



# The Hope Reporter

Hope Lutheran Church (321)242-1610 [vierawest.org](http://vierawest.org)

*Sunday Worship & Children's Church 9:00 A.M.*

A Monthly Newsletter

AUGUST 2008

## Roller Coaster!

The very first roller coaster I ever rode was the Texas Cyclone when I was 7 years old. It was at night and the line seemed to never end; but finally the moment came to climb into the car and go. I was nervous but I had a blast! It was so much fun I rode it two more times that night and I have been riding roller coasters ever since.

Being at a theme park is a great place to experience ups and downs and turns and loops. But everyday life isn't the ideal place to experience those same extremes. Have you been on a roller coaster in your life? Have you felt the worry and uncertainty that comes with the sudden shifts and changes that life can hold? If so, I have some great news!



Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

**Isaiah 40:1-4**

In Isaiah 40, God promises that the valleys of our lives will be raised up and that the high mountains will be leveled. He promises that our walk and journey with Him will not be a series of unexpected twists and turns. but rather that He will be with us to comfort us when life is up and down.

I know that times in our faith life have been like a roller coaster, but we don't ride it alone: We have each other. I tightly squeezed my brother's hand when I was on that Texas Cyclone, and so too, you need to squeeze the hand of your brothers and sisters in Christ during difficult times.

Perhaps the most comforting part of the ride is that our God is the One who is guiding and directing each and every whirl and spin and the One who gives us His Son Jesus who grants to us comfort and peace through the cross. Hold on for the ride!

**In Christ; Pastor Moreno**

## **August Ministry Kicks Off! Look at ALL the Opportunitites!**

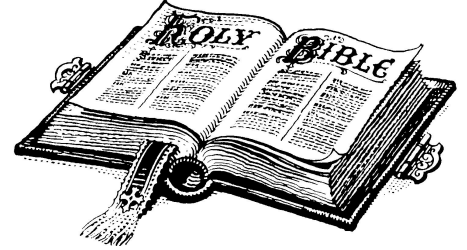
### **Bible Studies in August**

We begin our latest round of Bible studies at Hope Lutheran on Tuesdays & Wednesdays:

Aug. 19-Sept. 30, Tuesdays 7 PM @ FVLC

Gospel According to Pop Culture

June 25 - August 27, Wednesdays 7 PM @ Hope  
Romans



### **Small Groups**

Our small groups continue to meet; we currently have two groups! It has been a blast and a great way to get to be more connected in our relationships here at church. We will be starting more groups in this month, so sign up to become a part of the fun and fellowship!



### **Adult Information Class August 18-Sept. 29**

If you are interesting in learning more about the Christian faith and the Lutheran heritage, we will be offering a seven week information class beginning in August. It meets on Mondays at 7 PM and lasts about an hour. After taking this course, you may elect to join the church. If you would like more information, please speak with pastor.

### **Senior Youth (9th through 12th Grade)**

#### ***End of Summer Beach Party***

On August 13 we'll have a beach party starting at 4 PM! We will have games and food, so come on out for a good time!

#### ***Youth Nights***

On Sundays at 6 PM we will resume our youth night schedule! Come on out August 24 to enjoy a great beginning to a full youth program! We have a summer gathering planned, a mission trip, a camping outing, fundraisers, Bible studies and much more!

### **Junior Youth (7&8th Grade)**

#### ***Confirmation & Youth Night***

On Wednesdays we will be having Confirmation classes as well as some fun junior youth nights! This is fun for the whole family; come out and grow in your faith! Kick off event Aug. 23rd!!

# AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

	Reader	Greeter	Sunday School
Aug. 3	L. McLaughlin	The Eckmans	R. Meranda & J. Decker
Aug. 10	J. Jaunich	The Abfalter	M. Stanley & R. Moreno
Aug. 17	A. Meranda	The Gills	T. Thompson & A. Cowart
Aug. 24	D. McLeran	The Thompsons	R. Moreno & D. Abfalter
Aug. 31	D. Stephenson	The Havens	A. Eckman & R. Moreno



## Lutheran Day at The Ballpark

Sunday August 3 is our chance to take in a great ball game! Join us out at Space Coast Stadium to watch the Manatees play the Daytona Cubs (go Cubs!) for FREE. Game time is at 1 PM and parking is free. It'll be sunny and hot so plan accordingly!

