

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUN Dec 14	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	9:45 am	Bible Study
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship
	2:30 pm	Iglesias Lienzos De Amor
MON Dec 15	OFFICE CLOSED	
TUE Dec 16	9:00 am	Hope Seeds Packing
	7:00 pm	Iglesias Lienzos De Amor
WED Dec 17	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
THU Dec 18	7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	7:00 pm	Iglesias Lienzos De Amor
FRI Dec 19	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
SAT Dec 20	10:00 am	Little Christmas Celebration FH
SUN Dec 21	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	9:45 am	Bible Study
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship
	2:30 pm	Iglesias Lienzos De Amor



Our Staff

Pastor: Rev. James M. Krach
 Music Ministry: Dorothy J. Feldman
 Aaron Schiavone
 Webmaster: Alicia Schiavone
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Altar Flowers
 FROM Dorothy Hoekwater
 in loving memory of
 husband Woody

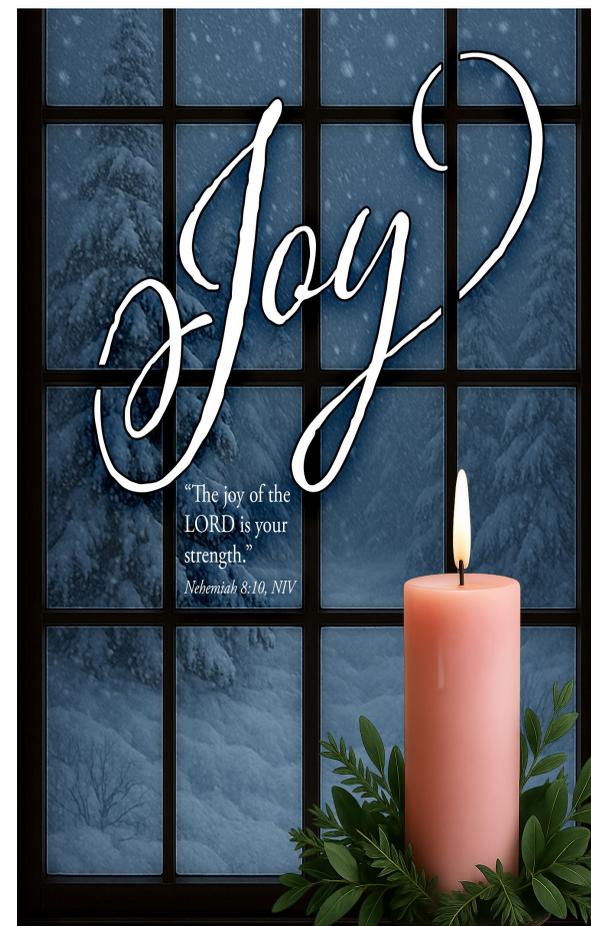
Blessings & Blooms
 (the Flower Sign-Up) for 2026 is in the narthex and available for sign up with your special dates and intentions. Your donation of \$40 is appreciated. Flowers may be taken home following our 10:45 service or by calling the office to make other arrangements.

"The ladies of our LWML will be collecting non-perishable food items during the weeks of **ADVENT**. We're asking to you to consider bringing 1-2 canned goods with you when you attend services - your donations will help stock the Our Daily Bread food pantry. Your support directly helps those in need within our community. Look for the collection boxes near the entrance of the fellowship hall next Sunday and Wednesdays through Advent. **It's a simple act of kindness that makes a BIG difference to those in need.**

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Words of hope
 Making Disciples
 by Sharing God's
 Compassionate Love

December 14th, 2025



Heavenly Father, This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth brings us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our lives, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from You. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, and the wise men, is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing. Father, you offer that same joy to us now if we know you and recognize Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Our joy is encompassed in our Savior, King Jesus. Flood our hearts with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Alicia is looking for volunteers for the children's Christmas party event at Hope on the 20th. She is looking for helpers for set-up/prep as well as day-of. If your able to help out please see or text Alicia @ 262-496-5537.

Hope Seeds Donations
 Now through December 25th
 HSI has a matching opportunity to double your blessing up to \$25,000!
 Donations received during this period will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000!
 Feel free to drop your check in the offering plate, but be sure to make your check payable to HOPE SEEDS.

ATTENDANCE DEC 7, 2025	
Worship	47/65
Congregation Meeting	45

Faithful Stewards ☩ God's Gifts

O Lord, as a new year will soon begin, remind me of your unchanging faithfulness. Release me from the hurt of the past, that by Your healing hand, I would be ready for the opportunities to serve You in the months ahead. As many of life's changes are beyond my control, remind me that none of them exist beyond Yours. Instead of worrying, may I live trusting in Your sovereign grace and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen. —

Source Dec 2025 Portals of Prayer



LCEF—Lutheran Church Extension Fund can make your weekly/monthly donations to Hope easy and safe. To learn more call or email the church office, 941-755-3256 / office@hopelutheranfl.org

PRAYER LIST

HEALING/GENERAL:

Helen Coburn	Audren Kavanaugh
Bette Koch	Kim
Judy Reid	Wendi
Rebecca Ganley	Trudy McDaniel
Shelly Mohr	Kieth Miller
Jerry Spitzley	Rhoda Allison
Walter & Barbara Mitchell	

CANCER:

Thaissa	Jessica Knoll
Suzanne Spanoudakis	Lois Greenwell
Alfred Cielen	Nancy Hooker

MILITARY: David Neville Sean Keene
 Hannah Balsbaugh
 Tyler Zielinski
 Dakota Huntington
 Brandon Soto-Fernandez

Please notify the church office with updates to this list.
 (E-mail, phone call, or "Connect Card")

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available for pick-up. If you don't find a box with your name on it, please write a note on a connect card and drop in the offering plate. To learn about Electronic Giving options, please call Cindy in the office @ 941-755-3256.

Being a Servant of Christ

	8:30	10:45
GREETERS	Cindy Stewart Judy Baehman	Steve & Pat Boop
READERS	Don Raymond	Paul Russel
USHERS	Bill Koch, Ken Phelps Bob Bellittera Paul Maechtle David Dockery	Steve & Pat Boop Gene Wilson Jerry Nusz, Dennis Weber
ELDERS	Jeff Richards	Bob Bellittera



Christmas Eve—4:00 pm
 Christmas Day—9:30 am

Worship Schedule FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Poinsettia Sale
 This Christmas tradition here at Hope adds beauty to our chancel area on Christmas Eve while supporting **Manatee Solve House**. Plants will be \$9 each — sign up sheet is in the narthex. Please sign up soon as plants are limited.

(Both red and white poinsettias will be available)



All the tags have been taken, Thank You Hope Family for your generosity. Remember to wrap and return your gifts to the church or office no later than December 18th.