HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"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



Letter from Pastor

Dear Partners in Christ's Mission:

Greetings in the name of Him who loves us and binds us together as His family in this place!

Exciting! What more can we say about what God is doing among us at Hope, other than exciting?! Why, because as Jeremiah records for us: "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." (Jer. 29:11)



It was in 1957 that 5 families came together to bring this congregation into being. It was their desire to have a Lutheran congregation in Plant City where the Word of God is properly proclaimed and His sacraments are properly administered. Here we are 60+ years later. And I dare say, we are still at that task of proclaiming Jesus and sharing His gifts. But that "earthly tent" we know as our church is long overdue of more than a face lift. It is in dire need of replacement. That is what our capital campaign, "Building Hope for the Future" is all about.

In 1957, God had a plan for this church known as Hope. God has a plan today for this same church known as Hope. His plan then as today is for us to prosper and

give us hope and a future. As we look back, we see how God has blessed this congregation in so many amazing, wonderful and beautiful ways. As we look to the future, we know that God will bless us as we are about His will in this community.

It literally comes down to this congregation having a greater impact for the Kingdom of God. Our campaign is about populating heaven. It's about equipping the saints to bring light to all aspects of life. Our church does not exist to rest comfortably in our sheltered holy huddles. The church does not exist to maintain the status quo. The church which Jesus founded exists to take risks, trusting Him, and bring people into a growing relationship with God through Jesus.

Our prayer is that over the next 3 years our commitments to Building Hope for the Future will help to finance our new worship facility in addition to all the soft costs associated with this building (sound system, seating, furniture, etc.). This is a big commitment for our congregation, and it calls for big involvement. I am asking every member of Hope to do 3 things as we Build Hope for the Future:

- Participate in Building Hope for the Future events.
- Pray for God's direction regarding your role in our future.
- Prepare to make a sacrificial gift on November 3rd.

Finally, we place our capital campaign, as well as all that we are and all that we have in the hands of our Lord who has promised to give us a hope and a future.

Together in Mission & Ministry,

Rev. Dean R. Pfeffer, Sr. Pastor

Case Statement

Hope has been a blessing to Plant City and the surrounding communities for over 60 years. Throughout her years of ministry, many have received new life in baptism here, heard the wonder of the Gospel, been shaped and guided by a Christian community and inspired to shine the light of Christ here at home and even in faraway places. The Spirit of



our living God has worked through this body of believers in the lives of countless people. Some of those we know, and some are known only to God. Thanks be to God for that opportunity to be His hands, feet and shoulders in this community.

Today, this body of believers known as Hope Lutheran Church, humbly places themselves before the throne of God to rededicate ourselves to Hope's mission of Connecting People to Jesus. But we know this won't just happen. The relationship of the church to the culture in America is not what it was when Hope began in this community 60+ years ago. The landscape today is totally different. We cannot take a "build it and they will come approach." Our culture is not the same as it was when Hope began ministry in Plant City, and the role of the church in our society today is vastly different. We need to be honest and admit that not

only is Plant City changing but so is Hillsborough County. We must be deliberate and intentional about Connecting People to Jesus if we want people talking in 2057 about how Hope has been a blessing for decades.

That is why we must build Hope for the future. As the leadership of our congregation has shared, there is no doubt that our current sanctuary is structurally inadequate and unable to meet the ministry needs and demands not just of today but for years down the road. Current structural improvements to our facility would cost us approximately \$600,000 and that does not include any improvements and/or refurbishing to the interior of our church (pews, flooring etc.). As we realize, the brick and mortar are only a mere reflection of what this is really about- the Kingdom of God is within us individually, permeating our church family, and extending out into our communities. After all, isn't that the reason we are here to Connect People to Jesus?!

