



# The Hope Reporter

Hope Lutheran Church (321) 242-1610 [vierawest.org](http://vierawest.org)

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

A Monthly Newsletter

September 2010

## A New Beginning

Every year has its own pacing and rhythm, and we find ourselves in the familiar pattern of the summer as it slips into fall: School is in session, primaries are taking place, heck, we can even find Halloween decorations in most stores! You can tell it is a new season because football teams are in gear and men are flocking to TV sets on Saturdays and Sundays. This time of the year is a new beginning for families, and actually, for each one of us! Needless to say, we have a new beginning at Hope Lutheran this month. This month we are seeing the launch of:

**New Worship Service** - We have moved our 8 AM worship to 9 AM. This is exciting for many reasons and our church looks forward to the way in which God will reach the community in this new service!

**New Sunday School & Bible Study Opportunities** - On Sunday mornings we have begun a new Sunday School series for our little ones, as well as a Bible study for adults led by fellow members of Hope! In addition, we have scheduled midweek Bible studies so that you can grow in the Word of God!

**New Youth Programs** - We had a great youth kickoff event in August and we have a full schedule of events and great programs for our junior youth (6th grade through 8th grade) and our senior youth (9th through 12th grade). In addition, we are exploring the development of a "Kingdom Kids" program for our 3rd through 5th graders.

I hope these new beginnings inspire you to renew your faith and connect to the church in a meaningful way. In the pages of this newsletter are numerous events and activities meant to be of benefit to you and your family as you serve God and others. I pray that this month can be a new beginning for you as you hold on to God's love and forgiveness in Christ!

In Christ, Pastor Moreno

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! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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**2 Corinthians 5.17**

## **Spiritual Growth Events for Adults @ HOPE**

### **Men's Bible Breakfast**

Join us Sept. 25 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**

The Wednesday morning Women's Small Group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 – 11:30. They are discussing "The Five Love Languages, The Secret to Love that Lasts" by Gary Chapman. If you would like to join, please contact Dorothee Jones at [dotjimbo@bellsouth.net](mailto:dotjimbo@bellsouth.net).

#### **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!**

### **Thursday Evening Bible Study @ Hope: The Book of Job**

Have you ever felt like you have had a great loss? Maybe felt like you didn't have the foggiest idea of where God was in your life? Then you are in good company because Job felt this and more. Join us for a 6 week study on the Book of Job and find out how this book is actually one of the most comforting and grace filled books of the Bible! This starts Sept. 2 at 6:30 PM, we'll see you there!

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Truth Project**

In a recent study, the Barna Research Group revealed a stunning statistic that continues to reverberate throughout the evangelical world. Only 9 percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview.

Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people. To counter this slide within the body of Christ, we are launching one of the most ambitious and powerful projects in the history of our ministry—Focus on the Family's The Truth Project.

This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. This class will be facilitated by elders James Stanley, Jason Eckman, Jim Jones and Rob Riccard.



# SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

		<b>Reader</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sunday School (9:15)</b>
Sept. 5	9 AM	J. Eckman	The Cowarts	The Morenos
	10:30	R. Riccard	The Stanleys	
Sept. 12	9 AM	T. McLaughlin	The Keatings	The Sutters
	10:30	J. Jones	The Havens	
Sept. 19	9 AM	S. Minster	The Eckmans	The Cowarts
	10:30	M. Thompson	The Wolfs	
Sept. 26	9 AM	A. Cowart	The Morrisons	The Eckmans
	10:30	A. Meranda	The Paquettes	

## September Anniversaries

Sept. 5 Sutters  
 Sept. 9 McKees  
 Sept. 28 Thompsons

## September Birthdays

2 Felicity Meranda  
 3 Jim Jones  
 6 Elijah Moreno  
 13 Parker McLaughlin  
 22 Gavin Montague  
 23 Ian McLaughlin  
 24 Janice Haeker  
 26 Aidan Doerr  
 29 Erik Wolf  
 30 Steve Cowart

