



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

May 2011

Reminders

**Graduate
recognition is
May 29**

**The confirmation
class visits the
Holy Land May 7**

**Congregational
Meeting with lunch
May 15 @ 11:45**

**Bible study
Wednesday nights
at 6:30 PM in our
second unit**

What is it Worth?

I am kind of a sucker for the History Channel. I don't really know when it happened, but there are a number of interesting shows that reel me in. Maybe it started with "Antiques Roadshow" on public television. But now there are at least two shows devoted to buying and selling little pieces of history: American Pickers and Pawn Stars.

The basic premise of the shows are straight-forward: Rare and valuable items are authenticated and then the buyer and seller agree on a price (usually). It is simply amazing to see what gets featured on these shows, everything from signed first editions of literary masterpieces to old guns and coins, and even old toys!

But there is a difference between these two shows that really jump out: When people go into the pawn shop, they know what they are getting into. They expect to get less for their item than what it is really worth. However, in the "Pickers" show, the main characters can show up unannounced to a person's house and buy something of value for far less than it's real value. I think it is somewhat unfair that these people were just minding their own business at home and had a knock on the door, and now they sold grandma's rocking chair for \$50 when it is worth \$500. Maybe I am being unfair, but that is a strong impression I get from the show.

However, the defining moment for both shows is when the question is asked, "What is it worth"? The answer can be surprising! But let me ask you a question: What is your faith worth? Is it of any value to you? To someone else?

Maybe we can view church somewhat like the pawn shop, we know what we are getting into when we come to worship. However, unlike the pawn shop

we get more from God than what we deserve! Maybe a pastor's home visit or phone call can seem like he is "picking" and it could be an intrusion into our life. But the truth is far different: When the pastor reaches out to us, it is not to take something of value but to give something of value: The knowledge that God is at work in our life! I want to invite you to connect at church during this Easter season as we walk through the book of Acts in a sermon series entitled "Your Faith: What is it Worth?". You may just be surprised at the answers to that question! In Christ, Pastor Moreno

Acts

You are INVITED! On Saturday May 28, the Morenos are hosting a party to celebrate Pastor's graduation in his doctoral degree program. The party goes from 6 to 8 PM and guests are encouraged to RSVP via e-mail to Raquel at rockytock3@yahoo.com. We'll serve dinner and drinks (both alcoholic and non), but guests are welcomed to bring side dishes and have a great time. We hope to see you there!

Faith Talk Tips

Answer your phone with a witness like "God bless you, this is _____. " Or something like it. This will start every conversation with a witness.

Invite friends and family to your home for dinner and fellowship and share a witness and prayer.

Men's Bible Breakfast May 28

Join us Saturday May 28 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 a topical study!

Save the Date!

- * Hope Lutheran VBS will be June 20-24 at Viera Regional Park!
- * Hope Lutheran High School Mission Trip KEY WEST is June 26- July 1



LWML Spring Tea

Please join us on May 21 at 2 p.m. for the LWML Spring Tea to benefit Daily Bread, Inc. Daily Bread's, Inc. soup kitchen provides 200-250 per day to those in need 7 days/week, 365 days/year. We will be taking a freewill offering at the tea. If you'd like to be a hostess or a guest (bring a friend!), sign-ups are in the Narthex. Reserve your spot today!

Hope Congregational Meeting May 15

Join us after late service Sunday May 15 for an important congregational meeting. We'll hold elections for council positions as well as report how we are doing on meeting goals. We also will be sharing an update on possible land acquisition. We'll also provide lunch that day, so please plan on coming and finding out how we can do wonderful things in the strength of God!

Graduate Recognition May 29

Are you or someone in your family graduating this year? If so, we'd love to recognize that wonderful accomplishment and celebrate it in our church services on May 29. Please contact Pastor and let him know where you are graduating and what future plans include!

Did You Know?

Hope Lutheran has received \$2,156 for FREE from members of Thrivent! And it didn't cost them a penny. Want to know how? Ask our church's advocate Raquel Moreno to find out!

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

		Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
May 1	9 AM	D. Burrier	J. Haeker	J. Decker & R. Moreno
	10:30	K. Allison	D. Balvanz	
May 8	9 AM	T. Decker	The Thompsons	V. Crane & A. Cowart
	10:30	B. Jones	D. Eubank	
May 15	9 AM	S. Minster	The Sutters	V. Crane & R. Moreno
	10:30	J. Jones	The Gills	
May 22	9 AM	L. Kerley	The Cowarts	N. Sutter & R. Moreno
	10:30	R. Navarro	J. Sass	
May 29	9 AM	R. Sutter	The Deckers	F. Jones & R. Moreno
	10:30	T. McLeran	J. Snyder	

May Birthdays

16 Carolyn Sutter
 21 Dorothee Jones
 23 Mark Burrier
 24 Robert Navarro
 26 Mark Moreno
 27 Jessica Thompson
 28 Kathy Burrier
 29 Joshua Havens

Do you have a Thrivent policy?

Then you might be eligible to give FREE money away!

