



The Hope Reporter

“Our Hope for Years to Come”

*“O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!” – LSB 733 v. 6*



*Serving and bringing HOPE to
our community for 20 years!*

This month, Hope celebrates our 20th anniversary, and we have a lot to celebrate! Starting as a mission congregation in 2005 under the leadership of Pastor Mark Moreno and just a few families committed to this new mission from Faith Lutheran Church in Viera, Hope began worship services at a local school. From those humble beginnings of worship in a school, to where we are today, the Lord has indeed blessed Hope throughout the years.

In those 20 years, our pastor has changed, some of those charter members have moved to new places to continue growing in their faith, we’ve worked through a pandemic, and established a vision and mission to **be people of Hope in our community by growing together through worship, education, and fellowship**. All throughout those 20 years, our God has been our help. He’s guided us and directed us through strong and faithful congregation leadership, through faithful volunteers, and, of course, as our God comes to deliver his gifts to us each week through the proclamation of his Word and the administration of the Sacraments in worship on Sunday.

And just as our Lord has been our help in ages past, we can trust that our God remains our hope for years to come. Truly, it’s impossible for us to know for sure what the future hold for us at Hope, but we can know for certain that as we continue to live out the great commission of Jesus from Matthew 28, to go and make disciples of all nations, to teach them everything Jesus has taught us, and to baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as long as we are faithful in doing those things, we know that our Lord Jesus is going to be with us, he promises to be with us.

So, as we look back on those 20 years, as we celebrate with Pastor Mark, Raquel, and all those charter members who are making the trip to celebrate with us, let us also look ahead. Let’s look ahead filled with hope for years to come. Let’s look ahead with anticipation at the doors the Lord will open for us in our community where we can share his love. Let’s keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, the anchor of our souls, the one who forgives, not just our sins, but the sins of all people.

Happy 20 years, Hope Lutheran Church! On **September 14th**, let’s praise our God who’s been our faithful helper in ages past. Let’s rejoice in our God who is going to be our hope for years to come. And looks forward to all those ways that he moves us to continue to be **people of Hope in our community!**

Your Brother in Jesus,
Pastor James

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Happy Birthday to...

Yvonne Wallace 2
Gavin Montague 22

Jan Haeker 24
Kent LaVelle 27

Happy Anniversary to...

Jim & Diane Gillard	1	41 years
Rich & Nancy Sutter	5	27 years
Keith & Timi Mitnik	18	21 years
Joline & Bob Irvine	19	55 years
Jim & Nancy Wapshott	21	
William & Regina Gohier	22	41 Years

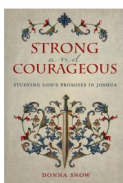
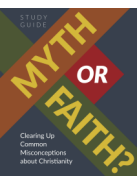


Rally Day is September 10!!



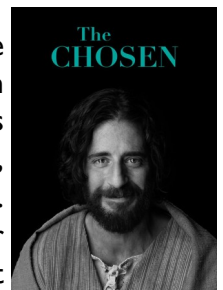
Rally Day, September 7, will kick off all of our Bible Study Opportunities for the fall!! The following Bible studies will begin throughout the week:

- **Children's Sunday School Classes** and will resume on Sept. 7, between services. Preschool-K will meet in the Fellowship Hall; 1st and up will meet in Pastor's office. We will continue with our Enduring Faith Curriculum.
- **Sunday Adult Bible Study** Beginning Rally Sunday, September 7, between services in the sanctuary, Hal Stutsman will be presenting "A Brief History of the Christian Church". The Bible study will focus on the events following Christ's resurrection all the way through to the present, with an emphasis on what happened next, as well as why it happened next. Pour yourself some coffee, and join us for something a little different.



- **Wednesday Women's & Men's Bible Studies** and will resume on Sept. 10 at 10 am. The Men will continue working through the CPH book *Myth or Faith? Cleaning up Common Misconceptions about Christianity*. The Women will begin a new book called *Strong and Courageous: Studying God's Promises in Joshua* by Donna Snow. All are welcome!

