

# Hope's Newsletter

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

## Pastor's Message

### A Way to Live By

You may have noticed that, as we've been moving through the Sundays of the season of Easter, our first lessons have been coming from the book of Acts - or more precisely, *The Acts of the Apostles*. This is true every year. Unfortunately, outside of the season of Easter, we almost never hear from that book. Did you know that this book was written by Luke - the same Luke who wrote the gospel? In the book of Acts, Luke records the events that took place during the first 30 or so years after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, as faithful women and men, guided by the Holy Spirit, proclaimed the good news of Christ in word and deed throughout the known world. It's likely that Luke was one of those faithful men because it is sometimes the case that, as he describes an event, he uses the first-person plural pronoun "we". For

example, while describing Paul's journey to Jerusalem, Luke begins "When we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and from there to Patara." (Acts 21:1)

One of the interesting little bits of information that we learn in Acts is when and where the term "Christian" was first used. Acts 11:26 tells us that "it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians' ", and Acts 12:1 places this event around the time when Herod Agrippa 1 was king, which was 41 to 44 C.E. So what was the Christian faith known as during the first 10 or so years of the church?

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## Message (cont.)

In those first years of the church, Christianity was called "the Way". For example, Acts 9:2 tells us that Saul had requested letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

I love the name. Perhaps the church should use it a bit more often. It helps us remember that Christianity is, in a sense, a verb as much as it is a noun. It reminds us that Christianity is a manner (a way) of living and moving through the world. Calling Christians "those who belong to the Way" reminds us that baptism not only gives us the sure and certain promises of God, but also places us on a path - the path first walked by Jesus - the path of service and acceptance and self-giving love. "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" wrote Paul to those who belonged to the Way in the city of Philippi.

The Way of Jesus is not easy. It calls for commitment, it calls for sacrifice, it calls for faith, and quite often it calls us to travel against the currents of the world. Yet this Way is the path that leads to ever deepening relationship with God, which means that the Way is nothing less than a blessing for our lives. And so may we who belong to the Way be given the guidance, vision, and courage to follow it faithfully, ever thankful for the grace, peace, hope, and purpose it brings to us through the one who is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Steve

### Council Officers & Members

*President*  
Julia Southard  
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Cindy Todd

## F.R.O.G.

Once again Hope and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches are hosting Vacation Bible School during the week of Monday, June 10 thru Friday, June 14 here at Hope.

This year we proudly present F.R.O.G. Vacation Bible School where children will learn to Fully Rely On God. We will meet from 9:00AM to 12:00PM each day with the closing ceremony taking place on Friday at Noon.

## F.R.O.G.



Our days will consist of puppet time, prayer, outdoor activities, snack time, music, and crafts.

Forms are available in the narthex for you to sign up the children who are planning to attend.

## VBS Help Needed

We NEED Vacation Bible School Volunteers, please! If you wish to sign up a Volunteer sign up sheet is located in the narthex.

Please contact Carole Warden at [cjshops@bellsouth.net](mailto:cjshops@bellsouth.net) for further information.

Thank you!

*Carole Warden*

## FOR FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day Luncheon  
June 16, 2019

We will once again be honoring our Fathers with a Father's Day luncheon after the 10:00 o'clock service on Sunday, June 16. We hope all of our fathers will join us for the luncheon. Our luncheon will consist of picnic type foods such as hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, etc. A sign up sheet will be going up in the narthex in the next two weeks so be sure to look for it and sign up so that we can make this a special day for our fathers.

## June Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 3 Brian Forsyth
- 4 Russ Telfer
- 8 Bruce Todd
- 9 Hans Witter
- 19 Kylie Forsyth
- 20 Sarah Brisson
- 22 Sue Riley
- 25 Ryan Thompson



### Anniversaries

- 7 Bill and Jackie Dean (60)
- 12 Stan and Nancy Miller (53)



## WELCA at Hope

The second WELCA meeting, held on May 11th was another great success. We had 7 attend and 3 others, who had prior commitments, could not attend. We are going to become an eclectic group with worthwhile/fun ideas as we go along.

