



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:

Sunday 10/13	Youth Scrip Orders Due
9:15	Worship
10:15	Blood Pressure Screenings
10:30	Family Bible Hour
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 10/14	9:00 Quilting
	9:00 Circuit Pastors at Hope
	5:30 Bell Choir
	6:30 Choir
Tuesday 10/15	10:30 GriefShare
Wednesday 10/16	6:30 Youth-led Living Hope Worship w/Communion
	6:30 Hope Studies
Thursday 10/17	10:30 Bible Study
Saturday 10/19	8:00 Congregational Workday
Sunday 10/20	9:15 Worship w/Communion
	10:30 Family Bible Hour
	11:30 Christmas Project
	4:00 Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019:

Worship: 6:30: 30/28

Hope Studies: 6

Sunday, October 6, 2019:

Worship: 9:15: 130/118

FBH: Adults: 40 Youth: 6 Children: 0

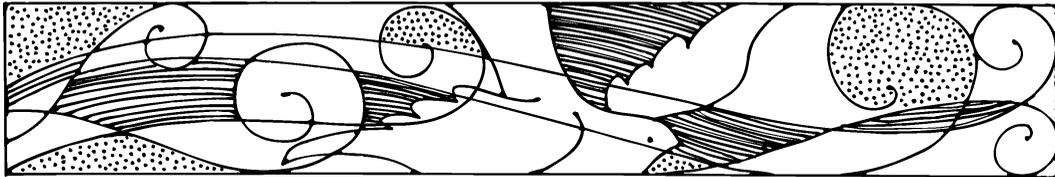
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 13/11

Offerings—General Fund: \$5,907.25

Stewardship Perspective:

Luke 17:19 – “**And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’**” Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returned to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

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!



Immeasurably More...
A Life Touched by Generosity

October 13, 2019

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Today as we continue to focus on our Building Hope for the Future campaign, the touching account of how Jesus changed the life of Zacchaeus will reveal how we can respond to God's blessings in a way that dramatically touches the lives of others.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION *"Italian Hymn"*

Thomas R. Pearce

The sanctuary is a place of meditation and preparation for worship. Therefore, as the prelude begins, we cease our conversations and quiet our hearts to converse silently with God.

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Lord God, recall to our minds the story of Zacchaeus: how our Savior called him out of that tree, was a guest in his home, and worked in him a living faith. Move us, by your Holy Spirit, to respond as he did that day, as we confess:

C: Like Zacchaeus, you have called me to faith, but I neglect to call out in faith to you; like Zacchaeus, you have made my heart your home, but I often do not make you welcome there; like Zacchaeus, you have inspired me to respond to your love, but so often, my response is weak. For the sake of Jesus, the friend of sinners, forgive me.

(We pause to remember and repent of our sin)

P: On the day the Lord shared his word with Zacchaeus, and he and his house came to faith, many lives were touched with blessing by the response that Zacchaeus gave to his salvation. May that be the case with each of us, because the Word promises that the cross of our Savior was the payment the Father required for sin. You and I are forgiven of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Draw Me Close”

ABS (1) 175

**Draw me close to You, never let me go.
I lay it all down again, To hear You say that I'm Your friend.
You are my desire, no one else will do,
'Cause nothing else could take Your place,
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way, bring me back to You.**

(Chorus) **You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed.
You're all I want, Help me know You are near.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Lord Jesus,

C: **Though we were lost in sin, you sought us, and found us; inspire us to such gratitude for our salvation that we seek to touch the lives of others with the good news of the Gospel, for you live and reign with your Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**



✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:10-14 (p.656)

(The promise of God to His people as we walk by faith in Him)

¹⁰“For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (p.991)

(God’s grace is given to us – when we least deserve it)

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

“Find Us Faithful”

ABS (1) 227

**Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.**

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful. (Repeat all)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10 (p.878)

(The Word Changes Everything)

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

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

P: Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him,

C: **“Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”**

P: So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter,

C: **“He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”**

P: But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord,

C: **“Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”**

P: Jesus said to him,

C: **“Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Grace Alone”

ABS (3) 39

Ev'ry promise we can make, Ev'ry prayer and step of faith,

Ev'ry diff'rence we will make, Is only by His grace.

Ev'ry mountain we will climb, Ev'ry ray of hope we shine,

Ev'ry blessing left behind, Is only by His grace.