- **Wednesday in the Word** will begin on Wednesday, September 10. We begin our Bible Study at 6:30 and will be watching season 5 of *The Chosen* and participating in discussion afterwards. Along with our Wednesday in the Word study, our Wednesday evening meals will be resuming that evening at 5:45 pm. For our first meal, we will have a "Goodbye, Summer!" theme in which we will be asking Hope folks to bring favorite summer dishes. Although we live in "endless summer," there are foods that seem to go along with summer (watermelon, corn on the cob, garden fruits and vegetables, etc.) that we hope to feature at our first meal on the 10th. **A paper signup for this meal will be in the Narthex vAugust 31 and September 7. We will not be using Signup Genius this year, just our paper signup.** We hope everyone will join us as we resume our Wednesday fellowship! Questions? Please see Leslie Heumann (321-507-0587) or Jackie Fernandez (515-556-6359) with questions.



September 2025



Women's & Men's Bible Breakfast

Our Women's and Men's Bible Breakfast groups will meet next on September 20 at 9 a.m. at Grills, 6075 North US 1, Melbourne, FL. This is a chance for a light devotion together and some good fellowship. All are invited! There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Women may contact Cathy Chase at 321-505-1223 with questions. Men may contact Dave Roberts at 804-512-1496. Hope you can make it!

Mah Jongg with Kathy Mathisen



For September, Mah Jongg at Hope will meet Sept. 3 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. For the rest of the month/fall, beginning September 12, Mah Jongg will meet on Fridays, 2-4pm. If interested, please let Kathy Mathisen know at 321-345-4770. All are welcome!



Hope Walks-Day and Time Change

For all those interested in being a part of our walking group, Hope Walks, please note there has been a day and time change. Beginning September 6, the group will meet Saturday mornings at 7 am. Assemble just inside the main Parkway entrance. Provide your phone number to Cathy Chase (321-505-1223) to receive text updates. ***Meet up time may change again later this fall due to sunrise and change in park opening time.

Crochet Crew



Crochet Crew will be meeting on September 11 and 25 at 10 am to crochet and enjoy fellowship. If you have any questions or want to learn, please call Rachel Stutsman at 701-471-4751 for more information.



Hope Lutheran's 20th Anniversary Celebration!

What's Happening at Hope? We're celebrating our 20th Anniversary as a congregation on Sunday, September 14th! On that day we will be worshipping at our regular times of 8:30 & 10:30, with a special guest preacher, our Founding pastor, the Reverend Doctor Mark Moreno, dedicating a new Altar Cross and candlesticks, and our refurbished and polished handbells.



And there's more! At 4:30 p.m. we will be further celebrating our anniversary with a slide showcase from our past 20 years, a delicious dinner prepared by our members and caterer Beth Hazley -of Two Chicks and a Pot, and special gifts for our members... This event will be held at Faith "Viera" Lutheran Church, Building E, 5560 Faith Drive, Rockledge, FL 32955.

You won't want to miss it, so mark your calendars! See you on September 14th,
Your 20th Anniversary Committee
Llonda Bins-Lohman, Diane Gillard, Jim Gillard, Leslie Heumann

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Hope History Booklets

Get your copy of Hope History in it's entirety at our celebration on September 14th. Leslie Heumann and Nancy Roberts



LWML Space Coast Fall Rally

Save the Date for the LWML Space Coast Fall Rally on October 4 at Christ Christian in Cape Canaveral. More information to follow. Contact Bunnie Koelsch (321-432-4419) with questions.

Trinity Lutheran School News



Thank you, Hope Lutheran, for your help during our recent Work Day. Your time and effort made our campus shine and created a welcoming space for students as they returned to school. The first weeks of school have been full of energy and joy as students settle into their routines, make new friends, and begin their learning. We are grateful for your continued prayers and support for our students, staff, and families. Our tutoring program will be starting up again in September. If you are interested in volunteering for this opportunity to support our 1st through 6th grade students in math and reading, please contact Theresa Barnewall at tbarnewall@trinity-rockledge.org or (321) 636-5431.

Thank you again for the many ways you continue to support our school ministry. We appreciate your prayers, service and encouragement. Theresa Barnewall, Principal, Trinity Lutheran School.



