

September 18, 2026



News in the Pews!



Digital Edition

Upcoming Events

Oktoberfest at Hope

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

Blood Drive

September 20 from 7:30am to 12:00pm
at Hope Central Campus

Festival of Hymns Autumn Cantata

September 25 at 6:30pm at Hope Lake
Weir Campus

Festival of Hymns Autumn Cantata

September 27 at 3:00pm at Hope Lake
Weir Campus

Worship Servers Meeting

September 29 at 10:00am at Hope
Central Campus

Blessing of the Animals

October 3 beginning at 8:30am at Hope
Lake Weir Campus

90+ Birthday Party

October 11 at 11:15am at Hope Central
Campus

A Festival of Hymns: Autumn Cantata

at Hope Lake Weir Campus

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



Last chance to register! Kick off the
fall season with an incredible show at
Hope Lake Weir Campus.

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 to benefit
The Villages Caring Neighbors, a
volunteer group that provides free
non-medical support services for local
neighbors. [Click here for more
information.](#)

Women of Hope Fall Retreat
October 17 at Hope Lake Weir Campus

Register for September 25
6:30pm Showtime

Register for September 27
3:00pm Showtime



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



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.

Change to Saturday 4:00pm Worship



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

This 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!

Water Donations to Benefit Construction Workers

Thank you for your generous donations of water, Gatorade, and other hydrating drinks to benefit the construction workers working on our Hope South Campus building project!

If you have not yet made a donation of water, it's not too late! We are collecting water and sports drinks this weekend at all Hope campuses.

Again, we thank you for your donations!



Worship Server Meeting on September 29

OTC Accounts to Support Food Pantry



There will be an important meeting for all Worship Servers on Tuesday, September 29 at 10:00am at Hope Central Campus.

This short meeting will contain essential information for all our Worship Servers. Please make every effort to attend!

Questions? Please contact Pastor Rani at pastorrani@hope4all.church or call (352) 750-2321.



Do you have an OTC account through your insurance? Did you know you can use those funds to purchase items for the Hope Lake Weir Campus Food Pantry?

If you have any funds left over for this quarter, the Food Pantry neighbors would truly appreciate any of the following items: Aspirin, Aspirin - heart healthy, Tums, Neosporin, Feminine pads, Gauze, and Hydrogen Peroxide.

Donations can be dropped off in the food pantry bins at all Hope locations. Thank you for all your help!

Cards to Celebrate Carol Yeretzian

Longtime Hope member Carol Yeretzian recently moved from The Villages to the Heartis Buckhead Assisted Living facility in Atlanta, Georgia to be closer to family. She has settled well, but misses her Hope family.

Her daughter, Judy Adler, is hosting a special celebration in honor of Carol's 90th Birthday on October 10, 2026 in the Skyview Room. While members of the Hope family are certainly welcome if you plan to be in Atlanta, the family also asks if you could share photos, cards, or other remembrances of good times with Carol.

Cards and notes can be sent to Carol Yeretzian, c/o Judy Adler, 2303 Strathmore Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30324.

If you wish to send photos, you can reach Judy either by using her Invitation App ([click the link here](#)) or by email to judyadlerpe@gmail.com. Select the smaller size for the photo if given the choice. Judy will place all photos in a Memory Frame that will scroll on a loop for Carol in her apartment.



Any questions? Please call Dennis Woodman at (231) 629-2699.

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.

Hope's Financial Report as of August 31, 2026



Hope's latest financial report is ready!

Please click the link below to view Hope's latest financial report.

A limited number of physical copies will be available at each campus beginning this weekend.

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

Hope Central Campus Golf Scramble



We're looking for golfers to join our Hope Central Campus Monthly Golf Scramble!

This is a fun way to enjoy golfing at a "no pressure" pace. Couples or singles are all welcome. It's a great way to meet other Hope Brothers and Sisters.

We play once a month at a different executive course each month. Courses are north of Brownwood and as far north as Nancy Lopez area. Each foursome decides the day and time that is convenient for their foursome.

[Click Here to View a Financial Report](#)

For more information contact Liz Morey at lizmorey1@gmail.com or call (941) 350-8986.