The outward part of Building Hope for the Future seeks to raise 500,000 dollars over three years to accomplish goals that center on our purposes to ensure that Hope is built to minister to future generations and account for the challenges we face. Specifically, we seek to:

- Construct a new Sanctuary with a seating capacity of 300 that is traditionally contemporary to welcome people today and for years to come. We want this to be not only our children's church, but also our grandchildren and great-grandchildren's church.
- Include an overhang/drop-off area and nearby handicapped and visitor parking to drastically increase accessibility to our sanctuary for the elderly, disabled, and parents with young children.
- Include in a new worship center a visitor center (aka Narthex) so that visitors to Hope are welcomed, assisted and provided information regarding the ministries of Hope.
- A new facility will include accessible restrooms that will prevent anyone from searching for restrooms. These restrooms will be ADA accessible and provide changing tables (both restrooms) for parents.
- Provide a sanctuary that is available and accessible for community events (community choir etc.) while never compromising what we believe, teach and confess as a Lutheran congregation.



Capital Campaign Leadership Team

<u>Pastoral Staff</u> Rev. Dean Pfeffer & Rev. Shea Pennington

Campaign Directors
Jim Drapp &
Nick Trivunovich

LCEF Ministry
Support Consultant
Rev. Tom Eggebrecht

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Capital Campaign Schedule

Inform Sunday

AUGUST 18, 2019

Inspire Sunday october 6, 2019

Initial Commitments Event october 15, 2019

Commitment Sunday NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Campaign Celebration Dinner
November 3, 2019

Impact Weekend NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Construction JANUARY 2020

DedicationJanuary 2021

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – WHY BUILD A NEW SANCTUARY?

Existing Issues

- 1. The existing sanctuary was built in 1964. It is 55 years old.
- 2. The current building is becoming more and more difficult to maintain and keep presentable.
- 3. Capacity is limited to around 200
- 4. The roof needs to be replaced
- No restrooms
- 6. Long hike uphill from the nearest handicap parking spot to the church door
- 7. 2 out of 3 A/C units are over 20 years old
- 8. Exterior walls are damp.
- 9. Exterior and interior doors are in poor condition
- 10. The carpet needs to be replaced
- 11. Pews are scuffed, and scarred
- 12. Estimated cost for major remodel = \$300,000 \$400,000 or more.

Functionality

The new church will have:

- ♦ Seating for 300
- Larger Narthex for fellowship
- ♦ Restrooms
- ♦ Covered drop off at entrance
- Handicap parking closer to the front doors with less slope
- Larger more flexible area in the front to better accommodate Church programs or community events
- New sound system and better acoustics
- Specific area for choir and praise band
- Modern maintenance friendly surface

Attract New Members and Spark Interest

The most important/successful/effective way that we can attract new members to our services is with our caring friendly congregation. People who are willing to personally share God's love and witness to how that love helps us to survive in this world and prepare us for the next.

- 1. A clean and new building will make a statement, generate interest, and attract people.
- 2. A clean new building makes a good first impression with visitors and shows that the congregation cares about cleanliness and the convenience of our visitors and members.
- 3. The new church will maintain our traditional worship layout while providing room for more participants. The layout will not change our close-knit family feel and culture but will allow areas for increased fellowship and connecting of members to members and members to visitors.

Economics

- 1. The Building Committee is committed to keeping the project within a reasonable budget.
- 2. Prices of construction increase with each year we wait to build. Per Turner Construction, Building Cost Index is 5.5% per year. \$1.75 Million in 2020 becomes \$2.2 million in 2025 and \$2.9 million in 2030.
- 3. Mortgage rates are at an all-time low. The cost of borrowing money has never been more reasonable.
- 4. The Budget of \$1.75 million is daunting. However, if everyone participates, the mortgage payment is reasonable.
- 5. The new church A/C equipment and lighting will be more efficient leading to lower utility costs.

Capital Campaign - Sacrificial Giving

Your gifts should fully express your gratitude to God for all you have received. Your gift is a commitment for the next three years, but will allow you to reach out to the future of Hope Lutheran Church and assist in our mission, **Building Hope for the Future.**

May the spirit of God come into your heart in deciding your sacrificial gift. This gift is over and above your regular tithe offering.

