



# Welcome to Hope

## SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship  
4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion  
7:00PM—Youth ZOOM

## WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Worship

### 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 8/9</b>		<b>Scrip Orders Due</b>
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Recognition of Teachers & School Staff
	4:00	Spanish Worship
	7:00	Youth Zoom
<b>Monday 8/10</b>	9:00	Quilting
	9:00	Circuit Pastors
<b>Tuesday 8/11</b>	12:00	<b>Deadline—Ministry Team Reports due</b>
<b>Wednesday 8/12</b>	6:30	Worship w/Communion
<b>Thursday 8/13</b>	6:30	Board of Directors Meeting
<b>Sunday 8/16</b>	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	4:00	Spanish Worship
	7:00	Youth Zoom

*Worship Attendance / Communion:***Sunday, August 2, 2020:**

**Worship: 8:00: 21    10:30: 34**  
**Spanish Worship: 4:00: 28/16**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020:**

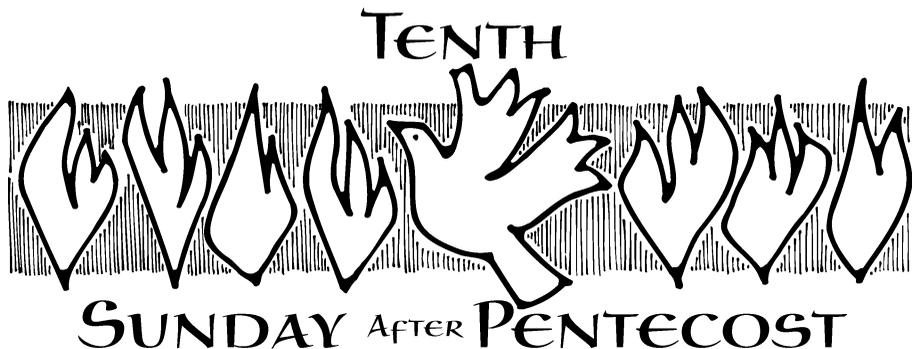
**Worship: 6:30: 11**

General Fund: \$6,118.50

*Stewardship Perspective:*

**Matt. 14:30 – “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ ”** The world really is a scary place – natural disasters, disease, terrorism, and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, and our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter’s eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God’s call to support the work of His Church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word, and all will be well.

# Welcome



Week of August 9, 2020

## AS WE GATHER

*Almighty Father, heav'n and earth With lavish wealth before Thee bow;  
Those treasures owe to Thee their birth, Creator, Ruler, Giver, Thou. (TLH 438:1)*

*With those poetic words from years ago, English hymnwriter Edward Dayman describes God the Father at work. He not only created us and rules over us, but He is also known to us in His giving—the giving of the daily blessings we receive and, most important, the giving of His Son to be our Savior. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, we bring to God our praises as part of the good service of our lives. The heavenly Father awaits our response to His gracious giving!*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF BELLS

## OPENING SONG *“All the People Said Amen”*

**You are not alone / if you are lonely. When you feel afraid, / you're not the only.  
We are all the same, / in need of mercy, / to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need\_\_.**

*(Chorus)*

**And all the people said, “Amen.” / Whoa\_\_ And all the people said, “Amen.”  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said, “Amen.”**

**If you're rich or poor, / it doesn't matter.**

**Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.**

**We're all bro-ken, but we're all in this togeth-er. God knows we stumble and fall,  
And He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all. *(Chorus)***

*(Bridge) (Sung by Praise Team)*

*Blessed are\_\_ the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted / and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry / for another start,  
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God\_\_.*

*(Chorus x2 plus:)*

**And all the people said, “Amen.”**

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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:** We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P:** What does this mean?

