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October 11 at 11:15am at Hope Central Campus

September 11, 2001 25th Anniversary



Today, we commemorate the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

On this day, we ask you to pause for a moment and join us in prayer for our nation and the families of those lost on 9/11.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. Turn our eyes to your mercy in this time of remembering the attack of September 11, 2001. Comfort those who mourn today, especially those who lost loved ones on 9/11. Bring healing to those who still suffer and bind up the brokenhearted. We also ask for the protection of our first responders and military service members and their families. Continue

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to guide our nation in healing and in building your peace on earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Oktoberfest: September 18 at 4:00pm & 6:00pm
Hope Lake Weir Campus

Join us for Oktoberfest—a joyful celebration inspired by the beloved Bavarian tradition that began in Munich, Germany. Enjoy a festive evening filled with German-style food, lively music, dancing, seasonal fun, and plenty of time to relax, visit, and connect with friends, family, and neighbors. We're delighted to welcome the VILLAGES GERMAN BAND, who will entertain us during the meal and add to the festive atmosphere.

Proceeds will benefit **House of Hope**, a Christian men's addiction recovery program based in Wildwood.

Our menu will include brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and an ice cream truck for dessert!

Please mark your calendar for Friday, September 18, 2026, at Hope Lake Weir Campus. Choose from two seatings: 4:00pm or 6:00pm. The Christians In Action Ministry and Hospitality teams are preparing a warm and welcoming celebration where everyone can enjoy great food, friendly conversation, and a memorable autumn evening together. We hope you'll join us!

Registration: \$15 per person. Please register by noon on Monday, September 14.



[Click Here to Register for the 4:00pm Seating](#)

[Click Here to Register for the 6:00pm Seating](#)

Change to Saturday 4:00pm Worship on September 19

There will be an important event happening during our Saturday 4:00pm worship service at Hope Central Campus on September 19.

Next weekend, we will host the Graduation Ceremony for the School of Lay Ministry. We will be joined by these new lay ministers and representatives from the Florida-Bahamas



Synod for this special time. The presentation of certificates will take place during worship.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Blood Drive at Hope Central Campus



The Big Red Bus will be at Hope Central Campus on Sunday, September 20 from 7:30am until 12:00pm. Your gift of blood makes a huge impact on our community!

All donors receive a \$20 eGift Card, a free Cancer Awareness t-shirt, and a Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Appointments are encouraged! Please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 24342. A valid ID is required to donate blood.

**Click Here to Make an
Appointment**

Blessing Bag Most Needed Donations



Thank you for your generous donations to our Blessing Bag ministry! Our team creates 40-60 bags monthly, so our needs are ongoing.

Our current most-needed items:

- Gallon Zipper Storage Bags
- Hats
- Shampoo (Small Bottles)

We also accept financial support. Checks can be made out to Hope with "Blessing Bags" noted on the memo line. Indicate cash donations in donation envelopes marked "Blessing Bags."



Hope Lutheran Church's Annual **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**



**Saturday,
October 3, 2026**
Begins at 8:30 AM



Hope Lake Weir Campus
10495 SE Sunset Harbor Road,
Summerfield, FL 34491



Pet Photos



Music



Giveaways



Refreshments



More!



Most pets welcome (sorry, no snakes!)
All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.



This is an outdoor event. In case of inclement weather,
please see our Facebook page or website for updates.



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Diabetes Support Group



Grief Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group invites you to join us for a special meeting on Monday, September 21 at 10:00am at Hope Central Campus.

Hope's Diabetes Support Group exists to share love, support, education, and encouragement. We typically meet every third Monday of each month. All are welcome, including all levels of diabetes from pre-diabetes, type 1, type 2, and those on insulin pumps along with CGM wearers. We look forward to seeing old and new friends alike!

Questions? Contact Darlene Harris at harris2257@hotmail.com or call (614) 832-0910.



The Grief Support Group will start meeting again on Tuesday, September 15.

