

# The Hope Reporter

## Pastor's Corner

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### Maintaining Friendships

I spent these past two weeks gathered with other LCMS pastors and chaplains: One week in Jacksonville and another in Cleveland. Fun times! I am so thankful I get those opportunities to reconnect with people I have known for years. Many times we excitedly share stories of life and ministry, talk into the wee hours of the night and wonder why we've lost touch.



Maybe you're like me and basically realize you don't have an excuse. It's just the busyness of life. My laziness, or better stated, my unintentionality. If that is a word.

I sensed this happening in the first years of ministry and I didn't want to maintain friendships out of guilt or obligation, nor for personal gain. I just wanted to be a friend. With many I succeeded and with many others I failed. But here are some great questions for you to reflect on:

- 1) Are you good at maintaining friendships? If so, how do you do it? If not, why not?
- 2) Some friendships seem effortless, while others it is a grind. Why is that?

Of course, we have friendships that develop in any number of places: Our neighborhoods, our schools, our work, our church, and an infinite list of other places. Those friendships are often convenient and productive, but once the friendship is inconvenient or unproductive, we usually kick them to the curb. We ought not do that!

Our friendships ought to reflect give and take; God can teach us so much through friendships:

1 Cor. 15:33 *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."*

Proverbs 18:24 *One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.*

I pray God will bless your friendships and that you are able to help, comfort and correct in love. I pray you are open to the same from those people! Know that God is at work in your life in many ways and one of the very best ways to show God's love to others is through friendship.

In Christ,  
Pastor Moreno



May 2018



## Easter Sermon Series Continues: *The Magnificent Seven*

The season of Easter will stretch across seven magnificent Sundays! Join us as John, Mark and Luke offer a dynamic Easter story that connects our life to the life of Christ!

### Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 6

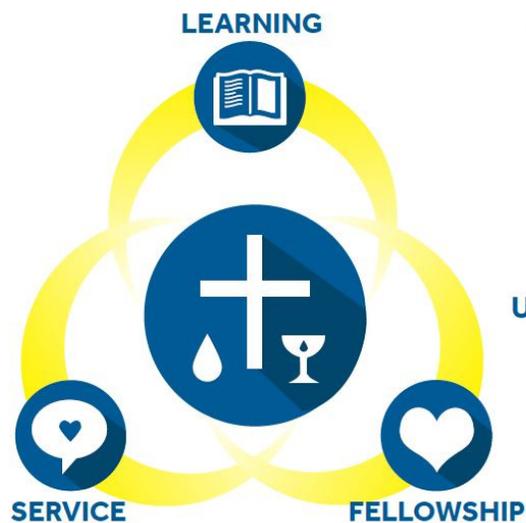
Join us after the late service on May 6 for an exciting gathering to report on what the church has been up to and our plans regarding Pastor's deployment. We will have a pot luck style meal and share a few reports and vote on three new council members. The meeting including the meal is roughly an hour or so.



### Hope Visioning Retreat

Please pray for our church as a few members participate in a visioning retreat May 25 & 26. Last year, we had a group focus on identity. The result is found below:

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH EXISTS TO GLORIFY GOD AND MAKE DISCIPLES BY OFFERING AN INTIMATE FAITH COMMUNITY WITH A FOUNDATION IN THE WORD AND SACRAMENT [OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH].**



At Hope Lutheran Church, a disciple is one who follows Jesus by growing in:

**UNDERSTANDING**  
Scripture - Theology - Doctrine

**LOVE**  
God - Self - Others

**WITNESS**  
Confession - Proclamation - Action

This time around, a group is going to take the identity and then extend that to our vision, in other words, goals for the upcoming years here at Hope. This is an exciting time for our church and we look forward to sharing this vision with you soon!

### Pastor's Annual Training

This month, Pastor heads to Jacksonville for his required two-week training. This time around, he will complete a number of tasks for his upcoming mobilization. Thankfully, he will not miss any Sundays with us! He'll be serving May 11-24.