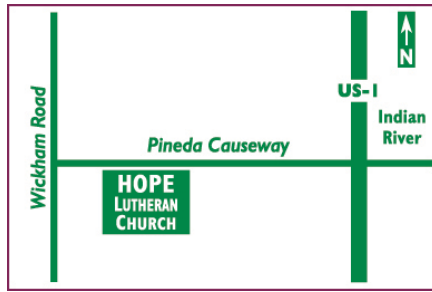


## Rock the Universe Friday Sept. 10

"A Weekend of Music and Thrills That'll Rock Your Soul," the 10th-annual Rock the Universe will take place at Universal Studios Florida. Rock the Universe will feature some of the hottest names in the Christian music scene for an unforgettable weekend of fun at fellowship at Universal Studios Florida. Scheduled performers include Newsboys, Skillet, Jars of Clay, Hawk Nelson, Decyfer Down, Kutless, Jeremy Camp, Relient K, tobyMac, Needtobreathe, Fireflight and Grits.

We meet at Hope's parking lot at 4 PM, and tickets cost \$45.

This event is open to all; but children ages 10 & under need a parent to accompany them. Sign up asap!



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## Important Dates: A First Look at September 2010



***Sept. 1 & 8 Confirmation @ Hope***

***Sept. 3 Kingdom Kids Game Night***

***Sept. 10 Rock the Universe***

***Sept. 25 Men's Bible Breakfast***

***Wednesday mornings: Women's Small Group***

***Thursday nights: Job 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**

# September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting  10 AM Women's Study  6:30 PM Confirmation	<b>2</b> 9 AM MOPS Melbourne  6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6 PM Kingdom Kid Game Night	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 AM Ch. Ed.  5 PM Choir  6 PM Youth Night @ the Rave  7 PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 AM Water Song Bible Study  5:30 PM AA Meeting  6:30 PM Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting  10 AM Women's Study  6:30 PM Confirmation	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Card Making  4 PM Rock the Universe  Pastor Moreno Navy Drill	<b>11</b>       Pastor Moreno Navy Drill
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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 game night for our “Kingdom Kids”! On Sept. 3 at 6 PM we’ll meet at Hope and have board games and card games and some snacks and refreshments. We have a sign up sheet to rsvp your spot. We’ll also enjoy in some goofy activities that drive home a special point about God and His love for us in Christ!

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### 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:

September 1 & 8 @ 6:30 PM @ Hope Lutheran and our topic is Old

Testament Survey & Our memory work is the books of the Bible

September 15 & 22 @ 6:30 PM we have Youth Night @ FVLC



### 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:

Sept. 5 Movie Night @ the Rave

Sept. 10 Rock the Universe

Sept. 12 Photo Scavenger Hunt @ Hope

Sept. 19 Game Night @ a location TBD

Sept. 26 Mission Event @ Hope



## **A Special Thank you from Pastor Moreno**

The Installation service on Aug. 22 was incredible and was a wonderful moment in our church! I cannot express how humbling it is to be a pastor and how it is both a tremendous responsibility and a blessed privilege. In every respect, I have viewed the installation service as a celebration of Hope, which is much better and much more than a celebration of me! That being said, Hope is made up of people, God's people, and they are awesome. I want to take a moment to single out a few people that made incredible contributions to our celebration, and if I didn't mention you, it is because I am a fool!

