



The Hope Reporter



Growing Through Education

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

– Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Here at Hope, we are always seeking to be people of HOPE in our community, and one of the ways we grow together as people of HOPE is through **education**. There is no better way to grow as people of HOPE than to be constantly immersed in God's Word so that we are always reminded of who he is, what he has done for us, and who we are in light of what we are now in light of all that he's done.

In speaking to his people in Deuteronomy 6, God tells his people to always have his words on their hearts, to teach them to their kids as often as possible, and to always have them on their mind from the moment they wake up to the moment they lie down to go to sleep at night. That sounds like a tall order, especially when you think about all the things we all have to do throughout the day, but at the same time, we ought to take God seriously and think about ways that we can slow down and dive into his Word.

This month, Hope is going to give you all kinds of opportunities to do that. Starting with Rally Day on **Sunday, September 13th**, our education programs here at Hope will kick off. Sunday school for our kids from preschool up through high school will begin between our Sunday services. Our Sunday Bible study for adults will continue as we study the lectionary readings and as we cover different topics through our different series throughout the year.

Then, on **Wednesday, September 16th**, our Wednesday morning men's and women's Bible studies will resume at 10am. The ladies will be studying the book of Judges in the Fellowship Hall and the men will resume their study of the books of history from the Bible and they will meet in the Sanctuary.

Also on **Wednesday, September 16th**, Wednesday In The Word will return with as we share a meal at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall and Bible study beginning at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. This year, we are going to be tackling the book of Revelation and learning how to properly read and interpret all that we find there.

New this year, Nancy Pruim will be leading a Women's Bible study on **Thursday, September 17th at 6pm** in the Sanctuary. Nancy will be walking the ladies through Paul's letter to the Romans and it promises to be an insightful study.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for you and your family to continue to grow as a person of HOPE through your continued study of God's Word this fall. If you've never studied the Bible before, or if you have and you want to grow deeper in your knowledge, take advantage of one or all of these opportunities coming up! God has amazing things in store for you!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor James

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Happy Birthday to...

Yvonne Wallace 2
Tamara Snack 5
Suzanne Kluge 12

Gavin Montague 22
Jan Haeker 24
Kent LaVelle 27



Happy Anniversary to...

Jim & Diane Gillard	1	42 years
Rich & Nancy Sutter	5	28 years
Paul & Mary Fox	14	52 years
Keith & Timi Mitnik	18	22 years
Joline & Bob Irvine	19	56 years
Jim & Nancy Wapshott	21	
William & Regina Gohier	22	42 years
Frank & Carole Engi	23	48 years

Rally Day is September 13!!



Rally Day, September 13, 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 Rally Day, September 13!! Preschool-1st will meet in the Fellowship Hall and 2nd grade and up will meet in Pastor's office. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will continue with our Enduring Faith Curriculum.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: On Sunday mornings, Pastor leads an adult Bible class in the Sanctuary between services.

Wednesday Women's & Men's Bible Studies will begin on September 16 at 10 am. The women's group meets in the Fellowship Hall and will be working through a study on the book of Judges. The men's group meets in the Sanctuary and will continue working through *The Books of History: Joshua-Esther*. All are invited to join us!

Thursday Women's Bible Study: This fall, beginning September 17, Nancy Pruim will be leading a Women's Bible Class on Thursdays evenings at 6 pm. During this time, she will lead the group through the Concordia Publishing House LifeLight Bible Study of Romans: Part I. The group will meet in the sanctuary as there is another group that uses the Fellowship Hall on Thursday evenings. If you would like to attend, please signup in the narthex. A Thrivent card will cover all or a good portion of the cost of the books. Contact Nancy Pruim with questions at (407) 620-7817. All women are welcome!!

Wednesday in the Word will begin on Wednesday, September 16. We begin our Bible Study at 6:30 and will be working through the book *God's Word for Today: Revelation*. 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. **A paper signup for this meal will be in the Narthex September 6 & 13.** We hope everyone will join us as we resume our Wednesday fellowship! Please contact Cindy Livingston (321-432-8222) or Jackie Fernandez (515-556-6359) with any questions.

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Next Steps Course Beginning October 3



If you have been worshipping with Hope for a while, or even if you've only joined us a couple of times, we want to invite you to consider coming to our **Next Steps** course beginning **Saturday, October 3 at 10am!**

Over the four weeks of our **Next Steps** course, you are going to learn about Hope's vision and mission, and we'll cover the basics of the faith we share. Throughout the course, we'll cover the important roles **worship, education, service, and fellowship** play in helping us to transform into people of hope here in our community while looking at how all those things fit with what we learn in Luther's Small Catechism.

If you're interested in learning more about the Christian faith and what makes Hope a unique place to grow and live out that faith, then our **Next Steps** course is for you! Contact Jackie or Pastor James.