Our next meeting is June 1st at 10 AM. Judy Thomason is going to teach all of us novices how to make quiche. Please join us - women only - sorry gentlemen. Bring your quiche dish or pan. Judy will post a list as to what else to bring. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

We look forward to seeing all who want to join us. Contact Jeannine Robertson - 352-220-2802 or [grobertson003@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:grobertson003@tampabay.rr.com)



## Feed the Kids

Hope will be hosting the Citrus County Blessings "Feed the Kids" Program each Wednesday evening from 5:00pm thru 6:45pm in our parking lot starting June 5 until August 7.

Feed the Kids is a program of Harvest which provides fresh produce during the summer months to children in need. The program serves a maximum of 600, rain or shine, each week during summer break. Participants arrive to receive fresh produce once a week during the ten weeks of summer break from June 5 through August 7.

Weekly Produce Packages may include, but is not limited to, combinations of the following:

- Apples
- Bananas
- Carrots
- Celery
- Grapes
- Oranges
- Potatoes
- Peanut Butter\*
- Jelly\*
- \*Provided Monthly

**FEED**  
the **KIDS**  
fresh produce



nutritious

The foods distributed contain many of the vitamins and minerals kids need to grow.



consistent

Volunteers meet the kids and their families each week during the summer months.



fresh produce

All produce is purchased weekly. Within 12 hours of delivery the produce is distributed.



local

Distribution locations are carefully selected inside neighborhoods where the kids live.



dignified

Designed as a farmer's market kids have the opportunity to select their food items.

Feed The Kids is a program of Citrus County Harvest. Tax ID#681237828  
<http://citruscountyblessings.org/portfolio/feed-the-kids/>  
352-562-7707 PO Box 42, Ocala, Florida 34481

## Favorite Hymns

### My Favorite Hymns Are ...

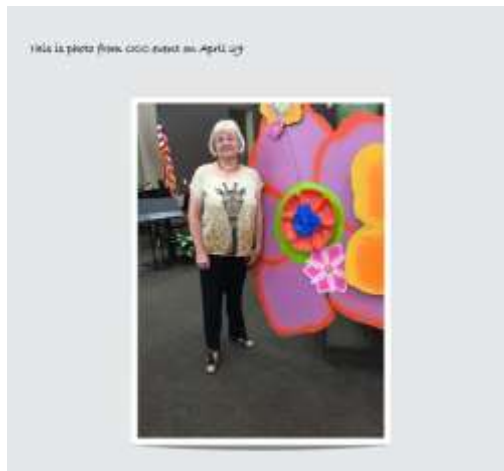
Thank you to all who filled out a "My Favorite Hymns Are ..." sheet. A number of sheets were received, with many hymns listed - some multiple times. Some on the list are hymns we've been using recently - others haven't been on the Hymn Board for some time. As you may know, I select the hymns for worship, and have been consulting our list of favorite hymns while doing so. Susan will also keep the list in mind as she selects service music other than the hymns, as will Deacon Diane as she considers if she will use my selection, or some other hymn, for Saturday worship. Of the hymns selected for Sunday worship in May and June, approximately half have come from the list. Thank you again for contributing to our worship at Hope by sharing your favorite hymns.

Pastor Steve

## Special Thanks

### Special Thanks to Carole Warden

If we had a column: *Member of the Month*, I would like to nominate **Carole Warden**. She has been our "Decorator par Excellence" for countless years. Be it Mother's Day, special celebrations, Memorial Services, Blueberry Festival, etc., etc., Carole's imagination has no bounds in setting up tables for all those occasions. In addition she keeps up the bulletin boards in Luther Hall with pictures and news clippings that inform the congregation of past and upcoming events. Her initiation of and tireless involvement with the Christmas Shoe boxes has been going on for years. And this month she is working in conjunction with Sue Fowler from Good Shepherd on 2019's Vacation Bible School. Unless you are involved with any of these projects or attend the 8:30AM service on Sunday, you may not even know Carole. Thank her for her wonderful behind-the-scenes work if you catch her.



Carole, you are much appreciated for all you do at HOPE.

