



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship
9:15AM—Family Bible Hour
4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship
6:30PM—Hope Studies
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 2/24	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	3:00	Rev. Miguel, Sr.'s Retirement Recognition @ Messiah, Tampa
Monday 2/25	9:00	Quilting
	6:30	Choir
Tuesday 2/26	10:30	GriefShare
	12:00	Staff Meeting
	6:30	GriefShare
Wednesday 2/27	1:30	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Living Hope Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Hope Sturdies
	6:30	Youth Group
Thursday 2/28		2019 FL Strawberry Festival
	10:30	Bible Study
Friday 3/1		2019 FL Strawberry Festival
Saturday 3/2		2019 FL Strawberry Festival
	8:00	Trustees Workday
Sunday 3/3		2019 FL Strawberry Festival
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, February 13, 2019:

Worship: 6:30: 25/25

Hope Studies: 4

Sunday, February 17, 2019:

Worship: 8:00: 59/59 10:30: 96/82

FBH: Adults: 38 Youth: 7 Children: 6

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 36/24

Offerings—General Fund: \$9,912.28

Stewardship Perspective:

Luke 6:30-31 – “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that’s for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus. And every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.



Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany

February 24, 2019

AS WE GATHER

In these Sundays after the Epiphany, we have observed many of the miracles of our Lord, who came to save us in body and soul. We give thanks for His many gifts of life and health and daily bread, but especially for our new birth in Holy Baptism—the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. Today we are reminded that because we have received such great, generous, and life-giving blessings from God, we now are enabled to give and share the love of God with others who need God's blessings.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SONG

"God Is Here!"

WOV 719

**God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.**

**Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of Church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!**

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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: Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

C: **As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

P: As the patriarch Joseph received his brothers in spite of their sin because of God's gracious providence, so we are called this day to be renewed by the forgiveness of our sins. Let us then confess our sins to God our gracious Father.

C: **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You and against one another by our thoughts, words, and deeds, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By Your grace revealed to us in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us Your deliverance and forgiveness. Renew a right heart within us by Your love and mercy. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"I Lift My Hands"

**Be still; there is a healer. His love is deeper than the sea,
His mercy is unfailing, His arms, a fortress for the weak.
Let faith arise, let faith arise.**

(Chorus) **I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge,
You are my strength. As I pour out my heart, these things I remember:
You are faithful, God, forever.**

**Be still; there is a river that flows from Calvary's tree.
A fountain for the thirsty, Your grace that washes over me.
Let faith arise, let faith arise. *(Chorus)***

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✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 45:3–15 (p.39)

(Joseph provides for his brothers and family.)

³And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:21-26 & 30-42 (p.961)
(The resurrection body)

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ³⁰Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. ³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

"More Love More Power"

ABS (1) 95

**More love, more power, More of You in my life;
More love, more power; More of You in my life** *(Repeat)*

**And I will worship You With all of my heart,
And I will worship You With all of my mind,
And I will worship You With all of my strength,
You are my Lord, You are my Lord.** *(Repeat all)*

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38 (p.862)

(Love your enemies.)

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

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

²⁷But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

SONG OF THE DAY "Resurrection Power"

**You called me from the grave by name...You called me out of all my shame.
I see the old has passed away. The new / has / come.**

(Chorus) **Now, I have resurrection power living on the inside.
Jesus, You have given us freedom...No longer bound by sins and darkness,
Living in the light of Your goodness, You have given us freedom.**

**I'm dressed in Your royalty...Your Holy Spirit lives in me.
I see my past has been redeemed. The new / has / come. *(Chorus)***

(Bridge) **Freedom, You have given us freedom. You have given us freedom.
My chains are gone... Freedom, You have given us freedom,
You have given us freedom. Hallelujah. *(Chorus)***

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SERMON

"Sent to Save"
Rev. Shea Pennington

Genesis 45:3-15

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Revelation Song"

ABS (3) 53

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Holy holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.**

(Chorus)

**Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.**

**Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
and power be to You, the only wise King. *(Chorus)***

**Filled with wonder, awe-struck wonder, at the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath
and living water, such a marv'lous mystery. *(Chorus x2)***

