

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Easter Sunday Apr 5 | 8:30 am 9:45 am 10:45 am 2:30 pm | Traditional Worship Easter Breakfast Contemporary Worship Iglesias Lienzos De Amor |
| MON Apr 6 | | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED |
| TUE Apr 7 | 9:00 am 7:00 pm | Hope Seeds—FH Iglesias Lienzos De Amor |
| WED Apr 8 | | |
| THU Apr 9 | 7:00 pm 7:00 pm | Iglesias Lienzos De Amor N/A Recovery Group |
| FRI Apr 10 | 7:00 pm | AA Recovery Group |
| SAT Apr 11 | 7:00 am 9:30 am | Our Daily Bread Prep Our Daily Bread Serve |
| ONE SERVICE TODAY | | |
| Sunday Apr 12 | 9:30 am 2:30 pm | Traditional Worship Iglesias Lienzos De Amor |



The Women's Book Club selection for the month of April is *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom. We'll have supper and discuss the book on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the church office conference room. Bring a bite to eat and join us.

**CHURCH IS NOT
SOMETHING YOU GO TO,
IT'S A FAMILY
YOU BELONG TO.**

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password: Hope4you



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Altar Flowers
FROM Jeff & D'Lisa Richards
on their 50th wedding
anniversary!

Blessings & Blooms for 2026

Our 2026 Flower Chart is now completely full—thank you all for your wonderful support! If you have sponsored an arrangement, please remember to take it home with you following the 10:45 service. If that's not possible, feel free to call the office at (941-755-3256) to arrange a pickup on Tuesday.



Next Gen Academics, located on our campus, is preparing to host their Spring Fling event for students and families on **Monday, April 27th**. We're asking for your help by donating small, individually wrapped candies to fill plastic eggs for the event. Ideal donations are bite-sized treats that can easily fit inside standard plastic eggs. **A collection tote will be available in the narthex** for your donations. Thank you for helping make this event fun and memorable for their students and families—your support is truly appreciated!

Our Staff

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

Words of hope

April 5th, 2026

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



Gracious God, on this radiant Easter morning, we rejoice in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let the light of His triumph over death shine within our hearts, driving away every shadow and filling us with His peace. Still our thoughts and center our minds on Him, as we remember with reverence His sacrifice and with wonder His victory—not only today, but each day we are given. Fill us with deep joy and abiding gratitude for the living hope and new life we have in Jesus, Our Living Lord and Savior! Remind us that death is not the end, but the doorway to life everlasting. Because He lives, we live—now and forever. Amen.

Easter reminds us:
**GOD KEEPS
His promises.**



REMINDER: One worship service on Sunday, April 12th at 9:30 am— no bible study. Pastor Curt Adams, will be our guest pastor that day, as Pastor Jim and many from our fellowship will leaving that morning on the Ark Encounter bus trip. Our regular service schedule will resume on Sunday, April 19th, with communion and bible study.

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| ATTENDANCE | |
| MARCH 29, 2026 | |
| WORSHIP | 118 / 72 |
| BIBLE STUDY | 54 |

Let's worship
Together

Faithful Stewards + God's Gifts

"Because Jesus lives, we live as people of hope, not fear. Our stewardship is the joy of investing in a kingdom that never ends, sharing the resurrection joy with a world that needs it." Just as Christ gave everything—His life, a ransom for many (Mark 10:45)—we are called to be stewards of His grace, using our resources to support the Gospel ministry."

VBS SUMMER 2026



June 22-26th
9AM—Noon
Text 262-496-5537
or call the church office 941-755-3256
to learn more



Mite Box Sunday

TODAY—
April 5th

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) expresses deep gratitude for your generous support, as your contributions (mites) fund vital missions and ministries, bringing Jesus' love to people globally, supporting missionaries, cancer patients, deaf outreach, and future church workers, truly making a difference in Christ's name.

PRAYER LIST

HEALING/GENERAL:

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| Sue Wilson | Cherie |
| Tricia Yuknick | Wendi |
| Felix Lindberg | Shelly Mohr |
| Finn Duffel (Infant) | Cathy Perkins |
| Ellen Dugger | Kim |
| Jerry Spitzley | Keith Miller |
| Rhoda Allison | Helen Coburn |
| Jim Bow | Bette & Bill Koch |
| Judy | Trudy McDaniel |
| Barbara & Walter Mitchell | |

CANCER:

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| Ray Carmona | |
| Aimie | Luella Franke |
| Colleen Parker | Jessica Knoll |
| Barry Tager | Denise Schacht |
| John Gilchrist | Thaissa |
| Anna Condra | Nancy Hooker |
| Suzanne Spanoudakis | Sally Cario |

MILITARY:

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

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

PRAYER WORKS

Being a Servant of Christ

| | 8:30 | 10:45 |
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| GREETERS | David Dockery Pat Dockery | Ann Wood Colette Lewandowski |
| READERS | Jennifer Krach | Connie Geth |
| USHERS | David Dockery Ken Phelps Joyce Labrenz Bob Bellittera Paul Maechtle | Dennis Weber Colette Lewandowski Pat Boop Steve Boop |
| ELDERS | Bob Bellittera | Wayne Tyrrell |

The greatest joy that I know in this life is
servicing
the Lord.

An exciting fund matching opportunity - doubles your donation to **Hope Seeds**

April 15 - April 16, 2026 • Noon to Noon

<https://www.givingchallenge.org/organizations/hope-seeds-inc>

2026 Double your Gift Challenge
Visit the link on April 15—16th noon-noon. To be matched, gifts must be made **online only**, not directly to Hope Seeds.



The ladies of LWML will continue collecting donations to support SOLVE House, a non-profit ministry serving our area. Please check out the handout available in the narthex for a list of suggested items they currently need. Donations will be accepted **through April 12th**. Our next "Love Project" will support Turning Points— more details coming soon.
Thank you for your support!

Follow Hope Lutheran on Facebook. Where you'll find announcements, updates, and videos of our worship services. **CHECK US OUT!!**