference, FL-GA District, LCMS @ Ponte Verda Beach
Sunday 10/1	8:00	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: Ellison & Lattz</i>)
	10:30	Worship w/Communion
	11:45	Christian Growth Ministry Team Meeting
	11:45	Youth Ministry Team Meeting
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Worship: 6:30: 15/11

Hope Studies: 8

Sunday, September 17, 2017:

Worship: 9:15: 124/118

FBH: Adults: 50 **Youth:** 9 **Children:** 4

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 37/24

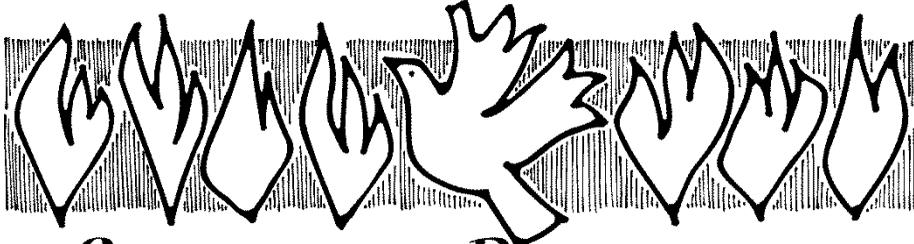
Offerings—General Fund: \$11,924.25

Stewardship Perspective:

Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God – and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

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!

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SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2017

AS WE GATHER

Our reward for being called to work in God's kingdom does not change based on how long we have been in our Lord's service. After all, we are saved by grace through faith, not by works. Isaiah's call for the wicked and unrighteous to return to the Lord shows God's immense compassion for all people, no matter when they return to Him. God's ways are not our ways, yet we continue to work in His kingdom until He calls us when we die. Paul is struggled with a desire to depart and be with Christ and a desire to go on living and laboring for the Lord. Death and life contend, but Paul knows life will win. He knows that Jesus will return, raise the dead, and dwell with them forever.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "LePing"

Kristina Langlois

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

"Greet the Rising Sun"

LSB 871 
with Hope Ringers

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen.

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

C: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

P: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

C: He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

P: As we come to the house of the Lord, we know that we are unworthy of God's love. We have sinned against friends and families, neighbors and co-workers.

C: We have not loved God with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have grumbled against God and His authorities. We have sought selfish desires instead of God's will.

P: We turn to God in repentance and implore Him for mercy. (*Silence for reflection*) Lord, hide not Your face from us. Turn not Your servants away in anger.

C: Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!

P: The prophet Isaiah writes, "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." The Lord is near to you. He has drawn near in the person of Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. 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. And now my head shall be lifted up. I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Amen (Because He Lives)"

**I believe in the Son... I believe in the Risen One—
I believe I over-come... By the power of His blood...**

(Chorus 1a) **A-men / A-men / I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
A-men / A-men / Let my song join the one that never ends /
because He lives...**

**I was dead in the grave... I was covered in sin— and shame—
I heard mercy call my name... He rolled the stone a-way.**

(Chorus 1b) **A-men / A-men / I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
A-men / A-men / Let my song join the one that never ends.**

(Bridge) **Because He lives / I can face tomorrow /
because He lives / ev'ry fear is gone...
I know / He holds / my life / my future in His hand. *(Chorus 1b)***

(Chorus 2—tune changes)

**A-men / A-men / I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
A-men / A-men let my song join the one that never ends;
Because He lives... ...Because He lives.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, You are the Author of life.

C: **Direct us in our vocations that we may serve You in humble gratitude, seeking unity and peace with all people,**

P: which is ours by the blood of Christ;

C: **through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,**

P: one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Make This Church a Welcome Place" Jubilation Singers





† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9 (p.615)

("Return to the Lord, that He may have compassion.")

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (p.980)

(Death and life contending)

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe

in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16 (p.825)

(The parable of the laborers in the vineyard)

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

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

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the

house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

SONG OF THE DAY *"Take My Life"* *ABS (3) 70*
**Take my life and let— it be...consecrated Lord to Thee;
Take my moments and my— days...Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move...At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them— be...Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

(Chorus) **Here am I...all of me...Take my life...it's all for Thee.**
**Take my will and make it— Thine...It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine— own...It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour...At Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will— be...Ever, only, all for Thee. *(Chorus 2x)***

**Take my life and let— it be...consecrated Lord to Thee;
Take my life and let— it be...consecrated Lord to Thee.**

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SERMON *"Sour Grapes?"* *Matthew 20:1-16*
Rev. Dean Pfeffer