**C:** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**P:** Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

**C:** **We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*“Rescuer”*

*(Chorus)*

**He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds We will praise the Lord our Rescuer**

1. **There is good news for the captive Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter The one religion failed  
For the good Lord has come to seek and save *(Chorus)***

2. **He is beauty for the blind man Riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary Rest for those who strive  
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life  
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life *(Chorus)***

*(Bridge)*

**So come and be chainless Come and be fearless Come to the foot of Calvary  
There is redemption for every affliction Here at the foot of Calvary *(Chorus)***

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. God of love, in His ministry, Your Son, Jesus,

C: **showed His mastery over all the forces of nature, including those of great power.**

P: Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Him and to trust His guidance in all things as we pass through this world,

C: **confident in His care; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,**

P: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

C: **now and forever. Amen.**



## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Job 38:4–18*

*(God tells Job of His lordship over all creation.)*

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’ <sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

*Romans 10:5–17*

*(Faith comes from hearing the Gospel.)*

<sup>5</sup>For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup>How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?<sup>[a]</sup> And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

*“Great Are You Lord”*

**You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness. You give hope.  
You restore, ev’ry heart that is broken... And great are You-, Lord.**

*(Chorus)*

**It’s Your breath, in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise.  
It’s Your breath, in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.**

*(Repeat from beginning)*

*(Bridge)* **And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones  
will sing, “Great / are You-, Lord!” And all the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, “Great / are You-, Lord!”** *(Chorus)*

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 14:22–33*

*(Jesus walks on the water on the Sea of Galilee.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

*“Eye of the Storm”*

*(Chorus)* **In the eye of the storm / You remain in control; In the middle of the war /  
You guard my soul. You alone are the anchor / when my sails are torn;  
Your love surrounds me / in the eye of the storm. *(Pause)***

1 **When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet,  
Between the black skies and my red eyes, I can barely see.  
When I realize I’ve been sold out by my friends and my family,  
/ I can feel the rain reminding me. *(Chorus)***

2 **When my hopes and dreams are far from me and I’m runnin’ out of faith,  
I see the future I picture slowly fade away,  
And when the tears of pain and heartache are pouring down my face,  
/ I find my peace in Jesus’ name. *(Chorus)***

3 **When the test comes in and the doctor says I’ve only got a few months left,  
It’s like a bitter pill I’m swallowin’; I can barely take a breath.  
And when sickness steals my baby girl, and there’s nothin’ I can do,  
My only hope is to trust You. / I trust You, Lord. *(Chorus)***

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**SERMON**

*“Are you in or out?”  
Rev. Dean Pfeffer*

*Matthew 14:26-27*

**CREEDAL HYMN**

*“In God We Believe”*

*(tune: LSB 802)*

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r In mercy has brought us  
for worship this hour. He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured. True God and true man once the cross  
He endured To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess; With power and truth the Church now  
He does bless. As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

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**RECOGNITION OF 2020-21 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: O Lord, our God, we do not presume to know Your ways or inform Your judgment. We ask You to grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may apprehend Your ways and know Your Son, Jesus Christ, by faith. Give us wisdom, that we may trust in Your Word amid the stormy seas of this mortal life and be safely delivered from all danger onto the eternal shores of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, our God, we have no righteousness of our own but only the righteousness of Christ into which we were clothed in Baptism. Grant us grace, that we may be faithful in every circumstance and bold in the confession of His saving name. Guard those who preach Your Word to us so that, hearing, we may believe and, believing, we may have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, our God, we ask You to bless us, our nation and those who lead us. Guide all elected and appointed civil servants in their judgments, that we may know justice in our land and peace among the nations. Make us especially mindful of those who need our special protection, the unborn, the aged and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon the schools where children learn. Give Your blessing to all places where Your people gather to teach and learn Your Word. Help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, our God, we remember the sick, those who suffer, those troubled in mind, the grieving and the dying. Deliver them according to Your will and grant them the comfort of Your Word in their afflictions, that they may depend upon Your mercy in every circumstance. Hear us especially for *Bonnie Genrich, George Hayes, and Lynn Reagin*. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, our God, we pray You to be our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, our courage in fear and our peace in distress. Speak to us by the voice of Your Word, that we may call upon You in the day of trouble and confess Your saving name before all people. Hear us on behalf of ourselves and those for whom we have prayed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, who taught 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 on 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 HYMN

*"Blessed Assurance"*

*BOB 24*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*(Chorus)*

**This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, Christ on the cross, For my salvation He suffered loss,  
Gave up His life and gave up His throne, Purchased and won me, made me His own.**  
*(Chorus)*

**Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**  
*(Chorus)*

**Vict'ry o'er satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I'm saved!  
Claiming no merit, works of my own, All glory, praise, be to God alone!** *(Chorus)*

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## *Growing in the Grace of Giving*

Winston Churchill reportedly said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?” to “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).



