

NEWSLETTER

BUILDING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, PLANT CITY, FL

"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

FROM OUR CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS

Well, we're off to a great start with our Capital Campaign. Thanks to a lot of hard work and preparation, along with the overwhelming participation of so many committed members of our Hope congregation serving on our many different committees. We have now moved into our Inform Phase with the great Site Dedication during our service on August 18th. We followed that up with a great turnout for our informational session with our adults during Family Bible Hour and our children and youth as part of their Sunday School program. We are moving forward from that with many small group home meetings to provide additional information and allow members of our Hope Family to ask questions in a more comfortable setting. So please note the schedule of those home meetings as they are announced and join in at one of those meetings that best fits into your schedule. We know everyone is as busy as we are, so we are trying to give everyone as many opportunities as possible to join in. We would also like to thank all those members who have graciously volunteered to host these meetings at their homes. After hearing an interest from many of our members, we are also looking into setting up with Lutheran Federal Credit Union the capability for our membership to make their contributions to our Capital Campaign electronically. We want to accomplish this in a manner

that it is both easy for our members and efficient for our volunteers such as our Church Treasurer and Financial Secretary, making sure it doesn't create unneeded additional work for them along with being fiscally responsible to our membership. Look for more information on this to be presented in future communications. If this system works well for our Capital Campaign and our memberships expresses interest, we will consider further utilizing this for weekly offerings for anyone desiring to use it.

Thanks again to everyone for all your efforts and participation, and we look forward to working with you to help Hope Build for the Future as we continue our ministry in the Plant City Community.

Jim Drapp & Nick Trivunovich,
Campaign Directors



MEET OUR CONSULTANT



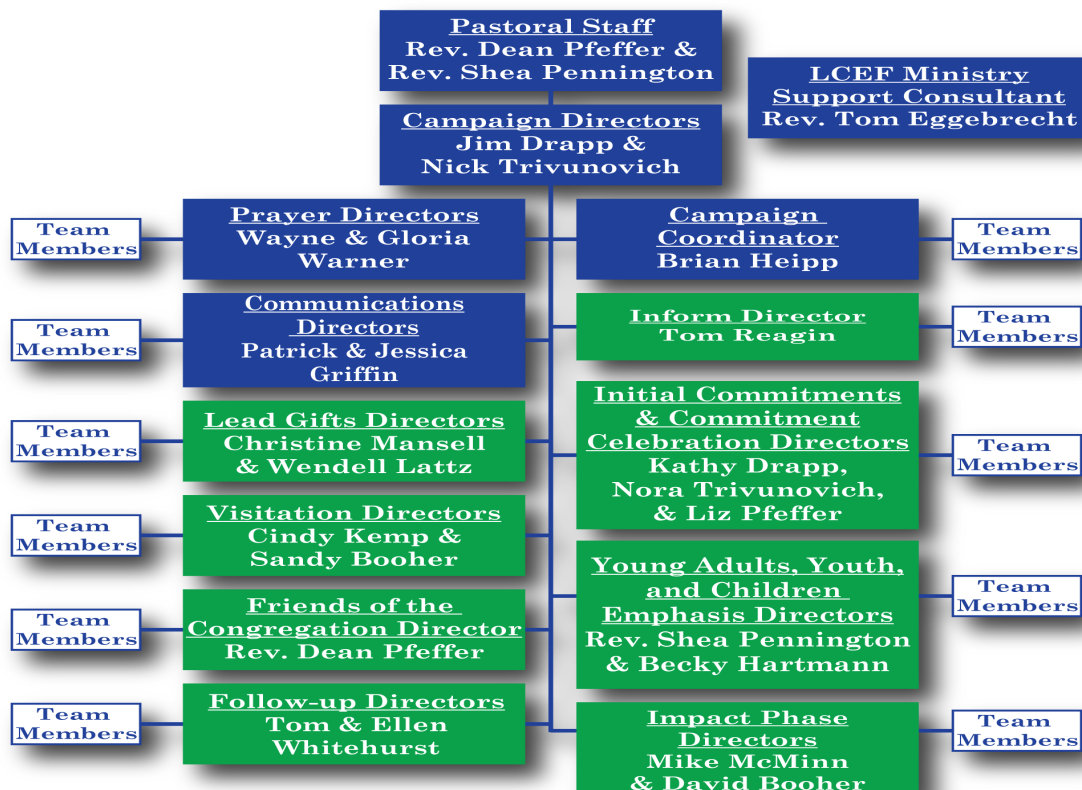
Tom Eggebrecht finds it a great joy to work with congregations who desire to expand ministry and follow the leading of the Lord as He guides and directs them into the future. It is his firm belief that our creative God has instilled in us the creativity to serve Him in ways that reflect His image and bring more people into contact with the Gospel message.