RESPONSE *"We Are an Offering"* *ABS (1) 196*
**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You;
We are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours; We are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, All that we hope to be we give to You,
we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You; We are an offering, we are an offering.**

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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

"We Are An Offering"

Dwight Liles

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. For all who serve in the Lord's Kingdom, that God would keep His own ever mindful that it is only by grace we are included in His Kingdom and privileged to serve in it, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the nurturing of children, that God would allow all to see children as blessings from Him, that they might be brought to the waters of Holy Baptism, loved, well cared for and nourished daily with God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For faithful parents, that God would grant them patience and wisdom and give them the fortitude to train up their children in the way they should go, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For unborn children, that God might provide them faithful parents who, trusting in Him, would welcome these blessings where and when God sees fit to give them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For good and faithful Sunday schools, that God would bless churches with faithful pastors and teachers to engage adults and children alike in the study of God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who are sick, marginalized, depressed, shut-in or in hospice care, especially *Diane Bates, Cindy Kemp, Rose Thomas, and Richard Van Matre*, that God would guard and keep their faith strong, knowing with certainty that to live is Christ and to die is gain, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

LSB 827



FALL WORSHIP
begins
NEXT SUNDAY, October 1st

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

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.

**TO LIVE
IS CHRIST
TODIE
IS GAIN**

BE SURE TO INVITE: family and friends to our worship **each Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30AM, with Family Bible Hour 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.



IT'S IN THERE: Yes folks, your **October** issue of *Hope's Anchor* has been published and distributed! If you receive your copy via email...check your inbox, print, and then forward it on to a few friends and family members. For those who receive a “hard copy” in the church mailboxes, your copy is waiting there for you to take home, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest, and then *SHARE* that great information with others so others know what great things God is doing among His people at Hope!



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY: to pre-order your Hope Reformation shirt! We will be ordering a limited supply of red t-shirts to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in **October**. \$15 youth (s,m,l) & adult (s-xl); \$18 (2x & 3x). If you would like one, be sure to see *Patrick Griffin* **THIS MORNING**.



EVERYONE'S FAVORITE FROZEN PASTERY IS HERE!: If you ordered, see our youth **after worship this morning** to pick up your Butter-Braid(s). And for your blessed support, Hope's Youth has something to say: "*Thank you from the bottom of our heart!*"



FAREWELL & GOD'S BLESSINGS: to Hope member *Lois Reichard* who will be relocating **this week** to the *Orlando* area to be closer to her family. We will truly miss you, *Lois*, and we pray God's blessings on your move and look forward to the day we will see you again!

**We'll
MISS
YOU!**

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



time, and study of our Hope staff. During this time, there will be no one available to answer phones or assist should you come by. Therefore, we ask that you please time your calls and visits accordingly. The Hope families for whom our staff will pray **this week:** Dick & Linda Luce; Ron & Tracy MacDonald; Dorothy Maltzahn; Christine Mansell; Ron & Connie Maronn; Todd & Kathy Martens; Bobby & Kristina Martin; and the members and staff of

Redeemer Lutheran Church & School, Bartow. If ANYONE has ANY prayer concerns for our staff, please be sure to contact Jessica in the Church Office.



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.

OUT OF OFFICE: Pastor Pfeffer, Pastor Shea, and Jessica Griffin will be out of the office



Thursday-Saturday to participate in the *President's Equip Conference* of our Florida-Georgia District. Also attending are *Christine Mansell, Liz Pfeffer, Nick & Nora Trivunovich, Carol Walkenhorst, Dodie Walker, and Gloria Warner*. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact *Pastor Pfeffer at 813-416-2373*, and he will be in contact with the on-call pastor. Check out your **October** newsletter for highlights from our participants!



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.

CALLED TO SERVE: Our congregation's *Nominating Committee* met **this past week** and has sent many "Call to Serve" documents to Hope members to serve our Lord and His people in numerous ways as officers or part of our congregations many Ministry Teams



Are You Able?

here at Hope in **2018**. If you received a *Call to Serve*, please prayerfully consider what God is asking you through the *Nominating Committee* to give of your time and talents to serve. We are asking that ALL responses be returned by **Sunday, October 8th**. Thank you to the committee and to you for considering this *Call to Serve*.