After September, we will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 11:00am at Hope Central Campus. Please join us if you are grieving because of the loss of a loved one. Being a church member is not necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Moseley at moseleybarb@gmail.com.

A Festival of Hymns: Autumn Cantata at Hope Lake Weir Campus

Friday, September 25 at 6:30pm & Sunday, September 27 at 3:00pm

Kick off the fall season with an incredible show at Hope Lake Weir Campus.

Now is the time, more than ever, for believers to come together and share our heritage of hymnody. Brimming with time-honored hymns of our faith, this special show is sure to stir the soul and inspire your faith more than ever before! A love offering will be taken.

Registration is now open! Don't delay - make sure you reserve your place now!



**Click Here to Register for the
September 25 - 6:30pm
Showtime**

**Click Here to Register for the
September 27 - 3:00pm
Showtime**

Make Thursday Someone's Favorite Day - My Time Needs You!

At Hope Lutheran Church, we talk about being the hands and feet of Christ. MY TIME is one of the places where we actually get to live those words.

Every Thursday, something special happens. People living with Alzheimer's, dementia and other neurological challenges walk through our doors—and for three wonderful hours, they laugh, sing, dance, play, connect and simply enjoy being themselves. That doesn't happen without YOU.

We're looking for MY TIME volunteers!
Hope Lutheran Church Central Campus - Thursdays
from 12:30pm to 4:00pm.



You don't need special training. You don't need to be an expert. You simply need a willing heart, a smile and a desire to make a difference. Help with games. Join the singing. Encourage someone on the dance floor. Serve a snack. Or simply sit beside someone and make them feel seen. Your three hours will mean the world to someone else.

Someone is waiting for YOU! Come be the hands and feet of Christ. You are Hope. Please call/text Cindy Hanauer at (904) 327-1951 or Cindy@grandcentralfloral.com.

A Message from the Hope Lake Weir Campus Hospitality Team



All who attend fellowship hour after worship at Hope Lake Weir Campus are welcome to bring a favorite dish to share or a favorite item they've purchased.

The volunteers who work in the kitchen each week devote their time and love to their ministry and enjoy serving and bringing items to share. Your additional food items are greatly appreciated and add to the enjoyment of fellowship time!

Thank you for your contributions.

Join the Hope Professional Team

We are seeking a talented individual to fill the position of Business Administrator for Hope.

The ideal candidate will have experience in business management, accounting, administration, or a related field. They must also have strong computer skills and a willingness to learn church management software.

For a complete job description, please click the link below. Interested candidates are asked to submit resumes and letters of interest to Bob Franceski at bob@hope4all.church. Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2026.

Questions? Please contact Bob Franceski at bob@hope4all.church or call (352) 750-2321.

Save the Date: 90+ Birthday Party!

Our 13th Annual 90+ Birthday Party will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2026 from 11:15am to 12:30pm at Hope Central Campus.

Hope members who are 90+ years old will be the guests of honor at this wonderful celebration!

Invitations will be personally mailed to these individuals on or around September 11.



If you have a friend or loved one born in 1936 or before, we would love to include them in the celebration. Please let Karen O'Brien know as soon as possible. Karen will require the individuals' names, birth dates, and addresses to mail their invitations.

We need your help to make this day a success. If you would like to volunteer with decorating, cutting cake, scooping ice cream, or serving a light lunch, please contact Karen via email at fredandkaren@mpinet.net.

(Your email will go to her Suspect Folder, but she checks that every day and will receive your message. Alternatively, you may contact her by calling or texting her at (352) 250-3909)

Women of Hope Breakfast Meeting September 17 at 9:00am - Hope Central Campus

The Women of Hope will welcome Wayne Hughes, "Marion County's Gangster Historian" and authority on local celebrity Ma Barker, on Thursday, September 17, at 9:00am at Hope Central Campus. Kate "Ma" Barker is notorious for being on the wrong side of the longest shootout in FBI history—right here in Marion County.