## New Worship Services THIS Fall

To meet the growth of our church, this fall we will add a second service. We would like your input as we will evaluate the times of these two services and also the formats. We will have an questionnaire available in August so we can get your valued opinions and thoughts. This is such an exciting time for our church!

### Birthdays

**Anna Garton Aug. 14   Jennifer Decker Aug. 15**

**Angie Cowart Aug. 16   Don Soledad Aug. 28**

**Andrew Tyszkiewicz Aug. 30**



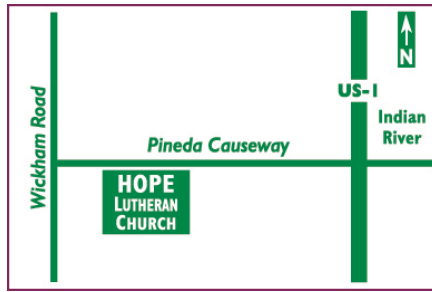
## Golf Tournament

September 26 we will have a 8 AM shotgun start! The cost is \$40 and includes 18 holes of golf w/ cart, range balls, and lunch at the Ministry Center of Faith "Viera" Lutheran Church! Sign u beginning Aug. 10 in the narthex, checks payable to FVLC w/ "golf" in the memo line. Deadline is Sept. 21st!

## Sunday School

We are beginning a new curriculum for the fall call "Our Life in Christ". We are very excited about the start of the new school year and we want to make our program fit your family's needs! As we talk about adding a new worship service, this may affect when and how we offer Sunday School. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this needed ministry, please let Pastor know!





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# August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Scrap-booking 9:30	2
3 Worship 9 AM Lutheran Day Ball- park 1 PM	4	5  Choir 5:45 PM	6 Beach Day 10 AM Romans 7 PM	7	8 Scrap-booking 9:30 Movie Night 6 PM	9 Church Work Day 9 AM to Noon
10 Worship 9 AM	11	12  Choir 5:45 PM	13 Senior Youth Beach Party 4 PM Romans 7 PM	14	15 Scrap-booking 9:30	16
17 Worship 9 AM Lunch at the Morenos Noon	18 Adult Inst 7 PM	19 Choir 5:45 PM Pop Culture 7 PM	20 Romans 7 PM	21	22 Scrap-booking 9:30 Newsletter Deadline	23 Confirmation Day w/ Churches
24 Worship 9 AM Youth Night 6 PM	25 Adult Inst 7 PM	26 Choir 5:45 PM Pop Culture 7 PM	27 Romans 7 PM	28	29 Scrap-booking 9:30	30
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## Christ on Campus 2008-2009

**Calling all parents & any volunteers!! We will be starting up at three schools this year and will need people to volunteer their time and talents for this important ministry. Please contact Pastor Moreno if you are interested & find out more about how you can help!**





## **Movie Night August 8 @ 6 PM**

We'll be watching *Nim's Island*, a fantastic tale of wonder! The main character is 12-year-old Nim (Breslin). She and her scientist father (Butler) are the only human inhabitants of a South Pacific island. When Nim's dad goes missing in a storm, she uses e-mail to request help from Alex Rover, the intrepid hero of adventure novels she reads. Butler also portrays the literary character Alex Rover. But Nim's e-mail is received by Alexandra Rover (Foster), the author of the books, who travels to the island to do what she can.

## **Have Lunch with the Morenos!**

On August 17, you are all invited to a potluck lunch fellowship at the Moreno's house! We'll gather together for food and fellowship! We also have a large community pool, so bring swimsuits for the whole family!

Please sign up at church and be sure to include the dish you plan on bringing!

## **August 9 Church Work Day**

On August 9th, we are going to give the church a bit of a make over! We will need all hands on deck for cleaning, repair and decoration and arrangement! Specific jobs include baseboard and crown construction; painting; banner making; vacuuming, sweeping & mopping; and much more! Sign up in the ol' narthex!!



## **Confirmation Kick Off Event!**

On August 23rd we will gather with several area churches to have a fun kick off to the confirmation year! We'll be headed to Grace Lutheran in Merritt Island to play some games and have some food and enjoy a great time with kids from all over Brevard! Hope to see you there!

**A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."**

**The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."**