



# Welcome to Hope

## SUNDAYS

9:15AM—Worship  
10:30AM—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:*

<b>Sunday 9/29</b>	9:15	Worship w/Communion
	10:15	Special Voter's Meeting
	10:30	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
<b>Monday 9/30</b>	9:00	Quilting
	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Choir
<b>Tuesday 10/1</b>	10:30	GriefShare
	6:30	Ministry Team Meetings: Christian Growth, Fellowship, Health, Human Care, Missions & Outreach, Youth
	6:30	Nominating Committee
<b>Wednesday 10/2</b>	6:30	Living Hope Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Hope Studies
	6:30	Youth Group
<b>Thursday 10/3</b>	10:30	Bible Study
	6:30	Elders Ministry Team Meeting
<b>Saturday 10/5</b>	10:00	Confirmation class
<b>Sunday 10/6</b>	9:15	Worship w/Communion
	10:30	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

## *Worship Attendance / Communion:*

### Wednesday, September 18, 2019:

**Worship: 6:30:** 25/25

**Hope Studies:** 5

### Sunday, September 22, 2019:

**Worship: 9:15:** 125

**FBH: Adults:** 38 **Youth:** 0 **Children:** 0

**Spanish Worship: 4:00:** 30/24

Offerings—General Fund: \$8,955.77

## *Stewardship Perspective:*

**Matthew 18:3** – “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Children trust their parents. They look to their parents to bless them and care for them. We are children of the heavenly Father, and He invites us to trust Him. He has given us proof of His trustworthiness by sending His Son to save us. Children delight in giving their parents gifts – cards and crafts that come home from school, bouquets of dandelions from the front yard, etc. Parents don't need any of these things; such things don't add to their parents' wealth. But parents delight in receiving these signs of love and thankfulness. Can you see how this applies to us giving gifts to our heavenly Father?



St. Michael And All Angels

September 29, 2019

## **AS WE GATHER**

*The reality of an all-encompassing cosmic conflict is not a concept that may often cross our minds. Yet in both the Old and New Testaments, the battle between good and evil, between God and His forces, and Satan and his allies is a prominent theme. On the day of St. Michael and All Angels, we reflect on that mighty battle and its combatants. We become part of the action and realize anew how costly the victory has been for Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who is worthy to receive our endless praise. The holy angels have been and continue to be God's agents, surrounding us and ceaselessly working on our behalf!*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **OPENING SONG**

*"Whom Shall I Fear"*

**You hear me when I call. You are my morning song.  
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light. Whom shall I fear?  
You crush the enemy / underneath my feet.  
You are my sword and shield / though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?**

*(Chorus)* **I know Who goes before me / I know Who stands behind:**

**The God of angel armies / is always by my side!  
The One Who reigns forever / He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.**

**My strength is in Your name / for You alone can save.  
You will deliver me. Yours is the vi—ct—ory.  
Whom shall I fear? ... Whom shall I fear? *(Chorus)***

*(Bridge)*

**And nothing formed against me shall stand! You hold the whole world in  
Your hands. I'm holding on to Your promises; You are faith—ful,  
You are faith—ful.**

**You are faith—ful. *(Chorus)***

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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: The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!" And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**C: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works, I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

**C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we humbly confess our sins to You. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have not followed Your law in our thinking, speaking, or doing. We have followed our own ways and have not obeyed Your commands. We repent of our transgressions and ask Your forgiveness. Renew us by the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may cast aside the works of darkness and live as Your faithful people who walk in the light of Christ.**

P: In His mercy, God has promised to hear our confession and to respond with forgiveness and love. As a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be

kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      *"Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship"*      *LSB 949*



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;  
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."  
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!  
Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.  
Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*      *Jubilation Singers* 



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3 (p.748)*

*(The Book of Life contains the names of the faithful whom God will deliver.)*

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come." <sup>1</sup>"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Revelation 12:7-12 (p.1034)*