Church Council Meeting, September 15



The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.



LWML Space Coast Fall Rally

Registration is open for the LWML Space Coast Fall Rally on October 3 at Faith Lutheran Church on Merritt Island. Registration is \$7 and all women are welcome! Additional information and a sign-up sheet are available on the narthex table. For more info, contact Bunnie (321-432-4419).

Mah Jongg with Kathy Mathisen



Our Mah Jongg group meets Tuesdays, 1-3 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. If interested, please let Kathy Mathisen know at 321-345-4770.



Crochet Crew

Crochet Crew will be meeting on September 3 & 17 2026. We begin at 10 am and finish around 11:30 am. If you want to learn or just do your own thing with the group, please join. Any questions, please contact Rachel Stutsman at 701-471-4751.

Hope Walks



All are welcome to walk with us at Wickham Park on Mondays, Wednesday and Saturdays at 7 am. Assemble just inside the main Parkway entrance. Contact Cathy Chase (321-505-1223) for text updates.



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Women's & Men's Bible Breakfast



Our Women's and Men's Bible Breakfast groups will meet next on September 19 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! Sign up in the Narthex. Women may contact Cathy Chase at 321-505-1223 with questions. Men may contact Gary Rezeau at (321) 543-4887.



Marty Party-October 25!!

Marty Party is our celebration of the Reformation Sunday, October 25, 12:30-3:30pm. In honor of Reformation, with a hint of Oktoberfest, we will have a picnic for all at Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr, Melbourne, FL. We have reserved Pavilion #1, which is near a restroom building and playground. Hope will be providing and grilling brats (thank you Scott Cooper). The remaining side dishes will be volunteered through Signup Genius in early October. Hope will bring a few outdoor games. Alcohol is allowed in Wickham Park in cans only. Any additional questions can be directed at Jackie Fernandez (321-622-6126) and Rachel Stutsman (701-471-4751).

Open Doors With Us on October 8!



Join us for Opening Doors for Women, New Life Mission's annual fall fundraiser, proudly presented by Galleria of Art and Photography—thank you for helping open doors to brighter futures for women and children. Step into an evening of hope, possibility and transformation as we come together to open doors for women with children experiencing homelessness in our community. Experience the Behind Closed doors exhibit, a powerful visual storytelling exhibit featuring photographs and quotes that reveal some of the circumstances that led a mother and her children into homelessness.

Then, we'll open doors to an unforgettable evening featuring chef-crafted heavy hors d'oeuvres from the area's premier restaurants, drinks, live music, live and silent auctions, and the powerful testimony of a New Life Mission graduate who transformed the trajectory of her family for generations to come.

Your attendance helps make transformation possible. All proceeds benefit New Life Mission families, providing the housing, programs and support they need to move from homelessness to lasting independence. Come experience the stories. Celebrate the transformation. Be part of Opening Doors Thursday, October 8, 6–9 pm at Space Coast Center for Collaboration (1100 Rockledge Blvd, Rockledge, FL).



Outreach Committee Meeting

Our next Outreach meeting is on Thursday September 10 6:30-8pm. Come and join us to see what our Outreach Committee discusses and agrees upon for our church and our community needs.

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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



For September 6 Food on the First, BLAST is in need canned fruit, fruit cups, snacks, pasta sauce, and side dishes. Plastic or cans preferred. As always, any non-perishable, non-expired food items are appreciated and useful. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sutter (321-537-2717.)



Bakers' Blessings

This month's cookies will go to Eau Gallie High School. 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 in the "Cookies Delivered" box. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sutter at (321) 537-2717. Thank you!

Hope Cares



Hope Cares Hope Cares is a program that takes care of our Hope family. There is a lot that all of us can do to be of help to others here at Hope Lutheran. It may be donating food items for funeral and memorial services or sending out sending greeting cards to the homebound or those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Perhaps you would like to bless someone by bringing a meal to them in their time of need, due to injury or surgery, or by giving someone a ride to church. We serve our Lord and share our blessings. Getting involved is easy. Just pick up a goldenrod (yellow/gold) colored half-sheet that lists all the activities we offer and simply choose your interests. Be sure to add your contact information to be added to email lists for chosen activities. You will receive an email to let you know you are added. If you have any questions, my contact information is below. If you ever need to change your list of activities for the program, it's no problem, just let me know. Deaconess Lois Diebel 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 Bill Gohier know the best way for him to reach out to you by phone or e-mail. Please contact Bill at (517) 719-2287 or wgohier1@gmail.com.

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Support Hope through Online Giving

Your generosity goes a long way in helping Hope fulfill God's mission in Melbourne and beyond! We thank you for supporting our ministry! You can give at hopebrevard.org/give or by scanning the QR code to the left.

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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.