



# The Hope Reporter

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

Sunday Worship 8 AM & 10:30 AM Christian Education 9:15 A.M.

A Monthly Newsletter

August 2009

## Shine Like Stars

Just 40 years ago, the Earth stood still to watch as the crew of Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. Four days earlier, the intrepid crew of three men, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, launched aboard the massive Saturn V rocket from Kennedy Space Center, carrying the hopes and dreams of America with them.

With NASA being in our backyard, one wonderful part of our daily life is that we are very used to the concept of looking up into space. Many just simply stand outside in their driveway to watch the latest shuttle or rocket. Others head out to the Kennedy Space Center and try to experience it up close. Still others work there!

Our theme for the SELC Luther League gathering we just hosted was “Shine like Stars” based on Philippians 2. In this day and age, we probably don’t watch the stars up in the sky very much. Between the pollution and the lights, it can be hard to see the stars. But I hope we still have a curiosity and a desire to explore outer space. And I hope we have a passion and a desire to explore this world so that we can share Christ.

What is harder: To go to the moon or to live a life of faith? It may sound like a silly question, but you want to know the sad thing? Most Christians struggle greatly with faith. Why do we feel this way? Why can we not shine brightly in the light of Christ?

### Philippians 2:14-18

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.



Well, we can learn a couple of astronomy lessons here with faith applications:

- 1) Stars stop shining when they run out of fuel. Keep refueling in God’s Word or you may burn out!
- 2) You can’t see a star unless you look up. You can’t find the answers to life’s problems unless you look to God.

**In Christ; Pastor Moreno**



## Small Groups

### **Small Groups Latest Developments!**

Last Spring we started small groups with everyone in the church! We have done that so everyone could get an idea of what small groups can be like. We re-launch our small group effort in September just a little differently: This time only those who SIGN UP will be included! Please look for upcoming announcements at church about this effort.

### **Hope Ladies Group**

Ladies of Hope – I haven't forgotten about you – Ladies Night Out will begin again in September. Our first night out will be September 11th at the Havens at 7PM. We will have munchies and beverages and brainstorm about upcoming dates and what we would like to do. I would like to include a devotion with each event. So start gathering your ideas and we will see you on the 11th at the Havens. More details and directions will follow. Enjoy the rest of your summer! **Wendy Havens**

### **Backpack Drive**

This month we are going to do a "back to school" drive for the Sharing Center in Melbourne! We want to help them to distribute thousands of supplies to needy children and families. We are accepting donations all month and we also always accept food donations to also pass along to local food banks!



**Welcome  
Our New  
Members**

### **New Member Sunday AUG. 23**

On August 23rd we will welcome new members into our church! It is a blessing to grow as a family in Christ and we celebrate those who help support the important mission work we do. Join us on the 23rd to welcome these new brothers and sisters in Christ!

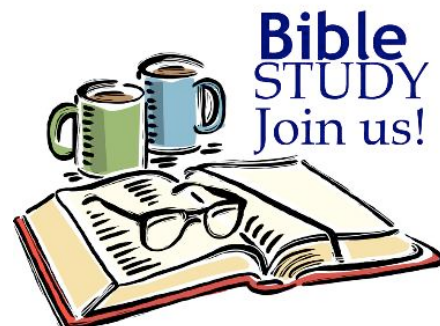


### **Potluck Fellowship Aug. 9**

Once a month we enjoy a fellowship so that we can all see each other! Last November we split into two services and we have many who were quite used to seeing each other every Sunday. Come out and enjoy some great food and conversation! Sign up in narthex if you'd like to bring something to share.

### **New Bible Study on World Religions**

Pastor Moreno will be teaching a six week class on World Religions starting August 6 at 7 PM. This class meets on Thursdays at Hope Lutheran and will give introductions to: Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Atheism. Given the nature of this class of course we will be involving Christianity in every session. Sign up in the narthex.



**Bible  
STUDY  
Join us!**

# AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sunday School (9:15)</b>
Aug. 2 8 AM	R. Kerley	The Morrisons	A. Cowart & R. Moreno
10:30	R. Moreno	The Wolfs	
Aug. 9 8 AM	T. McLaughlin	The Keatings	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30	A. Meranda	The McKees	
Aug. 16 8 AM	B. Tabor	L. Monteleone	A. Eckman & J. Decker
10:30	D. Lawrence	The Nienasses	
Aug. 23 8 AM	K. Burrier	The Lubes	S. Montague & R. Moreno
10:30	J. Stanley	The Merandas	
Aug. 30 8 AM	S. Minster	The Lubes	R. Meranda & M. Lawrence
10:30	E. Doerr	The Allisons	

## Note for Worship Leaders

Thank you for serving the church by doing these needed tasks! If you ever have a conflict and cannot be here on your assigned Sunday, please contact Pastor Moreno so he can “swap you out” and find a more suitable date. Thank you once again for being such an important part of the church!