(Chorus) **Grace alone, which God supplies, Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, We will go forth in grace alone.**

Ev'ry soul we long to reach, Ev'ry heart we hope to teach,

Ev'rywhere we share His peace, Is only by His grace.

Ev'ry loving word we say, Ev'ry tear we wipe away,

Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise, Is only by His grace. *(Chorus)*

SERMON

“Grace + Gratitude = Generosity”

Rev. Shea Pennington

Luke 18:18-27;

19:1-10

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Stronger”

ABS (4) 7

**There is love that came for us, Humbled to a sinner’s cross.
You broke my shame and sinfulness; You rose again, victorious!**

**Faithfulness none can deny; Through the storm and thro’ the fire.
There is truth that sets me free; Jesus Christ, who lives in me!**

(Chorus)

**You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me!
It is written, “Christ is risen!” Jesus, You are Lord of all!**

**No beginning and no end; You’re my hope and my defense.
You came to seek and save the lost; You paid it all upon the cross! *(Chorus)***

(Bridge)

**So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.
So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher. *(Chorus)***

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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.

VOLUNTARY

"Stronger"

IMMEASURABLY MORE... MOMENT

Prayer Team, Building Hope for the Future

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the Lord's mercy upon all of us and upon all people as they have need. For the Word of God to be preached in truth and purity; for those who hear, that they may be convicted of sin, brought to repentance and know the grace of forgiveness; and for those newly baptized and those to be baptized into Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Church of Christ; for newly planted congregations; for the mission work of the Church; for the teaching ministry; and for our Synod, district, circuit and those who lead us, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the pastors who speak to us in God's name and administer to us His Sacraments; for those preparing for this ministry; for those who are considering church-work vocations; and for the seminaries, colleges, universities and schools where our church workers learn and are being formed for service to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For neglected and abused children, for those removed from their homes and placed in foster care, for those who provide temporary and permanent shelter to these children, and for those charged with this responsibility in our state and community, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For caregivers and medical professionals; for hospitals and nursing facilities; and for the sick, the infirm, the aged and the dying who receive their care, especially *Bren Ellison, Ken Hartmann, George Hayes, Helen Jarvis, Dorothy Maltzahn*, that God may grant them patience and sustain them with His grace according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For an end to war and violence, for those who defend us against our enemies, for those who preserve order against the threat of terror, and for those who sit in judgment over evildoers, that justice and peace may prevail and we may all work together for the common good, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For a thankful heart, that we may not forget the Lord's kindness nor presume His mercy; for a giving spirit, that we may be preserved from selfishness and jealousy; and for a new and contrite heart, that we may love God above all and love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For God's continued blessings as we moved to build Hope for the future, that we may continue through His Spirit to walk hand in hand with our Lord to connect and reconnect people to Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For courage under trial, for protection in time of temptation, and for boldness even when persecuted for the sake of the faith, that we may not be timid or fearful but strong in witness to Christ and unwavering in the face of challenge, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful Lord, grant that we may with grateful hearts receive all these things, according to Your merciful will, and respond with voices of praise and thanksgiving and lives of holiness and righteousness, displaying in outward form the faith that lives in our hearts. Give us faith that works in love, hope that does not disappoint, compassion that does not fail, and confidence in Your mercy that does not waver, that we may live in Your

faith and fear all our days and at length fall asleep in the arms of Your mercy and in everlasting peace; 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: 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

“Start A Fire”

This world can be cold and bitter, feel like we’re in the dead of winter.

Waiting on something better, / but am I really gonna hide forever?

Over and over again, I hear Your voice in my head:

“Let your light shine, let your light shine for all to see.” And

(Chorus) **Start a fire in my soul, fan the flame and make it grow-**

So there’s no- doubt or denying.

Let it burn so brightly / that ev’ryone around can see-

That it’s You, that it’s You that we- need. Start a fire in me.

**You only need a spark to start a whole blaze, it only takes a little faith.
Let it start right here in this city, / so these old walls will never be the same.**

**Over and over again, I hear Your voice in my head:
“They need to know.” I need to go. Spirit won’t You fall on my heart- now.**
(Chorus)

(Bridge)

**You are the fire, you are the flame. You are the light on the darkest day.
We have the hope, we bear Your name. We carry the news that You
have come to save——. Only You can save——.** (Chorus)

**You are the fire, You are the flame,
You are the light on the darkest day-.** (Pause)

Start a fire in me.

