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News in the Pews!



Digital Edition

Upcoming Events

Pentecost

May 24

Memorial Day

May 25 - Church office closed all day

Social Supper to Benefit VBS

May 27 at 5:00pm at Hope Central Campus

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

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

Pentecost 2026



During the weekend of May 23 & 24, we will observe Pentecost during all worship services at Hope.

Pentecost is when we celebrate God sending the Holy Spirit to be among us and work within us. We encourage you to wear red this weekend as you worship with your family of Hope.

A Memorial Day Message

As we gather with family and friends this Memorial Day, we pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Please join us in praying for the families of our fallen service members, and for those currently serving our nation overseas and at home. Watch a special video message from Pr. David Butler by clicking the link.

Please note that the Hope offices will be closed all day on Monday, May 25.



Two Messages from Vacation Bible School

Fundraiser Social Supper to Benefit VBS

This summer, children will journey into the wonder of God's creation through our Vacation Bible School program **Rainforest Falls**: July 13 through 17 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. VBS includes Bible stories, crafts, games, fellowship, and lunch for every participant.

To help make this ministry possible, we invite you to join us on May 27 during the Social Supper for a special offering to support VBS. Your gifts will help provide meals, supplies, decorations, learning, materials, and opportunities for children to grow.

Together, we can plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow long after summer ends. Thank you for supporting the children and their families through this very important ministry.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Register for 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.

We also need adult volunteers! Email pastorjohn@hope4all.church or complete the form on our church website.

[Register a Child for VBS](#)

[Register a Volunteer](#)

Update on Hope South Campus Building Project

As you read last week, a significant milestone has been reached with the pouring of the concrete foundation of Hope South Campus, followed by the start of laying the concrete block stem walls. Each of these steps marks important progress in our construction timeline.

Thank you for your continued support of our Hope South Campus project!



Help Needed at 10:00am Hope Central Campus



Do you attend the 10:00am Sunday worship service at Hope Central Campus?

Would you be willing to help with the attendance phone in the narthex one Sunday a month?

There is little time commitment...but a big need and a big pay-off!

Your reward is meeting and greeting fellow worshippers and helping Hope be a welcoming church. Training will be given

Contact June and Frank Cook, Bev Castanien, or the Hope office at (352) 750-2321 to learn what you need to do.

Book Shelf



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

The June books are:

Second Monday at 9:00am is off for summer

First Tuesday June 2 at 1:00pm is *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

First Tuesday June 2 at 4:00pm is *Charles and Emma: The Darwins Leap of Faith* by Deborah Heiligman

First Wednesday May 6 at 9:00am is *Swan Song* by Elin Hilderbrand

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

E-Nini-Hassee

“Her Sunny Road” in the Seminole Language

Women of Hope proudly partners with Eckerd Camp E-Nini-Hassee in Floral City, Florida. Founded in 1969 by Jack and Ruth Eckerd, Camp E-Nini-Hassee was the first

outdoor therapeutic program for girls in the Southeast. Today, it continues to provide a positive, strength-based environment for girls ages 12–18.

Program Highlights

- Accredited year-round school with certified teachers
- Family support and involvement
- Transition planning and follow-up
- Social skills and life skills training
- Experiential trips- nature hikes, canoe trips, giving back to the community and more

Throughout the year, items are collected to support these girls as they grow spiritually, cognitively, emotionally, and physically. Your donations help provide encouragement and practical resources as they participate in activities that build self-control, confidence, and self-reflection. Items can be left in the marked bin for Camp E-Nini-Hassee in the Tree of Hope Hallway (leading to the Fellowship Hall) at Hope Central Campus.

Current donation needs include: college ruled notebook paper, graph paper for math, spiral notebooks, 1 ½ white binders, binder paper, composition notebooks (no rings), postage stamps, full-size - shampoo, conditioner, and body wash, bug spray, Chapstick, sanitary pads and tampons, colored pens and pencils, adult coloring books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, cute women's crew socks, variety hair ties.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Missing Dishes?



Are you missing a dish or two that you brought to church for a Memorial Luncheon?

We thank everyone who has contributed items for memorial services; however, the dishes need to be picked up!

The dishes are in the hallway on the north side of the kitchen at Hope Central Campus. If dishes are

Opportunity at Love INC



Our friends at Love in the Name of Christ are hiring a part-time Connection Center Coordinator!

This position plays a vital role in the ministry of Love INC. The Connection Center is often the first point of contact for neighbors seeking help, hope, and encouragement. They are looking for someone who is highly organized, compassionate, strong in their faith, and gifted in working with both people and volunteers.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

not picked up by May 25, they will be donated.

5 Things You Should Know about Our Stephen Ministers



Part #2: What do they do?

Stephen Ministers meet with you to listen, pray, encourage, support and offer the love of Christ during a time of need. We all face difficult times such as grief, chronic or terminal illness, upcoming surgery, family issues or any of the many challenges of life. The Stephen Minister is there to walk with you throughout your crisis and help you see that, with God's love, you will be okay. The Stephen Minister provides the care, only Jesus can cure.

For more information, contact the church office or Deacon Kathy Smith at (352) 399-5103 or deaconkathy@hope4all.church.

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. Water, coffee/tea is provided. 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 16 & 17, 2026

Hope Central Campus:

4:00pm - 217
6:00pm - 52
8:00am - 121
10:00am - 260

Online:

4:00pm - 69
10:00am - 118
10:00am (HLWC) - 22

Hope Lake Weir Campus:

10:00am - 111

Hope at the Everglades Rec Center:

8:00am - 124
10:00am - 128



Flowers on the Altar Given By...

- Carol Hunches, in celebration of her 80th birthday
- Bruce & Debra Davis, in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary

Scripture Reading for May 24 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

Scripture Reading for May 31 Holy Trinity

2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew
28:16-20

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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