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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 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

"Revelation Song"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray, Lord, with Joseph of old, who endured hardship and struggle and yet believed it would come to good. Bring all things to completion according to Your wisdom and purpose in Him who as the new Adam has brought hope to a world in sin and death, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, Lord, for guidance amid the changes and chances of this mortal life. Deliver us from the pangs of doubt and from the paralysis of fear. Help us to know with joy our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection, that we may not surrender to anxiety or despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, Lord, for the civil authority and for those responsible to You for the welfare of our nation, state and community. Help them to pursue faithfully the cause of justice and to protect and defend life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Guard all first responders, and protect those who defend us both here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, Lord, for Your comfort upon all who suffer. Deliver the sick according to Your will, and sustain those troubled in body or soul by Your grace. Especially do we pray for *Jim Baldwin, Tom Ellison, Kristin Mercier, Glenn Miller, Virginia Moore, Dan Senkarik, Mark Stefanos, Libby Voigtmann, Dennis Walkenhorst* and those we name in our hearts. Be with the dying and grant them peace at the last, and give Your comfort to those who grieve. Give to all patience and courage, that they may endure these times of trial with hope in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, Lord, for Your love to have its way with us. Lead us to expect no reward, and teach us from Your own example not to act from self-interest but to love even our enemies and to serve those in need. End all bitterness and strife, and let Your forgiveness cover us in our lives together as You cover us with the blood of Christ before Your heavenly throne. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, Lord, that You will bring all things to completion, each according to Your own order and in Your time. And when Christ comes, we pray that You will number us among the saints in glory as the dead are raised and the

perishable is clothed with the imperishable — just as our Savior has promised. Give to us and to all the faithful the inheritance prepared for us from before the foundation of the world as we anticipate in the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, Lord, to grant us these and all things good and wholesome and profitable to our salvation, through the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, our Savior, in union with You and the Holy Spirit, the one eternal God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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 HYMN *"All You Works of God, Bless the Lord"* LSB 930; vs. 1-2, 4, 6

POSTLUDE

"Listead"

Tim Shaw

Connecting Points

TODAY: is the last of the “Sundays after Epiphany” as **next week** we mark the *Transfiguration of our Lord* which serves as the doorway to Lent. The word Epiphany means to reveal or make known, and over **these next few weeks** we will see how our Lord reveals or make Himself known to others. It is our task today to make Jesus known to our family and friends as He reveals Himself to us in both Word and Sacrament. The color of the day is *GREEN*~ a reminder to us that we are to be constantly growing in the grace and love of our Lord.



WHAT'S THE BUZZ...TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING!: It's simple...just take a look in your mailbox **TODAY** for your **March** calendar & servant schedule, and you will see all the great things God is doing with us and among us here at Hope. Be sure to take your calendar home and **INVITE, INVITE, INVITE** a friend to join you!



FESTIVAL WORKERS: Please see *Patrick or Jessica* in the Narthex **TODAY** following each **service** to receive your tickets enabling you to get into the Strawberry Festival on the day you are scheduled to serve. **After today**, tickets can be picked up in the *Church Office*. PLEASE, if you cannot work your scheduled shift, contact *Patrick Griffin at 813-376-0258 ASAP* and bring your ticket to the church office so that it can be passed along to your replacement. Thanks so much in advance for your help, assistance and willingness to share Jesus!



USHERS NEEDED: for our **8:00AM** worship service! We have usher teams with barely enough willing servants for their assigned **Sunday**. If you are willing to serve in this way (husbands & wives are welcome to serve together), please contact *Pastor Pfeffer or Jessica* in the church office.



RECOGNITION OF MINISTRY: will take place **TODAY beginning at 3:00PM** at *Messiah Lutheran Church, Tampa* for *Rev. Miguel Sanabria, Sr.* who has officially retired from serving our *Tampa Bay Hispanic Ministry*. Participating in this recognition will be the pastors from the four supporting congregations—*Hope, Messiah, Family of Christ North, and Family of Christ West*—along with *Pastors Miguel Sanabria, Jr. and John Cabos* who are now leading our *Hispanic Ministry*. This service will take place in both English and Spanish...so PLEASE join us!



