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News in the Pews!



Digital Edition

Upcoming Events

Social Suppers & Wednesday Evening Prayer Resume

August 5 at Hope Central Campus

New Member Orientation

August 8 at 9:00am at Hope Central Campus

New Members Received

August 8 & 9 at all Hope campuses

Women of Hope Out to Lunch Bunch

August 20 at 11:30am - More information coming soon!

Don't Miss Our Hope South Campus Video Update



Want to watch last week's Hope South Campus video message again? Click the link above to watch on our YouTube channel.

To learn more about the Hope South Campus building project, visit our website at hope4all.church/south.

Become a Member of Hope!

Ready to make Hope your church home? We invite you to participate in the next step of the membership process by attending Hope's New Member Orientation on **Saturday, August 8** from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Hope Central Campus. Continental breakfast will be served.

New members will be received on the weekend of August 8 & 9 at their preferred service.

We have three levels of membership - voting, associate, and seasonal. For more information on membership options, please visit our website by [clicking here](#).



A Message on Donations at Hope Central Campus

Thank you Hope family for your generous donations to our many ministries! Your gifts of food, personal care goods, school supplies, and other requested items make a tremendous and lasting difference in our community. We could not serve our neighbors without your help!



Occasionally, we receive drop-off donations that we cannot accommodate. In order to maintain our collection bins and leave room for necessary donations, we ask you to please donate only items which have been requested by ministry teams. Lists of items and signage are available in the Donation Hallway and Information Hallway at Hope Central Campus.

Please do not bring the following items to Hope Central Campus:

- Adult clothing (unless requested during a specific donation drive)
- Soiled or damaged items
- Furniture items
- Items damaged by insects or bodily fluids
- Items more than 10 years old
- Expired, moldy, or partially consumed food items

As stated above, clothing donations are only accepted when specifically requested during drives. Please do not fill any of our bins with used clothing.

If you are looking to donate furniture, clothing, or other items, please contact our ministry partners at Love In the Name of Christ at (352) 245-8774. They would be excited to receive your items!

90 Years Blessed & Loved!

Ruth Leininger is turning 90!

Join us for her birthday celebration Sunday, August 9 at 2:00pm Hope Central Campus Fellowship Hall.

Friends of Ruth kindly RSVP to Debbie at dblunk@att.net by Sunday, August 2. Cake and ice cream will be served.



**Caring Through Stephen
Ministers**

Book Shelf



Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them?

If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following — love, faith, mercy, compassion, kindness, or encouragement — consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry for people undergoing a challenging time.

This may be just what you've been looking for! Training begins in September. Contact Deacon Kathy Smith at (352) 399-5103 or deaconkathy@hope4all.church to learn more about this ministry.



Love to read? Please consider joining one of Hope's four book groups. They all meet at Hope Central Campus.

The August books are:

Second Monday at 9:00am is off for summer

First Tuesday August 4 at 1:00pm is *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce

First Tuesday August 4 at 4:00pm is *Night Watch* by Jayne Anne Phillips

First Wednesday August 5 at 9:00am is *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk

Please email Anita Dillman at anitadillman1@gmail.com if you have any questions or for more information.

Christmas in July

Please Help Support The Infant and Toddler Pantry!

Your Generosity Makes a Difference all Year Round

This is an important initiative to help support vulnerable infants and toddlers in the area. The Infant and Toddler Pantry in Summerfield helps to ensure families in need have access to essential clothes and supplies for their little ones, and your help can make a real difference.



How Can You Help? Donations can be made in the following ways:

- For the convenience of all, the weekend of July 25-26 bins will be at all three campuses.
- Use the labelled collection bins at Hope Central Campus throughout July in the Information Hallway and the Tree of Life Hallway.
- Checks should be made payable to Hope Lutheran Church, include *Women of Hope/Christmas* in the Memo line.

What Are We Collecting for the Pantry? We are seeking donations of:

- Baby sunblock, shampoo, ointments, lotions and wipes
- Children's shoes (6 mo to 6 Toddler), boxed or unboxed
- Clothing for infants and toddlers (new or gently used)
- Crib sheets, rattles, toys and books
- Baby layette essentials
- Packs of disposable diapers (Infant through toddler sizes)

Why Your Support Matters

Every donation helps provide critical resources to families who are struggling to make ends meet. Together, we can ensure that every child has access to the basic necessities that support their growth, health, and happiness.

Thank you for your continued support for this important mission!
The Women of Hope

In Case You Missed It: Hope's Financial Update

Below, you will find important financial updates from Hope Lutheran Church as of May 31, 2026.