# Connecting Points

**TODAY:** we continue what is commonly referred to as “the long green season” or, more formally, the Sundays after Pentecost. This is the longest season of the church year and can last for **24 weeks** and will take us up to the Last Sunday in the church year. Our readings this season focus on the life of Christ and His Church. We hear Jesus teach His disciples and healing the faithful. We also focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity. The color of the season is *GREEN*~ the color of growth and life as we are to be growing every day in the love, grace, and Word of our Lord.



**THIS WEEKEND:** *Pastor Shea & Holly Pennington* are on vacation. *Pastor Shea* will be returning to the office on **Tuesday, August 11.**

**THIS MORNING AT BOTH SERVICES:** we will recognize and pray for those in our congregation who will serve as teachers & staff in our public school system **this year.**

**THANKS:** to the health care professionals from *Hope* that are assisting by taking temperatures: **TODAY, 8:00**—*Sally Kimbrell*; **10:30**—*Carol Walkenhorst*; and **Wednesday**—*April Walkenhorst*. **Next Sunday, 8:00**—*Joyce Van Matre*; **10:30**—*Todd Warner*; and **Wednesday**—*April Walkenhorst*. Thank you for your assistance and ministry!



**LECTORS:** Please remember to keep your mask **ON** until you are at the lectern to read and replace it before you head back to your pew. Thanks in advance for your assistance!

**THANKS:** to our ushers and Elders for their extra work **following each worship service** to wipe down the pews with sanitizing wipes and assist in so many ways to help protect everyone who enters our sanctuary. (FYI—pews, door handles, and restrooms are wiped down **after each service.**)



**WHAT'S THE BUZZ?:** Well, if you want to find out what is happening, be sure to pick up your **August** calendar and Servant Schedule from your mailbox **this morning**. It's there just waiting to be put on your refrigerator!



**TEACHERS:** You are welcome to “shop” for your classroom supplies in the *Narthex* **after both worship services this morning**. And your Human Care Ministry Team **THANKS ALL** who donated school supplies this year!



**OUT OF OFFICE:** Our pastors will be out of the office **until about 1:00 tomorrow** as they participate in the *Winter Haven Circuit meeting at Redeemer, Bartow.*



**REMINDER:** that all ALL announcements for our **Sunday** bulletin **MUST** be received by **NOON, Tuesdays** to be included. Verbal announcements must be requested by **Wednesday, Noon.** Thanks in advance for your assistance!



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** We will meet at *Hope Thursday (Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30PM* in *Fellowship Hall.* We will ensure proper social distancing, and everyone **MUST** wear their mask. Please watch for your meeting packet and be sure to read chapter 2 of "*Hero Maker.*" Board reports are due to *Jessica* in the church office **no later than NOON, THIS TUESDAY, August 11.**



**KEYBOARD ADDITION:** Perhaps you may have noticed, but probably not. There is now a plexiglass shield mounted to the keyboard to assist our song leader and protect those seated near the keyboard. This shield was installed a few weeks ago so that whoever is at the keyboard does not need to wear a mask as they lead congregational singing.



**SPEAKING OF MASKS:** THANK YOU for your adherence to our "*wear your mask*" policy on our campus. While we realize it is not the ideal situation to wear a mask while singing, it is done for the protection of those seated around you. Therefore, please do not remove your mask during congregational singing. Again, thanks for helping stop the spread of this virus as we work and worship together!



**FOR THE PRESENT TIME:** our **Sunday morning** worship and **Wednesday evening** worship will be identical. Therefore, when Communion is celebrated in our **Sunday morning** services, it will be celebrated in our **Wednesday** service as well. For those who can, we encourage you to join us on **Wednesdays!**

**TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT:** If you are concerned about coming to church on a **Sunday morning**

because of too many people, we **ENCOURAGE** you to try our **Wednesday evening (6:30)** worship. This service has **LESS** people in attendance than either of our Sunday morning services, which makes social distancing much easier. Our Wednesday service, for the time being, is identical to our Sunday morning worship opportunities from the Invocation to the Benediction so you won't miss a thing! Give Wednesday worship a try and see how it feels...you'll be glad you did! Please note that we limit attendance at **ALL** of our worship services to allow for proper social distancing at all times **AND** masks and temperature checks are required of all who enter.