Work Day

CONGREGATIONAL WORKDAY: Our *Trustees* have scheduled a congregational workday on **October 21st beginning at 8:00AM**. Please come out to help clean up our campus—inside and out!

THANK YOU: to our *quilters' group* for the new Reformation banner that adorns our sanctuary. It serves as a reminder to us as we mark the *REFORMATION 500*, that the Reformation then as **today** is *ALL ABOUT JESUS!*



GIFT CARD TREE FUNDRAISER IS BACK! Our *youth* are now collecting gift cards for our Gift Card Tree Fundraiser. We are collecting gift cards to restaurants, grocery stores, even retail stores. If you're looking to provide *Hope's Youth* with gift card(s), here is the best way—*Script Orders!* Through *Script Orders*, you may purchase a gift card to just about any place, and a percentage of what you put on the card is donated directly to our youth. Next opportunity for *Script Orders* is **Sunday, October 8.**



A REMINDER FROM OUR ELDERS: regarding **Sunday morning** announcements **before worship:** ¹There is a limit to 5 announcements to be made on a Sunday morning; ²Your announcement should be no more than 60 seconds in length; ³You **MUST** be seated on the **FRONT** pew if you are to make an announcement (you can then return to your family); ⁴You **MUST** use the handheld microphone so that **EVERYONE** in the church hears what you have to share and; ⁵All announcements **MUST** be made at **BOTH** morning worships—what's good for one service to hear, is good for the other. ...And remember, all requests to make a Sunday announcement **MUST** be made to the *Church Office* by **NOON** on **Wednesday**. Thanks in advance for your assistance!



POSITION OPENING: *The Pregnancy Care Center of Plant City* is hiring an Office Administrator for 30 hours a week **starting January 2, 2018.** If you are interested in the position, please send your resume to *Pregnancy Care Center, 304 N. Collins St., Plant City, FL 33563.* You may also fax your resume 813-759-0882. If you have any questions, please call 813-759-0886.



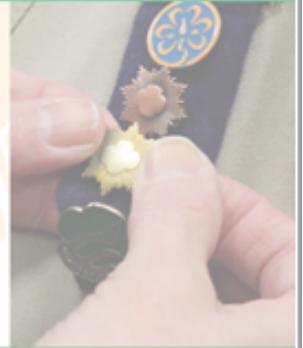
NO 
SMOKING

Important Reminder

Our *ENTIRE Hope* campus has been designated a "no smoking" facility. Your help in keeping this policy will go a long way! Thanks for your help and the stewardship of the body God has entrusted to you!

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!

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 !

Let's celebrate the...

50  TH
Anniversary
OF THE REFORMATION

at

Hope Lutheran Church
Sunday October 29, 2017



Morning Worship
8:00 & 10:30am

Winter Haven Circuit Reformation Festival
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!

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



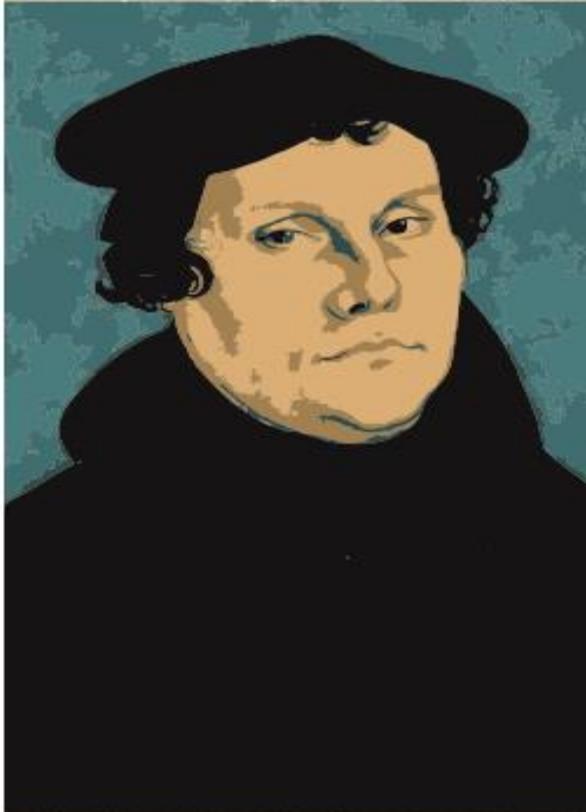
Speaker - Shelli Haynes

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

*See
Pastor Shea
for details!*

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center

THE ENTIRE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS ONE OF REPENTANCE.



