



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—Living Hope Worship
6:30PM—Youth Group

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 8/12	Youth Scrip Orders Due
9:15	Worship
10:15	Blood Pressure Screenings
10:30	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: open</i>)
11:45	Human Care Team Meeting
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 8/13	9:00 Circuit Pastors @ Redeemer, Bartow
Tuesday 8/14	10:00 GriefShare—1 st meeting
	12:00 Staff Meeting (<i>Loved & Sent—section 3: What is God’s Purpose</i>)
	6:30 GriefShare—1 st meeting
	6:30 Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday 8/15	1:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 Youth-led Living Hope Worship w/Communion
Thursday 8/16	10:30 Bible Study
Sunday 8/19	9:15 Worship w/Communion
	10:30 Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: open</i>)
	2:00 New Member Class: Discovering the Faith
	4:00 New Member Class: Discovering Hope
	4:00 Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Worship: 6:30: 26/25

Sunday, August 5, 2018:

Worship: 9:15: 125/114

FBH: Adults: 38 Youth: 8 Children: 5

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 29/13

Offerings—General Fund: \$8,066.85

Stewardship Perspective:

Ephesians 4:28 – “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.” God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That’s how so many of God’s blessings go: He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

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 12, 2018

AS WE GATHER

As we live out each day, we reflect on our faith in our words and actions. Each of us is an example of the Christian life as we struggle to live in forgiving love toward one another, and also as we continue to trust in the forgiveness Christ won for us. In today's Old Testament Reading, Elijah almost gives up, but he is strengthened with miraculous food. Then in the Epistle, Paul provides a list of what our life in Christ should look like because of our new birth in Baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out the connection between receiving His body and blood in the Lord's Supper and living in hope each day. He is the bread of life from heaven, who enables each of us to discard our old ways, live in the new life of God's forgiving love, and adorn ourselves with gladness.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "Days of Elijah"

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

"Days of Elijah"

ABS (2) 27

These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord.

**And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
righteousness being restored;**

**And tho' these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword.**

**Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."**

(Chorus)

**Behold, He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
and out of Zion's Hill salvation comes.**

**And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in the world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
declaring the Word of the Lord. *(Chorus)***

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: I sought the LORD, and He answered me

C: **and delivered me from all my fears.**

P: Those who look to Him are radiant,

C: **and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

P: Let us then go to God, confessing our sins, confident of His grace and mercy. *(Silence for reflection on our sinful condition and the promises of God.)* Lord God Almighty,

C: **we confess that there are times when we have forgotten the hope that is within us. As Elijah feared and fled the forces of Jezebel, so we fear the evil around us. Although incapable of saving ourselves, we attempt to find peace and protection through our own efforts. Assure us of the new life You have given us, made certain in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ,

C: **we confess that in our daily struggles we often lose awareness of Your presence. We neglect to be faithful in our worship; we fail to recognize the forgiveness, life, and salvation that Your body and blood provide. Renew in us a desire to hear and take to heart Your promise of eternal life.**

P: O Holy Spirit,

C: we confess that we fail to exhibit the new life, too often falling back into the old ways we thought we had put behind us. Strengthen us through the Word to see clearly the opportunities You provide to pass on the forgiveness we ourselves have received.

P: Our gracious heavenly Father sent His Son to give His life as the sacrifice for our sins. Our Lord Jesus is the bread of life from heaven, coming in the Lord's Supper to assure us of salvation until we join Him in eternity. The Holy Spirit uses Word and Sacrament to nurture our faith as we live out the new life God provides. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore 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

"Here I Am to Worship"

ABS (3) 3

**Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.**

(Chorus) **So here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, O so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world.

C: Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him,

P: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:1-8 (p.301)

(Elijah, fleeing for his life, is given

miraculous food so that he may get to Horeb, the mount of God.)

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:17-5:2 (p.978)

(Because Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice for us and has given us new life, our lives can reflect Him and His forgiving love.)

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!—²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

BOB 151

**Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35-51 (p.892)

*(Whoever believes in Jesus, the bread from heaven,
has eternal life and will live forever.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." ⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

LSB 542

SERMON

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

LSB 680

Rev. Shea Pennington

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"*

LSB 680

CREED

P: The new life we have was given to us in Holy Baptism. Let us confirm our baptismal faith. Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, 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.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, 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.

