



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

What Mask Are You Wearing?

You need not go into many stores to see that the holiday season is upon us. You can actually find Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations in the same aisle! Of course, one of the most popular items on the shopping list for Halloween is a mask.

Masks are great because they offer some “protection” so no one knows who we really are. Some masks are scary, some are pretty and others are just plain weird. And then there are clowns.

Every year I promise this Halloween will be the one. The one where I finally get over my one phobia in life: Clowns. Now before you judge me, hear me out on how this deep seated psychological challenge was given to me.

Growing up, we would go and visit grandma, which was wonderful, but it meant a long trip and usually staying a night or two. As fate would have it, I got the room that grandma decorated with clowns. Not just one or two, but hundreds! Figurines, dolls, paintings and other stuff. And we aren’t talking happy clowns either. These were “hobo” types with sad faces, tears at the eyes and a stick with a hanky on the end. Try sleeping with that!

May I also mention that “Poltergeist” (a crazy clown scene features prominently in the movie) and Steven King’s “It” also made contributions to my irrational fear of clowns? Many people actually have this fear, it is called Coulrophobia. I think the thing that bothers me about clowns is that their face is hidden. Although I seem to have no problem with super heros or the Lone Ranger. Odd.

The question may well be asked of you: What mask are you wearing these days? Are you trying to be someone you are not? In our faith, it is actually common to be caught in that tension. We are both sinner and saint at the same time. Are we sinners with a saint mask? Are we saints with a sinner mask?

The answer depends largely upon our Lord Jesus. By our own doing, we are indeed sinful and rebel against God. By the power of the Holy Spirit we indeed are saints redeemed by the precious blood of our Savior. One thing is for certain: We need not fear anything (even clowns) because of what God has done, is doing, and will do for us.

In Christ, Pastor Moreno

PS. Mimes count as clowns. Clowns are not funny or cute in the least. Seriously.



God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:16-19

Spiritual Growth Events for Adults @ HOPE

Men's Bible Breakfast

Join us Oct. 30 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!

Women's Small Group

Imagine that you have participated in a fashion makeover. You look beautiful, polished, and radiant. Cries of "You look amazing!" and "I can't believe it's you!" reach your ears—and you feel fantastic. Oh, yes, it's exciting, but that kind of transformation doesn't last long. By next week, the manicure will be chipped. By next month, the shoes will look scuffed. The elegant dress will last a little longer, but by next year, it will be out of date.

Divine Design: 40 Days of Spiritual Makeover will lead you through a different kind of transformation: an alteration of attitude. Your journey through these pages will, by God's grace, enable you to experience a spiritual makeover that will transform your heart. This renovation of character will not become chipped, scuffed, or passé. Through God's free gift of faith in Jesus, you possess the garment of salvation: the robe of righteousness and eternal life with God. He has begun a spiritual makeover in you!

I invite you to join us, if your schedule permits, Wednesday mornings, beginning October 13th 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! The cost of the book is \$15 plus shipping. If the cost is prohibitive, please speak with Dorothee or Pastor.

Thursday Evening Bible Study @ Hope: The Book of James

This dynamic book of the Bible has been described as practical Christian living. If you have felt lost or as if you have many unanswered questions, let God's Word speak to you! Join us for a 5 week study on the Book of James and find out how this book speaks to your faith in a timely and relevant manner! This study starts Oct. 7 at 6:30 PM, we'll see you there!



**Looking to Serve?
Talk to Pastor about...**

- * **Counters:** We need people to help count offerings after the 10:30 service
- * **Teachers & Facilitators:** We need help sharing God's Word
- * **Office Work & Cleaning:** During the week we always have projects

Pray about it and think about how you can help!

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

		Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
Oct. 3	9 AM	J. Sass	The Abfalters	N. Sutter & A. Cowart
	10:30	J. Stanley	The Allisons	
Oct. 10	9 AM	S. Minster	Doris Balvanz	A. Eckman & R. Moreno
	10:30	R. Ricard	The Cranes	
Oct. 17	9 AM	T. McLeran	The Burriers	S. Montague & J. Decker
	10:30	D. Lawrence	The Deckers	
Oct. 24	9 AM	T. McLaughlin	The Eckmans	R. Meranda & R. Moreno
	10:30	J. Jones	Dianne Eubank	
Oct. 31	9 AM	E. Havens	The Gills	N. Sutter & A. Cowart
	10:30	M. Thompson	Jan Haeker	



October Birthdays

4 Debbie Schuh
10 David Sutter
15 Jessica Cowart
15 Cheryl Perry
17 Bob Starinksky
19 Eric Doerr
22 Vicki Crane
25 Dot Lube