*(The great war in heaven is won by Michael and his angel army.)*

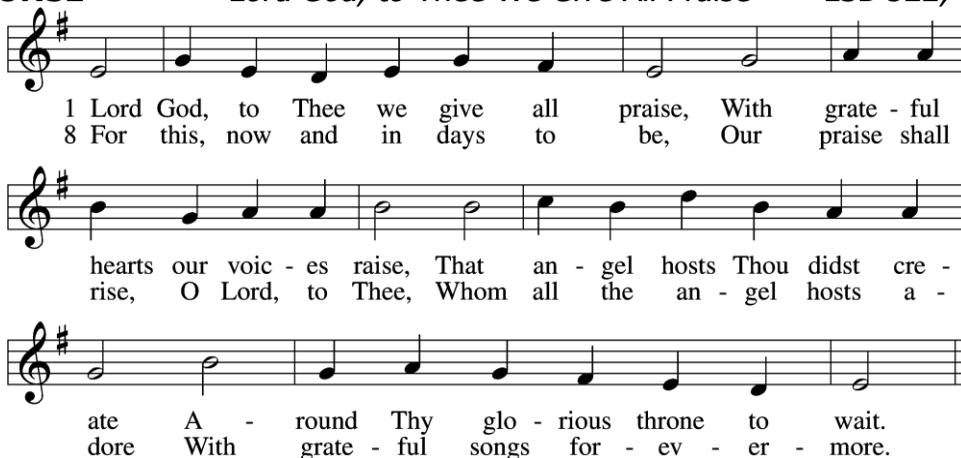
<sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they

loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE** "Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise" *LSB 522; v. 1 & 8*



1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise, With grate - ful  
8 For this, now and in days to be, Our praise shall  
hearts our voic - es raise, That an - gel hosts Thou didst cre -  
rise, O Lord, to Thee, Whom all the an - gel hosts a -  
ate A - round Thy glo - rious throne to wait.  
dore With grate - ful songs for - ev - er - more.

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**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 10:17-20 (p.868)*

*("Their angels always see the face of My Father.")*

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

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

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "On Eagles' Wings" *LSB 727*

**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.*

**IMMEASURABLY MORE... MOMENT**

*Prayer Team, Building Hope for the Future*

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**P:** We give You thanks, O Lord, for all the blessings You have bestowed upon us, and we have come at Your bidding to plead on behalf of all Your people in Christ and for all people as they have need. Almighty God, You have surrounded us with Your love and favor and sent for angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, to do Your bidding on our behalf. We are grateful for the many ways that You watch over, protect, defend and keep us, Your people, against the forces of temptation, despair and evil. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Mighty God, You have made all things and given the stewardship of creation to us. Make us wise and discerning as we explore the mysteries of Your creative power throughout the world You have made, and keep us from abusing both the gift and the responsibility we have to You and to all creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Faithful Lord, You have redeemed us so that we may live new and holy lives, seeking not the desires of our hearts but Your will and command above all. Reveal to us how best to serve You and do Your work here on earth, and lead us to show forth our faith by doing good works that glorify Your name and serve our neighbor. As we serve You, O Lord, we ask Your hand of blessings upon *Building Hope for the Future*, that this place may be the mission hub of this community for years to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Almighty Father, You have promised to hold accountable all who hold authority over us. Bless *Donald*, our president; *Ron*, our governor; all legislative bodies; all judges and magistrates; and all who serve the public trust, that they may act with integrity and honor in the fulfillment of all their duties and serve the causes of peace and justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, You know our weakness and the violence, hatred and prejudice that rules our sinful hearts and is so prevalent in our nation today. Bring to nothing the plans of all those who seek war or act in violence against others, and preserve our nation and our world in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Loving God, You have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows even to death. Hear us on behalf of all those who suffer illness and affliction of body or mind, and grant them relief, comfort and healing according to Your gracious will. Especially do we pray for *Helen Jarvis, Dorothy Maltzahn, Glenn Miller, Rayetta Stare, and Tom Whitehurst*. Bless also the caregivers in hospitals, nursing facilities and homes, that they may act with compassion toward those in need of care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Lord, You give great blessings and none is greater than the gift of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the salvation He won by His death and resurrection. Give to us Your Holy Spirit, that as we approach His table today we may be prepared through repentance and equipped by faith to receive His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin. Unite us as one people in faith and life here on earth until, together with the saints above, we meet You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Remembering Your mercy and rejoicing in Your gifts, we offer You the song of praise, the voice of thanksgiving and the service of our hands, along with the prayers we pray, trusting that You will grant us all things good and beneficial and keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation. With angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, and with all the heavenly host, we seek only to do Your will and to adore You as God above all gods, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