Each month, Hope will provide a comprehensive look at our current financial situation. A limited number of physical copies will be available at each Hope campus.

If you have questions about the information shared, please contact any member of the Hope Council. Email addresses can be found at hope4all.church/council.

[Click Here to View the Monthly Report](#)

[Click Here to View the Stewardship News](#)

Food Pantry Shoe & Backpack Drive



There is a great need in our community to support local children as they return to school. Many do not have access to new shoes...and many will be forced to return to school with ruined or ill-fitting shoes.

The Hope Lake Weir Campus Food Pantry is sponsoring a Back to School Shoe & Backpack Drive for the children who come to the Food

Plastic Grocery Bags for the Hope Lake Weir Campus Food Pantry



Our Hope Lake Weir Campus Food Pantry is running out of plastic shopping bags!

We rely on your donated plastic grocery bags to bag the food for our neighbors each week. If you have

Pantry and attend local schools. Shoes & backpacks will be distributed in early August.

If you would like to make a donation to the shoe drive, you may give by check, cash, or online. Please indicate Pantry Shoe Drive in the comment section.

Every donation counts as we continue to support these deserving children. Thank you for your generosity!

any extra bags you don't need, we would greatly appreciate the donation.

You may place grocery bags in any of the food pantry collection bins.

Thank you for your generosity!

AVL Department Update

A big thank-you to Shade and Howie for taking time this week to care for some much-needed AVL maintenance around the church. A lot of what the AVL team does happens behind the scenes, but it makes a huge difference in helping our services, events, and ministry moments run smoothly.

From checking equipment to making sure everything is ready to go, Shade and Howie put in the kind of work that often goes unnoticed but truly matters. We are grateful for their servant hearts, attention to detail, and willingness to help keep things moving forward.

Thank you, Shade and Howie, for using your gifts to serve the church and support the ministry happening each week.



Calling All Singers: Join the Hope Lake Weir Campus Weekly Choir or Fall Cantata

Hope Lake Weir Campus's Music Director Frederick Blanchard is seeking basses and tenors to join both the regular weekly choir and the Fall Cantata choir.

Anyone interested may email Frederick at frederick@hope4all.church.



Fall Cantata Singers: Please Click Here to Sign Up

Rehearsal/Performance schedule:

Sunday, 8/23/26 - Hope Lake Weir Campus Sanctuary: 2:30 - 4:30pm ... Soprano/Alto Sectional Rehearsal

Sunday, 8/30/26 - Hope Lake Weir Campus Sanctuary: 2:30 - 4:30pm ... Tenor/Bass Sectional Rehearsal

Sunday, 9/6/26 - Hope Lake Weir Campus Sanctuary: 2:30 - 4:30pm ... Full CCH (choir) Rehearsal

Sunday, 9/13/26 - Hope Lake Weir Campus Sanctuary: 2:30 - 4:30pm ... Full CCH (choir) Rehearsal

Sunday, 9/20/26 - Hope Lake Weir Campus Sanctuary: 2:30 - 4:30pm Full CCH w/ Instruments Rehearsal

Friday, 9/25/26 - Hope Lake Weir Campus Sanctuary: 2:30 - 4:30pm DRESS REHEARSAL

- 4:30 - 6:00pm IN HOUSE DINNER AND REST
- 5:45pm DOORS OPEN TO AUDIENCE
- 6:00pm CCH CALL TIME
- 6:30 - 7:30pm 1ST PERFORMANCE
- 7:30pm RECEPTION IN HALL

Sunday, 9/27/26 - Hope Lake Weir Campus Sanctuary: 2:00pm CCH CALL TIME

- 2:15pm DOORS OPEN TO AUDIENCE
- 3:00 - 4:00pm 2ND PERFORMANCE
- 4:00pm RECEPTION IN HALL

Two New Offerings from Our Friends at TLC

Moving Through Grief

(6 weeks) September 8 – October 13
(Tuesdays, 9:30am – 11:00am),
facilitated by Judy Maloney, LMHC.

When a loved one dies, whether a spouse, family member, or friend, we can feel lost and alone. Being with others who understand can ease the pain and guide us toward healing.

Please join us if your loss occurred at least 4 months before the start date.

[Click Here for the Location and Registration](#)

Hope and Healing After Suicide Loss

(8 weeks) October 28 – December 16,
1:30pm – 3:30pm,
facilitated by Melinda Billig, licensed
clinical social worker.

The loss of a loved one to suicide can bring overwhelming grief, unanswered questions, and a sense of isolation. This support group offers a safe, compassionate space where participants can connect with others who share a similar experience, receive understanding and support, and find hope for the future. Whether the loss was recent or many years ago, members are invited to share their stories through guided discussions, explore healthy ways to cope, honor their loved one's memory, and move forward on their healing journey.

