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News in the Pews!



Digital Edition

Upcoming Events

Holy Trinity Weekend

May 30 & 31

Women of Hope Out to Lunch Bunch

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

Father's Day

June 21

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

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

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](#)

Hope South Campus Update

Progress remains steady as the rough-in work for the under-slab electrical and plumbing systems advances at Hope South Campus.

Looking ahead, the team will soon move on to installing the vapor barrier, followed by compacting the base, conducting inspections, and making final preparations for the

floor slab pour. Simultaneously, installation of the water lines, fire riser, and hydrant is underway.

Once the slab has been poured, attention will shift to constructing the block wall. At this stage, most of the storm water and sewage systems have already been completed.

As we move into June, the site will begin to take shape, gradually transforming into a recognizable building.



News & Thanks from The Rock at Lake Weir Middle School

You are truly people of Hope! Because of your support, Rock volunteers have been able to help hundreds of children at Lake Weir Middle School this past school year!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

You may click the link below to read reports from the past school year.



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
- Back packs
- 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

Cash donations can be made by making a check out to Hope Lutheran Church and writing "The Rock" on the memo line.

What is our message to the students? This is the insert we put in every bag:

The Rock - Did you ever wonder

Why do people you do not know give up their free time and money to give you clothes, shoes, food, school supplies and hygiene products?

The simple answer is LOVE. You are loved! Jesus Christ showed us how to love each other and then asked us to love you. The Rock is how we show our love for you.

We also consider it an investment. You are a person of great value and limitless potential. God will never create another person exactly like you. We do not know God's purpose for you and you may not know what it is yet either, but be assured it will be revealed at the proper time. For now, it is your job to prepare.

Use your Super Power wisely. God has given you a super power he did not even entrust to the angels. God gave you the power to choose. Every day you have choices. Choose wisely, your future depends on it.

Count your blessings every day. Do more than is expected of you. Do all things with love.

Know that we are cheering for you to succeed.

[Click Here to Read Love Stories and Reports from The Rock](#)

April Golf Scramble Winners



We had a great showing for our golf scramble in April at Tarpon Boil. The winners are listed below.

1st Place - Score 25

- Steve Atkinson
- Cindy Polster
- Jane Prell

2nd Place (5-way tie) - Scores 26

- Jim & Karen Ombrello
- Jim Parks
- Pete Raatikka

- Gary & Phyllis Hill
- Dennis Woodman
- Gail Gratzick

- Jerry & Patsy Haggadone
- Les & Cilla Broeker

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

- Bill & Diane Beckey
- Jerry & Patsy Haggadone

- Rich Detar
- Ken Flory
- Reese & Liz (Morey) Wellmann

3rd Place (2-way tie) - Score 27

- Bryan & Jamie Sopen
- Cal & Joan Fuhrman
- Mike & Nancy Heiter
- Bill & Pat Gottschalk

First Wednesday June 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.

Did You Pick Up Your Palm?

A few Easter palms remain available at Hope Central Campus.

If you gave a palm donation in honor or in memory of a loved one this Easter season, you may pick up a palm this weekend at Hope Central Campus. Palms are first come, first serve - so don't delay!



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](#)

No Southern Neighbors Social Night This Summer



Important notice!

The Hope Southern Neighbors Social Night will not be meeting during the summer months. There will be no gathering during June, July, August, or September.

The group will resume meeting on Tuesday, October 13.

Any questions? For more information, contact Sandy Dorman at sandyjdorman@gmail.com or (330) 718-1572.

Thanks for your understanding. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall!

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 offered.

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

5 Things You Should Know about Our Stephen Ministers



Part #3: It is simple to refer a friend, neighbor, or family member to have a Stephen Minister or for you to become a Stephen Minister.

Contact the church office at (352) 750-2321 or Deacon Kathy Smith by phone at (352) 399-5103 or by email at deaconkathy@hope4all.church.

One of our Stephen Leaders will contact the interested person to discuss what to expect and determine if a Stephen Minister is appropriate. Next, they will match them with

someone from our team to provide the best Christian care possible. Men meet with men and women with women. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the care receiver desires care. It can be as long as 2 years or as short as 2 months.

Becoming a Stephen Minister requires 50 hours of training. We are taking applications right now for our annual class that begins Saturday, September 12 from 9:00am to 1:00pm and runs every Saturday until graduation on November 7.

Sign up now by calling the church office, contacting Deacon Kathy Smith, or chatting with one of the people wearing a Stephen Minister Nametag. We provide care but only Christ can provide the cure.

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 May 23 & 24, 2026

Hope Central Campus:

4:00pm - 179
6:00pm - 48
8:00am - 131
10:00am - 233

Online:

4:00pm - 76
10:00am - 144
10:00am (HLWC) - 25

Hope Lake Weir Campus:

10:00am - 117

Hope at the Everglades Rec Center:

8:00am - 93
10:00am - 149



Flowers on the Altar Given By...

- Gary & Phyllis Hill, in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary

In Memoriam



Art Bond passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2026. Art was born on May 1, 1944. He and his wife, Marilyn, were married on January 31, 1992. They joined Hope Lutheran Church on June 25, 2017.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 20 at 11:00am at Hope Central Campus.

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

Scripture Reading for May 31 Holy Trinity

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

Scripture Reading for June 7

Second Sunday After Pentecost

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

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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