**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.**



† HOLY COMMUNION †

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*We listen again to the very words spoken by Jesus Christ in the upper room, "take and eat, this is my body... take and drink, this is my blood". We prepare to receive what Jesus has promised to share with us, His very presence. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, Christ nourishes us, forgives us and strengthens us with His presence.*

**P:** The peace of the Lord † be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 963*

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## COMMUNION STATEMENT

*If you desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please remember that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is available to those who: <sup>1</sup>Are baptized AND instructed in the Christian faith; <sup>2</sup>Examine themselves in a manner appropriate to adult maturity and recognize their own need for forgiveness; <sup>3</sup>Believe that the Crucified and Risen Lord is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine; <sup>4</sup>Believe that in this sacrament God gives us forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith; <sup>5</sup>Accept their place of responsibility in the whole church on earth. If this is your sincere belief, then joyfully share this sacrament with us. If this is not your belief, please remain seated for a time of prayer on the many blessings God has given you. If you have any questions, please see a pastor or an elder. Please remember the words of St. Paul, "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor. 11:29) For those with dietary restrictions, a light-colored grape juice is also served in the center of the tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Note: During distribution, one of our pastors will be in the back of the church for a time of individual prayer with anyone desiring.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"*

*LSB 680*

*"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*

*LSB 670*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

## **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 SONG**

*"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, awestruck 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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## Connecting Points

**TODAY:** the church calendar marks "St. Michael and All Angels." **This day is always September 29<sup>th</sup>.** This day is an opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate God's wonderful provision for his people in creating the angels who serve Him and us. The angels are dedicated to defending Christians against all assaults of the devil and the fallen angles who followed Satan into perdition. The color of the day is *GREEN*~ the color of growth and life to remind us that we are to be daily growing in our faith and life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



**DUE TO THE VOTERS MEETING:** our pastors will NOT greet at the doors **following worship** as usual in order to facilitate a quick beginning to our meeting. We **ENCOURAGE** you to remain following our closing hymn for this **IMPORTANT** meeting!



**TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING:** Just take a look in your mailbox and there you will find everything that is happening in **October** here at *Hope* and beyond! Your **October** calendar and Servant Schedule is waiting in your mailbox for you to take home and post on your refrigerator! P.S.: Don't forget to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to join us this month!



**REMINDER:** that **following** our special voters meeting **today**, our *Family Bible Hour* classes **WILL MEET** (time permitting)!

**BE SURE TO INVITE:** family and friends to our worship **each Sunday at 9:15AM** and **Wednesdays at 6:30PM**. What a great way for you to share what God is doing among us as we join together as God's family for worship.



**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**.



**IMMEASURABLY MORE MOMENTS:** If you missed a Sunday or would like to read for yourself, our **Sunday morning Immeasurably More** devotions are available to read at [hopeplantcity.com/building-2019](http://hopeplantcity.com/building-2019).



PRAYER MINISTRY

**CALLS TO SERVE:** will be sent **in the coming days** to many of you to prayerfully consider serving our Lord and His church through our many ministry teams in **2020**. PLEASE, take the time to prayerfully consider this call to serve and impact our community with the Gospel. "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Is. 6:8)



**OUR HOME GATHERINGS:** have begun! You should have received (or will soon be receiving) your personal invitation to your assigned meeting. If, however, you cannot attend your assigned meeting, we encourage you to contact your host and they will suggest another home gathering that will work with your schedule. Don't let this opportunity pass you by...your participation is important in the future ministries of this congregation!