Wayne has been intrigued by all things gangster-related since he was a preteen. He's studied extensively, collected memorabilia, visited hundreds of graves of "the good, the bad, and the ugly," and been interviewed for national podcasts. When Wayne first visited the Ma Barker House—which is located not far from Hope's Lake Weir Campus—the staff realized he knew as much as (or more than) they did about Ma Barker—and that he had a larger collection of related items than they did. On his second visit, he was leading tours! Come and listen as Wayne shares fascinating stories about Ma Barker and her gangster sons.

Both men and women are invited to come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear Wayne's entertaining stories. The cost is \$10. Reserve your place by noon on Monday, September 14. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Cook at (352) 460-7672.

[Click Here to Register for Breakfast](#)

Walk to Emmaus 2026



Walk to Emmaus 2026 dates:

- October 1-4 for men
- October 8-11 for women

Both walks are from Thursday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. This spiritual opportunity is a truly special experience.

Bringing you closer to God and to yourself is just a small taste of what you will emerge with from these few days. Call the church office for more information or leave a voicemail for Ellen Welsh at 352-250-9167.



[Click Here to Register](#)

Walking the Labyrinth of Grace

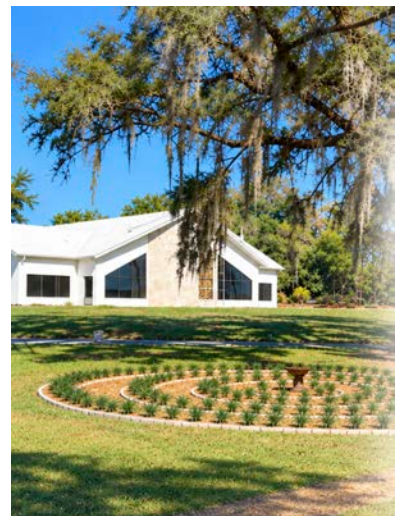
Women of Hope Fall Retreat

A Pilgrimage of Conversation, Reflection, and Renewal

What if Christ has been walking beside us all along—and we simply haven't noticed?

The Women of Hope invite you to join **Pastor John LeCain** at Hope Lake Weir Campus on Saturday, October 17 for a special day of conversation, reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

Rather than spending our day listening to lectures, we will become pilgrims together. Guided by the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we will share stories and conversation, enter times of silence and prayer, walk the labyrinth, gather around the table, and celebrate Holy Communion.



Along the way, we will consider a simple question: **“Where has Christ been walking beside me without my recognizing Him?”**

Faith is often less about finding a God who has disappeared and more about recognizing the God who has been present all along. And perhaps the older we become, the more sacred ground there is behind us—roads we once traveled without understanding but can now recognize as places where grace was quietly at work. There is nothing you need to prepare. Simply come as you are. Come ready to notice, receive, walk, and bless.

Come walk with us. The labyrinth may end. The pilgrimage does not.

The cost is \$20.00 per person which will include breakfast, lunch, fellowship and the opportunity to meet new friends in Christ plus enjoy Hope Lake Weir Campus (10495 SE Sunset Harbor Road, Summerfield, FL). The retreat is open to all women of Hope Lutheran Church, and we encourage you to invite your friends. Check-in begins at 8:30am, retreat begins at 9:00am until 2:30pm.

Registration deadline is Monday, October 12 at Noon. Contact June Cook at (352) 430-5025 or frankjunecook@gmail.com.

[Click Here to Register for the Retreat](#)

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. 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 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 September 5 & 6, 2026

Hope Central Campus:

4:00pm - 174
6:00pm - 74
8:00am - 115
10:00am - 234

Online:

4:00pm - 48
10:00am - 102
10:00am (HLWC) - 36

Hope Lake Weir Campus:

10:00am - 117

Hope at the Everglades Rec Center:

8:00am - 104
10:00am - 172

**Scripture Reading for
September 13
Holy Cross**

1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17

**Scripture Reading for
September 20
Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew
20:1-16**

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

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