3-Year	Sacrificial Givi	ing Chart	
Typical Contributions You Can Make			
Weekly	Annually	3-Year Total	
\$5	\$260	\$780	
\$10	\$520	\$1,560	
\$15	\$780	\$2,340	
\$20	\$1,040	\$3,120	
\$40	\$2,080	\$6,240	
\$60	\$3,120	\$9,360	
\$80	\$4,160	\$12,480	
\$100	\$5,200	\$15,600	
\$125	\$6,500	\$19,500	
\$150	\$7,800	\$23,400	
\$200	\$10,400	\$31,200	
\$300	\$15,600	\$46,800	
\$400	\$20,800	\$62,400	
\$500	\$26,000	\$78,000	
\$1,000	\$52,000	\$156,000	

Annually	Families	3-Year Totals
\$52,000	<u></u>	\$52,000
\$26,000	2	\$52,000
\$13,000	4	\$52,000
\$10,400	8	\$83,200
\$7,800	10	\$78,000
\$5,200	17	\$88,400
\$2,600	22	\$57,200
\$1,040	36	\$37,440
	100	\$500,240

Not Equal Giving, but Equal Sacrifice! Why do we need a new facility? Why not renovate and fix the current facility? The age of our facility plus the fact it has been expanded as much as possible in the past the facility is out of code and not accessible to many with disabilities prevents further expansion of current worship center. The cost to renovate, update and bring to code is comparable to building a newer facility.

How are going to pay for it? Our capital campaign will raise a majority of the funds needed to meet our monthly payments; plus, additional dollars that have already been designated in Building Hope for the Future. The goal of our capital campaign is to receive \$500,000 in pledges over a three-year period.



Why are we using LCEF to help us raise funds? There are many fundraising companies that we can turn to, but only LCEF is a part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and will approach our capital campaign from a theological stewardship approach grounded in the Gospel with the emphasis on ministry expansion.

Why are we using LCEF vs. a bank for the financing? What's the advantage? LCEF exists to help ministry expansion. Because we have a number of Hope members with LCEF investments that will lower our mortgage rate to levels that banks cannot compare. In addition, LCEF will also give us rebates as we repay our loan to further ministry expansion.

How will this campaign help us increase participation and attendance? This campaign will be grounded in Gospel centered stewardship principals. Through prayer and Bible Study, we will see how God is calling us to be stewards of the gifts He has given us and in turn, will increase our giving and participation.

Who decides what needs to be done as a result of this campaign? This has been done through the Building Committee reporting back to the Board of Directors and then shared in multiple forums with the congregation. The congregation has the ultimate say in this project.

What is the financial goal of this campaign? Hope's annual giving is approximately \$400,000 annually. The goal of this campaign would be to raise an additional \$500,000 of the total project cost over a three-year period.

Do I really need to make a commitment? The body of Christ works best when all parts of the body are working together. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to make a commitment to this project.

What if I can't make my commitment? This being a Gospel centered project, we can assure you, that no one will track you down if you are unable to fulfill your commitment, we realize situations change.

What if my situation changes for the better and I want to upgrade my commitment? Of course! While we realize nothing remains the same except the Word of God, you can at anytime upgrade your commitment to the campaign.

FAQs

What does it mean to make a commitment? Your commitment is simply a statement of what you are intending to commit to this project. We are asking members to commit to a dollar amount that they will give to this campaign over a 3-year period.

Will new members be able to make a commitment if they become members over the next three years? Yes, new members will be encouraged as every member is encouraged to make a commitment to this campaign.

What is the current financial situation of Hope Lutheran Church? Hope is truly blessed to be a blessing. God is always providing for His people at Hope. We commit 10% of our monthly offering to our District/Synod and taking God at His word to test Him and see that He will open the storehouse of blessing on us, we have never been disappointed by His generosity yet. While at the same time, we will not sacrifice our commitment to our community through our outreach to them.



What is the estimated date for breaking ground for the new building? Current plans are for a January 2020 ground-breaking.