**GONE FOR THE WEEKEND?:** No worries...Don't forget Hope's **Wednesday evening** Living Hope worship at **6:30!** This is a great opportunity for you to worship if you missed joining your brothers and sisters at Hope on a Sunday morning! Holy Communion is celebrated each Wednesday. *(This worship opportunity is not a repeat of our Sunday worship.)*



**READERS NEEDED:** For our **Wednesday Living Hope Worship** services. If you are willing to serve in this way, please see *Pastor Pfeffer*.

**HOPE STUDIES:** has returned. Join us **each Wednesday at 6:30PM** in the *Conference Room*. *John Koren* is leading us in another exciting Bible study this fall!

**NEW BIBLE STUDY:** Our *Thursday Morning Bible Study* group has begun a new study. *The Vine Speaks* is a Bible study rooted in Jesus' words in John 15. We are exploring how Christ works in us by drawing lessons from the seasons of the vineyard, from the lives of the apostles, from the authors experiences, and from our own circumstances and perspectives. All are invited and welcome! Please join us **Thursdays at 10:30AM**. For more information or to receive a study guide, see our leader, *Sandy Howell*.



**LIMITED TIME ONLY:** Tickets for the *Food Bank's annual Empty Bowls Lunch* on **November 9<sup>th</sup>** are only \$5.00 **until October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to get your tickets **TODAY** from either *Pastor Pfeffer* or *Becky Hartmann*.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** to proud great-grandparents Carl & Brenda Bergner as they give thanks to God for the birth of new great-grandson Carter Dale Jones, born on **September 21<sup>st</sup>** to Shane Jones & Jordan Williams.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5



**CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** A Thrivent Action Team is sponsoring a Christmas gift project for residents of *Community Care Center*. We'll be collecting items **through October 20<sup>th</sup>**. Put yourself in their place...think of something that would give you enjoyment! Large print books and devotionals have been suggested. If you want to bring slippers, they must be closed-toe and heel. The gifts will be labeled and wrapped **after Family Bible Hour (11:30AM)** on **October 20<sup>th</sup>** in the *Stephen Ministry classroom*. ALL are welcome to help! See Sally Kimbrell for more information.



**THIS JUST IN:** Due to illness, our *Circuit Reformation Speaker*, Rev. Dr. Kou Seying will not be able to join us on **October 27<sup>th</sup>**. We pray for the Lord's hand of healing on Dr. Seying. We have, however, been able to secure Rev. Dr. John Nunes, *President of Concordia University, Bronxville, New York*. (President Nunes was our speaker a few years ago, while he was at *Valparaiso University*). We are excited to welcome Dr. Nunes back to our Circuit! You don't want to miss hearing this inspirational and motivational speaker as he proclaims that precious truth, we are saved by grace through faith!



**GOBBLE, GOBBLE:** Yes, it's early to start talking about our Turkey Supper, but maybe if we do, it might usher in some cooler air! BUT what we really need to share with you is the need for THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS to help defray the cost of the turkeys and some of our needed supplies. Special offerings are always welcome as well in advance of the dinner to help cut costs. Simply use the blue envelopes in your pew and mark them TURKEY SUPPER. Your love and Spirit motivated giving goes a long way as we reach out in our community to *Connect People to Jesus!*



