



The Hope Reporter

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

A Monthly Newsletter

February 2010

To Tell the Truth

I used to love watching Perry Mason. I may be dating myself a little bit, but when that dramatic part of the whole episode would reach that mighty crescendo, you just knew that Mason was going to crack the case. I never understood why he was a defense attorney though. He never really proved his client was innocent per say, he just demonstrated the guilt of another person. Although I imagine that is actually what a defense attorney does anyway. Needless to say, the truth would come out on just about every episode.



There are many in today's world that are in search of the truth. We would do well to remember what scripture has to offer about truth. The crescendo of that scene erupts when Jesus proclaims in John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is not just our opinion of the truth. He IS the truth. I invite you this Lenten season to explore what the truth of Jesus means to you, to me and to this world. For the first time in our church's history, we will be having midweek Lent services.

Lent Series "True"

Feb. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY (Lent 1): The True Relationship

Feb. 24 Lent 2: The True Kingdom

Mar. 3 Lent 3: The True Will

Mar. 10 Lent 4: The True Bread

Mar. 17 Lent 5: True Forgiveness

Mar. 24 Lent 6: The True Leader

Apr. 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY (Lent 7): The True Deliverer

Apr. 2 GOOD FRIDAY (Lent 8): True Glory

Apr. 4 EASTER: True Life

ALL SERVICES AT HOPE @ 6:30 PM

So what is the truth in your life? The truth that we sometimes don't want to face? That would be sin. It is like ol' Perry Mason is pointing his finger at us and asking, "Aren't you guilty?". The truth is yes, we are guilty. That is the truth we confess at worship as we admit our sin "in thought word and deed".

But that isn't the end of truth. The truth is that sin leads to death. Jesus' death on the cross. Jesus' death leads to His resurrection. His resurrection leads to our eternal life and salvation. That is the whole truth.

I pray that truth would penetrate your heart and your life this Lenten season and that you would join us to explore and pursue the truth of God in your life!

In Christ,

Pastor Moreno

Psalms Of Ascent Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 PM @ Hope

In this series we will be traveling on a journey through the Psalms of Ascent. These Psalms were sung by the Israelites as they traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the High Holy Days. We too are on a pilgrimage and as we travel we can take and apply the promises in these Psalms to our lives!

Psalm 120 - Repentance
 Psalm 121 - Providence
 Psalm 122 - Worship
 Psalm 123 - Service

Psalm 124 - Help
 Psalm 125 - Security
 Psalm 126 - Joy
 Psalm 127 - Work

"Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good, and His love is eternal"
 -Psalm 100:4-5 (HCSB)

Building Fund Envelopes

The 2010 offering envelopes are here and you already picked them up at church. You may have noticed it only contained one envelope for the building fund. Of course, we need every member at Hope to prayerfully consider making monthly gifts over and above their regular offerings for this building fund. We have bundles of 11 more envelopes at church for you to claim. Please make sure to pick them up and to use them so that the church can achieve our common goal. If you want offering envelopes and were not assigned any, please sign up in the narthex.



Altar Flowers

Continuing in February, we are doing something a bit different with the altar flowers. You are still invited to sign up on the flower chart and sponsor the flowers (\$25 for both arrangements) in honor of a birthday, anniversary, etc. But if a date goes "unsponsored" we will use artificial flowers that Sunday. Special flower sponsor envelopes can be found at the welcome center.

Women's Bible Study @ Hope

Ladies, Sing a new song! Our God does marvelous things ... for you.

"A New Song: Planted by Streams of Water will encourage and uplift you as you reflect on the life-giving stream that never floods, never dries up, a stream that always sings songs of God's wisdom, songs of our Savior's love."

You are invited to join us Wednesday mornings, beginning February 17th, at 10:00am - 11:30am at Hope Lutheran for this small group devotional. The study lasts six weeks (through March 24th) and includes a daily devotion followed by a DVD video and small group discussion. Small Groups are a wonderful, relaxing time to share our faith, God's Word, and to form deeper friendships.

The book's introduction and first week can be viewed at

http://sites.cph.org/anewsong/pdf/book1_sm.pdf. You can also sign up at church. The book order will be placed on Wednesday, February 3rd so you will be able to have the first week's devotion before our first discussion. Participants are also invited to the Jones' home on Wednesday, February 10th 10:30 AM for brunch at which the books will be distributed. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call Dorothee at 984-9707.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

		Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
Feb. 7	8 AM	L. Kerley	The McLaughlins	R. Moreno & S. Montague
	10:30	E. Doerr	The McLerans	
Feb. 14	8 AM	J. Eckman	The Kerleys	A. Eckman & R. Meranda
	10:30	R. Richard	The Tabors	
Feb. 21	8 AM	A. Cowart	The Keatings	A. Cowart & J. Decker
	10:30	D. Burrier	The Merandas	
Feb. 28	8 AM	B. Tabor	The Morrisons	M. Lawrence & R. Moreno
	10:30	E. Havens	The Jones	

Church Work Day Feb. 20

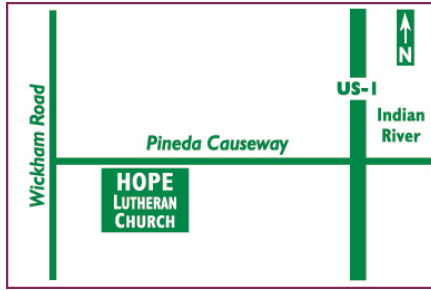
This month join us at Hope at 9 AM to spruce up our church. We will touch up painting, do some cleaning, as well as many other projects. We plan on being done by lunchtime; please come on out!