Luther's 95 Theses begins, "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' (MATT. 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." That doesn't sound very exciting. Luther encouraged people to renew their Baptism every day. Christians are to daily die to the old Adam, their sinful nature. In his Large Catechism, Luther observed that Baptism "is nothing else than putting to death the old Adam, and after that the resurrection of the new man, both of which must take place in us all our lives, so that a truly Christian life is nothing else than a daily Baptism, once begun and ever to be continued. For this must be practiced without ceasing, that we ever keep purging away whatever is of the old Adam, and that that which belongs to the new man come forth." Dying to self in order to rise with Christ is the daily reality of faith.

The focus is not on our dying or on our old Adam (sin). The focus is on the promise of resurrection in Jesus Christ. He is our life. He is our hope. He is our joy. Repentance is a turning away from self to Jesus. In Him is life and light. In Him is salvation and forgiveness. In Him is eternal life. Repent. You are His. Through Baptism. And this is true every day.



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: WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY: Join us for this new series by Andy Stanley. "Everyone wants to be happy. But what makes us happy? And why is happiness easy to find, but hard to keep?" *Leader: Pastor Shea*

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*



WEDNESDAY

EVENING

YOUTH DATES

Oct 14– Kayaking Hillsborough River

Oct 18–Youth-led Worship

Nov 3-5–Middle School Youth Gathering

Nov 11–Youth Group, noon-2:00PM

Nov 12–MSYG presentation

Nov 15–Youth-led Worship

Nov 29–Advent dinner host

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:

October 1: "Power to Overcome Worry and Anxiety"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Thanksgiving and anxiety are two opposing forces. Have you ever thanked God for your problems, pains, and suffering? (Philippians 4:4-13)

October 8: "No Selfies Needed"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

God isn't afraid of messy people. He loves the broken, embraces the outcast, and seeks the lost. (Philippians 4:4-14)

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:

Cassidy Baldwin

recovering; knee surgery (9/19)

Ben

young son of friend of Jessica Griffin—diagnosed w/Salla disease

Sheila Edelman

daughter-in-law of Ernie & Jerrie Edelman—spinal surgery

Rodrick Miller

nephew of Ernie & Jerrie Edelman—quadruple bypass

Kathy Roberge & family

friend of Jessica Griffin—mourning sudden death of son Mitchell; motorcycle accident

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Jacob Ahlers

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

Diane Bates

recovering; heart surgery

Brant Jarvis

grandson of Helen Jarvis—serious accident; surgery; skull fracture & vertebrae injury

David Jones

health concerns

Cindy Kemp

recovering; health concerns

Theresa

niece of Helen Jarvis—surgery; cancer

Richard Van Matre

recovering from fall; broken femur & hip

BATTLING CANCER:

Jennifer Barkley

Austin Dobbs

Lynnie Green

David Miller

Al Simmons

Tom Battling

Ginnie Donaldson

JoAnne Hayashi

Victor Miranda

Judy Strait

Laura Blake

Donna

Lori Heneka

Jim Moore

Chuck Sullivan

CanDee Brandon

Casey Doyle

Jeanette Herndon

Joy Neely

Theresa

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

Delores Lopresto

Alan Rauner

Millie Wetz

Chantal

Charlene Foster

Lucille Luedke

Andrea Reichard

Laura Winkel

Carol Chapman

Joy Fritzke

Pat Mailloux

Sara

Candy Wolfe

Chrissie

Gail

Abbey Sedlacek

Rick Ward

Alice Correia

Idele Green

Sherrie

Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

Zachary Allen

Trevor Dahlke

Joshua Kinkead—R

Stephen Olliff—R

Alex Almager

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



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING THE LORD THIS SUNDAY (9/24/2017) 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

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
the Greatens family in memory of Joell*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (9/27/2017) ARE:

Lector 6:30/Barbara Ahlers
Elder on Duty/Communion Assistant 6:30/Todd Warner

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (10/1/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer 10:30/Kaylee Greatens
Acolyte 10:30/Scarlett Gembala
Lector 8:00/John Koren; 10:30/Alex Drapp
Elder on Duty 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich;
4:00/Wayne Warner
Communion Assistant 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich
Flowers Howell family
Offerings Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers Team 1
8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
10:30/ Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Wendell Lattz, Jim Szostkiewicz

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF OCTOBER:

Altar Guild Tracy MacDonald
Nurse/HMT Member Sally Kimbrell