

In a couple of weeks, we will be celebrating...by the grace of God...65 years of ministry in Plant City here at Hope Lutheran... The theme for that time is "Immeasurably More Than Ever Imagined"!

Imagined by the charter families and first members of Hope,... who trusted God with the plan to bring families together to worship and serve Christ many years ago ...

Imagined by the parents of young children,... who believed God to build a school here and teach our children to live a full life in Christ....

Imagined by the youth, ...who sought God's will for a DCE to be better equipped with the Word in middle and high school...

What would those charter families and early members of Hope say if they were here today to witness what God has done to further their simple mission?

Would they have imagined...that having Sunday School on the steps of a rented church... that had no classrooms... would someday have ...six classrooms and the Fellowship Hall filled with children and adults studying the Word of God together on Sunday mornings?

Would they have imagined...that families having Potluck Fellowship dinners on blankets at the park ...would someday be reaching out to the community with Advent Tea, Easter Breakfast, or the Turkey Supper...and moving more meals out to families who need it through Moving Hope and the Plant City Food Bank?

And would they have ever imagined...that their love and faithfulness to Christ... through God's grace...would someday be extended to the next generations who would serve in leadership to continue the mission of Hope Lutheran Church?

We all represent that next generation...who are committed to moving forward serving our community with the Gospel message of love and hope..."immeasurably more than ever imagined". To God Be the Glory!