- \* Raquel Moreno - Perhaps this is obvious, but my wife is an amazing woman. She spent three days in the kitchen on table pieces AND put up with me! She also stayed after the event and cleaned up.
- \* Ethan Moreno - He acolyted the service in front of 175 people without hesitation.
- \* Dorothee Jones (& the whole Jones family) - By far she did the most work on this event, she spent weeks coordinating the entire day, and she spent many hours taking care of every detail. When it was all over, she & her family spent a long time cleaning up the church and hauled stuff away.
- \* Jennifer Decker & Jonathan Howse - If you missed the service then you missed two incredible vocal pieces. They were both incredible and added a powerful element of praise to God in the service.
- \* Eric & Wendy Havens - These two spent the whole day up at church and did a ton of work setting up and taking down, and they hosted the open house at Hope immediately after the installation.
- \* Erik Wolf - He was a tireless worker and hauled chairs, tables and more all over Wickham Road.
- \* Larry Kerley - Larry addressed any and all needs and worked hard hauling chairs and tables.
- \* Roger Hill - He worked hand in hand with Dorothee in coordinating this event. As outreach chair of the FVLC council he has been instrumental in many missions including Hope. He also worked hard setting up and taking down.
- \* James & Marilyn Stanley - They did much work behind the scenes but they also hauled chairs and tables all over creation.
- \* Rich & Nancy Sutter (& the kids!) - They pitched in a helped a lot during the setting up!
- \* Amanda & Katie Eckman - They were cupcake icing experts & helped set up also.
- \* Tracey McLaughlin (& Logan & Parker) - Set up, served and helped make sure everyone ate!
- \* Kathy Burrier - Pitched in and washed a stack of dishes that was 7 feet high!!
- \* Dianne Eubank - She helped set up and run the drink station and helped in the kitchen.
- \* Scott Minster - She got in early to lend a hand and also worked a lot during the service!
- \* Dartha Hilbert - She served as the official photographer, check out the photos at church.
- \* Judy Thompson - She typed up the bulletin and helped straighten many things out.
- \* Mary Rose Beerman - She played flawlessly and added a worshipful atmosphere.
- \* The Pastor & people of Pineda Presbyterian Church - They opened the church to us and welcomed us in; the facility was great!

I hope I didn't forget anyone! Needless to say, all of the people at Hope Lutheran as well as Faith "Viera" Lutheran made this day possible, praise be to God!

## Outreach Corner

Before I mention upcoming events, I want to say a big thank you to everyone at Hope for making our Outreach events a success. Your willingness to either work at the Habitat build or bring a food item makes my job as coordinator easy. Likewise, thank you so much for the delicious food you brought for the installation. Thank you to everyone who helped set up; that we were ready within 45 minutes was simply amazing. A special thank you to everyone (including Pastor and Raquel) who was able to stay and clean up; like unpacking from a vacation, it's never fun. It takes team work to make events a success and Hope continues to demonstrate a heart of service.

So what's next? In October, we will have a fun night with a trivia competition to raise funds for a Palm Bay family in need as well as a pastor's family in Apopka, FL. 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](http://www.lutheranlifeonline.com/Lutheran_Life-August_10/index.html), page 3.

## Coming Soon

In October we will be hosting a Fall Festival. We are waiting to hear if Grand Haven wishes to partner with us. If they desire to be independent this year, we will still host this outreach event at another location. Stay tuned for more details. Hope will be participating in "Operation Christmas Child." In November families, in particular children, will fill shoeboxes with toys and toiletries. Samaritan's purse organization adds information sharing the Gospel and the boxes are shipped to children in impoverished countries. You will receive instructions at the end of October. Collection week is November 15 – 22.

In His Service, Dorothee Jones



### What does Pastor Moreno pledge to do for the people of Hope Lutheran?

**To faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine; to forgive the sins of those who repent; and to never divulge the sins confessed. To honor and adorn the Office of the Holy Ministry with a holy life. To be constant in prayer for those who are under his pastoral care and to demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel.**

### What do the people of Hope Lutheran pledge to do? Here is an excerpt from the service:

**Yes, we receive Rev. Mark Moreno as our Pastor. We promise to remember what God expects of us as members of Christ's Church. We promise to attend the preaching of God's Word, and to make regular use of the Means of Grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments. We remember that the ministry belongs to all God's people, and that our Pastor is to help us live out our lives in ministry to others. We promise to pray for our Pastor and his family - and to encourage them in their ministries among us, to embrace them with the love of Christ, and to**