

June 5, 2026



# News in the Pews!



Digital Edition

## Upcoming Events

### Women of Hope Out to Lunch Bunch

June 18 at 11:15am at Glenview Country Club - Details below!

### Father's Day

June 21

### Independence Day Office Closure

July 3 - Church office closed all day

### Independence Day

July 4

### Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

July 13-17 at Hope Lake Weir Campus - More info below!

## A Thank You from Pr. John & the VBS Team



Family of Hope,

I want to thank each and every person who attended the Wednesday Social Supper and contributed to our summer VBS program.

We raised over \$900 to support VBS. Our 30+ volunteers, our potential 50 students, and Diane and I are so incredibly grateful for your support.

God bless each and every one of you.

Pastor John LeCain

## Join the Hope Professional Team

Hope Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to join our professional staff!

This position will assist in the recruitment of volunteers and help equip and train volunteers to serve in various roles within Hope Lutheran Church, as well as work with staff members and team leaders



to ensure smooth day-to-day operations of all Hope Lutheran Church campuses.

The candidate will possess excellent interpersonal skills and be able to motivate, train, and interact with volunteers, and will understand the mission of Hope Lutheran Church. They must also possess effective time management skills.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and letter of interest to Bob Franceski at bob@hope4all.church by July 1.

Click the link below to view the complete job description.

[Click Here to Read the Full Job Description](#)

## Vacation Bible School



**Calling all explorers:** Hope Lutheran Church invites all kids grades 1-5 to join the adventure during Vacation Bible School this year!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) returns to Hope Lake Weir Campus on July 13 - 17 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.**

Children will dive into field-tested activities and new adventures in the safety of their loving church family.

[Register a Child for VBS](#)

## July Cancellations



During the month of July, two weekly Hope staples will take a brief hiatus.

**There will be no Wednesday Evening Social Suppers during the month of July.** We will use this time for the annual deep cleaning of our kitchen facilities as well as a much-deserved break for our Hospitality Volunteers.

**Additionally, there will be no Wednesday Evening Prayer Service in July.**

Both Social Suppers and Wednesday Evening Prayer will resume in August.

Also, please remember that the **Southern Neighbors Social Night is cancelled until the fall.**

**Faith & Fellowship South Moves to New Location**

Our Faith & Fellowship South Bible Study group will now be meeting at the Warfield Auditorium - 98 S Warfield Ave., Wildwood, FL. The group meets the second and fourth Monday at 1:30pm.



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. The group offers support to one another by sharing their stories of faith and how God is at work in their own lives. Members of the group are invited to reflect on scriptures and bring their own questions, challenges, and experiences.

All are invited to join this group, and everyone is welcome! Rejoicing in the gift of salvation on the Cross through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we lift His name and give Him all the praise and the glory!

## Independence Day Catering from Hope

Celebrate America's historic birthday with a catered meal prepared by Hope's Chef Michael and Sarah!

Take the stress out of entertaining this year. You can order a selection of appetizers and sweets, or reserve an entire dinner plate. Catering order forms and flyers are available through the links below and at the Hope Central Campus office.

You will need to print the order form or pick up a physical copy in the office, fill it out, and submit it for all catering orders. Online ordering is not available.

Orders must be placed by June 24 and picked up on July 3. Directions are included in the flyer.



[Click Here to View a Catering Flyer](#)

[Click Here to View a Catering Order Form](#)

## Volunteer Opportunity at Hope South Campus

We're looking for Clickers (Presentation Specialists) to serve in the AVL department!

**What you'll do:** Help run the slides and presentations during our Sunday services at Hope South Campus at both 8:00am and 10:00am.

### Skills needed:

- Basic computer literacy
- Quick decision-making
- Ability to take direction well
- Commitment to serve at both the 8:00am and 10:00am services each Sunday



If you enjoy technology, have excellent attention to detail, and want to help create a smooth worship experience, this is a great role for you!

Interested? Contact the AVL team by emailing [jime@hope4all.church](mailto:jime@hope4all.church) to get started.

Help us share God's message clearly — every click matters!