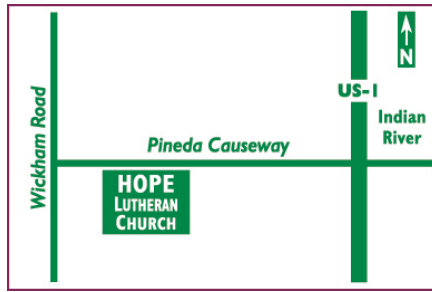
Outreach Corner: Trivia Fun Challenge

You are invited to an afternoon of fun for a good cause. On Saturday, October 23rd from 2pm to 4pm we will have a trivia competition. Each table competes against another table on a huge variety of trivia! Refreshments and snacks will be served and please sign up at the church! This will be raising monies for a Palm Bay family in dire need and a Pastor's family in Apopka, FL where the wife of Pastor Donald Moore fell and has been confined to a wheelchair and is being treated for leukemia. They have two children, Ethan, 6, and Andrew, 5. You can read more about the family online magazine at http://www.lutheranlifeonline.com/Lutheran_Life-August_10/index.html

Fall Festival Oct. 30

Mark your calendar! Hope Lutheran is participating in the Centre at Suntree's Fall Festival (north on Wickham Blvd.). We are providing popcorn, snow cones, and several games for young children to play. The event is Saturday, October 30th from 10am to 2pm. This is an event to help our neighbors know about our church. We will have a sheet to sign up to help with the games and food from either 9:30-noon or noon-2:30. The festival has free admission and other free activities including pony rides, hay rides, face painting, puppet show, rock climbing wall, kid's zone, music, DJ, entertainment and more. For more information contact Angie Cowart or Dorothee Jones.





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Important Dates: A First Look at October 2010



Oct. 6 & 13 Confirmation @ Hope

Oct. 8 Kingdom Kids Drive In Night

Oct. 23 Outreach Fundraiser

Oct. 30 Fall Festival

Oct. 30 Men's Bible Breakfast

Wednesday mornings: Women's Small Group

Thursday nights: James Bible Study

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

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 AM Ch. Ed. 5 PM Choir 6 PM Youth Night 7 PM AA Meeting	4	5 10 AM Water Song Bible Study 5:30 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	6 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 10 AM Women's Study 6:30 PM Confirmation	7 6:30 PM James Bible Study	8 9:30 AM Card Making 6 PM Kingdom Kid Game Night	9
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Spiritual Growth Events for Children & Youth @ HOPE

Sunday School (ages 4 through 10)

Our new year of Sunday School has started and our theme is “Our Life in Christ”! Our program includes student materials, crafts and fun activities! Jennifer Decker is our program coordinator and I encourage you to ask her more about the program. There is a sign up sheet if you want to help with the teaching rotation, we’d love to have you! Come out and check out the new program, you and your children will be glad you did.



Kingdom Kids (ages 6 through 10)

This month we are having “a drive in” night for our Kingdom Kids! On Oct. 8 at 6 PM we’ll meet at Hope and watch “The Secret of Kells” and enjoy some snacks and refreshments. We have a sign up sheet to rsvp your spot. For drive in night, you are encouraged to decorate cardboard boxes to look like any vehicle you want and bring it in! There will be prizes awarded and fun for all.

Junior Youth / Confirmation (grades 6 through 8)

Confirmation is here! This is a program that is open to all 6th through 8th graders and teaches them the basics of the faith! After they complete this program, they become eligible to receive the Lord’s Supper and participate fully in the life of the church. Our schedule:

October 6 & 13 @ 6:30 PM @ Hope Lutheran and our topic is Lutheranism
& Our memory work is Luther’s Morning & Evening Prayers

October 20 & 27 @ 6:30 PM we have Youth Night @ FVLC

October 30 Community Service Hours for volunteering at Halloween event!



Senior Youth (grades 9 through 12)



We are kicking off our monthly senior youth program this month as we meet Sundays 6 - 8 PM. Every youth night will have Bible study & food included, and this month we’ll be doing the following:

Oct. 3 Youth Night @ Hope Dave Ramsey Generation Change 6 PM

Oct. 10 Youth Event in Merritt Island 4 PM (Meet at Hope @ 3:30)

Oct. 14 Thursday night HHN at Universal

Oct. 17 Youth Night @ Hope Dave Ramsey Generation Change 6 PM

Oct. 24 Youth Night @ Morenos Mission Night 6 PM

Oct. 31 No Youth Night; Enjoy Halloween!