



The Hope Reporter

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

A Monthly Newsletter

May 2010

Visiting with Friends

This month we see a natural change in lives all around us: Going from spring into summer and little children everywhere rejoicing that school is out! But before there is too much celebration, they need to attend to their studies with exams and papers. With summer beginning, so does a busy travel season. Many of you have big plans this summer: Cross country road trips, flights to see family, and nice visits with friends. These opportunities to reconnect with loved ones and enjoy some rest is a welcomed change of pace. I recently had the chance to spend two days at a conference where I was able to see my older brother Mike and an old classmate (who just happened to be the best man at my wedding) and it was great. Here are some of the topics we touched on during late night conversations and tee box chatter on the golf course:

- * **Life:** We reflected on where we currently are and how life has unfolded. There have been some surprises and twists but amazingly, most things have gone “according to plan”!
- * **Family:** We reaffirmed the importance of family and how much God has blessed us. We also talked about the whole “father & husband” challenge and figured out this will be a lifelong effort!
- * **Ministry:** We wondered how “effective” we are in ministry; are we doing a good job? A godly job? If

and when we fail on any given effort, is it because we “stink” or because it wasn’t part of God’s plan?

It is humbling to admit your doubts and fears but when you are among friends you can share!

- * **Staying in Touch:** Every time we see each other, we always say we need to stay in touch better. In an age of Facebook, cell phones, and e-mail, you think it’d be easy! But the truth is that in order to stay in touch, we need to be intentional and make it a priority. Life goes by too fast and can be too busy, but maintaining relationships are important for so many reasons!

Family and friends are gifts from God, enjoy those gifts today!



In Christ,
Pastor Moreno

Try this:

Send e-mails. This is the easiest way to stay in touch, especially if you live far away from your old friends. Try to e-mail your friends at least once a month to let them know what has been going on in your life.

Pick up the phone. Your friends are only a phone call away. It's always nice to hear the voice of a friend on the other end of the line.

Don't forget birthdays. Sending birthday cards to your old friends is a good way to keep in touch, and it lets them know that you are thinking of them.

Plan annual reunions. Having annual get-togethers will allow you and your friends to catch up and spend quality time together.

Consider social networking websites. There are many websites that help you stay in touch with friends, e.g. MySpace, Facebook, etc.

A Word from the President

Change is coming. Like many young congregations, we here at Hope Lutheran have experienced a lot of change over the years. We've changed locations and worship times. This past January, Hope voted to become an independent congregation and accepted an initial constitution and set of bylaws. Since then, with the district's help, those documents have been finalized by the Hope council and will be presented at our June congregational meeting. Also at that meeting, we will vote on official council members and officially call a pastor. Big steps in the life of our congregation!

But if those changes aren't enough, more will probably come. As many of you know, our building subcommittee has been hard at work looking for more permanent places to worship. At the time of this writing, nothing applicable has been found. The Post Road property we discussed earlier in the year didn't work out and doesn't appear to be viable any more (that congregation has gone through a change in leadership and probably isn't going to be selling soon). Even if we stay in our current location, we may still make some other changes. Much to my personal chagrin, the 8:00 service has dropped off in popularity. Consequently, the Hope council may decide to change the worship schedule to be more accommodating. We may also change the worship area by removing some more walls to make use of space we aren't currently using.

Change can sometimes be difficult. The leadership at Hope will try our best to make sure there are smooth transitions. If you have any input on the direction of Hope or the day to day activities, feel free to talk to one or more of the council members. If you'd like to help out, we're always looking for more people to help serve as ushers, counters, elders, outreach and many others. As a small congregation, every person's efforts are greatly appreciated! In His Service, Scott Minster, Hope Council President

Movie Night: May 8 @ 6 PM The Tooth Fairy

Derek Thompson is 'The Tooth Fairy,' a hard-charging minor league hockey player whose nickname comes from his habit of separating opposing players from their bicuspid. When Derek discourages a youngster's hopes, he's sentenced to one week's hard labor as a real tooth fairy, complete with the requisite tutu, wings and magic wand. At first, Derek "can't handle the tooth" – bumbling and stumbling as he tries to furtively wing his way through strangers' homes...doing what tooth fairies do. But as Derek slowly adapts to his new position, he begins to rediscover his own forgotten dreams.