Renate Wilms-Rovin

## WELCA Meeting Minutes

Hope Lutheran Church  
Citrus Springs, FL

WELCA  
May 11, 2019 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Jeannine Robertson at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Jeannine Robertson, Sarah Brisson, Joyce Davis, Casey Gaylar-do, Carole D'Auria. Judy Thomason and Julia Southard

Devotion was given by Sarah Brisson regarding Mother's Day. After the devotion, everyone discussed things they remembered about their Mothers or other strong woman in their lives.

The following officers were elected: President - Jeannine Robertson; Vice President - Sarah Brisson; Secretary-Treasurer - Julia Southard

A discussion was held regarding whether we wanted to register with the Synod. It was the consensus that we would not do so at this time but would entertain the idea again this fall.

The women present decided that we were not interested in making this strictly a Bible study group but would do some kind of a project each month that everyone would be interested in. Judy Thomason suggested that for the month of June we would make quiche, including making our pie shell from scratch. Judy will get each one of us a list of items we need to bring to accomplish this.

We then turned to whether we wanted to meet in the summer. Jeannine said that the groups at Good Shepherd did not meet in the summer. However, it was decided that since we were just getting started, we really needed to meet in the summer. A discussion then followed about what day of the week would be best for all of us to meet. After checking our calendars and discussing several days, it was decided that the only day everyone had available was Saturday. Our next meeting will be on Saturday June 1, at 10:00 A.M. in Luther Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M. Sarah Brisson led us in the Lord's Prayer followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted  
Julia A. Southard, Secretary

## Easter at Hope

What a beautiful morning Easter dawned! We had 32 people at the Memorial Garden Sunrise service at Hope.

We fed 39 people at the Easter breakfast lovingly prepared by Victor Kahler and his assistants Deacon Diane Kahler, Sarah Brisson, and Carole Warden who served the meal.

## Special Thank You!

A special thank you to Pat Kessel for helping me decorate and set up Luther Hall for several events!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent "seed planting" for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. We still have 5 full months before we send off **boxes**. You can donate items or money at any time. This is a year round event.

*Carole Warden*

## Operation Christmas Child

We are doing well with our fundraisers so far for the shoebox ministry, Small amounts add up over time!

Thank you for your donation of money, items that go into our shoeboxes, time spent shopping for items, time spent on filling boxes, and most important the prayers for the children who receive gifts.

We are a small part of a much bigger ministry but Hope can be proud that we have averaged 100 plus boxes every years for 19 years!

We have reached so many needy children who now have heard about Jesus and His Love.

*Carole Warden*





# Council Minutes

## Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church - April 10, 2019 Council Minutes

1. Call to order by President Julia Southard at 7:30 P.M.

2. Roll call

Pastor Steve Brisson \_P\_; Marilyn Butler \_P\_; Charlene Hicklin \_P\_; Judy Howe \_P\_; Diane Kahler\* \_P\_; Victor Kahler \_P\_; Steve Northsea \_P\_; Meredith Press \_P\_; Peggy Schade \_E\_; Jane Skidmore\_P\_; Julia Southard \_P\_; Cindy Todd \_P\_; Renate Wilms-Rovin \_P\_; Hans Witter \_P\_;

\* not a voting member

3. Devotion by Pastor Steve from "Listening to Your Life: Daily Meditations with Frederick Buechner." Meditation for April 8 - "... Jesus says, There is no such thing as your own business. The world says, Follow the wisest course and be a success, and Jesus says, Follow me and be crucified. The world says, Drive carefully—the life you save may be your own—and Jesus says, Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. The world says, Law and order, and Jesus says, Love. The world says, Get and Jesus says, Give. In terms of the world's sanity, Jesus is crazy as a coot, and anybody who thinks he can follow him without being a little crazy too is laboring less under a cross than under a delusion. "

4. Opening Prayer by Pastor Steve.

5. There were no visitors.

6. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adopt the April 10, 2019 Agenda as published.

7. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Secretary Report of the a. March 13 2019 regular meeting as published.