*"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the House of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)*



**PLEASE REMEMBER:** If you are unable to complete the weekly surveys (available at [hopeplantcity.com](http://hopeplantcity.com)) for worship attendance, please be sure to contact Jessica in the church office **by NOON, Thursday** so that we can work to insure proper social distancing during worship. We also ask for the health and safety of all gathered here, that everyone please WEAR YOUR MASK while on campus. Your help is always appreciated!



**NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Are you missing studying God's Word with others during this pandemic time, or is Bible study new to you but you'd like to give it a try? A social-distanced study of *the Book of Esther* via ZOOM **begins August 26 at 7pm**. If you are not familiar with how to use ZOOM on your computer, don't worry, we will help you before the study starts. You will need to order the book God's Word for Today: Esther (Item # 203430) from [cph.org](http://cph.org). Contact *Becky Hartmann* (813-205-5436 or [bhartmann3@verizon.net](mailto:bhartmann3@verizon.net)) to sign up and for ZOOM link.



**TURN YOUR SHEETS INTO QUILTS!** Well, it's not magic that turns your sheets into beautiful quilts, it's the hard work of the members of our quilting crew. Our quilting team is in dire need of used (but GOOD CONDITION) sheets as they continue to make **quilts every Monday morning**. These quilts have been sent to our mission site in Puerto Rico and used for outreach to those still suffering the effects of hurricane Maria. They have been given to people going through chemo, and have touched many, many hearts and lives over the years. Please bring ANY size sheets you can spare to the church office or contact *Dodie Walker* (813-752-4508) with any questions.



**PRESIDENT'S EQUIP CONFERENCE:** which occurs **every 3 years** for all lay leaders and workers in our Florida Georgia District, scheduled to take place **September 24-26** in Orlando, will now be a VIRTUAL CONFERENCE. We will be organizing watch parties and other fun events for the members and leaders of Hope to come together for this inspiring event. This will also be *President Walton's* final conference as our District President as he is term limited. His term will end with our District Convention in **June 2021**.



**ONLINE GIVING:** We are set up for online giving for *Building Hope for the Future*. To do so, simply go to Hope's website ([hopeplantcity.com](http://hopeplantcity.com)) and click "GIVE HERE." The opportunity for your weekly tithes and offerings will be coming soon. Simply watch your bulletins and e-blasts.



**CALL RECEIVED:** Please keep *Pastor Buck LeGreco (aka Vicar Buck)* in your prayers as he received the Divine Call **last week** from *Grace Lutheran Church, Key West* to be their Pastor. *Pastor Buck* served as *Hope's Vicar* from **2013-2014** and has been serving *St. Mark Lutheran Church, Elko, NV.* since his Ordination in **2015**. We pray that God's will be done for *Pastor Buck*. You may contact him at: [pastorbucklegreco@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbucklegreco@gmail.com).



**MOVED:** Our dear brother in Christ, *Mark Stefanos*, has relocated to *Tallahassee* to be closer to family. *Mark's* new address and phone are as follows: *2350 Phillips Road, Apt. 9204, Tallahassee, FL 30308; 850-518-0170.* Please be sure to drop him a note of encouragement or give him a call! He would certainly appreciate hearing from you.

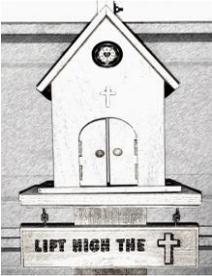
  
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**HEY Youth!!!**

**zoom** into study this month!

**Sundays @ 7PM**

Contact Pastor Shea for login



## Building Hope for the Future: Impact Phase

Contributions to Building Hope in the month of July have brought our total to \$389,449 or 57.6% of our total commitments goal of \$675,501. We continue to Lift High the Cross as you generously share your gifts. Thank you to all who are donating to Building Hope, and please keep Building Hope in your prayers and your plans.