Hope VBS: Planet Zoom 5 to 7:30 PM, June 21-25, 2010

Planet Zoom is a zip, zap, zoomin' good time for kids of all ages. There's a whole new world Planet Zoom where little is BIG. Kids will meet Scout, a bee in the Planet Zoom hive, and four other bee friends who will guide them through the week. Scout and his friends will guide children through five amaz-z-zing Bible stories that will teach them to be bold bee-lievers of Jesus. Planet Zoom shares new perspective that encourages even the littlest bee-lievers to make a big difference in God's big world. No child is too young to understand the depth of Jesus' love. So prepare yourself for a swarmin' good time. Bee Bold. Bee-lieve. Be HIS! We need volunteers and donations, please look at the special poster at church to find out more ways that you can help!

Registration forms are on our website under the VBS section and available at church!



MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

		Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
May 2	8 AM	T. McLaughlin	The Cowarts	The Deckers
	10:30	J. Stanley	The Starinskys	
May 9	8 AM	J. Eckman	The Keatings	The Eckmans
	10:30	T. McLeran	The Jones	
May 16	8 AM	A. Cowart	The Kerleys	The Morenos
	10:30	H. Doerr	The Havens	
May 23	8 AM	D. Burrier	The McLaughlins	The Cowarts
	10:30	T. Decker	The Merandas	
May 30	8 AM	R. Kerley	The Morrisons	The Montagues
	10:30	E. Havens	The Lawrences	

Financial Snapshot Apr. 2010

	Apr. Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 8,124.88	\$ 32,374.18	\$ 29,066.67
Expenses	\$ 7,537.75	\$ 28,733.40	\$ 29,835.33
Building Fund	\$ 787	\$ 4,170.81	\$ 2,666.67

May Birthdays

21 Dorothee Jones
 23 Mark Burrier
 26 Mark Moreno
 27 Jessica Thompson
 28 Kathy Burrier
 29 Joshua Havens



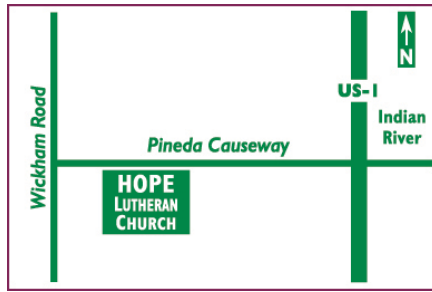
Senior Recognition Sunday May 23

We want to recognize those completing high school or college this year! On May 23rd, we will present those in our congregation with a gift and if you have a special graduate you want to recognize, please send their information to Pastor (rock_moreno@yahoo.com) so we can honor them!

Armed Forces Sunday May 30

We will celebrate Armed Forces Sunday on May 30 (Memorial Day weekend) and we want to recognize all those who have served. If you have someone in your neighborhood that has served and you have been “looking for an excuse” to invite them, we’d love for them to be our guests of honor!





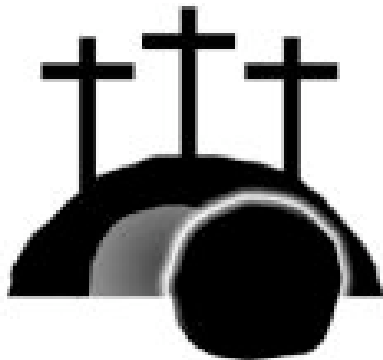
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Important Dates: A First Look at May 2010



