

### Hope's Interim Pastor Announced

Pastor David Bradford who retired from St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Crystal River two years ago has accepted the Bishop's appointment to be Interim Pastor at Hope Lutheran. He will be with us on Sundays and one week day to minister and guide us through the transition process to call a new permanent pastor for Hope.

Pastor Bradford has extensive experience and is well known by many of us at Hope. Since his weekly time at Hope is so limited, former synodical deacons John and Diane as well as Hope's Stephen Ministers will continue to help with services and visitations.

Hope's Council met with Pastor Bradford and Bishop's representative Connie Schmucker Tuesday evening and asked Pastor Bradford to accept the appointment at Hope. The council was unanimous in believing that having Pastor Bradford to guide us through the transition process is indeed a blessing.

Pastor Bradford will begin his position here October 1, but has previous commitments for Sunday October 2 and 9. Pastor Wayne Kofink who retired in 2015 from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Ocala will be conducting both 8 and 10 am services on those two Sundays.

We welcome with gratitude and thanksgiving Pastor Bradford to guide and minister to the family of Hope.

If you have any questions or need further information please email council president Steve Northsea at [northsea@usa.net](mailto:northsea@usa.net).