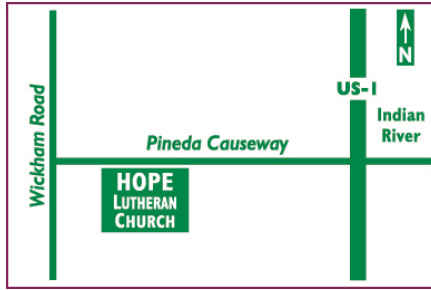
## Calling All Volunteers

If you are looking for a way to make a big impact on the ministry here at Hope, we have many opportunities. In the coming weeks we will have a display at church highlighting the number of ways YOU can be more involved and make a huge difference. Prayerfully consider selecting at least ONE way to impact the church. You will be amazed by how this challenge will form your faith!



## Men' Bible Breakfast Aug. 29 at 9 AM

We are pleased to announce a monthly breakfast for the men of our church. This month we'll meet at the Grecian Garden Cafe (right next door!)! It will be a monthly breakfast where we will have a variety of topics we discuss.



Hope Lutheran Church 2955 Pineda Causeway #122 Melbourne FL 32940

Phone (321)242-1610 Fax (321)636-2030

Website: [Vierawest.org](http://Vierawest.org) E-mail: [rock\\_moreno@yahoo.com](mailto:rock_moreno@yahoo.com)

Sunday Worship 8 AM & 10:30 AM Christian Education 9:15

## Important Dates: A First Look at August 2009



**Aug. 6, 7 PM World Religion  
Bible Study**


**Aug. 9, 9 AM Potluck Fellowship**

**Aug. 15, 1 PM Andretti Youth Outing**

**Aug. 23, New Member Sunday**

**Aug. 29, 9 AM Men's Bible Breakfast**

# August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed. 9:15 Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	3 7 PM Hope Council	4 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts	5 9:30 Beach Day 10 AM AA Meeting 7:30 PM AA meeting	6 7 PM Bible Study: World Religions	7 9:30 AM Card Making  Pastor Moreno Navy Drill	8 9:30 AM Youth Breakfast Club  1 PM Aaron Patterson Eagle Scout Ceremony  Pastor Moreno Navy Drill
9 Worship 8 & 10:30 POTLUCK 9:15 Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	10 9 AM Watersong Bible Study 7 PM FVLC Council	11 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts	12 10 AM AA Meeting 7:30 PM AA meeting	13 7 PM Bible Study: World Religions	14 9:30 AM Card Making	15 1 PM Andretti Youth Outing
16 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Confirmation Mtg Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	17	18 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts	19 10 AM AA Meeting 7:30 PM AA meeting	20 7 PM Bible Study: World Religions	21 9:30 AM Card Making	22
23 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	24 9 AM Watersong Bible Study	25 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts	26 10 AM AA Meeting 7:30 PM AA meeting	27 7 PM Bible Study: World Religions	28 9:30 AM Card Making	29 9 AM Bible Breakfast at Grecian Garden
30 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	31					



## **Junior & Senior Youth Ministry**

On August 16 at noon, all families with children in grades 5-12 are invited to be part of the planning process for the youth programming for this school year. We are coordinating youth programs with Faith "Viera" Lutheran for many ages, as well as looking at starting some of our own new programs. The topics will include confirmation classes, first communion classes, the LCMS National Youth Gathering July 2010, and much more!

## **Andretti Outing Aug. 15!**

On August 15 at 1 PM we will meet at Andrettis to have a blast racing go karts, playing lazer tag, mini golfing, and much more! This is intended for kids of ALL ages, so come on out and invite a friend! Sign up in the narthex because the more we get, the better deal we can get on all day passes!



## **Hope Lutheran 4th Anniversary Celebration**

This September 13th, we will have a great celebration as we mark our fourth anniversary! We will have a 40 minute non-communion worship service followed by a presentation about where we came from and where we are going. Included in this effort will be specific and measurable goals for our congregation! Here are some highlights of some of the activities planned:

- \* ONE worship service at 9:30 AM (No 8 AM or 10:30 AM services)**
- \* Open charter sign up - If you haven't had a chance to "sign on the dotted line" you can show your support and commitment**
- \* Brunch Fellowship after the service (Hope provides the hot food; you can sign up to bring something that needs no heating)**

### **August Birthdays**

14 Anna Garton  
14 Emily Cowart  
15 Jennifer Decker  
16 Angie Cowart  
22 Parker Meranda

You may be surprised how "big" we really are as you see all of the other brothers and sisters in Christ at this event! You will want to come early and please do not miss this incredible opportunity to celebrate this wonderful milestone with us!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMING  
UP**