Hope Cares

Hope Cares is a program that matches needs with resources all within our Hope family community. Here are just a few of the categories we could use help in providing:

- Greeting cards to shut-ins and emails
- Meals to homes – mostly after surgery, births, and so on
- Transportation – mostly to church services, appointments, important errands
- Contribute food to funeral lunches, as per the family's request

If you would like to be a resource providing these activities, please fill out a gold half-sheet which is on table in the narthex then check off your choices. Next, please give the form to Deaconess Lois or drop off in the church office. You will receive an email, or phone call, when a request for these items comes up. Hope Cares is truly a blessing to our Hope family. Thank you for your help. If you would like more information, please contact Deaconess Lois Diebel at 321-536-0430 or deaconess.lois@hope-brevard.org

Thrivent Action Team Cards



Thrivent Action Cards are a wonderful source to supplement the outreach programs at Hope Lutheran. If you have cards available, please let Linda Miller know the best way for her to reach out to you by phone or e-mail. Please contact Linda at 321-223-1473 or happy324@aol.com with any questions.



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September Ministry of the Month

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 73 different countries including 40 states in the USA. Orphan Grain Train's Mission states "In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near." Please consider this worthy cause when donating throughout the year.

Food on the First-BLAST



This month BLAST is especially in need of soup, side dishes, and cereal. As always, all non-perishable, non-expired donations are useful and greatly appreciated. If you have any question, please contact to Nancy Sutter at (321) 537-2717. Thank you for your support.



Baker's Blessings

For September, we will be providing cookies for the staff at Sherwood Elementary School. Cookies will be due on September 28th. We are asking for 2 ½ dozen cookies to be bagged two to a bag in Ziplock Baggies. Please take a bag of "Baker's Blessings" labels and put one on each bag of cookies. When you deliver your cookies, please put a check mark on the "Cookies Delivered" box. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sutter at (321) 537-2717. Thank you for your support.

Operation Christmas Child



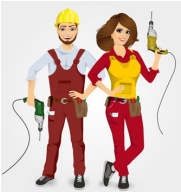
Operation Christmas Child will kick off the first week of October. There will be a meeting on September 13th at First Baptist Church of Port St John at 10:00am-1pm or so. If you are interested in learning more about OCC and how we can be leaders in our community. Please contact Tori Cooper if you would like to join the meeting as she needs to RSVP by September 8th. Carpooling is available if needed. Due to the meeting, I have pushed our sign up and collection date to October. Look for more information coming soon. If you have any questions or would like to be a bigger part of our OCC group, please let Tori Cooper know.



Sherwood School Supplies

Sherwood Elementary was so very grateful for all the children's backpacks and teacher supplies donated for this school year. Our donation enables 14 students to have a successful year along with many more teachers and staff. Many thanks for all who helped the children and teachers in our community.

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**Hope Helpers**

Last year Tori Cooper compiled a Hope Helpers list of Hope members willing and wanting to help our church community with household tasks such as yardwork, dishes, laundry, grocery shopping, basic electrical and plumbing, minor household repairs and much much more! You may pick up the list of Hope Helpers in the church office to have on hand if ever a need should arise. And remember, we are a church family so no one should hesitate asking for assistance. We are all so willing to help where we can!

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Striving to be people of HOPE in our Community.

Carrying the HOPE of Jesus to our community by growing together through worship, education, service and fellowship.



Worship

Worship is very important to us here at Hope. It's a time where we can gather together as followers of Jesus and come into contact with our God, who loves us and forgives us. When we come together in worship, we pray, praise and give thanks to God for His grace delivered to us through His Word and Sacraments.



Education

In order to be people of Hope in our community, we believe it is vital for each of us to grow in our understanding of the God who loves and and forgives us through Jesus. This is why Hope provides a variety of educational opportunities as you continue to explore the faith we share. Go to www.hopebrevard.org to get plugged in!



Service

Serving our community has been a part of Hope's mission since we were planted as a church in 2005. This legacy continues still today as the first 11% of our budget every year is dedicated to our outreach ministry. Through this ministry of service, Hope provides many opportunities for our members to reach into our community with the Hope of Jesus.



Fellowship

We all appreciate when we have a friend or two to walk alongside us as we experience the joys and sorrows that we encounter along life's way. Through our times of fellowship at Hope, we deepen the relationships we have with one another and learn how we might best bear one another's burdens.