

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greetings Dear Partners in Christ's Mission!

I am excited to once again have the opportunity to greet you with great joy and anticipation in my heart! The excitement comes from all the amazing things that God is doing through us and with us here at Hope. We are a growing, passionate and living church that is truly making an impact in our Plant City community. I believe that God is smiling graciously on our ministry as we continue to join Jesus on His mission, and for that, I ask you to join with me in giving God the glory!

As you may recall, a few weeks ago I had the pleasure of installing the leadership team for our "Building Hope for the Future" capital campaign. We have assembled an awesome group of leaders who have already put countless hours into planning events that will ensure a successful campaign. We are blessed with many gifted, visionary, missional and passionate leaders at Hope who truly love God and Hope.

As we now move from the "Imagine phase" of "Building Hope for the Future" into the "Inform phase," we will share with you the vision that the leadership team of Hope has for our future. As we kick off this phase of the campaign on **August 18th** there will be a special worship service focusing on our campaign theme of "Building Hope for the Future" and our theme verse of Jeremiah 29:11. Following that worship service a special Congregational Forum is planned in Fellowship Hall. Additional forums are scheduled for **Wednesday, September 11th** (following Living Hope), and **Sunday, September 8th** (during Family Bible Hour). We are naturally encouraging 100% participation at these events as it is our belief that we all need to be committed to our "Building Hope for the Future" campaign. Be sure to watch your Sunday bulletins, E-blasts, and listen for further announcements as these dates get closer.

"Building Hope for the Future" is a campaign that will bless each of us, but at the same time this campaign will be a blessing to generations that follow us. What a wonderful legacy we have to create. I would humbly ask each of you to keep our campaign and its leadership in your prayers: pray that God would bless our work in His name as we continue to bring the Gospel to Plant City and beyond. I am so thankful for the ministry of Hope and the opportunity to have served as your pastor these last 23 years and I pray for many years of continued service, learning, reaching out and growing together. I look forward to seeing YOU at one of our "Building Hope for the Future" meetings. May God continue to pour out His abundant blessings upon you.

Together in Mission & Ministry,

Rev. Dean R. Pfeffer, Sr. Pastor

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11