

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUN Dec 7	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	9:45 am	Congregation Meeting
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship
	2:30 pm	Iglesias Lienzos De Amor
MON Dec 8	OFFICE CLOSED	
TUE Dec 9	9:00 am	Hope Seeds Packing
	7:00 pm	Iglesias Lienzos De Amor
WED Dec 10	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
THU Dec 11	11:30 am	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	7:00 pm	Iglesias Lienzos De Amor
FRI Dec 12	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
SAT Dec 13	7:00 am	Our Daily Bread Prep
	9:30 am	Our Daily Bread Serve
SUN Dec 14	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	9:45 am	Congregation Meeting
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship
	2:30 pm	Iglesias Lienzos De Amor

*Prepare
ye the way
of the Lord!*

Our Staff

Pastor: Rev. James M. Krach
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WEBSITE

www.hopelutheranfl.org



Altar Flowers
FROM Jan Hinz in loving
memory of dad, Earl
Hinz.

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 of 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

December 7th, 2025

Making Disciples
by Sharing God's
Compassionate Love



Father, prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth joyfully!
We thank you for faithfully doing what you promised long ago when you sent your Son to earth so that we might have the chance to become part of your family. Let the promise of your second coming inspire us to live with hope and purpose.

As we wait for your plan to unfold, give us the patience we need.
Remind us of the peace we can access when we take time to still ourselves before you and remember that you are God. We thank you that you are both sovereign and gracious. Help us to find rest in the midst of what feels like chaos in our world. Amen.

Today is Mite Box Sunday

The term mite box refers to a box that is used to save coins for charitable purposes. The Mite box giving promotes the spirit of contributing based on the intent to help others and not on the monetary amount. The term mite, according to the dictionary, is defined as a very small contribution or amount of money, such as a widow's mite. "A meaningful way to reflect on the power of small acts of faith".

Please drop your change in the large mite on the table in the narthex.



November 2025 Month End Financials	
Contribution Income	\$50,754
Facility Usage	\$5,350
Total Income	\$56,104
Expenses	\$55,686
Net income	\$418

ATTENDANCE NOV 30, 2025

Worship	47/65
Bible Study	45

Faithful Stewards ☪ God's Gifts

Matthew 3:1–2 – “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

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PRAYER LIST

HEALING/GENERAL:

Rob Hall	Cordelia Tiedeman
Bette Koch	Kim
Judy Reid	Wendi
Rebecca Ganley	Trudy McDaniel
Barbara Maechtle	Shelly Mohr
Jerry Spitzley	Keith Miller
Rhoda Allison	
Walter & Barbara Mitchell	

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Lynn Turnbow (Judy Hess’ Daughter)

CANCER:

Thaissa	Jessica Knoll
Suzanne Spanoudakis	Lois Greenwell
Alfred Cielen	Nancy Hooker

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

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

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

will be available for pick-up in the coming weeks for those not using electronic giving.

To learn about electronic giving call Cindy in the office @ 941-755-3256. To request envelopes, please write a note on the connect card and drop in the offering plate.

Being a Servant of Christ

	8:30	10:45
GREETERS	Pat & David Dockery	Dennis & Janet Weber
READERS	Jennifer Krach	Lis Hempfling
USHERS	Bill Koch, Ken Phelps David Dockery	Steve & Pat Boop Gene Wilson, Jerry Nusz Dennis Weber
ELDERS	Wayne Tyrrell	Bob Bellittera Steve Wentling Doug Wilson

The greatest joy that
I know in this life is

serving
the Lord.

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

**Worship Schedule
FOR CHRISTMAS**

Still a
few tags
left!



**Giving
Garland**

Now hanging in
our fellowship
hall. We invite you
to take a tag—or
two—to support
students and fami-

lies that attend Next Gen Academy here on our campus. Each tag represents a specific wish list, and your generosity will help provide encouragement and care during the Christmas season. Thank you for sharing Christ’s love in such a meaningful way. Details with deadline dates etc. are on the back of each tag.

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)