8. The Report of the Treasurer for March 2019 was discussed and filed for audit.

9. Report of Pastor (see packet)

10. Reports of Council Liaison

Outreach Committee (Liaison - Meredith) (see report in packet) (see new business for motions passed out of committee)

Finance Committee (Liaison - Julia) (did not meet)

Worship Committee (Liaison - Peggy) (did not meet)

Digital Committee (Liaison - Steve) (see report in packet)

Long Range Planning (Liaison - Hans) (see report in packet) (see new business for motions passed out of committee)

Property (Liaison - Vic) (see report)

Virtual Calendar Committee (Liaison - Marilyn) (did not meet) Jane Skidmore has taken over maintaining the calendar.

Social Ministry Committee (Liaison - Marilyn) Pastor is the acting chair and the committee has as of yet made no formal recommendations on anything.

Education Committee (Liaison - Judy) (see report in packet)

Stephen Ministry (Liaison - Steve) in packet

Personnel Committee (Liaison - Diane) Committee considering how to treat employees on jury duty.)

Citrus Springs Civic Association (Liaison - Meredith) They need serving help for Easter egg Hunt and pancake breakfast.

11. Old Business

a. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adopt the committee descriptions for Finance and Stewardship as published.

b. Council examined the Categorized Action Items per Evangelism Assessment Results but took no action at this time.

12. New Business

a. Council considered Mutual Ministry Committee ideas in packet and assigned Steve N. to draft a committee description for consideration at the next meeting.

b. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to spend \$250 to remove the large debris pile on the N Santos Drive side of the property - ideally before the Easter Egg Hunt.

c. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to set the date and times for installation of Church Council as Sunday, May 12, 2019.

d. Council passed unanimously the following motions out of the Outreach Committee:

1. Approved unanimously Branded T- and Polo -Shirts bid from Dirty Ape Ink.

2. Approved unanimously date for the teacher appreciation breakfast as May 9. 2019.

3. Approved unanimously Saturday May 18, 2019 as the date for the Blueberry Social.

4. Approved unanimously changing the name of Outreach Committee to Evangelism Committee.

5. Approved unanimously the bringing of the Citrus Strings musical group to Hope in October

e. Council passed unanimously the following motions out of the Long Range Planning Committee: (cont. on next page)

## Minutes (cont.)

1. Institute Pinch and Praise system of feedback at Hope.
  2. Institute name badge system for Hope
  3. Revised Sign in Sheets
- 14: It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to pass all items on the consent agenda. Agenda:
- a. Acceptance into membership of Annette McFall.
  - b. Pastor Steve's vacation request of Saturday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 7
  - c. Reinstate the Penn Family and John Kimbrough on the membership list.
15. Meeting Highlights for Newsletter and Bulletin
- a. Annette McFall accepted into membership.
  - b. Approved T-shirts and Polo shirts with church logo to be sold to members.
  - c. Approved purchase and making of name tags for members to wear.
  - d. Approved Blueberry Festival on Saturday May 18, 2019.
  - e. Approved Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on May 9, 2019.
  - f. Approved re-design of pew sign-in books for ease of use.
  - g. WELCA will next meet on Saturday May 11, 2019 at 10 AM in Luther Hall.
16. Reminders and Announcements
- a. Council will begin meeting at 6 PM starting next month on May 8.
    - b. WELCA will have their first re-established meetings May 1th at 10 AM in Luther Hall
    - c. The ice cream social went over very well. We had 31 people - with people from all three services. We even had some visitors. People seemed to mingle fairly well.
17. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:32 P.M. Pastor Steve led the lord's prayer.

## Monthly Spaghetti Dinners

### **AMVETS POST 89**

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

Includes: Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee , Tea, and Water

Date: Tuesday, June 25 and then every Fourth Tuesday of the Month

Time; 4:00PM to 6:30PM

@ Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.

Citrus Springs, FL 34434

Price: \$9.00

Money goes toward helping Veterans and the Citrus County Community.



# Council Highlights

## Council Meeting Highlights May 8, 2019



1. Acceptance into membership Richard and Rose Marie Palmer and Daiana Carrera Esteves;
2. Acceptance with thanks of a donation of an electronic piano;
3. AMVETS to use Luther Hall the 4th Tuesday of every month, starting on June 25, from 4:00 to 6:00 for a spaghetti dinner, the cost is \$9; and
4. Citrus County Blessings to use parking lot every Wednesday from 5 to 6:45, starting June 5 through August 7 to distribute fresh produce to families in the area.

