



The Hope Reporter

Hope Lutheran Church (321) 242-1610 vierawest.org

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

A Monthly Newsletter

February 2011

Reminders

Order fudge from the youth! :)

You can sign up to sponsor the altar flowers anytime!

Confirmation is Feb. 2 & 9 and Junior youth night is Feb. 16 & 23

Senior Youth meets Sundays at 6 PM

Are you a Thrivent member? If so, you could give FREE money to the Lutheran church of your choice! Find out more at Thrivent.com

Fire Wire

Most of you know that I am a guy that uses Apple products. I find them easy to use and they work great for what I need and what I do. I was blessed this last month to have someone give me a computer and I was excited! The computer I had been using was from 2002 and was ready to “pass the torch”. While I like using computers, I in no way actually know what I am doing with respect to troubleshooting. When in doubt, restart right? :)

Well, when you get a new computer, you want to keep your old computer’s important data like photos, music, documents, etc. The best way to do that is to use a cable called a firewire cable. I was happy that it was so easy to transfer those very important files. But it got me thinking.

Wouldn’t it be cool if we could transfer what we think is important to other people in an easy manner? No more arguments, no debates, just a simple transfer of information! No more schools or training, because we could simply have the information loaded in an instant! Heck, no more studying of anything, including God’s Word because we’d already know it. I can only think of one draw back:

There is no such thing as a human firewire cable. We can’t transfer information that easily. There is a reason for this: Sin (see The Tower of Babel in Genesis 11) is the major problem we have in trying to communicate with one another, and is the number one problem in our life. Thanks be to God that He solves the number one problem in the person, work, life and death of His Son Jesus!

Forgiveness of our sin isn’t just about better communication of course, but we can grow in the way we deal with other people when we grow in our relationship with God. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God can take what is old and make it new again! He can take the brokenness of sin and change it into the healing of forgiveness. Pray about ways that God can use you to share His forgiveness to people in your life that need to hear that message. Also pray about participating in a special workshop offered **FEB. 19 from 10 AM to 2 PM and includes lunch. This workshop will focus on how you can naturally share the Gospel and be a blessing into people in your life who don’t know Christ.**

And remember: You are the closest thing to a human firewire cable out there!

In Christ, Pastor Moreno



Faith Talk Tips

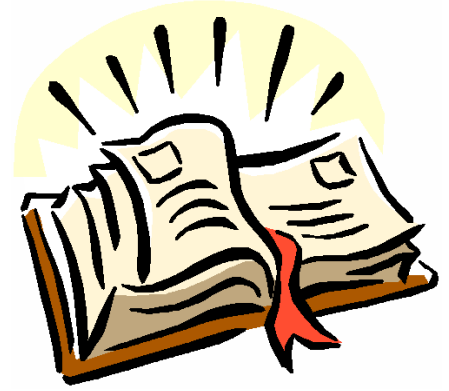
- * Put Bible verses in your e-mail signature or on your Web page or Facebook account. The people who are part of your online social networks might just read it
- * Do you have a friend who is worried or anxious? Listen. Then reply, "When I start to worry about something, I remember that often worry is accepting responsibility God never intended me to have." Offer to pray with your friend and give the concern back to God! (Matthew 6:25–27, 33–34).
- * When a family member or friend shares an "impossible" situation with you, confess that it might seem like something you cannot solve, but you know that all things are possible for God! (Mark 10:27)

Bible Studies

The Christian Life Today Bible study series explores contemporary adult issues. Each study in this series includes 12 sessions that address topics relating to the study's theme. This series will give Christians the opportunity to receive information about the key concerns and issues, seek insights from God's Word, and discuss with other Christians how to apply the truth found in the Scriptures.

- Focus on Wisdom
- In Christ and His Church
- Sex: A Dirty Word?
- Where You End, God Begins
- The Mind: A Terrible Thing to Waste
- What is a Friend?
- Teach Us to Pray
- Building a Future
- Satisfaction in Work

We offer this study on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM!