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The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

1 Timothy 5:17

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. God has gifted Hope with faithful spiritual leaders. We urge you to take advantage of the opportunity God has placed before us. Make it a matter of prayer—ask God to show you ways you could be a blessing to our Pastors who continually bless us all. The goal is to encourage Pastor Pfeffer and Pastor Shea in their ministry among us and to let them know how much they are appreciated. (If you go to www.lifeway.com, you will find a host of ideas and ways that will enable you to thank your called and ordained servant of the Word). Let them know how much they are appreciated and loved. Please don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the gifts of God's workers among us as the treasures from God that they are.

Hope's Elders Ministry Team

Growing in the Grace of Giving

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words:

“We are all beggars. This is true.”

And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironic, isn't it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't much like being in someone's debt.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.

On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the life-blood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther would point us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars. But we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us, who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – even in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless, we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace.

So inexhaustible are the riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism and Holy Communion – that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are not only inexhaustibly satisfied but have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

Connecting Points

TODAY: the church continues what is known as “the long green season or more appropriately, the “Sundays after Pentecost.” This part of the church year will extend **until the end of November**. The emphasis of the season is for us to take what we have seen and heard in Scripture and translate it to our everyday lives as we join Jesus on His mission. The color of the season 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.



COME, BE INSPIRED!: during our Family Bible Hour class. **During Family Bible Hour**, each of our classes (children—adult) will be looking at what it means to be a Christian steward as we see how God in His boundless love has given us *IMMEASURABLY MORE* than we can begin to imagine or deserve. Join us during this INSPIRE month and see what it means and how you are called to be steward of ALL that God has entrusted to your care!



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



PRAYER MINISTRY **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.



INVITE SUPPORTERS! **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.



NEWS & Notes **A FRIENDLY REMINDER:** All announcements for our **Sunday** bulletins are due to *Jessica* (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.



Wednesday Evening Worship **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.)*



OUR HOME GATHERINGS: are concluding and we want YOU to be a part of these special meetings that have been taking place. IF you were unable to attend your previously scheduled meeting, there are 2 meetings remaining. We ENCOURAGE you to join us at one of these meetings: **Saturday, October 19th, 3:00PM** at the home of Ken & Becky Hartmann, 2322 Travis Robert Avenue, Valrico; 813-653-3895 and **Sunday, October 20th, 3:00PM** at the home of Pastor & Liz Pfeffer 2910 Clubhouse Drive, Plant City, 813-752-1164. Should you want to attend one of these meetings please contact the host family.



CALLS TO SERVE: have been sent 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. Your prayerful response is due **by October 15th** (just place your response in the offering plate). *"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)



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 20th**. 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 20th** in the *Stephen Ministry classroom*. ALL are welcome to help! See *Sally Kimbrell* for more information.



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!*



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.





THE NEED CONTINUES: for children's type foods (mac-n-cheese, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits, cereal, etc.) for our *United Food Bank of Plant City*. Our food bank provides a "weekend backpack" program to 6 area schools that are given to students who, without this backpack, would NOT eat until their return to school on Monday mornings. Your help will go a long way to ending food insecurities in our community. You can place your food donations in the blue barrel in the Narthex.



BUILDING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE MATCHING GIFT: Through the love and generosity of one of our Hope family members, a special challenge grant is being made available as we move to Commitment Sunday and the Impact Phase of our capital campaign. For the 1st 10 members/friends that give a gift (not just a commitment) of \$1,000 or above in the first year of the campaign, they will match that gift with an additional \$1,000 gift. In thanks for your gift to *Building Hope for the Future*, you will receive an autographed copy of *Fully and Creatively Alive* written by our LCEF Consultant, Rev. Tom Eggebrecht.



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

PRAYER GATHERING

Please consider joining the Prayer Team for a quiet time set aside for praying for the "Building HOPE for the Future" campaign. Come as you are, drop in anytime, Saturday, October 26, between 9 am and 11am in the sanctuary. The team will share specific prayer points to unite our prayers for living out God's mission here at Hope in response to His faithfulness. What might happen if all members of Hope united in prayer?