### Dollars and Sense from the Treasurer's Desk

<b>April 2019</b>		<b>Communion</b>			
<b>Regular Offering</b>		<b>Sat 4:30PM</b>	<b>Sun 8AM</b>	<b>Sun 10AM</b>	<b>Total</b>
4/7	\$3439	28	12	47	87
4/15	\$4506	20	13	59	92
4/21	\$ 4709 Easter	24	35	70	129
4/28	\$2214	19	13	41	73

Total inflow: \$15,660.00  
Total outflow: \$14,943.17



## Hope's Prayer List

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer for the whole body of Christ is important. Names will be listed so that prayer can be offered to God on their behalf. Please be aware that situations and conditions change but God knows the need as you bring the individuals to God in prayer.

### **MEMBER SHUT-INS AND THOSE IN RECOVERY**

Joan Layton

### **Please pray for:**

For the families of all who have passed recently.

“Prayer for serious health concerns

For Dee Forsyth's niece, Amanda. For Tom Kroger, son of Jeannine Robertson and for her brother, Bill Thomas. For Diane, niece of Bill and Pat Kessel. For Dave Bessing, friend of Manley Benmark. For Pat and Bill Kessel's sister-in-law, Shirley. For Joann Mura, neighbor of the Kahlers.

“ For healing and recovery

For Patricia Kjol and for June Towner. For Bill Kessel and for David Doyle. For Mike Kimbrough. For Margaret DeWalt. For Linda, who is ill and Doug- both of whom need the Lord to help them through this. For Nancy and Spencer with family problems. For Jim and Colleen Giovannucci. For the children of the world.

### **Dear Friends at Hope**

Thank you for all your comforting words and support during Larry's illness and passing. The outpouring of love you have given has helped me so much during these difficult times.

Also many thanks for all the personal cards and messages. I treasure your words and thoughts.

A special thanks to those who worked so hard to pull together the Memorial Service luncheon. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Jane Hise

# Those who will assist at the 10:00AM Worship Service in June.

## *Acolytes*

2 Renate Wilms-Rovin/Judy Howe  
9 Deacon John/Margarita Chiappetta  
16 Dee Forsyth/Ron Press  
23 Sarah Brisson/Edith Regan  
30 Deacon John/Margarita Chiappetta

## *Assisting Minister*

2 Judy Thomason  
9 Sarah Brisson  
16 Joyce Davis  
23 Ron Press  
30 Renate Wilms-Rovin

*Altar Guild*  
Margarita Chiappetta  
Casey Gaylarido  
Judy Howe  
Diane Kahler  
Sue Riley  
Jeannine Robertson  
Jane Skidmore

## *Guest Greeter*

TBA

## *Nursery*

Please see an usher for assistance

## *Greeters*

Charlene Hicklin  
TBA

## *Lay Readers*

2 Judy Thomason  
9 Sarah Brisson  
16 Jackie Dean  
23 Ron Press  
30 Dick Regan

## *Ushers for the Month*

Steve Kasco/Tyler Penn



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>JUNE 2019</b>						
<b>2</b> Communion 8:00a Sp. Worship 8:50a Confirmation Class library 9:00a Sunday School for ALL ages 10:00a Worship 11:15a Fellowship	<b>3</b> 6:00a-12p Luther Hall cleaning 4:00p Stephen Ministry Training	<b>4</b> 6a-9a- Luther Hall cleaning 9:30a Quilters Luther Hall 7:00p Christians United Dunnellon	<b>5</b> 9:30A Coffee Hour 4:30p Long Range Planning 5:00p Feed the Kids 7:00p Digital Com- mittee	<b>6</b> Synod Assembly 7:30a Serving Our Savior 5:15p Stewardship Committee 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> Synod Assembly 6a-11:30a Luther Hall cleaning 8:00a-12p Property Workday 10:00a Bell Choir 9:30a- 11:30 Altar Guild	<b>8</b> Synod Assembly 4:30p Informal Wor- ship
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