GRIEF SHARE: meets **Tuesdays at 10:30AM & 6:30PM.** If you have experienced the loss of a loved one at any time, we invite you to join us. Our Lord wants to heal you from your broken heart and make you 'whole' again. GriefShare offers advice and suggestions to help you see how the LORD is working in your life. Bring a friend or relative if you wish—all are welcome! We suggest that you take GriefShare more than once to receive the most amount of benefit to you. We'll have the coffee ready...and "the Light is always on."



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:** Mack & Sheila Goethe; Jack Goetsch; Ray & Rita Gonzalez; Erika Grant; JoAnn Greatens; Michael & Stacey Greatens; Alan & Sue Griffin; and the members and staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, Bartow. If ANYONE has ANY prayer concerns for our staff, please be sure to contact Jessica in the Church Office.



POP-UP BELL CHOIR!: Want to try the handbells? Fear commitment? Join us for **three weeks** and play on **Ash Wednesday.** See you in the music room on **Wednesday evenings at 5:30.** Questions? Call Donna Koren at 813-695-2225 or contact the church office.



TAKING A SHORT BREAK: Our *Living Hope Worship* and *Hope Studies* class will take a break **after this Wednesday, February 27th until after Easter.** In their place, we ENCOURAGE you to join us for our Wednesday Lenten worship opportunities AND to bring a friend! Special thanks to *John Koren* for leading our Hope Studies class, and our *praise team, elders, and lectors* for their ministry **each week during this winter quarter.**

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMEBRS: Your *Thrivent Choice Dollars* will expire in **March!** We HOPE you remember your church when directing your donations this year! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. To direct Choice Dollars, go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



ISRAEL 2019: Due to the fact there were NOT 10 people to embark on this adventure, pilgrimage of a lifetime to the Holy Land in **November,** we will NOT be going. Thanks to those who expressed an interest but with less than 10 people, it simply will not work for us.

COMING TO HOPE NEXT SUNDAY: for our **LCEF Sunday** is our new Florida Georgia District's Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Vice President, Jay Wendland. Jay will share briefly **at each service** about LCEF, and in detail **during Family Bible Hour** about the work of LCEF and how you can help Hope as we move towards our capital campaign. There are lots of opportunities for you to become a part of LCEF as they build churches in our Synod and right here in our FL-GA District. Our LCEF Advocate is *Liz Pfeffer*, and she will assist you in any way she can.



ATTENTION MINISTRY TEAMS: Effective with our **March** meetings, the following ministry teams will meet on **Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30PM** in Fellowship Hall: *Christian Growth, Fellowship, Health, Human Care, and Youth*. We are doing this "ministry teams meeting night" as a test to allow greater communication and working together between the teams.



LENT IS COMING: and will begin with **Ash Wednesday, March 6th (4:30 & 6:30PM worship services)**. Our Lenten theme will be "The Sermon on the Mount." Again, **this year**, our *Winter Haven Circuit* pastors will join for a "round robin" with each pastor at their congregation for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. **Each Wednesday** another one of our Circuit Pastors will join us to share the Word of God at **6:30PM**. Fellowship dinners will be served from **5:15—6:15PM each Wednesday**.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW: for our annual *Hope Family Outdoor Worship & Picnic* to take place in our courtyard on **Sunday, March 17th beginning at 10:30AM**. Our **8:00 worship** will meet in the sanctuary **that morning**. Our *Fellowship Ministry Team* will provide the hot dogs and brats for lunch; please bring a dish to share. A dessert contest will also take place for those who wish to participate. Listen for announcements!



URGENT HELP NEEDED: Our Florida Georgia District will be the proud hosts of the *2019 Lutheran Church Missouri Synod National Convention* from **July 20-25** at the Tampa Convention Center. *Liz Pfeffer* has been asked by our *District President, Rev. Dr. Greg Walton*, to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for the convention. The convention **NEEDS YOUR HELP**. If you can serve as an usher, page, altar guild, information desk, greeter, etc., **PLEASE (pretty please)** see *Liz* or go to flgadistrict.org/joyfully-lutheran-volunteer-sign-up/. This will be an amazing opportunity to see our church at large in worship and at work! The opening worship will take place on **July 20th** at the Convention Center (*hands are needed to usher and assist with altar guild*).