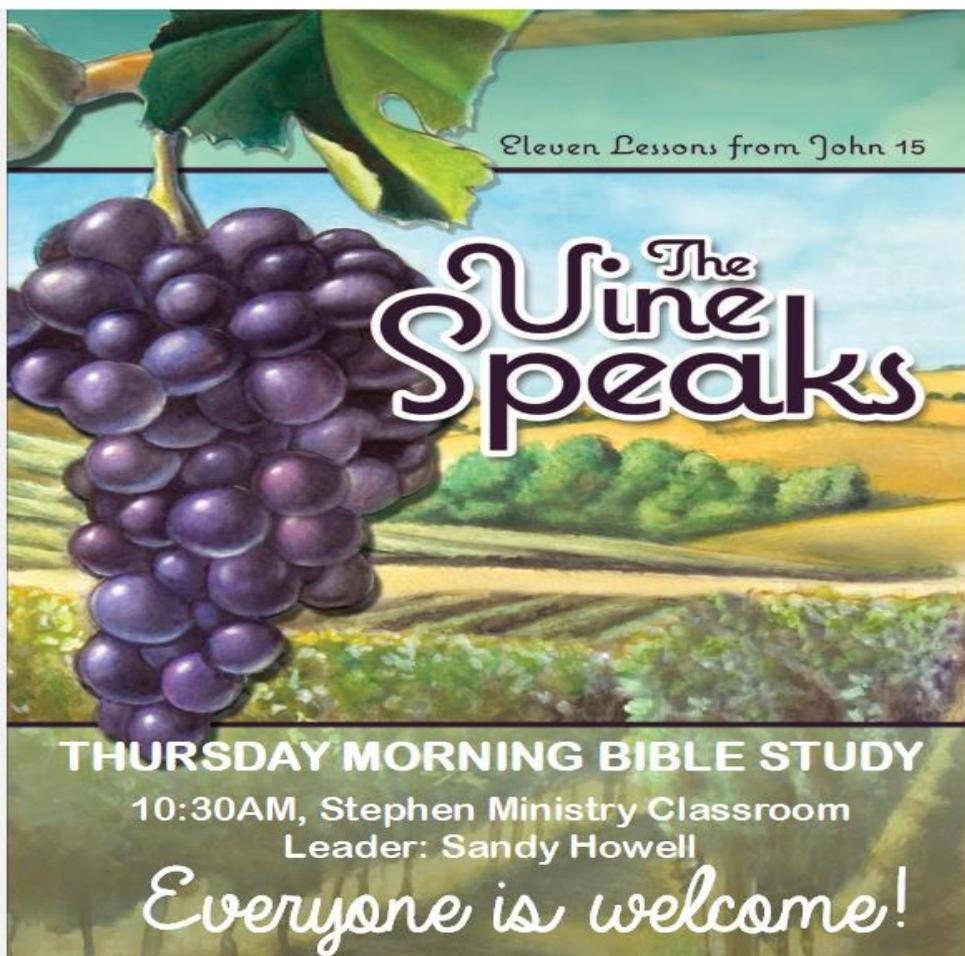
**A FRIENDLY REMINDER:** All announcements for our **Sunday** bulletins are due to Jessica ([hopepcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopepcsecretary@gmail.com)) by **NOON, TUESDAYS**. In order to prepare bulletins in a timely manner, this deadline is required. Thanks in advance for your assistance and cooperation.



**AVAILABLE:** under the mailboxes are new booklets published by our Synod entitled "A Simple Explanation of Holy Communion." These questions and answers are based on Luther's Small Catechism and a GREAT review for all of us.



**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** to take place **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP THIS MORNING** regarding our LCEF loan and the wording necessary for them to process our loan. The resolution we need to approve is as follows: Whereas the budget for the New Sanctuary approved by the Voters Assembly on May 19, 2019 is \$1.75 million for all costs; and Whereas the congregation anticipates having \$250,000 down payment prior to construction, requiring borrowing from LCEF the amount of \$1.5 million for the New Sanctuary; and Whereas the actual cost of the completed construction is unknown at this time; and Whereas the congregation desires to have the ability to borrow up to \$250,000 in additional funds to cover unforeseen excess costs for this project, without the delay of having to start the loan application process over; Be it Therefore Resolved that the Building Committee continue to proceed with the construction plans based on an overall project budget of \$1.75 million; and that the Building Committee is authorized to obtain Loan Approval from the LCEF in the amount up to \$1.75 million for this project.



