



# The Hope Reporter

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

A Monthly Newsletter

January 2010

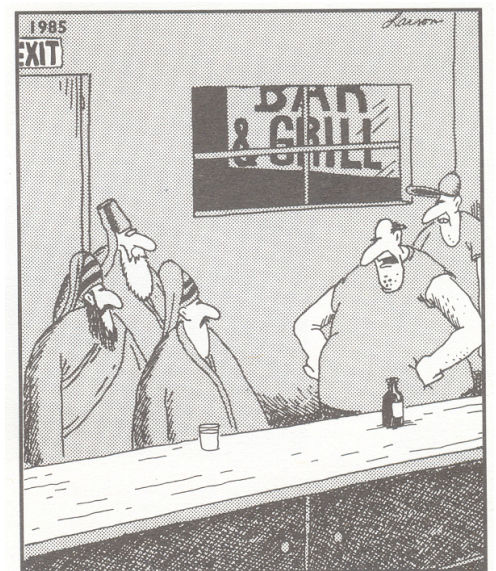
## A Closer Look at Epiphany

The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. In some Central and South American countries influenced by Catholic tradition, Three Kings' Day, or the night before, is the time for opening Christmas presents. In some eastern churches, Epiphany or the Theophany commemorates Jesus' baptism, with the visit of the Magi linked to Christmas.

In western Christian tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. It goes by other names in various church traditions. In Hispanic and Latin culture, as well as some places in Europe, it is known as Three Kings' Day (Span: ***el Dia de los Tres Reyes, la Fiesta de Reyes***, or ***el Dia de los Reyes Magos***; Dutch: ***Driekon- ingendag***). Because of differences in church calendars, mainly between the Eastern Orthodox and the western Catholic and Protestant traditions, both Christmas and Epiphany have been observed at different times in the past. Today, most of the Eastern Orthodox traditions follow the western church calendar. The exceptions are some Greek Orthodox Churches and related traditions (for example, Russian and Serbian Orthodox) that still follow the older calendar and celebrate Epiphany as the Theophany on January 19th.

Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day. This is an occasion for feasting in some cultures, including the baking of a special King's Cake as part of the festivities of Epiphany (a King's Cake is part of the observance of Mardi Gras in French Catholic culture of the Southern USA). As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the child Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to reveal Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. May God reveal Himself to you this upcoming year through His Word and Sacraments! In Christ;

Pastor Moreno



"Oh yeah! More like the three wise guys, I'd say."

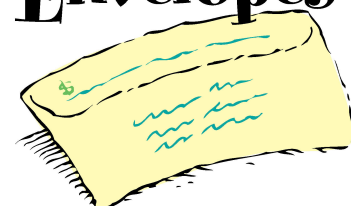
## **Psalms Of Ascent Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 PM**

In this series we will be traveling on a journey through the Psalms of Ascent. These Psalms were sung by the Israelites as they traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the High Holy Days. We too are on a pilgrimage and as we travel we can take and apply the promises in these Psalms to our lives!

Psalm 120 - Repentance	Psalm 124 - Help
Psalm 121 - Providence	Psalm 125 - Security
Psalm 122 - Worship	Psalm 126 - Joy
Psalm 123 - Service	Psalm 127 - Work

STARTS JAN. 12 AT 7 PM AT HOPE LUTHERAN

## **Offering Envelopes**



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The 2010 offering envelopes are here and are available to be picked up at church. You'll notice the envelopes have "Hope Lutheran" printed on the front. Please make sure to pick them up and to use them so that the church can correctly credit you for tax purposes. If you want offering envelopes and were not assigned any, please sign up in the narthex.



## **Altar Flowers**

Starting in January, we are doing something a bit different with the altar flowers. You are still invited to sign up on the flower chart and sponsor the flowers (\$25 for both arrangements) in honor of a birthday, anniversary, etc. But if a date goes "unsponsored" we will use artificial flowers that Sunday. Special flower sponsor envelopes can be found at the welcome center.

## **Calendar Planning Meeting January 16**

In our various planning and goal setting meetings this past fall, we recognized the need to sit down and plan the year's main events. We know we'll have an Easter Egg outreach, a Vacation Bible School, and various men and women's ministries. On Jan. 16 we'll meet to strategically plan these out and spread them over the calendar as evenly as possible. Please join us to help with this important goal! Sign up in the narthex.

## **Jan. 15 Family Movie Night: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**

This month join us at Hope at 6:30 PM with the whole family to watch this new release! It is described as the most delicious event since macaroni met cheese. Inspired by the beloved children's book, the film focuses on a town where food falls from the sky like rain. We'll have pizza, popcorn and drinks!



# JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

		<b>Reader</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sunday School (9:15)</b>
Jan. 3	8 AM	D. Burrier	The Cowarts	R. Moreno & S. Montague
	10:30	M. Thompson	The Abfalters	
Jan. 10	8 AM	R. Kerley	The Eckmans	A. Eckman & R. Meranda
	10:30	R. Moreno	Dianne Eubank	
Jan. 17	8 AM	T. McLaughlin	Cheyrl Perry	A. Cowart & J. Decker
	10:30	J. Sass	The Quilitzschs	
Jan. 24	8 AM	D. Lawrence	Scott Minster	M. Lawrence & R. Moreno
	10:30	J. Snyder	The Starinksys	
Jan. 31	8 AM	J. Eckman	The Keatings	A. Eckman & S. Montague
	10:30	R. Richard	The Doerrs	

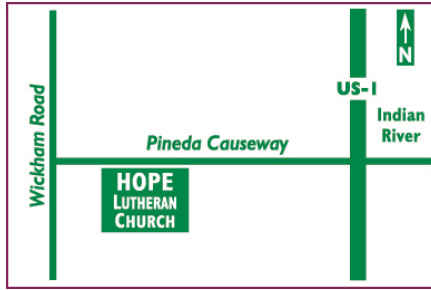
## **Pastor Moreno New Navy Billet in Tampa**

Ever since Pastor has been in the Navy, he has been assigned to a MEFREL in Orlando. He has now been assigned to the 4th Marine Amphibious assault Battalion in Tampa. This is a little change, but a good one. This month is the first month at this new duty station, so pray for him during this transition!

## **Support the Youth on Their Gathering this Summer!**

We have a number of youth headed to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. They have paid deposits and worked fundraisers already but they still have more to do! There are three opportunities for you to support them in the next two months:

- 1) Super Bowl subs! They are taking orders for your Super Bowl get together! The order slips will be in the narthex soon and will be available to be picked up Super Bowl Sunday. The menu will include subs (italian, turkey, ham, roast beef) with your choice of fixings, your choice of chips, desserts and drinks.
- 2) Fresh and delicious fudge! These will be available starting January 17 and go through February 21! The varieties available will include chocolate, chocolate walnut and chocolate pecan. Samples will be available so you know exactly what you are getting!
- 3) A Dinner Theatre! We will have two showings: One at Faith Viera Lutheran on Feb. 13 at 6 PM and the other at Hope Lutheran on Feb. 14 at Noon. The youth will have a wonderful mystery dinner that will be a delight and well include the infamous youth commercials at intermission. The menu and cost will be available January 10 at the sign up in the narthex. Join us!



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## Important Dates: A First Look at January 2010



**Jan. 14 Transfer Class 6:30 PM**  
**Jan. 15 Family Movie Night 6:30 PM**  
**Jan. 16 Planning Meeting 10 AM**  
**Jan. 17 New Member Sunday**  
**Jan. 30 Men's Bible Breakfast 9 AM**  
**Tuesdays at 7 PM Psalms Bible Study**

# January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9 AM Water Song Bible Study 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts	<b>2</b> 10 AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b> 9 AM MOPS Melbourne	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Worship 8 & 10:30 Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	<b>4</b> 7 PM Hope Council	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts	<b>6</b> 10 AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Card Making	<b>9</b> Pastor Moreno Navy Drill
<b>10</b> Worship 8 & 10:30 Potluck 9:15 AM Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	<b>11</b> 7 PM FVLC Council	<b>12</b> 2:30 PM COC Suntime 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Psalms Study	<b>13</b> 10 AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting	<b>14</b> 2:30 COC Quest 6:30 Transfer Class	<b>15</b> 2:30 COC Williams 6:30 Family Night	<b>16</b> 10 AM Planning Meeting
<b>17</b> Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9 AM Water Song Bible Study 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Psalms Study	<b>20</b> 10 AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Card Making	<b>23</b>
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## Elementary, Junior & Senior Youth Ministry

We offer three Sunday morning youth ministry opportunities, all at 9:15 AM. Please join us and have a great time growing in the faith! Sunday School resumes from holiday break on Jan. 10.

**Elementary Youth** (K through 4th grade) Bible Study- Led by rotation of volunteer mothers in the congregation

**Junior Youth** (5th-8th grade) Bible Study- Led by Scott Minster

**Senior Youth** (9th-12th grade) Bible Study- Led by Tracey McLaughlin



## Senior Youth Calendar

The Sr. High Youth Group meets every Sunday in January at 6 PM in the Ministry Center.

### January Anniversaries

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## Junior Youth Calendar

This month we have a number of events for our youth:

- Jan. 06 - Confirmation Class at 6:30
- Jan. 13 - Confirmation Class at 6:30
- Jan. 20 - Jr. Youth Group at 6:30
- Jan. 27 - Jr. Youth Group at 6:30

### January Birthdays

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

## Top Ten New Year's Resolutions

- \* 1. Stop Smoking
- \* 2. Get Fit
- \* 3. Lose Weight
- \* 4. Enjoy Life More
- \* 5. Quit Drinking
- \* 6. Get Organized
- \* 7. Learn Something New
- \* 8. Get Out of Debt
- \* 9. Spend more time with the Family
- \* 10. Help Others



See anything that you could put on your list? Make time today to pray to God about the ways in which you want to improve your life & then find ways to follow through on making changes!