Women's Small Group

The Women's Small Group will be starting up again in the new year. We have chosen our next two books, "Great Women of the Bible" and "Overcoming Doubt." We'll read the books in that order and each study is four weeks long.

Overcoming Doubt: This series consists of short 4-session adult Bible studies with life-application. Each course looks at an important biblical topic or theme. Use these courses to gain insight into the Scriptures. Learn what God is saying about Himself, about you, and about His Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. These insights will help you as you go about your disciple's task of living in the Word and will equip you for a more fruitful study of Scripture.

Session 1: Is There Really a God? Session 2: Is God Really Good?

Session 3: Can I Know God? Session 4: Does God Know Me?

I invite you to join us, if your schedule permits, Wednesday mornings, at 10:00am - 11:30am at Hope Lutheran. Small Groups are a wonderful, relaxing time to share our faith, God's Word, and to form deeper friendships. I highly encourage you to see for yourself! Either e-mail me or you may sign up at church. I can also order a book for you if you are unable to join us Wednesday mornings. The cost of the books are and \$6, plus shipping. If the cost is prohibitive, please speak with me or Pastor. Thank you. Dorothee Jones

Church Cleaning

Our church is in need of volunteers to help clean at your availability Thursday through Saturday every week! We have a list of "chores" on the refrigerator and the item is "checked" when completed!

FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

		Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
Feb. 6	9 AM	T. Decker	The Merandas	J. Decker & R. Moreno
	10:30	J. Stanley	The Gills	
Feb. 13	9 AM	L. McLaughlin	The Montagues	R. Moreno & A. Cowart
	10:30	E. Havens	The Starinskys	
Feb. 20	9 AM	D. Burrier	The Keatings	A. Cowart & A. Eckman
	10:30	E. Wolf	The Thompsons	
Feb. 27	9 AM	J. Eckman	The Sutters	N. Sutter & J. Decker
	10:30	T. Mcleran	The Stanleys	

Men's Bible Breakfast

Join us Saturday Feb. 25 at 9 AM for our monthly men's Bible breakfast at the Grecian Garden Cafe. We enjoy some great food and conversation and are also going through Bill Hybels' "Serving Lessons", which shares insights on our roles as Christians, fathers, husbands, and more!

Support Youth Mission Trip!

Join with us in helping the high school youth of Hope head out this summer on a mission trip. They will be offering sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday and selling home made fudge for Valentine's Day!

February Birthdays

1 Tom Decker
1 Jared Decker
3 Debbie Keating
3 Ethan Moreno
6 Robert Keating
6 Larry Kerley
23 Jason Eckman

Anniversaries

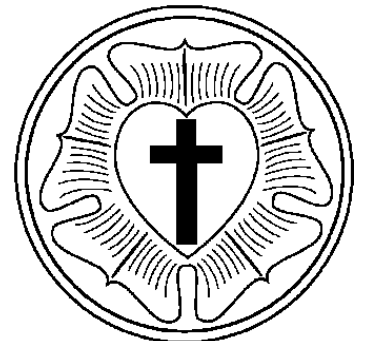
Feb. 11 Starinskys
Feb. 14 Havens

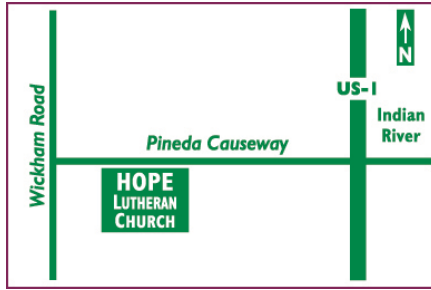
Family Movie Night Feb. 4!

We'll be watching Disney's Secretariat, the "greatest racehorse of all time" mantle fits easily around the neck of Secretariat, the 1973 Triple Crown winner. Penny Chenery Tweedy and colleagues guide her long-shot but precocious stallion to set in 1973 the unbeaten record for winning the triple crown. We start at 6:30 PM and you can get pizza and drinks for \$3 per person.

