



The Hope Reporter

Hope Lutheran Church (321) 242-1610 vierawest.org

Sunday Worship 9 AM & 10:30 AM

A Monthly Newsletter

September 2011

Reminders

Thursdays 7 PM
Bible Study @
Hope

Sundays 6 PM
Youth Night

Wednesdays 10
AM Women's
Small Group

Sept. 9 Disney
Night of Joy

Sept. 11 New
Member Sunday

Sept. 17 8 AM
Habitat for
Humanity Workday

Sept. 23 Soul
Surfer Movie
Night 6:30 PM

The Anniversary

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. Sept. 11, 2001 is a date that is etched into the memory of Americans and has had profound impacts on our country and world ever since. Simply put, nothing is the same.



This is an anniversary, but not a joyous one to be sure. As a matter of fact, it is a memory most wish they could erase from their memory. This is not a dynamic unique to the events of Sept. 11. Many people I know can recall a very dark and difficult time in their life: Events such as a divorce, a death of a loved one, or another traumatic situation. Is there any value in remembering such events? Or is it just reopening wounds?

These are important questions in our life and in our faith. There are a number of handles for us to grab ahold of in starting to get some answers:

Avoid the extremes of living in the past, as well as pretending it didn't happen. These opposite errors are easy to make. At times we may hold onto regret and resentment over a difficult time. God's way is to let go of that anger and live in forgiveness. However, we don't just pretend it didn't happen or didn't hurt. It is fine to remember and revisit the past; but realize you don't want to "dwell" there and that there is no "future" in the past.

If something that occurred in the past is still very painful for you, chances are there unresolved issues to be addressed and healing that needs to take place. Things that are unimportant and have little impact on our lives rarely bother us. But if something does stick in your craw, it is probably important to you! If something that happened years ago still causes regular pain, I invite you to seek help. It may be a counselor, a pastor, or just a dear friend. Life is hard enough without trying to fix everything ourselves. Isaiah the Prophet wrote:

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. 41:10

When you hurt, hold on tighter to God. It can be easy to blame God and others when we hurt. Even on Sept. 11 people asked, "Where is God?". The truth is He was there with us then, and He is here with us now. Painful moments are times to grow closer to God, not times to push Him away. Remembering painful moments is inevitable and needed, but also remember that

God got you through it!

In Christ, Pastor Moreno

Faith Talk Tips

“Busy-ness” is our business nowadays. Lend a hand to a busy family by transporting children and teens to and from school or summertime activities. This will build a relationship through which sharing rides can lead to sharing your Savior. When tragedy strikes, those suffering often question God’s action in our world. Share with them that God loves all people, and He desires for all to be saved. Pray with them and help them look for ways to see God’s hand in the disaster. God gives us opportunities when disasters strike to be Jesus’ hands and feet, showing mercy and compassion in tangible ways. (Isaiah 55:8–9)

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Saturday!

Thank you for the tool donations for Habitat for Humanity. We can put those new tools to use on Sept. 17 at 8am at a Habitat Build. The location will be told us the week thereof. Please join us for this opportunity to provide housing for a deserving family. See the sign-up sheet to join us!



Men’s Bible Breakfast Sept. 24

Join us Saturday Sept. 24 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!

Kingdom Kids (K - 5th Grade)

Sunday School News: Our Sunday School is off to a GREAT start and we have an exciting new curriculum! Join us Sunday mornings for this great growing opportunity!

Movie Night : We have a great movie night offered for everyone on Sept. 23rd! It is an inspirational movie based on a true story. “Soul Surfer” is the story of a young girl overcoming adversity and being a powerful witness in her faith! We’ll also have pizza and drink \$2 a kiddo! Sign up today!

Junior Youth (6th - 8th Grade)

Confirmation News: We meet this month Sept. 7 & 14 and our topic is The Lord’s Prayer and our memory work will be the Lord’s Prayer as found on p.18 of the Small Catechism.

Night of Joy: Join us Sept. 9 for a fun night at Disney’s Magic Kingdom and plenty of Christian music and fun rides! Cost is \$50 per person and you need to rsvp with Pastor Moreno asap!

Senior Youth (9th - 12th Grade)

Sunday Youth Nights:

Sept. 4 - Mission Trip Mtg. & Kick Off Party

Sept. 11 - No Youth

Sept. 18 - Bible Study & Games

Sept. 25 - Servant Event

Night of Joy: Join us Sept. 9 for a fun night at Disney’s Magic Kingdom and plenty of Christian music and fun rides! Cost is \$50 per person and you need to rsvp with Pastor Moreno asap!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
Sept. 4 9 AM	L. Rugg	The Cranes	J. & B. Jones
10:30	T. McLeran	The Thompsons	
Sept. 11 9 AM	S. Minster	The Eckmans	L. Rugg & R. Moreno
10:30	J. Jones	The Gills	
Sept. 18 9 AM	J. Eckman	The Morrisons	N. Sutter
10:30	K. Allison	The Keatings	
Sept. 25 9 AM	T. Decker	The Montagues	J. Decker
10:30	R. Ricard	The McKees	

Special Sundays in September

Every Sunday is special as we give thanks and praise to God! But we are blessed to celebrate two special events this month:

Sept. 11 - New Member Sunday - We have several new families that wish to join our fellowship and serve the Lord together! Please continue to make these new families feel welcomed at their new home!