[Click Here for the Location and Registration](#)

Support Clothe-A-Kid with Our Partners at Love INC

A young boy we'll call Michael walked into The Rock a few years ago. His eyes stayed fixed on the floor. His clothes were worn. His shoes had holes in them. He barely spoke as he walked beside a volunteer, who was doing everything she could to help him select some items he needed.



Then something remarkable happened.

As volunteers helped Michael choose new clothes, his shoulders began to straighten. He smiled when he found a shirt he liked. He stood a little taller when he tried on a new pair of shoes. By the end of the visit, he wasn't looking at the floor anymore, he was looking ahead.

That day, Michael didn't just receive shoes. He received confidence. He received dignity. He received hope. And that happened because of generous people like you.

Last year, your support helped local children start the school year with the clothing, shoes, and confidence they needed to succeed. This year, the need continues.

Love INC's goal is to provide back-to-school clothing for 300 local children, but they cannot do it alone. They need to raise \$34,500 before school begins.

This year's Clothe-A-Kid shopping days will take place on July 23, July 28, and July 30 along the Rolling Acres Plaza corridor in The Villages. Families who are struggling financially will be paired with caring volunteers who help them shop, encourage them, and remind them that their community cares.

Would you consider sponsoring a child today?

At Love INC, we believe every child deserves to begin the school year with confidence and every family deserves to know they are not alone. Because of your generosity, children will walk into their classrooms ready to learn, ready to belong, and ready to thrive.

Thank you for the difference you've already made.

Would you consider sponsoring a child today?



\$115
SPONSORS
ONE CHILD



\$230
SPONSORS
TWO CHILDREN



\$575
SPONSORS
FIVE CHILD



EVERY GIFT
REGARDLESS OF SIZE
HELPS A CHILD WALK
INTO SCHOOL FEELING
SEEN, VALUED, AND PREPARED.

Gatherings of Hope

Pastor Rani is leading Gatherings of Hope on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Room 204 at Hope Central Campus from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Experience a community of support that cares for you no matter what you are going through. You are welcome to bring your lunch. All are welcome, including non-Hope members, so please invite your friends to join us.

Faith & Fellowship

Faith and Fellowship creates a weekly opportunity to look at the scriptures in light of everyday life. Together we continue to unpack the gift that we have in and through God's grace.

Faith & Fellowship is now meeting at all Hope campuses! You can find a list of locations and meeting times [by clicking here](#).

All are welcome, including non-Hope members.

Join a G.I.F.T. Group

Hope Lutheran Church has officially launched our G.I.F.T. Groups (Growing In Faith Together) ministry!

Join a small group of 6–10 people who will meet in homes, at church, online, or wherever God provides space.

[Click Here to Get Involved](#)

Worship Attendance for July 11 & 12, 2026

Hope Central Campus:

4:00pm - 149

6:00pm - 68

8:00am - 99

10:00am - 231

Online:

4:00pm - Streaming issues

10:00am - Streaming issues

10:00am (HLWC) - 49

Hope Lake Weir Campus:

10:00am - 106

Hope at the Everglades Rec Center:

8:00am - 102

10:00am - 136

In Memoriam



Jay Burckle passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2026. Jay was born on May 11, 1939. He and his wife, Thelma, were married on February 14, 1958. They joined Hope Lutheran Church on August 27, 2006.

A private service will be held next week.

Please keep Thelma and their family in your hearts and prayers.



Ruth Karohl passed away on May 22, 2026. Ruth was born on November 1, 1934. She was widowed. Ruth and her late husband joined Hope Lutheran Church on February 24, 2002.

No service is planned at this time.

Please keep their family in your hearts and prayers during their time of grief.

**Scripture Reading for
July 19
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30

**Scripture Reading for
July 26
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:44-52

This Weekend's Worship Bulletin

Click the button to view this weekend's worship bulletin for traditional services.

[View the Worship Bulletin](#)

Inform the Church of Visitation Needs

Do you know of someone who needs a visit from a Hope pastor? Please call the church office at (352) 750-2321 and let us know. Our Pastoral Care Team would love to visit with you or your loved one.

Submit a Prayer Request

Need Prayer? Submit a prayer request via our hope4all.church website.

[Click Here to Submit a Prayer Request](#)

Hope Lutheran Church Office Hours

Monday to Thursday - 8:00am to 4:00pm Friday - 8:00am to 1:00pm

Have news to share? Please fill out the [Newsletter Article Request Form](#) for inclusion in a future edition!

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