



The Hope Reporter

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

A Monthly Newsletter

January 2009

New Year's Revolutions

We welcome a new year and turn the page into the month of January. Right about now the phrase "New Year's Resolutions" are perhaps making you ill. I propose we try the phrase "New Year's Revolutions" instead.

Here are some common definitions of the term:

- 1) **The overthrow of a government by those who are governed**
- 2) **Rotation: a single complete turn (axial or orbital)**
- 3) **A drastic and far-reaching change in ways of thinking and behaving**



In 2 Corinthians, Paul speaks about a powerful revolution that changes hearts and lives.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Now, I am not advocating any radical action against the United States, nor am I thinking you should do anything about the Earth's orbit (although Mars could use some work). What I am saying is that these three definitions of revolutions give us great insights into an approach to the new year in Christ!

Yes, we need to overthrow an authority in our life. We need to make sure the power of sin is overthrown through faith in Christ! In Hebrews 12 we read, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith".

Yes, we need to rotate! If we take it in the sense of a complete turn, we need to turn away from sin and turn towards God and His love. In 2 Timothy 2 we find, "God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

Yes, we need a drastic & far reaching change in our way of thinking and behaving.

What do you want to change in your life this year? Your physical appearance and health? Your financial status? Your way of handling stress and challenges? Growing

in your faith through the Word of God?

I am not sure if "New Year's Revolutions" will catch on, but I am sure that God will be with you this year. I pray that you will join me in this revolution to turn away from those things that hinder and turn towards God and His promises and love. This year, we here at Hope strive to fulfill this emphasis: Every person in the Word every day! I challenge you to make this drastic change and look for upcoming ways that YOU can be in the Bible everyday of 2009!

In Christ; Pastor Moreno



Bible Studies in January



BIBLE STUDY

In January we will continue a wonderful Bible study on “The Parables of Luke from a Middle Eastern Perspective” taught by Alan Koch. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the sanctuary. In addition we have three other classes starting this month:

The Book of Galatians- Galatians is the most theologically significant of the Pauline epistles, and has been particularly influential in Protestant thought. Along with Romans, it highlights the concepts of sin & grace, law & gospel, and the gospel of Christ! This class taught by Pastor Moreno is offered on Tuesdays at 7 PM on the campus of Faith “Viera” Lutheran (Jan. 20 through Feb. 24) and Thursdays at 7 PM at Hope

Lutheran (Jan. 22 through Feb. 26). Please sign up for one as we strive for every person in the Word every day!

Adult Information Class- For those seeking to better learn what our church teaches and confesses, we offer this wonderful class as an atmosphere to ask questions and find answers! This class taught by Pastor Moreno is offered on Mondays at 7 PM at Hope Lutheran starting January 19. The class meets Mondays Jan. 19 through Feb. 23. and upon completion of this class, you may join the church.

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

		Reader	Greeter	Sunday School
Jan. 4	(8 am)	L. Kerley	Dianne Baker	R. Moreno & R. Meranda
	(10:30)	T. Decker	Jared Sass	
Jan. 11	(8 am)	L. McLaughlin	The Cowarts	J. Decker & K. Howard
	(10:30)	J. Stanley	The Merandas	
Jan. 18	(8 am)	R. Kerley	The Allisons	M. Lawrence & T. Thompson
	(10:30)	J. Decker	The Kochs	
Jan. 25	(8 am)	T. McLaughlin	The Gills	A. Cowart & A. Eckman
	(10:30)	B. Hazley	The Lawrences	

Confirmation

This month we meet January 6 & 13 at Faith Viera Lutheran 6:30 to 8 PM. This month Pastor Moreno is in St. Louis, so all courses will be held on Wednesdays at Faith Viera.



Family Night Jan. 17

January 17 at 6:00 PM we will gather for pizza & popcorn and watch "Prince Caspian"! While the kids watch the movie and have fun, the moms and dads get to visit & play cards & board games! For fun, we'll do a "White Elephant" gift exchange (nothing more than \$2)! Come join us for a stress free and free night out for the whole family!

Attention Ladies!



It's coming! It's coming! What is coming? Our very first LWML meeting! Ladies, mark your calendar for January 10, 2009 at 9 AM. Baby sitting **WILL** be available. Katie Curtis has agreed to be our babysitter during our meeting. So do not hesitate in coming because you don't have a babysitter. One will be provided.

Don't know what LWML is? The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is a national society consisting of all women of the LCMS. We are divided into Districts, Zones and local societies. We come together as a national group every biennium. The next national convention will be held June 25-28, 2009 in Portland, Oregon! The LWML mission

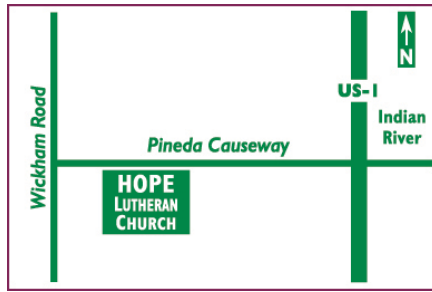
statement reads: The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Our zone is called "The Space Coast Zone" and its mission statement reads: The mission of the Florida-Georgia District LWML is to share the love of Christ with women of all ages and diversities and to foster a recognition that the mission field exists both at home and abroad. The district does retreats and conventions. Our next retreat will be in September 2009 in Tampa and that will bring together all the women of the FL-GA District. The district conventions happen every other year.

