



# Welcome to Hope

## SUNDAYS

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

## LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

5:15PM—Fellowship Dinner  
6:30PM—Worship

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

***“Anchored in Christ, Empowered by the Spirit, Connecting People to Jesus”***

*We are glad you are taking the time to worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us this weekend! We pray God’s blessings on your worship and time spent among us at Hope Lutheran Church! We ask you to please take the time to fill in the Friendship pad (be sure to give us your name and address) and feel free to indicate any prayer concerns on the reverse side of the pad. We are a “Family-Friendly Church” and encourage the participation of children in our worship. However, we realize there are times when children can become disruptive to other 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:*

<b>Sunday 3/24</b>	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
<b>Monday 3/25</b>	9:00	Quilting
	1:30	SFBH Physical Therapy Seminar @ Hope
	6:30	Choir
<b>Tuesday 3/26</b>	10:30	GriefShare
	12:00	Staff Meeting
	6:30	GriefShare
<b>Wednesday 3/27</b>	1:30	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:15	Dinner ( <i>Music Ministry   MENU: Pulled Pork Sandwiches &amp; Sides</i> )
	5:40	Bell Choir
	6:30	Lenten Worship
<b>Thursday 3/28</b>	10:30	Bible Study
<b>Saturday 3/30</b>	10:00	Confirmation class
<b>Sunday 3/31</b>	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	11:45	NYG Youth & Parent Meeting
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

*Worship Attendance / Communion:*

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019:**

**Worship: 6:30: 50**

**Sunday, March 17, 2019:**

**Worship: 8:00: 37/33    10:30: 122/104**

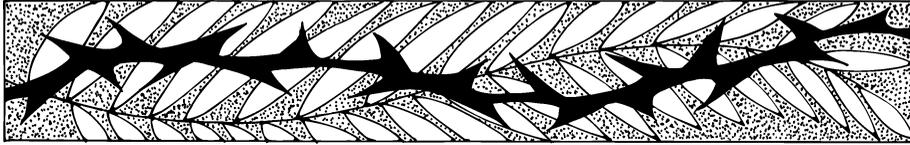
**Spanish Worship: 4:00: 32/19**

Offerings—General Fund: \$6,974.75

*Stewardship Perspective:*

**Luke 13:3 – “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”** The season of Lent is all about repentance – turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?” “What is a temptation I face?” “What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and we pray for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

*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!*



# Third Sunday In Lent

March 24, 2019

## THEME OF THE DAY

*"Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink" (Ex 17:6). When they were dying from thirst, this worked for Moses and the Israelites. It works for us, too, **today!***

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## OPENING SONG

*"Thrive"*

*Verses—Praise Team; Pre-Chorus, Chorus & Bridge—Congregation*

<sup>1</sup> *Here in this worn and weary land / where many a dream has died... Like a tree  
planted by the water / we never will run dry.*

*(Pre-Chorus)*

**So, living water flowing through / God, we thirst for more of You.  
Fill our hearts, and flood our souls / with one desire:**

*(Chorus)*

**Just to know You, and to make You known. We lift Your name on high.  
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide...**

**We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives...  
It's time for us to more than just survive: We were made to thrive.**

<sup>2</sup> *Into Your Word we're digging deep / to know our Father's heart...  
Into the world we're reaching out / to show them who you are.*  
(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)

(Bridge) **Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable,  
anything is possible. (Repeat)**

(Singing higher)

**Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable,  
anything is possible. (Repeat)**

(Chorus)

(Ending)

**We were made to thrive.**

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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: God did miracles for our ancestors on the plain of Zoan in the land of Egypt.

**C: He divided the sea and led them through.**

P: Making the water stand up like walls!

**C: He led them by a cloud, and all night by a pillar of fire.**

P: He split open the rocks in the wilderness to give them water, as from a gushing spring.

**C: He made streams pour from the rock.**

P: Making the waters flow like a river! Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

**C: I know that nothing good lives in me.**

P: That is, in my sinful nature.

**C: I have the desire to do good.**

P: But I cannot carry it out.

**C: What I do is not the good I want to do.**

P: No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

**C: I find this law at work—**

P: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

**C: In my inner being, I delight in your law.**

P: But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

**C: Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

*(Silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)*

P: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! He made streams pour from the rock.