Tom has served congregations in North Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin, and most recently, as Senior Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church, Casselberry, Florida. He recently accepted a new position with LCEF. On August 30th he began duties as Vice President of Ministry Support – East Region. The Lord has given Tom other opportunities for ministry as an adjunct professor of theology at Concordia University – Wisconsin, worship planner for the LCMS National Youth Gathering, and as a chaplain for the Casselberry Police Department.

Tom is a prolific writer and blogger on the topics of creativity, ministry, culture, and the church. His writing has been published in *Portals of Prayer*, *The Lutheran Witness*, by Creative Communications for the Parish, and in various other church-related publications. He recently wrote and released the book, *Fully and Creativity Alive: How to Live a More Joyfully Fulfilling Life*.

Tom is married to Tammy, and they have two adult children and three grandchildren. He enjoys bicycling, reading, Disney, the Milwaukee Brewers, the Green Bay Packers, the sunshine, and being a granddad.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM



FROM OUR PASTOR

God, the Holy Trinity has called, and every day continues to call us to serve the people of Hope, Plant City and our surrounding communities. Our Vision Statement says it best: *"To reach the people of our communities with the love of Jesus Christ and the invitation for celebrative worship, spiritual growth and service to others in His name!"*

Now here we are on the threshold of a new, bold, and most important faith-filled, faith-directed journey. A journey in faith in which God has promised to give us both a *"hope and a future"* (Jeremiah 29:11). This is a journey, we are taking together as a family of faith, a family of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. A journey in which the entire Hope Family is being asked to join and participate. A journey that will take us from our current sanctuary to our new mission hub! A journey in which we will seek the Lord's leading, guiding and directing. A journey in which God is already showing us can go from imagining what can be to impacting generations to come with the Gospel.

A number of years ago, the leaders of Hope began seeking God's will and direction for this congregation as we serve in our community. God has blessed this congregation to the point that we are and have been debt free since approximately

2005. This has allowed us to have a greater impact on and in our community. We as a congregation have given back to our Florida Georgia District and Synod 10% of our first fruits. In addition, we have tithed back to our community the proceeds from various "fundraisers" to have an even greater impact in the church, community and world.

Now the time has come. Now the day is at hand. This is the day the Lord has made for us as at Hope to see that *hope and future* He promises as we move forward and *Build Hope for the Future*. As you know, we must look forward. Forward to the blessings God has in store for us. Forward to the future members who will occupy our places at Hope in 20, 30 or even 50 years. While we are building Hope now...more importantly we are *building Hope for the future*. Building it for our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I want this to be the place where my grandchildren will grow in their faith, confirm their faith, and eventually say to you and me... *"thank you for walking by faith and answering God's call to Build Hope for the Future."*

With our hope in future in Christ,
Rev. Dean Pfeffer, Sr. Pastor

HOME GATHERINGS

Our Home Gatherings are beginning...and we would love to have you join us!

Beginning in September and continuing through the month of October, we will gather together in member's homes to be informed, to be inspired, to be encouraged, and to have questions or concerns addressed regarding "Building Hope for the Future."

We are eager for all to know what a **blessing** a new sanctuary would be to us! We are anxious for you to be **blessed** by your involvement and your coming together with us. And remembering God's promise to Abram in Genesis 12:3, ***I will bless you..., so that you will be a blessing***, we believe that our new sanctuary would allow us to be a **blessing** to many in our community.

May we always be a witness to the hope we have in our God, and His faithfulness to us, as we "Build Hope for the Future." We give all glory to Him for His many gifts and blessings!

Your invitations will be coming soon! Please respond as we share our homes with you and welcome you with great Joy!

Lord, how we love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

Sharing His love and ours,
Cindy Kemp & Sandy Booher, Visitation Directors

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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

Dedication

January 2021