Sept. 18 - LWML Sunday - LWML stands for "Lutheran Women's Missionary League" and this group is active and committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus! That Sunday will share more information on what they do and how we can participate in joint ministry!

New Bible Study Thursday Nights @ 7 PM

Witness, Mercy, Life Together describes what the Church does in this world while living under the shadow of Jesus' cross. The five lessons of the Bible study explore the biblical basis of the "Witness, Mercy, Life Together" emphasis, and include explanations of Greek terms and references to specific Bible passages. Please sign up to join us! The class is lead by Pastor Moreno.

SAVE THE DATE!

We will experience a "first" at Hope Lutheran on October 15th: A special trivia event fundraiser to raise money for our building fund! It promises to be a fun and exciting time. More details will follow on this competitive event, but clear off your calendar that day! Of course, special offerings to the building fund are accepted anytime!

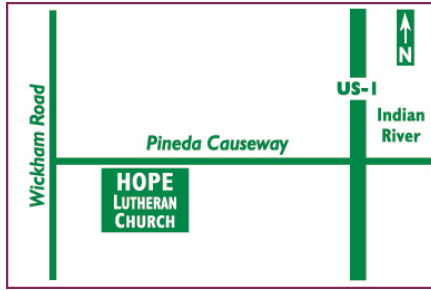
September Birthdays

3 Jim Jones
6 Elijah Moreno
13 Parker McLaughlin
22 Gavin Montague
23 Ian McLaughlin
24 Janice Haeker
26 Aidan Doerr
29 Erik Wolf



September Anniversaries

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



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Important Dates: A First Look at September 2011



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Sundays 6 PM Youth Night

Wednesdays 10 AM Women's Small Group

Sept. 7 & 14 Confirmation @ Hope

Sept. 9 Disney Night of Joy

Sept. 17 Habitat Workday 8 AM

Sept. 23 Soul Surfer Movie Night 6:30 PM

Sept. 24 Men's Bible Breakfast 9 AM

9 AM Worship w/ Children's church

10:30 AM Worship

September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 AM Moms Club 7 PM Bible Study Witness, Love, Mercy	2 9:30 AM Card Making	3
4 9 & 10:30 Worship 5 PM Choir 6 PM Youth Night 7 PM AA Meeting	5 6 PM Transfer Class @ Morenos 7 PM AA Meeting	6 10 AM Water Song Bible Study 5:30 PM AA Meeting 6 PM Boy Scouts	7 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 10 AM Women's Small Group 6:30 PM Confirmation	8 7 PM Bible Study Witness, Love, Mercy	9 5 PM Disney Night of Joy Pastor Moreno Navy Drill	10 Pastor Moreno Navy Drill
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Sign Up for Flowers!

Live flowers are beautiful and are available to be “sponsored” for church services! The cost is \$25 for both arrangements and are perfect for celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and much more! Sign up for your special date at church!

Outreach Corner

There are several activities and opportunities for us to serve others this Fall. Here are some highlights – please mark your calendars! If you have any questions, please contact Dorothee Jones or Pastor.

- September:** LWML Sunday, September 18th
 FL-GA LWML Retreat September 30th – October 2nd
 Habitat Build, Saturday, September 17
- October:** Trivia Game fundraiser for building fund, Saturday, October 15th
 Food collection for Thanksgiving baskets during the month
- November:** Outreach workshop, Saturday, November 12th
 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (Collection Week Nov. 14-21)
 LWML Rally at Faith Merritt Island, Saturday, November 19th
- December:** Angel Tree
 Toys for Tots (Christ on Campus)



Family Promise

Faith Viera has committed to be part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) that hosts up to four homeless families at their church for one full week four times a year. Though Hope does not have the facility to host families, we have been asked to be a support church. Thirteen churches will participate for a quarterly rotation. A support church provides volunteers. The coordinator at Faith Viera will set up a schedule for volunteers to set up and take down the beds and living areas, stay at the church when the families are present in the evenings and at night, or provide meals. It is estimated 50 - 60 volunteers are needed at different times and for the different tasks during that week. More host churches are needed before this ministry can be implemented here in Brevard. We will have more information for you this Fall.

Movie Night: Soul Surfer

This movie tells the story of professional surfer Bethany Hamilton, a 13 year old girl that loses her arm in a shark attack. This is an inspirational movie that focuses on Bethany's faith through adversity. The movie will be shown at 6:30 PM on Sept. 23 and all are welcomed! Pizza and a drink are available for \$2, sign up at church.

So You Think You Can Sing?

Our choir has resumed practice on Sundays at 5 PM. We always welcome new voices to join and praise God and make a joyful noise. If you are interested in joining the choir, please let choir director Kathy Burrier know! We also welcome those who play instruments or would like to sing solos / duets.