Eleven Lessons from John 15

# The Vine Speaks

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**  
10:30AM, Stephen Ministry Classroom  
Leader: Sandy Howell

*Everyone is welcome!*

# NEW FAMILY BIBLE HOUR CLASS THIS OCTOBER!



## “LIVING AS CHILDREN OF A GENEROUS GOD”

As we journey through the INSPIRE phase of Building Hope for the Future, these studies begin with our relationship to God (His children) rather than our relationship to things (stewards of His blessings). Our relationship to God determines our relationship to things. Join us to give thought and prayer to our response to the challenge to be a participant in God's mission here at Hope, knowing the challenge is always one that is put forth within the context of all of life being made new in Christ. October 6-27

Leaders: Adults: Gloria Warner; Middle & High School: Pastor Shea;  
Elementary: Yolanda Heipp & Liz Pfeffer;  
Preschool: Ellen Whitehurst & Tracy MacDonald

THE NINTH ANNUAL

# Empty Bowls Project

**Saturday, November 9, 2019**  
from 10:00AM to 1:30PM • Soup Up 10:00AM  
benefitting the United Food Bank & Services of Plant City

**The Robert W. Willaford Railroad Museum**  
on Palmer Street in Downtown Plant City

**Tickets:** \$10 Donation to UFB      **Tickets Include:** 

One Trip to the soup kitchens with (2) 8ozs. styrofoam cups, a lunch bag with napkins, spoon, crackers, a fruit & bottle water.  
\*Also includes a handcrafted student bowl to take home as a reminder of all the "Empty Bowls" everyday.

UFB | 702 E. Alsobrook St., Ste. H, Plant City, FL 33563 • (813) 764-0625 • [www.ufbpc.org](http://www.ufbpc.org)

**Entertainment Provided By:**

**Larry Clark**  
Christian and Secular Jazz Saxophonist  
and Member of the Carolina Beach  
Music Hall of Fame

**Ace Jackson and the Jump Kings**  
Pop and Jazz Band



**“The Fork Ran Away With The Spoon”**  
5K RUN/WALK  
STARTS AT 7:00AM  
Registration Required At  
<https://forkranawaywiththespoon5k.com>  
Deadline: November 7th, 2019  
All proceeds go to the United Food Bank





Winter Haven LCMS Circuit Churches gather for a

**REFORMATION**

*Celebration*

**October 27, 2019**

at Christ Lutheran Church,  
2715 Lakeland Hills Blvd., Lakeland, 863-682-7802

**WORSHIP SERVICE @ 4:00 PM**  
(Pre-service music begins at 3:30pm)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes,  
President of Concordia University, Bronxville, New York

**GERMAN STYLE MEAL**  
**@ 5:15–7:00 PM**  
in Fellowship Hall



# Fall Worship



## SUNDAYS

9:15AM—WORSHIP

10:30AM—FAMILY BIBLE HOUR

4:00PM—SPANISH WORSHIP

## WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

6:30PM—HOPE STUDIES

6:30PM—YOUTH GROUP

## YOUTH DATES



October 2— Youth Group, 6:30PM

October 9— Youth Group, 6:30PM

October 16—Youth-led Worship, 6:30PM

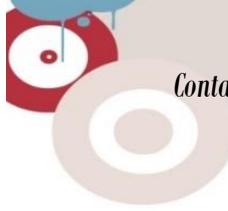
October 23— Youth Group, 6:30PM

October 30— Youth Group, 6:30PM



*Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!*

Contact Pastor Shea for more info: [hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com](mailto:hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com)



# Family Bible Hour, 10:30AM

## PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

**ENDURING FAITH:** As students progress through the program, they learn all about their Savior, Jesus Christ, what their Savior means for them, how to defend their faith, and how to teach the faith to others. Lessons spiral to help students go deeper each time they re-encounter a Bible passage. Age-appropriate activities build skills to strengthen Bible learning. All of our youth and children classes will be working through this curriculum.