May 2 - Youth Rummage Sale @ FVLC

May 8 - Movie Night 6:00 PM @ Hope

May 9 - Mothers' Day

May 16 - Confirmation

May 23 - Graduate Recognition

May 30 - Armed Forces Sunday

Tuesday Afternoons - Hebrews 1 PM

Tuesday Nights - FP University 7 PM

May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7 AM Rummage Sale at FVLC
2 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	3	4 10 AM Water Song Bible Study 1 PM Hebrews Bible Study @ FVLC 7 PM Financial Peace University	5 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 10 AM Women's Small Group 6:30 PM Junior Youth at FVLC	6 9 AM MOPS Melbourne	7 9:30 AM Card Making 6 PM Ladies Night out @ Morning Star Cafe	8 6 PM Movie Night "Tooth Fairy"
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23 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Choir 5 PM AA 7 PM	24	25 1 PM Hebrews Bible Study @ FVLC 7 PM Financial Peace University	26 8 AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 10 AM Beach Day	27	28 6 PM Men's Basketball at Viera Regional Park	29 9 AM Men's Bible Breakfast @ Grecian Garden
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Women's Small Group

The Wednesday morning Women's Small Group will be continuing a study on "Becoming a Woman of Influence". Please join us at 10 AM for a cup of coffee as we are uplifted by friendship and God's Word. For more information contact Dorothee Jones.

Women's Night Out

On May 7 at 6 PM the ladies of Hope are invited (friends too!) to dine at the Morning Star Cafe on Wickham Road (across from BCC). For more information, contact Wendy Havens. Sign up is at church, so check it out!

Men's Bible Breakfast

Join us May 29 at 9 AM for our monthly men's Bible breakfast! We will be meeting at the Grecian Garden Cafe and enjoy a great discussion on some challenging topics! Make sure you sign up at the church so we can reserve the right number of seats!

Men's Sports Fellowship

On two Fridays in May (the 14th & 28th) we are having a couple of men's fellowship outings! On May 14 we will golf at Wedgefield (18 holes for only \$20!) and then on May 28th we'll play a pickup game of basketball at Viera Regional Park. Sign up at church!

Men's Ministry

Senior Youth Group

This month we will have youth night from 6 to 8 PM on May 2, 9 & 16. The last full week of May (when there is no school!) we'll transition to Beach Days! On Beach Days we'll meet on Wednesdays and head on out. You need to sign up so we can get rides for everyone and you'll want to bring money for lunch!



Children's Ministry: School is OUT! Fun Time

On May 22 children of all ages are invited to join us for an outing at Andretti's Thrill Park off of US 1 in Palm Bay. We are going to be celebrating the fact that school is over and we'll enjoy putt putt, go karts, video games and more! Come out and join us; sign up in the church to save your spot! You are also welcomed to invite your friends! If you are there at 10 AM you can get an all day pass for \$25!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT HOPE

As Hope continues to grow and becomes an established congregation, there are increasing needs for each one of us to come forward and make the most of our God given talents and abilities. Your talents and abilities can come in many different areas and capacities. Hope has adopted a Constitution and By-Laws as part of the establishment of a congregation, which requires us to create a nomination committee to find parishioners who are willing to commit and dedicate their time and talent in various defined leadership roles.

I am looking for 2 individuals who can assist me in this effort. We will meet a couple of times within the month of May to discuss the nomination slate which needs to be presented to the congregation for vote on June 6, 2010. This being Hope's first election as a congregation, we are in need of individuals to fill the capacity of all of the members of the church council. The next coming years are going to be very exciting and challenging times as the leadership will be looking at a more permanent facility for Hope as well as ways to grow our church and follow our Lord's Great Commission to go and tell others about Him.

The following is a list of the leadership positions and a description of each (As found in the By-Laws):