**C: Making the waters flow like a river!**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*"In the Presence of Your People"*

WOV 720

In the pres-ence of your peo - ple I will praise your name,  
for a - lone you are ho - ly, en-throned on the prais-es of Is - ra - el.  
Let us cel - e-brate your good-ness and your stead-fast love;  
may your name be ex - alt - ed here on earth and in heav'n a - bove.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful Father,

**C: through Moses you provided water for the people to drink.**

P: Quench our spiritual thirst through the one who is greater than Moses,

**C: Jesus Christ our Rock and our Redeemer.**

P: In his name we pray,

**C: Amen.**



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 17:1-7 (p.59)*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (p.937)*

<sup>1</sup>For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

LSB 157



**G** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 4:3-10 (p.887)*

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Jesus left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup>And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

## 10:30 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



*Abel Robert Snyder*

## 10:30 SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Borning Cry"*

Jubilation Singers

**SONG OF THE DAY**                      *"The Wonderful Cross"*                      *ABS (3) 34*

**When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and blood flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

*(Chorus)*                      **Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live  
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near And bless Your name**

**Were the whole realm of Nature mine, That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all! *(Chorus)***

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**SERMON**                                      *"Strike the Rock!"*                                      *Exodus 17:1-7*  
*Rev. Shea Pennington*

**SONG OF RESPONSE**                      *"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"*                      *ABS (4) 16*

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free.  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.**

*(Chorus)*  
**Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King, come Thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear your bride, to You we sing, come Thou Fount of our blessing.  
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King, come Thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear your bride, to You we sing, come Thou Fount of our blessing.**

**O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. *(Chorus)***

**I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free.  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.**

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## **EXPLANATION TO THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord?

**C:** **Yes, I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with silver or gold, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

## **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**

*"Wonderful Cross"*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: As the deer thirsts for streams of water,

**C: So we thirst for you, O God.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, as the deer thirsts for streams of water,

**C: So we thirst for you, O God.**

P: For grace, that we may repent of our sins and walk in the way of righteousness, and for an end to complaints against the Lord and His mercy, as the deer thirsts for streams of water,

**C: So we thirst for you, O God.**

P: For grace to recognize Christ, the rock of our salvation, and for the wisdom to recognize temptation and the strength to withstand it, that we might escape the deception of the enemy and the prison of doubt, as the deer thirsts for streams of water,

**C: So we thirst for you, O God.**

P: For grace to guide and bless those who lead us in this land and in all nations; for peace and an end to war, violence and terror; and for a willingness to work together for the common good while protecting the unborn, the aged and the frail, as the deer thirsts for streams of water,

**C: So we thirst for you, O God.**

P: For grace in our homes, for godly husbands and godly wives, for all women with child, for those who yearn for children and have none, for those with the pain of miscarriage or stillbirth, and for grace to raise our children to know and love the Lord, as the deer thirsts for streams of water,

**C: So we thirst for you, O God.**

P: For grace for the ill, for those recovering from hospitalization or illness, for the aged and infirm, for the widow and orphan, for those persecuted because of the faith, for those for whom our prayers have been requested *Cindy Kemp, Dan Senkarik, Dennis Walkenhorst*, and those now named in our hearts, and for God to grant them healing and strength according to His benevolent will and purpose, as the deer thirsts for streams of water,

**C: So we thirst for you, O God.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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: May the Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—who made streams pour from the Rock.**

**C: Make the waters flow like a river! Amen and Amen!**

**P: We are now entering the mission field!**

**C: 'Here am I! Send me!'**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

*LSB 803*

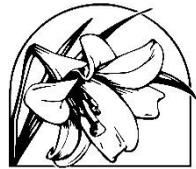
*you are now  
entering  
the mission  
field*

# Connecting Points

**TODAY:** we continue in the Season of Lent. Lent is a time of deep repentance for the people of God as we focus on the payment God made for our sins through the sacrifice of His only begotten Son on the cross that we might live. **During this time of Lent**, the singing of our "Alleluia's" is omitted from the vocabulary of the church until we sing them again on the **Day of Resurrection**. While Lent is a season that lasts 40 days, Sundays are NOT included as every Sunday is a mini celebration of our Lord's Easter victory. The color of the season is *PURPLE*~ the color of repentance and royalty as we reflect on our sins and give thanks for our Lenten King of Glory.