### Hope's Website: Did you know??

Has it been awhile since you last checked out our website? You've NEVER checked out our website?? Sunday sermons are there to listen! You can share them with family, friends and even your most hostile of enemies. Go to

hopebrevard.org and see and hear what you've been missing!

## May 2018

### Habitat News for May



May is going to be a great month for Habitat and the Apostle Build Project. First, on **May 5th we are scheduled for lunch duty.** The activity is in conjunction with National Women Build Week and will be at Carver Park (1092 Swan Street, near our Apostle Build house) and the tasks will be interior/exterior painting, organizing the storeroom, and cleaning up the park. We are invited to participate in the work activities, but our main duty will be to provide lunch; the number is likely to be around 100 people including families! Members of Ascension Catholic Community will be grilling and will provide meats and rolls, and Thrivent will take care of condiments, sides, drinks, and paper goods for the event. We really need dessert items and servers for the day. Please sign up to help on this big day! Also, please consider supporting the work effort as this is a great way to get Hope Lutheran out in the community.

**Hope is scheduled to work on Saturday, May 19th,** and a signup sheet is in the narthex. Progress is going well at the house, and one projection is that the house may be dedicated in early or mid-June.

On **Saturday, May 26th,** Hope is scheduled for lunch. We will be making sandwiches at church and then taking them to the worksite. A signup sheet will be out later for food donations, sandwich making, and serving.

**Thanks** to all of you who have faithfully supported Habitat and the Apostle Build Project. You know how rewarding it is to be a part of this effort and to represent Hope Lutheran in our community. If you want to check online about the construction, go to [www.brevardhabitat.com](http://www.brevardhabitat.com) and go to Current Builds. Scroll down to Build Locations to get information on the Apostle Build and other projects. Though the big work groups are usually on Saturdays, workers are welcome at the site on Thursdays and Fridays. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Roberts.



The LWML ladies at Hope along with the societies at Risen Savior and Faith Viera are planning a “kitchen shower” for our future Habitat Apostle House homeowner, Frances Callaway. The Risen Savior ladies are taking care of the pantry baking needs such as flour, sugar, etc. Hope and Faith Viera are looking at providing some of the actual kitchen cooking items such as pots and pans, cookware, and the like. There will be a signup sheet for you to indicate what you would be willing to get for Frances. Cash donations will be accepted also to be used for Habitat ReStore purchases.

Hope and Risen Savior ladies will have a brunch on Monday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m. to put together our items and look at what kitchen needs still remain to be filled. The plan is to give these gifts to Frances on the day of her house dedication, and we hope to have representatives of all three LWML groups present on that day. (Risen Savior, Hope, and Faith Viera are the three LCMS churches involved in the Apostle Build.) Since the dedication may be coming in early to mid-June, we want to be ready for the big day! If you have not been involved at all in the Habitat work thus far, this may be one way for you to bless the future homeowner in a very

### Calling All Hope Ladies!!

### Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottle Change Drive

To honor Mother’s and Father’s Day, we will be supporting Pregnancy Resources through a Baby Bottle Change Drive. Bottles and change envelopes will be available to take home on Mother’s Day, May 13. You can use them as a reminder to pray for Pregnancy Resources as you fill them with change, cash or checks before returning them on Father’s Day, June 17. Your support will change and save lives in our community!

**Baby Bottle**  
CAMPAIGN  
FILL A BOTTLE,  
CHANGE A LIFE



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For May, the Genesis Food Pantry is especially in need of macaroni & cheese, pasta, and sauce. Genesis has been very busy and the shelves are looking bare. As always, they welcome any food or cash donations.

### Food on the First

### Mission Week 2018: Being the Body of Christ

Mark your calendars! Mission Week 2018 is July 22-28. This is Hope's opportunity to serve our community in a variety of ways. From Caroling in July to assembling school backpacks, and serving meals, there is something for everyone. Take the challenge, and please prayerfully consider how you will participate. Specific details to come. If you have questions, feel free to contact Pastor or Nancy Gray.