IF I ONLY HAD A SPOON: is the title of our *United Food Bank of Plant City* cookbook available now for only \$10.00. ALL proceeds benefit the *United Food Bank of Plant City*. If you would like to order one of these limited-edition cookbooks, please see or contact *Pastor Pfeffer*.

**Funeral
Service**



CALLED HOME: We have been notified that former Hope member *Don Smith*, husband of *Margie*, was called home to heaven recently. A memorial service is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, March 2nd** at *St. Paul, Lakeland*. For further information please see *Christine Mansell*.



Hope's Human Care Ministry Team extends their sincere appreciation and thanks for your generous donations of bears last week for Teddy Bear Sunday. We collected and tagged 102 bears to be donated to the *Tampa area Rough Riders Association* who will share the teddy bears with children in area hospitals and in crisis. What a great way to connect people to Jesus!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

TUESDAYS, 10:30AM & 6:30PM
Hope's Stephen Ministry Classroom

All are welcome!
Contact Lyn Senkarik at 863-670-4866 for more info.

GRIEF SHARE[®]

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A day of inspiration, music,
workshops and fellowship!

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
304 Druid Hills Road - Temple Terrace

Old Dog, New Tricks? How the Brain Learns - at Any Age with Mark Schoepp

You know the phrase, but what's your opinion of whether the 'dog' can or can't learn so well? Mark will explore what we know about how God designed the brain and show us it's pretty clear God's answer is a resounding "Yes!". But what's our part in the equation? See how to care for the brain and keep it ready to learn. As is the case with much of life as a Disciple of Jesus, God has given us important work to do to be the best life-long learner we can, to *Live Forward and Give God Our Best!*



A variety of workshops will be presented in morning and afternoon, such as:

- Recording your life journey in words
- Stories from Florida's past
- Yoga for the not so flexible
- Keeping your identify and information safe
- Good grief - secrets to living through loss
- Tai Chi: exercising body & spirit
- Living Wills: Who needs one?
- Creative, hands-on make & take sessions: choose Painting anyone can do - or - Make your own greeting cards

Registration at 9:00 am **9:45 am - 3:00 pm** (includes lunch)

Cost: \$15.00 per person plus a can of food for Metropolitan Ministries

Register together & SAVE! \$12.00 per person when 6 or more register together

Download a registration form or register online at aloaserves.org/fla/aloafest

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VOLUNTEER AT A COMMUNITY SHOE DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, March 9, 2019
9:00am - 3:00pm
University Area CDC
14013 N 22nd St.
Tampa, FL 33613

Volunteers should register prior to the event by scanning the QR code or going to: SamaritansFeet.org/Thrivent and arrive at 9:00AM for training.



500 individuals from the Tampa community will receive brand new shoes and socks! Volunteers will spend time with each shoe recipient by washing his or her feet, placing a new pair of athletic shoes and socks on them, and encouraging them.

Samaritan's Feet was started in 2003 by Manny Ohonme, who received his first pair of shoes from a missionary when he was a child in Nigeria. Those shoes allowed him to learn and play basketball, ultimately earning him a sports scholarship in the U.S. A simple pair of shoes and the kindness shared by this "Good Samaritan" changed the course of Manny's life. The mission of Samaritan's Feet is to bring that same message of hope and love to children and adults in the U.S. and around the world.