Choice Dollars can be directed to Lutheran organizations you prefer nationwide, including Hope Lutheran Church! If you are eligible to direct Choice Dollars, you will receive a letter in the mail at the point you become eligible. If you are unsure of your eligibility, review the eligibility requirements, login or register to view your eligibility and Choice Dollars.

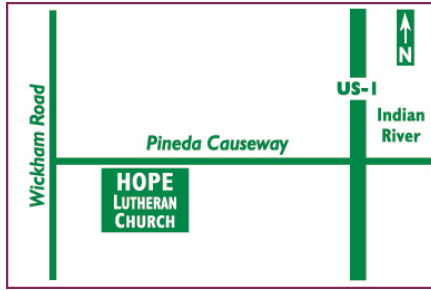
Hope Lutheran Church Cleaning List

Please sign up in the narthex to join a cleaning rotation
 Cleaning can be done Thursdays-Fridays-Saturdays

This very same list is on the refrigerator at Hope, simply mark off the task you completed! See pastor for the church's door combination!

- Sanctuary
 - Dust
 - Vacuum
 - Clean front glass doors and windows
 - Sweep front sidewalk and mats
- Bathrooms
 - Clean sink and toilet
 - Check and refill
 - Paper towels
 - Toilet paper
 - Soap
 - Take out trash
 - Mop (including Narthex)
- Fellowship Table
 - Prepare for Fellowship Time
 - Fill coffee and tea water
 - Check creamers and sweeteners
 - Put out cups
 - Put out napkins
 - Wipe countertop and tables as necessary
 - Take out trash
 - Dust bookcases, chair molding, etc.
 - Mop

THANK YOU!



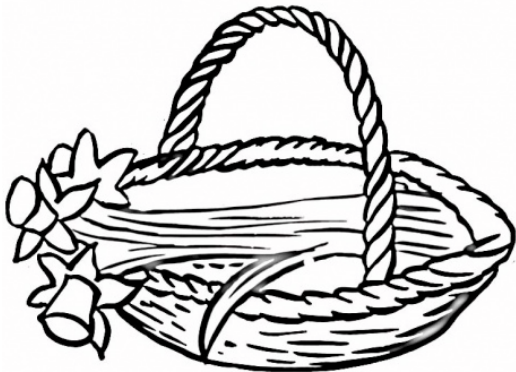
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Important Dates: A First Look at May 2011



May 7 Holy Land Trip 9 AM

May 7 Thrivent Night @ Ballpark 7 PM

May 4,5,13 Christ on Campus

May 15 Congregational Meeting 11:45 AM

May 21 LWML Spring Tea 2 PM

Wednesday Nights Bible Study 6:30 PM

May 28 Men's Bible Breakfast 9 AM

May 29 Graduate Recognition

9 AM Worship w/ Children's church

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

10:30 AM Worship

May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 AM Ch. Ed. 5 PM Choir 6 PM Youth Night 7 PM AA Meeting	2 6 PM AA Meeting	3 5:30 PM AA Meeting 6 PM Boy Scouts	4 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 2:30 Christ on C Suntime 6:30 PM Bible Study	5 9 AM Moms Club 2:30 Christ on C Quest	6	7 9 AM Confirmation Holy Land Trip 7 PM Thrivent Night @ Ballpark
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Outreach Corner

Thank you to the 26 volunteers that made Hope's booth at the Centre at Suntree's Spring Festival on April 16th a success. It takes many hands to make these types of Outreach Events run and each of you made it happen. Besides making many children happy with the fishing game, duck pond, disk drop, egg hunt, and snow cones, we also raised \$105.87 for the Tsunami Disaster Relief in Japan through LCMS World Relief. Thanks again for your time and your smiles. I'd also like to give a special thanks to Raquel Moreno, Amanda Wolf, and Pastor for helping plan the event.

Looking towards June

Hope will be participating in Habitat for Humanity's 2011 Father's Day Tool Drive to re-stock their tool inventory. Stay tuned for details on how you can help out. The youth of Hope are also doing some constructing of their own during their servant event in south Florida. We will help with building supplies for this mission event. Thanks in advance for your help.

In Christ,

Dorothee Jones, Outreach Chair

Junior Youth

Confirmation is over for the year! But we still have great events:

Take a Trip to the Holy Land!

On Saturday, May 7 our confirmation class will head on a fun trip into Orlando to visit the Holy Land theme park! If you have been wanting to go, sign up at church and we'll get you a discounted ticket. We'll be there from 10 AM to 4 PM and tickets range from \$7 to \$30.



Senior Youth

This month is a full one for our high schoolers! Our schedule:

- May 1 Youth Night @ Hope : Mission Trip Meeting & Bible Study
- May 8 Youth Night @ Hope : No Youth Night: Be Nice to Mom
- May 15 Youth Night @ Hope : Swim Party & Dinner at Pastor's House
- May 22 Youth Night @ Hope : Movie Night @ the Rave
- May 29 Youth Night @ Hope : Frisbee Golf @ Wickham Park

Fundraisers - We are selling fudge again, and we also have car washes!

Summer Beach Days replace Sunday Youth Nights starting in June