**EASTER LILIES:** We will begin accepting orders **TODAY** for you to place Easter Lilies to adorn our Lord's altar on **Easter Sunday** (may be taken home **following the 10:30 worship service**). There is a limit of **60 plants** so please be sure to get your order in as soon as possible. Be sure to submit your order on the insert provided, and please be sure to CLEARLY PRINT your information. Cost is \$7.00/plant and MUST accompany order insert. No order accepted after **April 14<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday OR all 60 plants have been adopted.**



**TO BE BAPTIZED:** at our **10:30 worship today**, is *Abel Robert Snyder*, son of *Jeremy & Paige Snyder*. Abel was born on July 4, 2018, and we welcome him into the Lord's family through the water and the Word **this morning**. Serving as sponsors are *Chuck & Bonnie Demeree*. "*I have called you by name, you are mine.*" Isaiah 43



**LENTE DEVOTIONS:** are in your mailboxes **this morning**. Please be sure during the Holy Season of Lent to set aside your time with God and reflect on His gift to you! Also, in your boxes are your *2019 Lenten Self Denial Folders*. Please be sure to take yours home, and each day set aside 50¢ **throughout the season of Lent** and return your envelope on **Easter Sunday**.



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



**NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** Our brother in Christ, *Dan Senkarik* is currently at *Palm Gardens of Winter Haven*. Please be sure to send *Dan* a note of encouragement at: *Palm Gardens, 1120 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven, FL, 33884*. He would love to hear from his Hope family!





**COMING TO HOPE TOMORROW (3/25):** will be the physical therapists from our *South Florida Baptist Hospital* to share with us the ins and outs of flexibility and the right ways to use walkers, canes, and other medical equipment. This event is sponsored by our *Health Ministry Team* and **begins at 1:30PM** in *Fellowship Hall*. Be sure to join us and please, **BRING A FRIEND!**



**MORE LENTEN DEVOTIONS:** Our *Florida Georgia District* is providing daily Lenten devotions on their website ([flgadistrict.org](http://flgadistrict.org)) written by our District Staff, Circuit Visitors and Board of Directors. *Pastor Pfeffer's* (Circuit Visitor) devotions are scheduled for **March 26<sup>th</sup>, and April 14<sup>th</sup>**. The theme for these devotions is "Let Jesus Be Seen in 2019!"

**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:** *George & Lorie Hayes; Brian & Yolanda Heipp; Bud Hendershot; Burt & Karen Hermann; Kathy Horne; Rev. Lin Houck; Stuart & Sandy Howell; and the members and staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, Lakeland.* If ANYONE has ANY prayer concerns for our staff, please be sure to contact *Jessica* in the *Church Office*.

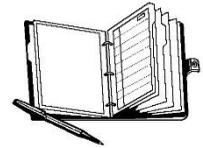


**LENT IS HERE!** Our Lenten theme is "*The Sermon on the Mount.*" **Each Wednesday** one of our Circuit Pastors joins us to share the Word of God at **6:30PM**. Fellowship dinners are served from **5:15—6:15PM each Wednesday**.

**TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE!** The *Pregnancy Care Center of Plant City* will hold their annual *Walk for Life* fundraiser on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**; registration begins at **8:30AM**, walk begins at **9:00AM**. Their goal is to have 200 walkers and raise \$30,000. Proceeds will be used to enhance their Fatherhood program, including purchasing needed curriculum and hiring a male staff member to encourage and equip male clients to become involved fathers and build strong families. Research shows that women consider the father of the baby to be the most influential person in her pregnancy-decision-making process. So, we need to be engaging, supporting, and influencing the man who is influencing her. **This year**, the Walk will begin at *McCall Park* and conclude at the *Pregnancy Care Center* with refreshments and tours of the Center. Contact *Cindy Kemp* for more info and pre-register online at [www.plantcitypregnancycenter.org](http://www.plantcitypregnancycenter.org).



**MONTHLY MINISTRY TEAMS NIGHT:** The following ministry teams will meet on **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **6:30PM** in *Fellowship Hall: Christian Growth, Fellowship, Health, Human Care, Missions & Outreach, and Youth*. Please make every effort to attend as this allows greater communication and working together between the teams.



**LUTHERAN EDUCATION:** makes an uncommon difference in the lives of students of all ages. *Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor (CUWAA)* invite all Orlando-area Lutherans to a special lunch and program on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at *St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo*. *CUWAA President, Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry* will speak about the current state and future of Lutheran education and the unique opportunities Lutheran higher education affords as we seek to develop students for lives of Christ-led purpose, leadership, and service. Whether you have attended a Lutheran college or university, or are curious about the role that Christian institutions like Concordia can and must take in today's culture, please join us. The complimentary lunch and program **begin at 12:15** and RSVPs are required. Reservations are requested. Call *Cori Guerin* at 262-243-4541 or email [Corinne.Guerin@cuw.edu](mailto:Corinne.Guerin@cuw.edu).