Family Bible Hour

Sundays at 9:15am

ADULTS

THE STORY: The "Greatest Story Ever Told" is more than just a cliché. God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what The Story is all about—the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, The Story is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption—and this story's true! Meets in Fellowship Hall. *Leader: Pastor Pfeffer*

THE BOOK OF ROMANS: From Corinth, Paul wrote a letter to Christians in Rome, whom he had never met. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this piece of ancient writing, The Letter of Paul to the Romans, has become the most influential letter in the world. Why? Because God knew Christians in every generation would live in similar places with colliding cultures and would need these words to guide their days. Join us in the study of God's Word in the book of Romans and find relevant answers to many of life's questions today. Meets in the Conference Room. *Leader: Gloria Warner*

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Like the Apostle Paul in Athens (Acts 17), we too live in a world of increasing plurality. Already our youth are encountering various religions and sects within their schools (e.g., Muslims, Wiccans). So, as we prepare to engage peers of various beliefs and worldviews it is important ^[a] that we understand these religions and sects so we can share our Hope in way that resonates with them (like Paul in Acts 17:28); and ^[b] so we aren't deceived or confused by the plurality we encounter. *Leaders: Liz Pfeffer and Pastor Shea*

PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5

THE STORY: Children will experience God's great love as His story comes to life! 31 engaging lessons for preschoolers through elementary children are formatted around relatable Scripture references, memory verses, and Bible themes.

Leaders: Yolanda Heipp, Tracy MacDonald, Ellen Whitehurst

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PSALM 98:4, NRSV



Winter Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship

9:15AM—Family Bible Hour

4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship

6:30PM—Hope Studies & Youth Group

WEDNESDAYS AT HOPE, 6:30PM

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this winter 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

In Paul's letter to the Christians at Philippi he encourages the people to live in a way worthy of the Gospel, put all our anxieties in the hands of our Lord, trusting Him to supply us with His peace, and trust God to meet all of our physical and spiritual needs according to His glorious riches in Christ. Join John Koren in the Conference Room to discuss and share what God is teaching us as He taught the people of Philippi.



SERMON *on the* MOUNT

LENT 2019

ASH WEDNESDAY—March 6: *BLESSED ARE YOU, Matthew 5:1-11, Pastor Pfeffer*
Ash Wednesday reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin,
our Lord will bless us with new life in Him through the cross.

HOST: Youth & Youth Ministry Team | MENU: Chili (*donated by Wendy's of Lakeland*)

March 13: *PRAYER & FASTING, Matthew 6:5-18, Pastor Ron Pennekamp, St. Paul, Lakeland*
We learn about God and ourselves by giving up those things
that can distract us from our connection to Him.

HOST: Missions & Outreach Ministry Team | MENU: Chicken & Rice Casserole

March 20: *DO NOT WORRY, Matthew 6:25-34, Pastor Charles Reich, Grace, Winter Haven*
Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that He knows
what is best and will take care of us to the very end.

HOST: Board of Directors | MENU: Baked Ziti

March 27: *JUDGE NOT, Matthew 7:1-5, Vicar Matthew Bohlmann, Grace, Winter Haven*
When we leave all judgement up to God, we free ourselves
to look at one another through fresh forgiving eyes.

HOST: Music Ministry | MENU: TBA

April 3: *SALT & LIGHT, Matthew 5:13-16, Pastor Jonathan Horsman, Redeemer, Bartow*
We have tasted and seen His great love for us the cross can spend our Lent savoring
His salvation and shining with His glory and grace in the place where He has put us.

HOST: Christian Growth Ministry Team | MENU: Spaghetti & Meatballs

April 10: *BUILD ON THE ROCK, Matthew 7:24-27, Pastor Shea Pennington, Hope Plant City*
Jesus reminds us in His teachings that the only solid foundation is Himself,
the Rock of our salvation. On Him alone we build.

HOST: Fellowship Ministry Team | MENU: TBA

Fellowship Dinner: 5:15PM | Worship: 6:30PM
(Ash Wednesday Worship ONLY: 4:30 & 6:30PM)

A SERIES of SERVICES for the SEASON of LENT

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Thursdays at 10:30AM

We love learning "new" things! This series is entitled "OverComers." The LORD doesn't want you to live under your circumstances, but ABOVE them in His name. We can learn how being an "overcomer" will work in our daily lives. This course is full of encouragement and hope!