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C: 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 do 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

"Thine"

Carl Schalk

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the whole Church, that by the Spirit's power all the baptized may become imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this congregation, that we be given grace to believe that through Christ we belong to one another and so be done with all falsehood and malice, instead speaking Christ's truth to one another and be strengthened to connect people to Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all pastors and church workers, and particularly those who face discouraging times in their ministries, that they might find in God's Word and meal the strength they need to go on and fulfill the tasks God has given them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our president and Congress and justices, for our governor and legislature and judges, and for all entrusted with public health and safety, that they be strengthened and upheld in every good deed and that God would hinder all in our common life that grieves Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who walk through difficult and dark times, the sick, the lonely, the grieving, the injured, the persecuted, and especially all we have been asked to remember: *Jim Baldwin, Diane Bates, Frank Dahlke, Ernie Reaume, and Mark Stefanos* that they may know the peace of Christ's promise that whoever comes to Him will never be cast out, and that all who look to Him and believe will have eternal life and be raised up at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Gracious Lord, whose depths of riches and wisdom are immeasurable, as a new school year starts, we ask that You bless our schools with the riches of knowledge. As your son grew in strength and wisdom, so bless students with learning that leads to fruitful and loving service in the world. Bless and strengthen teachers and administrators to use those gifts which You have given to further the education of those before them each and every day. We especially ask this day Lord for your hedge of safety and protection around each student and teacher and every school. That they may not fear but rejoice in your presence with them. We especially ask that all teachers and students come to recognize that from and through and to You are all things. All this we ask in Jesus strong name, 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, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, reignite the hearts of us all to have a passion for the Gospel. Teach our church to share the Gospel with others. Teach us to live as those who are true bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Remind us of our purpose. Convict us of our purpose. Empower us to live our purpose. In Jesus name. 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*"In Christ Alone"*

ABS (2) 42 | LSB 576

**In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm thro' the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when striving cease.
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

(tune: LSB 576)

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

(tune: In Christ Alone)

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.**

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POSTLUDE*"Solid Rock"*



*She humbly and
intentionally gave
all she had ...
What is my motive
for giving?*

Growing in the Grace of Giving

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3).

And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures, who gave her everything she had, who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil, who called her by the Gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us.

We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given. We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Gal. 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, without resources for the poor and needy—in short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us.

For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matt. 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors—your family, your friends, your community, your church.

Connecting Points

TODAY: the church continues what is commonly known as the “long green season” or more appropriately the “Sundays after Pentecost.” This part of the church year will extend **until the end of November**. The emphasis of this season is the taking of what we have seen and heard in Scripture and translating it into our everyday lives as we join Jesus on His mission. The color of the season is *GREEN*~ the color of growth and life to remind us that we are to be daily growing in our faith and life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



GUESS WHAT?! Blood Pressure Sunday is **TODAY**, and our parish nurse and the nurses of our *Health Ministry Team* will be in the front of the church **following our morning worship** to check your blood pressure. Don't leave church without getting yours checked...**TODAY!**



CALLING ALL MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS: Just a heads up that all Ministry Teams resume their monthly meetings **this month**. Please be sure to check the calendar for your team's meeting!



Human Care—**TODAY—8/12 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall

BE SURE TO INVITE: family and friends to our summer 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. **REMEMBER:** *Don't let your worship and praise take a vacation this summer!*



YOUR FAVORITE FROZEN PASTRY: is back! **Now through Sunday, August 27th**, Hope's Youth are selling these delicious treats. So, if you have a craving for something sweet, and if you want to help support Hope's youth attend the *LCMS 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis*...buy a Butter Braid!



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:** *Eddie & Kristin Attalla; Jim & Lana Baldwin; Diane Bates; Pat Bender; DeAnne Benton; James & Adene Benton; Carl & Brenda Bergner; and Our Savior Lutheran Church, Zephyrhills*. If **ANYONE** has **ANY** prayer concerns for our staff, please be sure to contact *Jessica* in the Church Office.





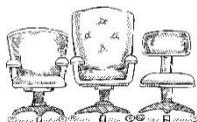
PLEASE REMEMBER: as you travel **this summer**, the stewardship of your gifts is important to the ongoing mission and ministry of *Hope*. Just as your needs continue at home **during the summer**, so do those of your church. Please prayerfully remember your ongoing support of the Gospel in this place in your travels.



WEDNESDAYS CONTINUE: at *Hope*, and that means our *Living Hope Worship* is singing the Lord's praises **every Wednesday beginning at 6:30PM**. Don't be left out—come on down and join us!



USHERS: As a reminder **during these summer months**, we are alternating teams **each month**. **August** is our **10:30 teams**; **September** will be our **8:00 teams**. However, if you see any Sunday there is a shortage of ushers, *please* feel free to assist. ALSO, since we are on our summer schedule, please make every effort to arrive at *Hope* **by 8:50am** to greet worshipers as they will already be arriving by that time.



STAFF CHANGES

THANKS: to *Tracy MacDonald* who has faithfully served in our church office on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** to assist *Jessica Griffin*. **This past Wednesday (August 8th)** was *Tracy's* final day serving our Lord as a part of our staff. **Effective TOMORROW—Monday, August 13th**, *Jessica* will be serving the hours previously covered by *Tracy*.

THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION:



of *John Cabos & Miguel Sanabria* to serve in our Hispanic ministry will take place **Sunday, September 9th** at *Messiah Lutheran Church, 14920 Hutchison Rd, Tampa*. The service will begin at **4:00PM** with a reception **to follow**. *President Greg Walton* will serve as Officiant for the service. Also, *Pastor Miguel (Sr)* will be officially retiring **August 30th**. We thank God for his leadership and ministry among us **these past years**. Further information will be shared as the date grows closer but mark your calendars **NOW** to join us for this special service.



Our New
Confirmation
Students

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Begins **September 15th at 10:00AM** for those in grades **6** and up who have not been a part of *Hope's* Confirmation program. Please be sure to contact the *church office* to register. At least one parent must attend the **first half hour** of class on **September 15th** for the orientation. (Class will end at **noon**.)



NOMINATED: *Pastor Pfeffer* has been officially nominated (and accepted) to serve on the Board of Directors of the *Plant City Chamber of Commerce*. He will serve a **three-year term beginning in January**.

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!



SPECIAL THANKS: to *Kathy Drapp & Nora Trivunovich* for their skill at making 2 AWESOME table centerpieces out of school supplies for the *Plant City Chamber of Commerce's New Teacher Coffee* **this past Tuesday**. As in the past, each new teacher received a bag of popcorn from Hope with the invitation to “pop over” and worship with us! *Pastor Pfeffer* serves on the planning committee for this event.

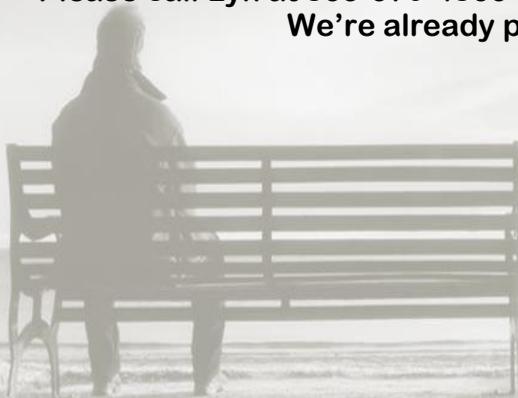


MISS A SUNDAY?: You can listen to the messages from our **Sunday morning worship** by simply going to our website (hopeplantcity.com) and going to the DOWNLOADS tab—there you will our Sunday morning messages. Sermons are posted on **Monday mornings**.



Did you “lose” someone this past year or maybe even a couple of years ago? Losing a loved one is a suffocating experience—sometimes you wonder if you will ever start living again? Or maybe you’re not sure if you even care about life right now... If you need to get back on the “track” of life again—there is a way—we can help you find the right track again. GriefShare is beginning again on Tuesday, August 14th—it’s an “ok” place to be. You don’t have to talk if you don’t want to, just listen—have some coffee, watch the video and see what you think.

Please call Lyn at 863-670-4866 for more information.
We’re already praying for you...



GRIEF SHARE

TUESDAYS
Begins August 14
10:30AM & 6:30PM

PREACHING THE HYMNS

SUMMER SUNDAY SERMON SERIES

August 19th—Amazing Grace

August 26th—How Great Thou Art

September 2nd—What a Friend We Have
in Jesus

September 9th— O Bless the Lord, My Soul

September 16th— Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

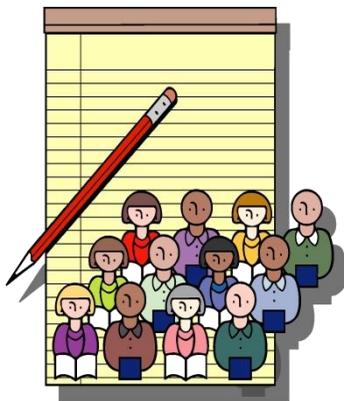
September 23rd— Church of God,
Elect and Glorious

September 30th— Lift High the Cross

Thank you for your requests!

Our New Member Classes

will take place on **Sunday, August 19th**.



Membership Class

DISCOVERING THE FAITH: This class is designed for those desiring membership in *Hope Lutheran Church* who are coming to us from a non-Lutheran background or have been absent (non-member) from the Lutheran Church for over one year. The format for this class will be casual and informal, so please be comfortable. This class begins at **2:00pm** and will bring us to...

DISCOVERING HOPE: This class will begin at **4:00pm** and is required for ALL those desiring membership in *Hope Lutheran Church*. Together, with the leaders of *Hope*, you will be introduced to all facets of the mission and ministry which the Lord has placed in our hands. *Discovering Hope* will truly enable you to discover *Hope* and the many opportunities for service that God has placed before us as we continually strive to "Connect People to Jesus" (our mission statement). The format for this class will be casual and informal.