- President -** The President shall be the presiding officer and Chair of the Church Council and the Congregation. The President shall carry out duties normally associated with this position and the Church Council, and as depicted in the Plan of Ministry. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all permanent and standing committees/boards of the Church Council, and work in concert with the Pastor to achieve the purpose of the Congregation. The President shall report directly to the Church Council on the following:
Church staff (non-called); Seminar and Presentation Events
- Vice President -** In the absence of the President, the VP shall act in the President's stead. Additionally, the VP shall perform any duties assigned by the President. The VP shall report directly to the Church Council on the following: Worship (such as ushering, altar care, music, greeters, etc);
Fellowship Program; Men's and Women's Programs
- Treasurer -** The Treasurer shall pay the bills of the Congregation, and maintain an accounting of budget expenditures in accordance with accepted accounting practices. The treasurer shall administer the health and retirement (Concordia) plan and oversee the counting of contributions.
- Secretary -** The secretary also serves as recording secretary of the council. The Recording Secretary shall be the secretary of the Church Council and the Congregation and shall keep minutes of all meetings. He/She shall be responsible for the official papers and congregational and Church Council correspondence.
- Head Elder -** The Head Elder provides the Pastor and the Council input on the spiritual health of the Congregation. The Head Elder shall report directly to the Church Council on the following:
Christian Education (Sunday School, Bible Studies, Youth, etc.); Pastoral Relations
- Outreach -** The Director of Outreach Services shall report directly to the Church Council on the following:
Evangelism Program; Outreach Program; Mission Opportunities ; Community concerns; Public Relations
- Trustee -** The Trustee shall be responsible for the property and maintenance of facilities shall report directly to the church council.

The length of term will be 1 year for President and Head Elder, while the rest of the positions will be a 2 year term. Please prayerfully consider any of these opportunities! Because of Him, Eric Havens

Update from the Land Subcommittee

We have a subcommittee that has been meeting since January to evaluate the various options we have with respect to a worship location. This subcommittee is headed by Dakota Lawrence and includes David McLeran, Robert Keating and Tom Decker. Here are some updates, but keep in mind, a decision has not been made. We hope to announce a decision at the June 6 Voters Meeting at Hope.

* ***Our current Landlord*** has offered an attractive one or two year lease if we remain in place. We can look at putting up some sound boards to dampen the arcade noise and expand our current facility.

* ***We have inquired*** at local places of worship (and even a funeral home) as to the possibility of renting there. The downside: not our "church" and will probably have to opt for an "odd" service time and possibly service day. Upside: very cheap <\$1000/ month.

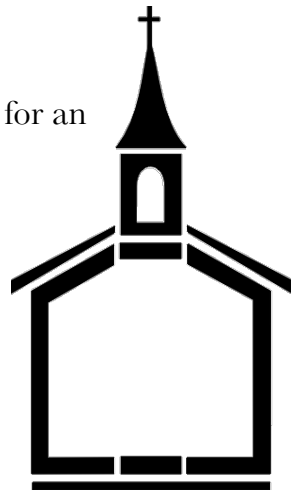
* ***Commercial real estate*** is still very expensive and would, for our purposes, be equivalent to picking up a hefty monthly mortgage for the amount of space we need.

* ***Have heard little*** from New Hope. With the departure of their pastor, we are not sure where we stand on their property. New Hope on Post is not a likely option for either purchase or rent.

* ***We are investigating*** a piece of property possibly available in Grand Haven, the location of their existing playground & park. It may be a long shot, but it'd be a great location.

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 6 @ 9:15 AM
HOPE LUTHERAN
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Voting on Council
Announcement of Worship Location
Brunch will be served!



Congratulations to Ella Stanley & Jessica Thompson on their Confirmation!

Ella Stanley is in the eighth grade at Southwest Middle School in Palm Bay, and is looking forward to attending Bayside High School next year. She is the eldest daughter in the Stanley family, and shows compassion and patience with her younger sisters. She is an avid reader and video game enthusiast, but her true passions are writing and art, specifically drawing and painting. She is extremely proud of the award she won in art class this year, and hopes to publish a book someday. Ella helps others at school who are lonely, bullied, or don't have any friends. Ella is pleased and excited to receive her confirmation.

Jessica's primary interest is in softball. She plays on two teams; Eau Gallie Little League Bulldogs and The Brevard Breeze. The Brevard Breeze is a traveling tournament team. They travel around the state for different tournaments two to three times per month. They play mostly for pride. The team sponsors are always happy when a trophy comes home. The girls on the team are unhappy when it doesn't. Jessica is a very social person and a devoted friend. She has been friends with some people since they were really little. She can always be counted on and will remain faithful. Jessica has a very strong sense of family. She knows what it means to be a valued part of an extended family. She also makes sure that every member of her family feels just as valued. When given the opportunity to spend time with family vs. friends, Jessica invariably chooses family.