YOUTH DATES

February 27—Youth Group, 6:30PM

March 6—Host Lenten Fellowship Dinner, 5:15PM

March 7—King & Country Concert, 7:30PM

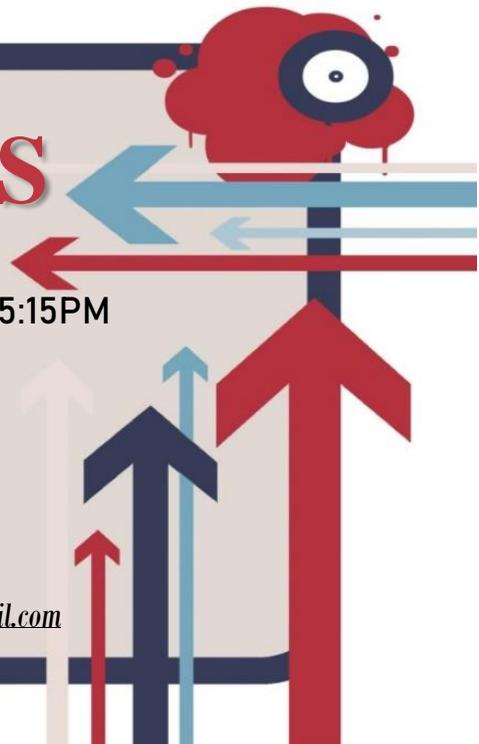
May 1—Youth Group, 6:30PM

May 8—Youth Group, 6:30PM

May 12—Host Mother's Day Brunch

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!

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



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

<u>SHUT-INS:</u>	Dorothy Maltzahn	<u>LEADERS:</u>	Hope Staff	Our Armed Forces
Andy Anderson	Liz Miller	Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer	Hope's Ministries	Our Nation
Diane Bates	Mark Stefanos	Pastor Shea Pennington		Our 1 st Responders
Bonnie Genrich	Tom Thomas	LCMS Synod & District		

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Jim Baldwin hospitalized; anticipating long-term memory care

CURRENT REQUESTS:

D friend of Barbara Ahlers—cancer; recovering from & anticipating more surgery
 Tom Ellison recovering at home; hip replacement
 son-in-law of Tim & Julie Gates—heart attack; bypass surgery
 friend of Jeff & Theresa Justice—breast cancer
 Virginia Moore health concerns
 Susanne Paton wife of Dan Paton—faith and healing from loss
 Dan Senkarik health concerns
 Donna Simmons health concerns
 Mark Stefanos health concerns
 Dale Stolt uncle of Roger & Carole Huset—healing from fall; recovering from surgery
 Suntrust Bank, Sebring shooting victims
 Libby Voigtmann health concerns

BATTLING CANCER:

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Tom Battling	Austin Dobbs	Jerry Gross	Pat Mailloux	Abbey Sedlacek
Laura Blake	Ginnie Donaldson	JoAnne Hayashi	Mari	Judy Strait
CanDee Brandon	Casey Doyle	Barry Himmel	Pat Mason	Jeannie Lee Taylor
John Brom	Jace Driggers	Dale Jarvis	Bruce McConnell	Rick Ward
Laura Brom	Kori Dunke	Gordon Long	Jennifer McCourt	Mr. Wells
Bob Broshelle	Marcus Elam	Lucille Luedke	Mary Ann Pitre	Millie Wetz
Alice Correia	Tim Griffie	Jean Marie Mactye	Alan Rauner	Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

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

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 (2/24/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Alex Attalla
Lector 8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty 8:00/Todd Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers Whitehurst family
Offerings Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers Team 3
8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Judy Adkins, Matt Finney, Wendell Lattz, Jack Moberg

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Tom & Ellen Whitehurst*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (2/27/2019) ARE:

Lector 6:30/Tena Matthews
Elder on Duty 6:30/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant 6:30/Mike McMinn

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (3/3/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Donald Finney
Crucifer 8:00/Kristin Reagin; 10:30/Yulia Hartmann
Acolyte 10:30/Nathan Gall
Lector 8:00/Carl Bergner; 10:30/Cindy Kemp
Elder on Duty 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Flowers Drapp family
Offerings Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers Team 1
8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
10:30/ Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Billy Mueller, Jim Szostkiewicz

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Altar Guild Cindy Petersen
Nurse Tracie Adkins (863-859-7951)