*Preschool—Grade 5 Leaders: Yolanda Heipp, Tracy MacDonald, Liz Pfeffer, Ellen Whitehurst; Middle & High School Leader: Pastor Shea*

## ADULTS

**ENDURING FAITH:** We too will be working through ENDURING FAITH! This will allow entire families to be studying the same lessons and open the door for further discussion, study and prayer in your home. What a great opportunity this will be for us all to grow in Christ together! *Leader: Pastor Pfeffer*



# WEDNESDAYS AT HOPE, 6:30PM

## LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this fall 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—THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The Gospel of Mark was the last Gospel written. Mark's purpose was to show the readers of this Gospel that Jesus Christ was the man who is the Son of God, sent by the Father to take our place and secure our salvation. Mark was Peter's assistant and traveled at times with Paul. His Gospel is a book of action that rapidly proceeds from one incident to another. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the conference room for study, conversation, and inspiration. *Leader: John Koren*



# *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

## SHUT-INS:

Diane Bates                      Jim Baldwin  
 Bonnie Genrich                Mark Stefanos  
 Dorothy Maltzahn              Liz Miller  
    Tom Thomas

## LEADERS:

Rev. Dean & Liz Pfeffer                      Hope's Ministries  
 Rev. Shea & Holly Pennington            Our Armed Forces  
 LCMS Synod & District                      Our Nation  
 Hope Staff                                        Our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

## *Family and Friends of Hope*

### NEW REQUESTS:

Bergner & Jones families            celebrating birth of Carter Dale Jones (9/21)  
 Tom Whitehurst                        recovering; heart catheterization & stents

### CURRENT REQUESTS:

Dolly Doan                                health & memory concerns  
 Stephanie Enloe                        granddaughter of Dora Mueller—army; deployment to Afghanistan  
 Helen Jarvis                              health concerns  
 Dorothy Maltzahn                      health concerns  
 Glenn Miller                             recovering; hip replacement surgery (8/23)  
 Bryan Pfenning                         anticipating allergy testing (10/3)  
 Rayetta Stare                             health concerns

### BATTLING CANCER:

Tom Battling	Casey Doyle	JoAnne Hayashi	Mari	Abbey Sedlacek
Laura Blake	Jace Driggers	Barry Himmel	Pat Mason	Judy Strait
Bob Broshelle	Kori Dunke	Dale Jarvis	Jennifer McCourt	Jeannie Lee Taylor
Alice Correia	Marcus Elam	Gordon Long	David Paul Niver	Rick Ward
D	Tim Griffie	Lucille Luedke	Mary Ann Pitre	Mr. Wells
Austin Dobbs	Jerry Gross	Jean Marie Mactye	Becky Schlicher	Millie Wetz
Ginnie Donaldson	Allan H.	Pat Mailloux	Mary Scott	Heather Whitehurst

## *Serving in the Military* (R—Reserves)

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

*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 (9/29/2019) ARE:**

Bell Ringer	9:15/Jalyn Aigner
Acolyte	9:15/Thomas Goethe
Lector	9:15/Paige Snyder
Elder on Duty	9:15/Jim Drapp
Communion Assistant	9:15/Jim Drapp
Flowers	Greatens family
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 1

8:00/Wayne Warner,\* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
the Greatens family in memory of Joell and in honor of Michael & Stacey's wedding anniversary*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (10/2/2019) ARE:**

Lector	6:30/Tena Matthews
Elder on Duty	6:30/Wayne Warner
Communion Assistant	6:30/Wayne Warner

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (10/6/2019) ARE:**

Bell Ringer	9:15/Micah Blocker
Acolyte	9:15/Nathan Gall
Lector	9:15/John Koren
Elder on Duty	9:15/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant	9:15/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Howell family
Offerings	Ed & Mary Beth Sanchez
Ushers	Team 2

10:30/Nick Trivunovich,\* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

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

Altar Guild	Dora Mueller & Kathy Norris
Nurse	Tracie Adkins (863-859-7951)