What is the estimated date for the conclusion of the building project? Construction is estimated at approximately 11-12 months.

Who is going to do the construction? At this point that has not been determined, one of the firms (Jenkins Construction) has pledged 10% of their profits back to Hope.

Where will we worship during construction? Worship will continue in our present Sanctuary until such time as construction is complete and we have a Certificate of Occupancy. A Service of Dedication will mark our entrance into the new facility.

What will happen to the current sanctuary upon completion of the project? Plans right now call for the current facility to be removed from our campus.

Will there be new furnishings in the new sanctuary? Yes. The current condition of our pews and other furnishings are beyond repair and made for this facility and would not work or look appropriate in the new facility.

What will we utilize in the new sanctuary from the current sanctuary? We will move our current altar to the new facility as it was made by one of our members and incorporates a portion of the original altar of Hope congregation. We will also move the organ to the new facility. The keyboard and other instrumentations will also be moved.

How will this project help impact the Plant City community with the Gospel? We envision our campus as a "community campus." Groups like the community chorale and others will be welcome to utilize our sanctuary for concerts, plays and the like. However, as we allow others to utilize this space, the Gospel cannot and will not compromised in the process.

How will this project upgrade the gateway to Plant City? Once you exit I-4 at Park Road, Hope is the first church one sees. This will give a positive impact to all entering our community and stand as a type of welcome center to our community as we stand ready with the Gospel.

Will the building be accessible to all ages and abilities? Most definitely! Unlike our current facility which has no restrooms and a steep incline, our new facility will have ample restrooms in the facility which will meet ADA codes and there will be no ramp or stairs to enter and exit the building.

Who is on the building committee? Building Committee members are Dave Booher; Nora Trivunovich, Nick Trivunovich, Jack Goetsch, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann, Tom Whitehurst, Patrick Griffin, Jesilynn Pfeffer, Meghan Trivunovich, Pastor Pfeffer and Pastor Shea.

Can winter visitors and associate members participate in the capital campaign? Yes, this campaign will be for all who are a part of the Hope family including our winter visitors and associate members.

How will we involve community friends and partners in the campaign? Pastor Pfeffer will lead the outreach into our community. There are community leaders who have already asked to be included in our capital campaign because they have been touched by the ministry of Hope.



Will we have a new sound system? Most certainly! We are also working with an acoustical engineer to ensure that the sound is worthy of our prayers and praise. And most import free of the static and other problems that continually plague our current system. We know that faith comes by hearing and everything will be done to ensure that nothing impedes one's ability to clearly hear the Word of God in the new sanctuary.

What is going to happen to our mission? We firmly believe that a new facility will only serve to enhance our out-reach to our community. Connecting people to Jesus is, and has been our mission as a congregation, and THAT WILL NOT CHANGE! We can never lose sight of why the Lord has placed us here but we can utilize this space for community outreach and programs in ways that are impossible currently.

I am afraid of losing our close family feeling in a new facility. We must keep in mind that this is only a building. A building does not have a personality. What gives Hope that special warmth and family atmosphere is not the building... it is YOU... it is the people who worship inside that brick and mortar structure that makes Hope what it is today... and tomorrow.

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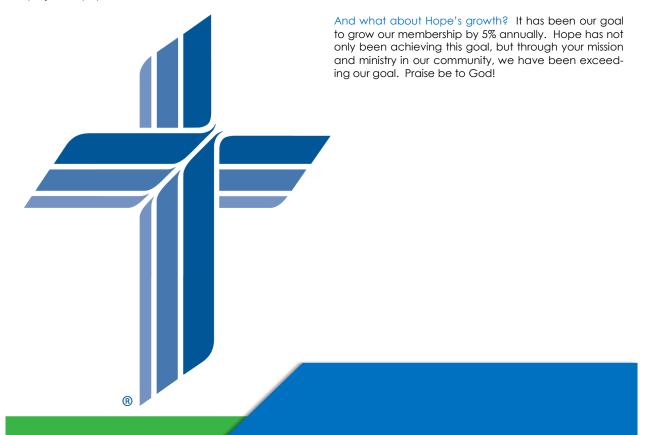
Can our children participate in the campaign? Yes, there is a segment of the campaign dedicated to the children of our congregation. This will be led by Pastor Shea.