With construction finally beginning, Hope's Construction Committee will coordinate with the contractor and will report the status monthly to the Board of Directors and the Congregation. The Construction Committee includes David Booher, Jim Drapp, Nick Trivunovich, Wendell Lattz, Tom Ellison, Pastor Pfeffer, and Pastor Pennington. To make sure the area remains safe and to avoid any miscommunication, we ask that everyone comply with the following:

- Safety 1. A temporary fence will surround the work area. Anyone entering the fenced area must have the contractor's permission, the contractor's site manager must know where they are at all times, and they must wear a hard hat. The best policy is to stay outside of the fence unless absolutely necessary.
- Safety 2. The contractor plans to work Monday thru Friday. During the working hours large trucks and construction traffic will be entering our driveway. Please be extra vigilant for construction traffic when you are on campus.
- Communication. Miscommunication with the contractor can result in extra costs and lost time. All communication with the contractor should be done by the Construction Committee. If you have a concern or thought that you feel needs to be shared with the contractor, please address it to a member of the Construction Committee.
- Field Office. The contractor will be using the North half of the North Youth Room for a field office. They have put down floor protection and a temporary plastic wall. By using this area we are saving the cost of a site trailer. The field office contains some tables and chairs along with plans and other documents. Please respect the contractor's space.
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Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we move forward.

# *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**SHUT-INS:**

Jim Baldwin	Sue Crouse	Liz Miller
Diane Bates	Bonnie Genrich	Mark Stefanos
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**LEADERS:**

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

## *Family and Friends of Hope*

**NEW REQUESTS:**

Eric Brohlem	friend of Kathy Norris—serious health concerns
Bonnie Genrich	hospitalized
George Hayes	anticipating surgery (8/18)
Debbie Kneser	physical struggles

**CURRENT REQUESTS:**

Cindy	sister of Alan Griffin—shoulder replacement
Dave & Erin	marriage
Greatens family	mourning death of Stacey's mother
Lattz family	mourning death of Pam's brother Vernon
Tena Matthews	health concerns
Tim Matthews	pneumonia
Patricia Norris	strength & comfort; caring for both husband and mother
Terry Norris	recovering/rehab; knee replacement
Lynn Reagin	health concerns
Joan Reiter	mother of Kathy Drapp—recovering from hip surgery
Mary Springman	mother of Patricia Norris & grandmother of Roxanne Kelly—dementia

**BATTLING CANCER:**

Austin Dobbs	Ginnie Donaldson	Dale Jarvis	Faye Mueller	
Tom Battling	Jace Driggers	Gordon Long	Ovie	Judy Strait
Laura Blake	Kori Dunke	Lucille Luedke	Mary Ann Pitre	Rev. Alan Struckmeyer
Bob Broshelle	Marcus Elam	Jean Marie Mactye	Lynn Reagin	Jeannie Lee Taylor
Mary Clapp	Tim Griffie	Pat Mailloux	Fran Saitta	Rick Ward
Alice Correia	Jerry Gross	Mari	Becky Schlicher	Mr. Wells
D	JoAnne Hayashi	Pat Mason	Mary Scott	Millie Wetz
Debbie	Barry Himmel	Jennifer McCourt	Abbey Sedlacek	Erina Whitaker
			Betty Snaper	Heather Whitehurst

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

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

*Due to space limitation, prayer requests can only be listed for four weeks.*  
**Please email your prayer requests to [hopePCprays@gmail.com](mailto:hopePCprays@gmail.com).**



*"Think of us in this way as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries."*

1Corinthians 4:1

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (8/9/2020) ARE:**

Health Professional	8:00/Sally Kimbrell; 10:30/Carol Walkenhorst
Lector	8:00/Cathie Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Tom Reagin; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers	Mueller & Pfeffer families
Offerings	Alan & Sue Griffin
Ushers	Team 3

8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,\* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;  
10:30/ Stuart Howell,\* Wendell Lattz, Andrew MacDonald, Ron MacDonald, Jack Moberg

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Billy & Dora Mueller in honor of Billy's birthday  
and  
the Pfeffer family in honor of Jesilynn's birthday*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (8/12/2020) ARE:**

Health Professional	6:30/April Walkenhorst
Lector	6:30/Tena Matthews
Elder on Duty	6:30/Jim Carnicelli

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (8/16/2020) ARE:**

Health Professional	8:00/Joyce Van Matre; 10:30/Todd Warner
Lector	8:00/Tena Matthews; 10:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Jim Carnicelli
Flowers	Koren family
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers	Team 1

8:00/Wayne Warner,\* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;  
10:30/Todd Warner,\* Mack Goethe, Billy Mueller, Dora Mueller, Jim Szostkiewicz