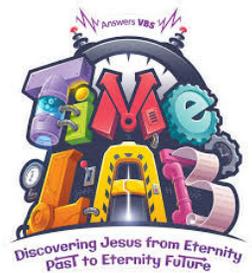
### Missionaries Visiting Hope May 13



Peter and Lucy Hoffmann are missionaries in the Czech Republic. The Hoffmanns carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of this country as they teach English as a foreign language to them. As they teach, they build relationships with their students where the "seeds" can be planted for the Holy Spirit to transform their hearts through saving grace and a belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior. They also perform other needed tasks as they relate to the mission and ministry of the Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession and the LCMS Eurasia mission team serving in Central Europe. Peter and Lucy are from Big Canoe, Ga., and their home congregation is King of Kings Lutheran Church, Jasper, Ga. Peter received his bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and his master's degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta. Lucy received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. Peter enjoys alpine hiking, playing the Swiss alphorn and writing music. Lucy's hobbies include playing the flute, reading and hiking. Pray that God helps ease the transition for both of them as they adjust to the new culture and language. Let us give thanks to God that the Hoffmanns are serving His children in this part of the world.

### Vacation Bible School June 18-22, 9 to Noon

Head into the lab with *Time Lab VBS 2018*, where kids Discover Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Present! Imagine traveling through time and meeting the most important man ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time. Our VBS 2018 helps kids learn Jesus was present before and during Creation, they find him in the Old Testament, find forgiveness at the Cross, learn he rose in the Clouds and sits at the Father's right hand, and will wear the Crown for the new heaven and the new earth. The cost is \$10 and registration forms are in the narthex. Pick up a form today and invite your friends and neighbors! If you can help either during that week or before hand with prep work, please let Pastor know!



### High School Mission Trip July 19-22

Calling all current 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders! It's not too late to join us for a wonderful Luther League Gathering in Oviedo FL. We have a small group committed to going, but we'd love to have more!

# May 2018

## Congratulations to our Graduates!



- Hayley Decker will be graduating from Eau Gallie High School and plans on attending college in the local area and intends to pursue a degree in Forensics.
- Jared Decker will be graduating from Eau Gallie High School and plans to attend University of Central Florida to study Mechanical Engineering in the fall. Jared has been accepted to Burnett Honors College at UCF and was awarded the UCF Provost Scholarship.
- Kimberly Sutter will be graduating from Viera High School and attending the Honors College at Florida Gulf Coast University where she intends to pursue a degree in environmental engineering.
- Melissa Sutter will be graduating from Viera High School and attending the Honors College at Florida Gulf Coast University where she intends to pursue a degree in civil engineering.
- Brigitta Jones will graduate in August from the University of Florida with a B.A. degree in Economics.
- Jessica Thompson will graduate in August from the University of Central Florida with a B.A. degree in Human Communication.

Congratulations to these young adults on their accomplishments and God’s blessings on their future!

## Youth Selling Fudge on Mother’s Day May 13



The youth are selling fudge and it is delicious! There will be assorted flavors We will take pre-orders and all proceeds help the youth go on their mission trip this summer. For more information contact Pastor or Raquel Moreno (our fudge maker).

## Celebrate Summer at Hope Hangouts!

Join us Wednesday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. for a picnic themed social to celebrate the beginning of summer! We’ll have frozen treats, too! Sign-up for the menu items will be out later in the month.

[Note that Wednesday in the Word is taking a break in June and July]



## Happy Birthday to....

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Nancy Roberts May 2   | Dorothee Jones May 21   | Kathy Burrier May 28 |
| Robert Gill May 7     | Mark Burrier May 23     | Abigail Wolf May 29  |
| Lennon Sulick May 9   | Teresa Serrate May 25   | Dan Spradling May 31 |
| Sawyer Amen May 12    | Mark Moreno May 26      |                      |
| Carolyn Sutter May 16 | Jessica Thompson May 27 |                      |

## Happy Anniversary to...

- Jack & Deborah Kellogg May 11  
Scott & Tori Cooper May 14



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