The Men of Hope Welcome YOU to Breakfast!

The Men of Hope invite all men and women of Hope Lutheran Church (and their friends) to the next breakfast on October 8 at 8:00am.

Mark your calendars to join the Men of Hope to welcome Kathy Beekman, Hope's Bookkeeper, as our guest speaker at breakfast. Our "Faces of Hope Program" continues, as we meet and learn about key people dedicated to serving Christ here at Hope Lutheran Church.



Register online by clicking the link below. Cost is \$10 per person and payment through the Hope website is required. The program starts at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall at Hope Central Campus and concludes at 9:00am.

This program is open to the entire congregation! Bring a friend and enjoy this informative session in Fellowship Hall. See ya there!

Questions? Contact Raybon Gilbert at (352) 205-2078.

[Click Here to Register for Breakfast](#)

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,

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

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](#)

- 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."

Florida-Bahamas Synod WELCA Fall Gathering 2026

November 13-15, 2026 - Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center
4990 Picciola Road, Fruitland Park, Florida

Join your sisters from across Florida as we welcome the Holy Spirit to refresh and renew our souls with Worship, Bible Study, Workshops, Fellowship and Fun.

The Gathering will begin at 4:00pm on Friday, November 13 and concludes with lunch on Sunday.

For this gathering, there is a choice of commuter registration (daily attendance) or overnight registration, which is available for download on their website, www.flwelca.com. Plus, a list of available workshops to sign up for. Registration forms are also available at Hope Central Campus, at the front desk. Registration deadline is October 13, 2026.

Questions? Please contact Virginia Robertson by phone at (612) 619-0220 or by email at luvbutkus@aol.com.



[Click Here to Register Online](#)

A Message from the Hope Lake Weir Campus Hospitality Team

Book Shelf



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



Bring a dish to support the Hope Lake Weir Campus Fellowship Hour!

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.

The Hope Lake Weir Campus Hospitality Team

The October books are:

Second Monday, October 12 at 9:00am is *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

First Tuesday, October 6 at 1:00pm is *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

First Tuesday, October 6 at 4:00 pm is *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong

First Wednesday, October 7 at 9:00am is *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott

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

SAVE THE DATE for the next BOOK EVENT Sunday December 13 in the afternoon.

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)

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.

I FEEL PRETTY
Starring Mary Jo Vitale & Dawn DiNome
Broadway favorites, inspiring songs & plenty of laughter—all benefiting Angel Wigs of Hope, providing wigs for women in cancer treatment.
Angel Wigs of Hope
Friday, October 23
5:00–6:30 PM
Doors open at 4:30 PM
Hope Lutheran Church
Central Campus
250 Avenida Los Angeles
The Villages, FL 32162
Tickets \$20
www.angelwigsofhope.com

[Click Here to Register](#)

Walking the Labyrinth of Grace

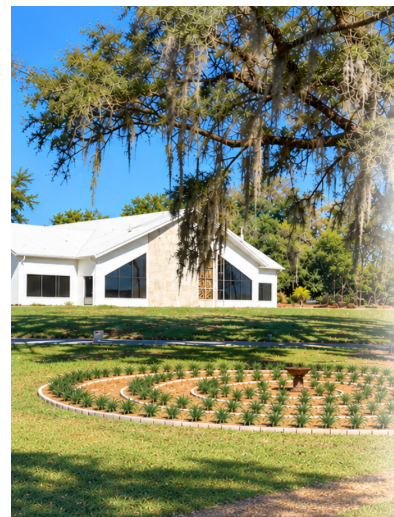
Women of Hope Fall Retreat

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 12 & 13, 2026

Hope Central Campus:

4:00pm - 165
6:00pm - 54
8:00am - 115
10:00am - 282

Online:

4:00pm - 83
10:00am - 104
10:00am (HLWC) - 46

Hope Lake Weir Campus:

10:00am - 117

Hope at the Everglades Rec Center:

8:00am - 111
10:00am - 154

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

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

**Scripture Reading for
September 27
Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew
21:23-32**



Flowers on the Altar Given By...

- John & Shirley Koltes, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary and Shirley's 80th birthday.

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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