**PICNIC THANK YOU'S:** Special thanks to all the members (and their families) for all your hard work **last Sunday** for our *Annual Hope Family Picnic*. It was an AWESOME day for us to spend in both Fellowship at our Lord's Altar and around our tables. THANK YOU for all your time & talents.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the following for the AMAZING desserts they allowed our judges to sample. And the winners are: *1<sup>st</sup> place: Tom Ellison; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kristin Mercier; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Ellen Whitehurst.*



**MORE THAN PEANUTS:** Again, a *TREMENDOUS THANK YOU* to all who lovingly gave of their time and talents to serve in our booth at **this year's Florida Strawberry Festival**. *HUGE THANKS* to *Patrick and Keaira Griffin* for their leadership and booth coordination again **this year!** So, here's the "scoop":

**Pounds of Peanuts served: 1,840 (2018: 1,688)**

**Gallons of Tea/Lemonade: 55 (2018: 51)**

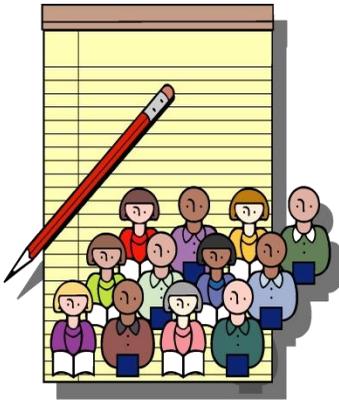
**After expenses, this year's total: \$3,500 (2018: \$2,900)**

And, as with our Turkey Supper, these proceeds will be given to further the Gospel message in our community and beyond!



# Our New Member Classes

will take place on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**.



## 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.

**BLACK SHEEP**, white sheep, wooly sheep, and cute little lambs... **WHICH ONE ARE YOU?** Scripture often refers to us as "sheep" ...not turtles, not chickens...but sheep. There's a reason why... and it's rather humorous, too. Come join us on **THURSDAY MORNINGS at 10:30** in the Stephen Ministry classroom for Bible Class and learn the funny side and the loving side of this story. Each participant will receive their own copy of the book as a keepsake—because it's a real 'treasure.'

*Leader: Mary Lou Nash*



# Physical Therapy Seminar

Learn how to properly use medical equipment  
(canes, walkers, etc.)

**Monday, March 25**

**1:30PM**

**Hope's Fellowship Hall**

Lead by South Florida Baptist Hospital  
Sponsored by Hope's Health Ministry Team



## Feed the Bay Shopping List

### Grocery / Food Needs

Jelly	Corn Oil
Sugar	Coffee
Rice	Maseca Flour
Mayonnaise	Oatmeal (instant)
Canned Sloppy Joe	Grits (instant)
Canned Fruits	Grain Crackers
Canned Vegetables	Meals In A Can (pop top)
Canned Chili	Spaghetti Sauce With Meat
Canned Meats	Peanut Butter (plastic jars)
Evaporated Milk	Boxed Or Bagged Cereals
Non-fat Dry Milk	Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
Ramen Noodles	Plastic Bottled or
Pasta/Macaroni	Canned Juice
Pinto Beans	

### Non-Grocery Needs

Shampoo	Toothbrushes
Deodorant	Bar/Liquid Soap
Conditioner	Feminine Products
Toothpaste	Baby or Body Powder

**March 31, 2019**

[feedthebay.org](http://feedthebay.org)

Together We Can Do More

[feedthebay.org](http://feedthebay.org)

**ONLY AT PUBLIX AT WALDEN WOODS (Redman Pkwy)**  
**Groceries benefit the United Food Bank of Plant City**

# *Let's Spring some Sunshine into our Shut-Ins' Homes!*

**NEXT SUNDAY (3/31)**, your Human Care Ministry Team will begin collecting a variety of items to prepare Love Baskets to share with those Shut-ins in our congregation in need of a bit of sunshine. Please bring the following items **beginning next Sunday through Easter Sunday**, and place in the basket in the Narthex:

- small tissue packets
- small flashlights w/batteries
- greeting cards w/verses (NOT blank inside)
- stamps
- pens
- hand lotion
- wash cloths
- bags of mints
- financial donations are also welcome and greatly appreciated

***Thanks in advance for your help  
as we spring forward sharing  
the love of Jesus!***



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, April 6  
beginning at 8:00AM**



**Work Day**

ALL hands are needed—**big** & **little**—to help get our campus looking good for our spring and summer activities. LOTS of jobs—large & small, inside & outside—need to be completed. Please consider helping. See *Wendell Lattz* or any Trustees Ministry Team Member for details.