Adult Information Class

We have a section beginning on Thursday mornings and this class is great for those wanting to know more about the Lutheran faith. It is also a great "refresher" course for those who have been Lutherans their whole life! The class is Thursdays at AM at Hope Lutheran!





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

Important Dates: A First Look at February 2011



Feb. 2 & 9 Confirmation at 6:30 PM

Feb. 4 Movie Night 6:30 PM

Wednesdays Women's Group 10 AM

Wednesdays Bible Study 6:30 PM

Thursdays Adult Instruction 10 AM

Feb. 19 Faith Workshop 10 AM

Feb. 25 Men's Bible Breakfast 9 AM

9 AM Worship w/ Children's church

**9:15 Adult Bible Study (in our other location at
the end of the plaza)**

10:30 Worship

February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6 PM Boy Scouts 5:30 PM AA Meeting	2 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study Christian Life Today	3 10 AM Adult information Class 10 AM Mom's Club 6 PM BB Practice	4 6:30 PM Movie Night : Secretariat	5 9 AM Upward Basketball
6 9 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 AM Ch. Ed. 5 PM Choir NO Youth Night enjoy the Super Bowl! 7 PM AA Meeting	7	8 10 AM Water Song Bible Study 5:30 PM AA Meeting 6 PM Boy Scouts	9 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 2:30 Christ on C 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study Christian Life Today	10 10 AM Adult information Class 2:30 Christ on C 6 PM BB Practice	11 9:30 AM Card Making 2:30 Christ on C Pastor Moreno Navy Drill	12 9 AM Upward Basketball Thrivent Training Orlando Pastor Moreno Navy Drill
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER: A LOOK AT FINANCES

You may notice in the bulletin we will start sharing some vital information with you that reflects our stewardship of time and treasurer here at Hope Lutheran. It looks like this in the bulletin:

Worship Attendance and Financial Stewardship at Hope Lutheran

Stewardship of Time

1/23/11

Attendance 67

Communicants 48

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings \$2,155.45

Weekly Needs \$2,500.00

It is our hope that this information can be of help for our church to see the impact that each one of us can make! Our church has three major goals this year: 1) To strengthen relationships within the church and 2) to increase our emphasis of outreach and evangelism and 3) to be financially independent. Here is a look at how we did in 2010 with our tithes and offerings:

Total Operating Income \$109,608.92

Total Expenses \$ 93,046.65

Net Income \$ 16,562.27

In addition, we also grew our building fund:

Total Building Fund \$ 41,344.73

The numbers look good, right? That is in part because we were blessed last year to subsidy from the SELC District and Faith "Viera" Lutheran Church. While they are also giving us subsidy this year, it will be less. Of course, our goal is to be financially independent so that in 2012 we no longer rely on any subsidy. Please pray for our church and the way in which you can help us reach our common goals.



Outreach Corner

In December the church council presented at the congregational meeting our goals for 2011. One of the goals is to continue our Outreach work. Hope will continue to give 11% of our plate offering to missions and outreach. We are also having a renewed emphasis on "Reaching Out." That can include something as easy as putting a bible verse on your Facebook page (see Faith Talk Tips below or page #) or inviting a friend to one of our many opportunities of Fellowship we have planned for this Spring. Whether or not you make New Year resolutions, resolve to pray about the person(s) God has placed on your heart that He may open up opportunities in 2011 to Reach Out to them. Maybe you will be able to invite them and/or their family to one of these upcoming events (mark your calendars):

Friday, Mar. 3rd: Game Night (bring your favorite games and snacks)

Friday, Mar. 11th: Elementary Video Game Tournament

Saturday, Mar. 26th: Habitat for Humanity Build

Friday, Apr. 8th: Children Movie Night

Saturday, Apr. 9th: Movie Night for Adults

Saturday, Apr. 16th: Spring Festival at Centre at Suntree (or Egg Hunt at Grand Haven)

Sunday, Apr. 24th: Easter Worship Service

Saturday, May 14th: Women's Tea

In His Service, Dorothee Jones (Outreach Chair)