## School Supplies Drive to Benefit The Rock at Lake Weir Middle School



### Can You Help The Rock?

School supplies will be going on sale soon. If you would like to make a donation, we will need the following:

- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebooks (single subject)
- Composition notebooks
- Pens and pencils
- Mechanical pencils
- Backpacks
- Erasers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Notebooks (1" or 2")
- Sling bags
- Glue
- Pocket folders with brads
- Colored pencils or markers
- Construction paper for school projects
- Poster board for school projects

Donations can be brought to The Rock collection bin at Hope Central Campus. Cash donations can be made by making a check out to Hope Lutheran Church and writing "The Rock" on the memo line.

### Office Closed on July 3 for Independence Day

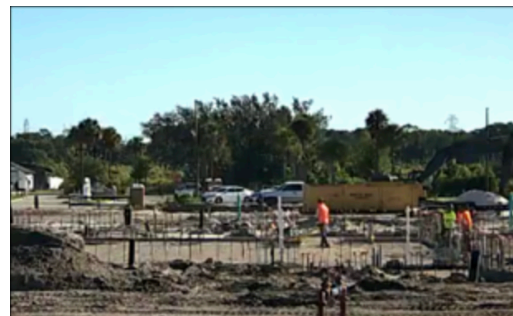


Don't forget!

**Independence Day 2026 is Saturday, July 4.**

In celebration of the holiday, the Hope Lutheran Church office will be closed all day on Friday, July 3. All activities at the church are cancelled for this day.

### Hope South Campus Building Update



Work continues at Hope South Campus, and the building is beginning to take shape on our property!

In the photo above, a construction worker is running a vibratory plate compactor. He is compacting the soil in preparation for pouring the concrete floor slab.

## 5 Things You Should Know about Our Stephen Ministers



### Part #4: Is this ministry Biblically-based?

**Acts 6:1-7** provides the primary biblical basis for Stephen Ministry. Stephen was one of the first seven deacons chosen by the apostles to care for the needs of the early Christian community, particularly addressing the distribution of food to widows. He is described as “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5), exemplifying a life of service, compassion, and spiritual wisdom. His ministry extended beyond administrative duties to performing “great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), demonstrating that caring for others is both practical and spiritually transformative.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) Stephen Ministry serves to bring Christ's healing love to those who are hurt. Jesus instructed his disciples to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34). As a care-giving ministry, Stephen Ministry equips people to offer that love through their caring presence, listening, encouraging, and praying with their care receivers. For more information contact the church office or Deacon Kathy Smith at (352) 399-5103 or [deaconkathy@hope4all.church](mailto:deaconkathy@hope4all.church).

## Women of Hope Out to Lunch Bunch Glenview Country Club - June 18 at 11:15am

Join us for a fun and welcoming **Out to Lunch Bunch** gathering! This month, we are meeting at Glenview Country Club, 3194 Glenview Rd, The Villages. Bring your neighbors and friends and enjoy a wonderful opportunity to connect, share a meal, and get to know women from all three Hope campuses.

Reserve your spot today by registering online using the link below. There is no cost to register, and everyone will pay individually at the restaurant. Please register once for yourself and a second time if you are bringing a guest.



The registration deadline is Monday, June 15 at noon. For more information, please contact Bonnie Cook at (352) 460-7672.

Future locations and dates for luncheon sites and breakfast meetings

- July 9 - Belle Glade Country Club at 11:30am
- August 20 - Evans Prairie Country Club at 11:30am
- September 17 - Ma Barker & Her Gangster Sons (Breakfast Meeting at Hope Central Campus at 9:00am)
- October 15 - Artificial Intelligence: Everyday Applications, Fears, and Facts (Breakfast Meeting at Hope Central Campus at 9:00am)

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Gatherings of Hope

Pastor Rani is leading Gatherings of Hope on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 May 30 & 31, 2026

### Hope Central Campus:

4:00pm - 198  
6:00pm - 55  
8:00am - 121  
10:00am - 255

### Online:

4:00pm - 71  
10:00am - 107  
10:00am (HLWC) - 24

### Hope Lake Weir Campus:

10:00am - 132

### Hope at the Everglades Rec Center:

8:00am - 114  
10:00am - 144



## Flowers on the Altar Given By...

- Bill & Barbie Monaghan, in honor of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**Scripture Reading for  
June 7  
Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13,  
18-26**

**Scripture Reading for  
June 14  
Third Sunday After Pentecost**

**Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 10:16-23**

## **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](http://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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