# Building ON FAITH

 **Habitat for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>  
of Hillsborough County Florida, Inc.

**2019 FAITH BUILD**

**FAITH BUILD BREAKFAST**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

9:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Driscoll Hall

501 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa

*Since our beginning in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has been built on a foundation of faith. Our mission is to build safe, affordable housing with people in the U.S. and around the world, and that comes from a desire to put God's love into action.*

Bringing together churches to build a house offers a concrete way to put faith into action. A Habitat Faith Build project calls people to leave the halls of the church and to serve in the way



that the original apostles served. Partnering with Habitat offers an opportunity to engage those around you, live your faith and show love for your neighbor as you work alongside a future Habitat homeowner.

**No experience is necessary** and all faith groups are welcome. We will teach you a variety of tasks, both indoors and outdoors, that require all levels of skill and ability.

**We invite you to be our breakfast guest to learn more** and hopefully be inspired to join our 2019 Faith Build as we build strength, stability and self-reliance for a Hillsborough County family.



**THRIVENT**  
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**RSVP:** Melissa at [mjay@habitat-hillsborough.org](mailto:mjay@habitat-hillsborough.org)

# Family Bible Hour

## Sundays at 9:15am

### ADULTS

**THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT:** This Bible study for Lent helps us better understand the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount from the context of His suffering, death and resurrection. This class is based on the theme for our Wednesday worship and we will look at theme for the coming Wednesday each Sunday. *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 <sup>[a]</sup> 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 <sup>[b]</sup> 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*

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

# LENT 2019

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: Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Sides

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: Taco Bar

**Fellowship Dinner: 5:15PM | Worship: 6:30PM**

A SERIES of SERVICES for the SEASON of LENT

# LENTEN *Schedule*

## SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship

9:15AM—Family Bible Hour

4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

## WEDNESDAYS

5:15PM—Fellowship Dinner

6:30PM—Worship

# YOUTH DATES

March 31—NYG Youth & Parent Meeting, 11:45AM

April 12—Game Night, 6:00PM

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: [hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com](mailto:hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com)*

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

<b><u>SHUT-INS:</u></b>	Dorothy Maltzahn	<b><u>LEADERS:</u></b>	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 <sup>st</sup> Responders
Bonnie Genrich	Tom Thomas	LCMS Synod & District		

## *Family and Friends of Hope*

**NEW REQUESTS:**

Mike MacDonald                      brother of Ron MacDonald—health concerns

**CURRENT REQUESTS:**

Jim Baldwin                      long-term memory care  
 Ronnie Hyde                      friend of Christine Mansell & Linda Watson—stroke and brain bleed; critical  
    friend of Jeff & Theresa Justice—recovering; anticipating test results  
 Cindy Kemp                      surgery 3/26  
 Dennis Mansell                      ex-husband of Christine Mansell—hospitalized; multiple complications;  
    pending leg amputation  
 Daniel & Jesilynn Pfeffer                      celebrating birth of Evan Pierce Pfeffer (3/5)  
 Dan Senkarik                      rehab; health concerns  
 Donna Simmons                      health concerns  
 Janet Uhl                      friend of Christine Mansell & Linda Watson—2 heart attacks; 4 stints

**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 (3/24/2019) ARE:**

Bell Ringer	10:30/Abby Aigner
Lector	8:00/Donna Koren; 10:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Todd Warner
Flowers	Heipp & T. Warner families
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 1

8:00/Wayne Warner,\* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;  
10:30/ Todd Warner,\* Mack Goethe, Billy Mueller, Jim Szostkiewicz

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Brian & Yolanda Heipp  
and*

*Todd & Cathie Warner in honor of Remy's birthday*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (3/27/2019) ARE:**

Acolyte	6:30/Scarlett Gembala
Lector	6:30/Scarlett Gembala
Elder on Duty	6:30/Wayne Warner
Ushers	Youth

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (3/31/2019) ARE:**

Bell Ringer	10:30/Alex Attalla
Acolyte	10:30/Bryan Greatens
Lector	8:00/John Koren; 10:30/Mary Lou Nash
Elder on Duty	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich
Communion Assistant	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich
Flowers	Adkins & Howell families
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 2

8:00/Tom Whitehurst,\* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings;  
10:30/Nick Trivunovich,\* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF MARCH:**

Altar Guild	Liz Pfeffer
Nurse	Robin Finney (407-951-6083)