

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUN Oct 11	8:30 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Bible Study
	10:45 am	Worship
	2:30 pm	LDA—Spanish Church
MON Oct 12	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
TUE Oct 13	9:00 am	Hope Seeds Packing
	7:00 pm	LDA— Spanish Church
WED Oct 14	9:30 am	Family Music Class—FH
	12:15 pm	Next Gen Music - FH
THU Oct 15	7:00 pm	LDA—Spanish Church
	7:00 pm	N/A Recovery Group
FRI Oct 16	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
SAT Oct 17		
SUN Oct 18	8:30 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Bible Study
	10:45 am	Worship
	2:30 pm	LDA—Spanish Church



WiFi
password: Hope4you



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Our Staff

Pastor: Rev. James M. Krach
Music Ministry: Dorothy J. Feldman
 Aaron Schiavone
Ministry Support: Alicia Schiavone
Office Admin: Cindy Stewart



Altar Flowers
 FROM Rudy & Maureen
 Jakob on their 31st wedding
 anniversary

WELCOME
 GUEST PASTOR

We are thankful and blessed to welcome
Rev. Brian Albrecht, as our guest
 pastor today.

A Little About Pastor Brian Albrecht

I was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin. A childhood fascination with weather led to degrees in meteorology and a 27-year career as a TV weathercaster, taking my wife, Kay, and daughter, Beth, across the country.

Baptized as a Lutheran, the Church has always been central to my life. After sensing God's call to ministry, I attended seminary and served as a pastor in Spokane, Washington. We moved to sunny Florida in 2017, and in 2018 I was called to serve Trinity Lutheran Church of Southwest Florida, where I joyfully served until retiring again this past January. *Retirement isn't exactly biblical! Moses worked until age 120, and Jesus was back at work three days after His death!*

I continue volunteering with the National Weather Service and enjoy singing, tennis (winning is optional!), Wisconsin Badgers football, and cooking! *I'm thankful for God's guidance and the privilege of serving His people.*

Words of hope

**Making Disciples
 by Sharing God's
 Compassionate Love**



October 11th, 2026



October is Pastor Appreciation Month
 As our teacher, counselor, comforter, and a man who unselfishly serves, let's encourage and show our Pastor Jim our sincere appreciation.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share a note or card filled with words of encouragement and prayer. Please bring your cards to church on **Sunday, October 18** or **Sunday, October 25**. We'll have a **card box out both days for your convenience**, and we'll **present the cards to Pastor Jim on Sunday, October 25 during our Oktoberfest Festivities**.



Plan to join us on Sunday, October 25th
 We'll celebrate Reformation Day with a Potluck Oktoberfest and show our appreciation for our Pastor Jim. One joyful day filled with worship, song, good food and fun!
 Sign-up sheets are in the narthex!!!



ATTENDANCE Oct 6, 2026	
WORSHIP	56 / 46
BIBLE STUDY	40

Let's worship
Together

Faithful Stewards ☩ God's Gifts

October 11 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 22:5 – “But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.”
 The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

faith and
finances

Financial Summary Through 9/31/2026			
	MTD	YTD	
Contribution Income	\$29,455	\$373,061	
Facility Usage	\$7,635	\$63,200	
Total Income	\$37,090	\$436,261	
Expenses	\$37,142	\$409,201	
Net income	(\$52)	\$27,060	

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PRAYER AND CARE MINISTRY

Please help us keep our prayer list current and meaningful. Names on the **Health/Healing and Cancer lists** remain for three weeks; please resubmit if continued prayer is needed. We will continue to pray weekly for those serving in the military. If you have a prayer need, **we want to know and pray with you**. Thank you for being a caring church family that faithfully prays for one another.

HEALING/GENERAL:

Lindsey	Venina
Stephanie	Mike Drummond
Ann Wood	Ray Winter
Polly	

CANCER:

Dixie	Bill
Dan Lee	Marisa Scarbrough
Luella Franke	Becca
Thaissa	Sally Cario
Suzanne Spanoudakis	

MILITARY:

Sean Keene	Hannah Balsbaugh
Tyler Zielinski	Rusty Howe
Brandon Soto-Fernandez	

Prayer

unlocks
blessings
and miracles.



Being a Servant of Christ

	8:30	10:45
GREETERS	Sylvia Borland Judy Baehman	Steve & Pat Boop
READERS	Sylvia Borland	Paul Russel
USHERS	David Dockery Jeff Richards Ken Phelps Joyce Labrenz	Steve & Pat Boop Gene Wilson
ELDERS	Jeff Richards	Steve Wentling

Church Directory

Updated copies of our church directory are available in the narthex. Please let the office know of any corrections etc. Thank you!



The Women’s Book Club selection for the month of October is “When Breath Becomes Air” by Paul Kalanithi. Join us to discuss the book on Tuesday, Oct. 20th at 5:30 pm in the church office conference room. Bring a bite to eat and enjoy the fellowship and conversation.



THANK YOU
FOR SERVING WITH A
willing heart &
joyful spirit.
YOU ARE A BLESSING!

2 COR 9:7-8

A Look ahead ...

Oct 25	REFORMATION DAY Potluck & More	See Sign Up Sheet
Nov 1	LWML Sunday	8:30 am
Nov 14	LWML Meeting	9 am
Nov 21	Quilts of Valor	11:30 am (lunch to follow)
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	6:30 pm
Nov 28	Campus / Church Christmas Decorating	TIME TBD

Hope Lutheran Christmas Traditions —
Fresh Balsam Wreath Sale
 Delivery December 3rd
 Small wreaths—\$16
 Large wreath/cross—\$20
Poinsettia Sale—\$8 each
 Sign up sheets will be out soon!
 Also, watch for our Christmas Giving Gift Tag Garland, which will be out in the coming weeks!