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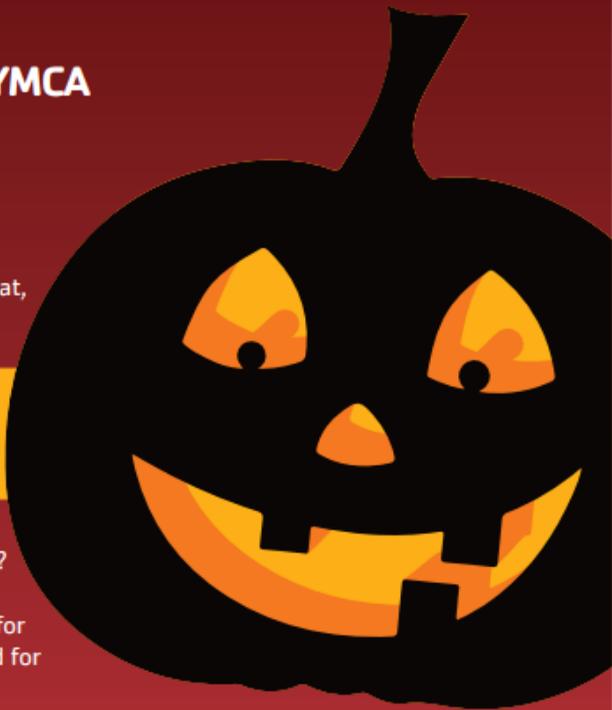
Get the kids ready for an evening of Halloween fun! Join us for the annual fall festival and trunk-or-treat, dressed up in your Halloween best!

**GAMES & CRAFTS
TRUNK OR TREATING
CANDY & PRIZES
MUSIC AND MUCH MORE!**

Interested in decorating your trunk?
Please contact **Nicole Bailey** at
Nicole.Bailey@tampaymca.org for
more details. Prizes will be awarded for
the most creative trunks!

WHEN: Saturday, October 26
TIME: 4-6pm

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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



Shredding & Food Drive Event

NOVEMBER 9th, 10:00AM-NOON at HOPE

Bring your papers to shred—a shredder truck will be at Hope Lutheran Church. In exchange, please bring food items to be donated to the United Food Bank of Plant City.

**THIS EVENT IS
OPEN TO EVERYONE!**



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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL WORKDAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 8:00AM TO NOON

Many willing workers are needed to help with many tasks to spruce up our campus in preparation for the coming holidays:

- Clean pew cushions
- Repair base boards & trim
- Touchup painting
- Clean and polish woodwork
- Dust light fixtures & check bulbs
- Replace/repair damaged ceiling tiles
- Kitchen cleaning
- Clean spots on carpet
- Wash windows
- Weed and mulch
- Power wash sidewalks
- General cleaning and touch up

Both outside and inside work. All supplies and tools will be provided.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Eleven Lessons from John 15

The Vine Speaks

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:30AM, Stephen Ministry Classroom
Leader: Sandy Howell

Everyone is welcome!

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) Bazo, 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.



"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

UFB | 702 E. Alsobrook St., Ste. H, Plant City, FL 33563 • (813) 764-0625 • 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



OCTOBER FAMILY BIBLE HOUR

SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM



“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*

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*



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 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



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 st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Bren Ellison recovering from surgery

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Bergner & Jones families	celebrating birth of Carter Dale Jones (9/21)
Dolly Doan	health & memory concerns
Stephanie Enloe	granddaughter of Dora Mueller—army; deployment to Afghanistan
Ken Hartmann	recovering; hip replacement
George Hayes	anticipating back surgery
Helen Jarvis	health concerns
Dorothy Maltzahn	hospice care
Bryan Pfenning	anticipating allergy testing (10/3)
Tom Whitehurst	recovering; heart catheterization & stents

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 (10/13/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Grace Kelly
Lector	9:15/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty	9:15/Jim Carnicelli
Flowers	Harsh family
Offerings	Alan & Sue Griffin
Ushers	Team 3

10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Wendell Lattz, Andrew MacDonald, Ron MacDonald, Jack Moberg

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Larry & Connie Harsh in honor of Connie's birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (10/16/2019) ARE:

Lector	6:30/Youth
Elder on Duty	6:30/Jim Carnicelli
Communion Assistant	6:30/Jim Carnicelli

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (10/20/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Jackson Venrick
Acolyte	9:15/Kaylee Greatens
Lector	9:15/Donna Koren
Elder on Duty	9:15/Nick Trivunovich
Communion Assistant	9:15/Nick Trivunovich
Flowers	Brown family
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers	Team 1

10:30/ Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Billy Mueller, Dora Mueller, Jim Szostkiewicz

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF OCTOBER:

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