If you are interested in joining *Hope*, please contact the Church Office at 813-752-4622.

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

GRADES 7—12: TEENLIFE: Many voices compete for influence in teenagers' lives today. Some of those voices are ultimately destructive to their relationships and personal development. This five-lesson series, based on Jesus' words in Matthew 5, will help your students discern between the voices of our culture and true Jesus-centered living. *Leader: Pastor Shea*

PRE-SCHOOL THU GRADE 6: SUNDAY SCHOOL SING-ALONG: Similar to our morning worship Summer Sunday Sermon Series, we will be breaking down the lyrics and learn the meanings behind a selection of classic Sunday School songs that kids love to sing! Join us this summer as we sing, move, learn, and craft. *Leaders: various*

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS at Hope
6:30PM

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

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



YOUTH DATES

August 15—Youth-led Worship, 6:30pm

August 22—Youth Group, 6:30pm

August 26— End Butter Braids Fundraiser

August 29—Youth Group, 6:30pm

September 5— Youth Group, 6:30pm

September 7—Rock the Universe, 5:00pm

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!

Contact Pastor Shea for more info: hopecpastorshea@gmail.com



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

Topics for this month:

August 19: "In Your Light We See Light"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Meditation is time to think, and Christian meditation thinks about God in the light of Jesus Christ. It is "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." (Psalm 36)

August 26: "What Is Best"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Far too many people assume there are differences in commercial products, political candidates and school systems, but these same people believe all religions are the same. Today we join with the Apostle Paul in praying people may discern what is best when it comes to their Savior.

(Philippians 1:9-10)



Find Jesus' words.

Write the word that is the opposite of the one given on the lines.
Transfer the letters from these lines to the ones below.

before
 1 2 3 4 5

large
 6 7 8 9 10

black
 11 12 13 14 15

bad
 16 17 18 19

light
 20 21 22 23 24

front
 25 26 27 28

out
 29 30



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 13 1 7 3 12 4

 9 13 23 13 30 16 25 5 4 1 19

 3 20 22 14 27 1 7 4

 19 17 11 30 2 5 17 7

 12 4 1 23 4 30

 11 12 17 4 23 15 5

 4 8 3 6 3 12 13 6

 25 5 4 8 19 11 29 10 9

 10 13 23 4 2 18 5 4 23 15 5

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Andy Anderson
Diane Bates
Frank Dahkle
Bonnie Genrich

Dorothy Maltzahn
Liz Miller
Mark Stefanos
Tom Thomas

LEADERS:

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer
Pastor Shea Pennington
LCMS Synod & District

Hope Staff
Hope's Ministries

Our Armed Forces
Our Nation
Our 1st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Jim Baldwin	recovering from hospitalization at home
Alan & Sue Griffin Family	mourning death of brother-in-law Bobby Vines
George Hayes & Family	mourning death of brother Ronald

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Diane Bates	health concerns
Frank Dahlke	health concerns
Canon Johnson	newborn family/friend of Brian & Brittany Taylor—NICU
Wilbur Jordan	friend of Joyce Warner—health concerns
Ernie Reaume	health concerns
Mark Stefanos	health concerns

BATTLING CANCER:

Tom Battling	Bob Broshelle	Kori Dunke	Mari	Judy Strait
Herb Bayer	Alice Correia	Marcus Elam	Jean Marie Mactye	Jeannie Lee Taylor
Laura Blake	Austin Dobbs	JoAnne Hayashi	Pat Mailloux	Mr. Wells
CanDee Brandon	Ginnie Donaldson	Barry Himmel	John Rademacher	Millie Wetz
John Brom	Casey Doyle	Dale Jarvis	Alan Rauner	Rick Ward
Laura Brom	Jace Driggers	Lucille Luedke	Abbey Sedlacek	Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

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

Due to space limitation, prayer requests can only be listed for four weeks.



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (8/12/2018) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Donald Finney
Lector	9:15/Gloria Warner
Elder on Duty	9:15/Ryan Reese; 4:00/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Pfeffer family
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 3

10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Judy Adkins, Matt Finney, Jack Moberg

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer in honor of Jesilynn's birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (8/15/2018) ARE:

Lector	6:30/Youth
Elder on Duty	6:30/Wayne Warner
Communion Assistant	6:30/Wayne Warner

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (8/19/2018) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Kaylee Greatens
Acolyte	9:15/Scarlett Gembala
Lector	9:15/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	9:15/Lonnie Bertsch; 4:00/Lonnie Bertsch
Communion Assistant	9:15/Lonnie Bertsch
Flowers	Trivunovich family
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers	Team 1

10:30/ Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Wendell Lattz, Jim Szostkiewicz

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF AUGUST:

Altar Guild	Yolanda Heipp
Nurse	Sally Kimbrell