How will youth & young adults be involved in the campaign? Pastor Shea will also lead this portion of the campaign directed at Hope's youth and young adults. This campaign is geared to all segments of the congregation as we are all called by our Baptism to be stewards of God's gifts.

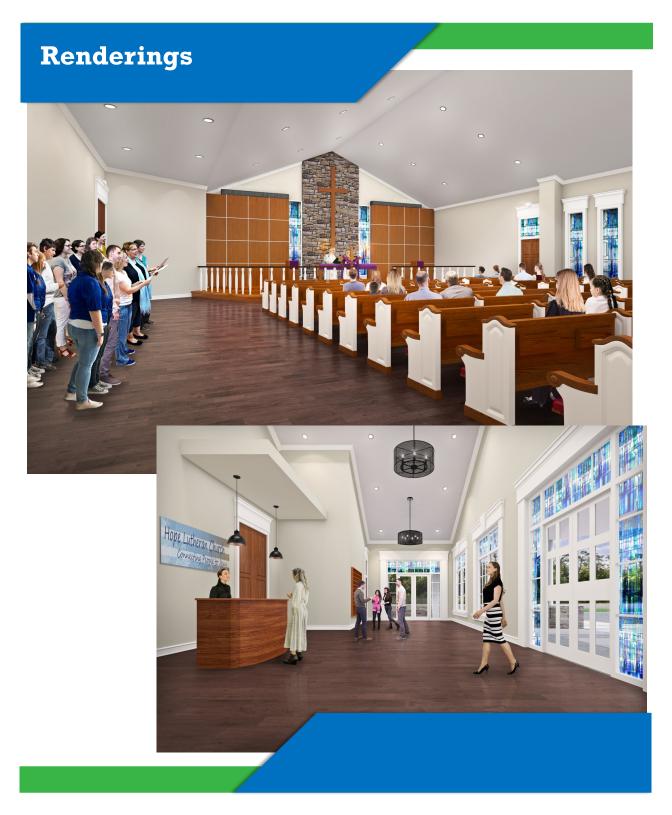
Will the new sanctuary be adjustable for growth? Yes, there will be room to accommodate the future growth of our congregation.

Our current Narthex is so small, will we have a larger area? Our new facility will have a larger, and much more inviting narthex that will also be a "Welcome Center." This Welcome Center will allow visitors to receive information about Hope, and basically help members and guests feel at home at Hope. Most important, this center will help connect visitors with members to build relationships.

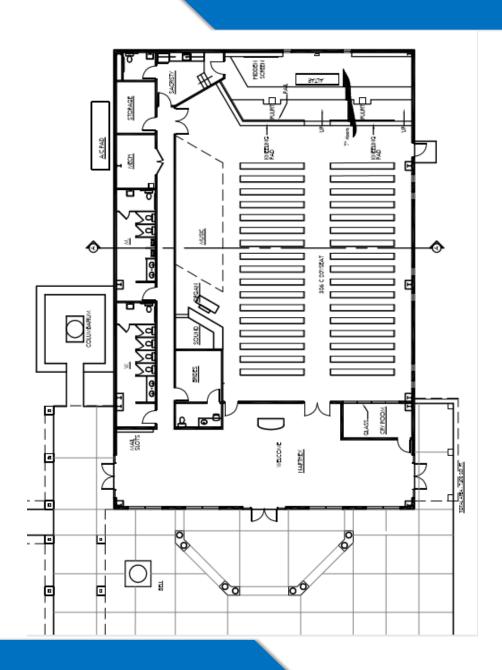
What is the future growth of Plant City? According to the Tampa-Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation, Plant City's population is anticipated growth. Our population in 2010 was 75,133, in 2019 it was 83,856 and projected population is 89,400 in 2024.







Renderings



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