So what does the LWML society do? We raise funds for missions and so much more! There are so many missions that need help and the LWML is there to provide that help. Some societies have sponsored seminary students, given money to the food banks at each of our seminaries, helped their own churches obtain things they normally can't get, and help numerous missions who provide the word of God to those people who have no knowledge of our Lord and Savior and on and on and on.

We encourage you to join the LWML group on Saturday, January 10, 2009. It truly is a mission minded women's group that enjoys great fellowship and provides much needed encouragement.

Please see Joan Koch if you have any questions about the LWML. Joan is the Vice President of Mission Services for the Space Coast Zone and she will be very happy to tell you about LWML.



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January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>JANUARY</div>				1 7 PM Men's Basketball @ Health First	2 9:30 AM Scrap-booking	3 8:00 AM Men's Bible Breakfast @ FVLC
4 Worship 8 AM Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Youth Night 6 PM	5 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	6 6 PM Choir 7 PM Men's Basketball @ Health First	7 6:30 PM Confirmation at FVLC 7:30 PM AA meeting	8 7 PM Men's Basketball @ Health First	9 9:30 AM Scrap-booking	10 9 AM LWML @ Hope
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<div>Pastor Moreno in St. Louis Jan. 4 - 16, 2009</div>						

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available in the narthex with your name on them; if you don't see yours, please let pastor know. The envelopes help us send you a letter for tax purposes so you can "write off" your donations! Make sure you take a close look at the 2008 finances so you can see where your offerings go!

Birthdays

2 Kathleen Allison
5 Ryan & Robby Sass
9 David McLeran
23 Logan McLaughlin
26 Madison Howard
27 Jared Sass
31 Elise Moreno

Anniversaries

Jan. 5, 2002 Wolfs

as well as Historical Theology. This is a 54 hour degree program and Pastor will have completed 33 hours after this session. Pray for him! In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Meyr at 636-5504.

FUNNY STUFF...

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot."

What "Non-Church" Activities are at Hope?

Stamping & Scrap Booking

Every Friday morning at 9 AM we have a great group of ladies meet to have fun being crafty! If you like to stamp or scrap book, or just are interested in learning more, this is a great group for you! It is free and is a fun atmosphere to just hang out and make some new friends!



AA Meetings at Hope

We are hosting an all-womens Alcoholic Anonymous group here at Hope on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM. This is a great ministry aimed at helping people win the battle against addiction. If you know of anyone that would benefit from attending this ministry, please encourage them to try one of the many AA groups here in Brevard!



Hope 2008 Year In Review



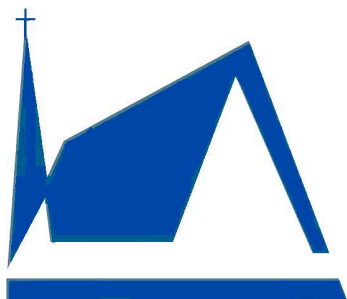
2008 OUTREACH MINISTRIES FUNDED

Here is a partial list of where over 10% of your offerings have gone to!



Giving, Sharing, Helping, Caring

- * LCMS and SELC District Missions
- * Habitat for Humanity
- * Christ on Campus
- * Daily Bread and Sharing Center
- * Haitian Lutheran Ministry
- * Wego Ministries of Brevard
- * The Haven for Women & Children
- * Concordia Ft. Wayne & St. Louis
- * Operation Barnabas
- * Ablaze Ministries



Other GREAT Ministries Hope supported this year:

Operation Christmas Child- We took in 15 shoe boxes filled with goodies for little ones

Thanksgiving Baskets- Over \$250 dollars (or two shopping carts FULL) of groceries to area food banks

Angel tree gifts- We took over 45 names and you provided them with shoes, clothes, toys and gifts!

Work Day

On January 24th at 10 AM we will meet for a work day at Hope. We will be cleaning from stem to stern and making the church look nice. We'll also be working on the upstairs Sunday School and nursery as well. If you have any of the following items in good working condition, we could use:

- * A Microwave
- * A Vaccum Cleaner
- * A Pack N' Play Playpen

Stewardship Series

Beginning in March we will have a Stewardship series at Hope so we can better learn biblical principles of stewardship. Prayerfully consider how this series may be a blessing to you and your family.

Christ on Campus

This ministry is going great at all three schools and God has very much blessed the efforts made to reach the elementary schools in our community. However, we need helpers one Wednesday a month at Quest Elementary. Please let pastor know if you could help one Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30.

Youth Group News

Mission Trip News

Junior Youth

Jan. 7 6:30 PM Confirmation
 Jan. 14 6:30 PM Confirmation
 Jan. 21 6:30 PM Youth Night
 Jan. 28 6:30 PM Missions Night

- * The Theme for youth night is "Friendship"
- * All meetings are at FVLC

Senior Youth

Jan. 4 6:00 PM Youth Night
 Jan. 11 6:00 PM Youth Night
 Jan. 18 6:00 PM Youth Night
 Jan. 25 6:00 PM Youth Night

- * Play Practice starts at 5 PM
- * Youth Night Theme this month is "Relationships"

\$100 Deposit Due on Jan. 11th for those wanting to head to Texas on this summer mission trip. This trip is open to current 8th graders through 12 graders.

The Mission Trip dates are June 21 through June 29