Support the Youth on Their Gathering this Summer!

We have a number of youth headed to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. They have paid deposits and worked fundraisers already but they still have more to do! There are three opportunities for you to support them in the next two months:

- 1) Super Bowl subs! They are taking orders for your Super Bowl get together! The order slips will be in the narthex soon and will be available to be picked up Super Bowl Sunday. The menu will include subs (italian, turkey, ham, roast beef) with your choice of fixings, your choice of chips, desserts and drinks. Orders due Sunday Jan. 31st!
- 2) Fresh and delicious fudge! These will be available starting January 17 and go through February 21! The varieties available will include chocolate, chocolate walnut and chocolate pecan. Samples will be available so you know exactly what you are getting!
- 3) A Dinner Theatre! We will have two showings: One at Faith Viera Lutheran on Mar. 13 at 6 PM and the other at Hope Lutheran on Mar. 14 at Noon. The youth will have a wonderful mystery dinner that will be a delight and will include infamous youth commercials at intermission. The menu and cost will be available February 10 at the sign up in the narthex. Join us!





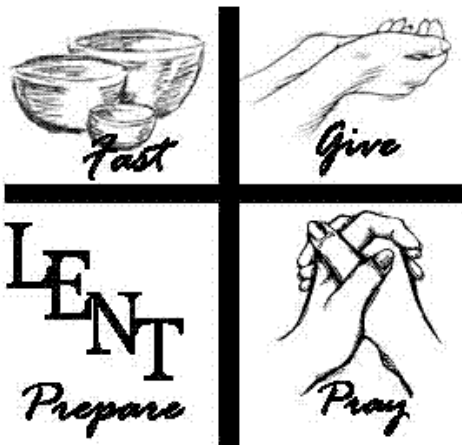
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Important Dates: A First Look at February 2010



Tue. Nights Psalms Study 7 PM

Feb. 8 Hope Council 7 PM

Feb. 17 Women's Small Group 10 AM

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday 6:30 PM

Feb. 20 Work Day 9 AM

February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 PM Hope Council	2 10 AM Water Song Bible Study 5:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Psalms Study	3 8 AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Confirmation at FVLC	4 9 AM MOPS Melbourne	5	6
7 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Choir 5 PM NO Youth Night AA 7 PM	8 7 PM FVLC Council	9 5:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Psalms Study	10 10:30 AM Brunch at Jones' Home 6:30 PM Confirmation at FVLC 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting	11	12 9:30 AM Card Making Pastor Moreno Navy Drill	13 Pastor Moreno Navy Drill
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Elementary, Junior & Senior Youth Ministry

We offer three Sunday morning youth ministry opportunities, all at 9:15 AM. Please join us and have a great time growing in the faith!

Elementary Youth (K through 4th grade) Bible Study- Led by rotation of volunteer mothers in the congregation

Junior Youth (5th-8th grade) Bible Study- Led by Scott Minster

Senior Youth (9th-12th grade) Bible Study- Led by Tracey McLaughlin

February Anniversaries

Feb. 11, 1967 Starinskys

Feb. 14, 1987 Havens

Senior Youth Calendar

The Sr. High Youth Group meets every Sunday (except Super Bowl Sunday) in February at 6 PM in the Ministry Center at FVLC.

Junior Youth Calendar

This month we have two events for our youth:

Feb. 3 - Confirmation Class at 6:30

Feb. 10 - Confirmation Class at 6:30

***CONFIRMATION RETREAT ON MARCH 5-7 AT CAMP WINGMAN**

Hope VBS: Planet Zoom 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. Together, Scout, kids, and even leaders will learn about how:

- * Jesus, our Savior, came to seek and save the lost
- * Jesus, our Savior, does big things
- * Jesus, our Savior, says, "Believe!"
- * Jesus, our Savior, tells us to go and tell
- * Jesus, our Savior, works through His people

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!

February Birthdays

1 Tom Decker & Jared Decker

3 Debbie Keating

3 Ethan Moreno

5 Heather Doerr

6 Robert Keating

6 Larry Kerley

19 Brittany Howard

23 Jason Eckman



CALLING VOLUNTEERS!

Many seek to be involved at church and be in service to our Lord. Here are two great opportunities that are very much needed for fruitful ministry:

- * We need **FOUR** new counters for the 10:30 service! This involves counting the offerings twice a month usually; and no experience is needed. We have the ability to train volunteers and team up counters.
- * We need a few volunteers for our first time visitor program. We are seeking volunteers to make a baked good item and deliver that with a packet of information to our first time visitors. We would like to set up at least four different areas (Rockledge, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Suntree) so no one has to drive too far. You'd simply ring the doorbell and hand them the packet and baked good and thank them for visiting. It just takes a few seconds!



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Here are a few upcoming events you can already put on your calendar! These are some of the “fruits” of the work of a planning meeting held in January!



MARCH

Starting March 2 - Tuesdays at 7 PM Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University (FPU) consists of a 13-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey—that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. Financial Peace University is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice and biblical messages. More than one million families have already had their lives changed by attending FPU.

Easter Egg Hunt for Grand Haven March 27 - Saturday 9 AM

It has been a great event and we will be able to host a great gospel sharing opportunity for our community!

APRIL

Family Camping April 30/May 1 - A Friday night and Saturday day

We haven't done this in over a year but here is a great event! More details to come but a great chance for something a little bit different. Campground is TBA, please share your suggestions with Pastor!

MAY

Confirmation - May 9 at the 10:30 AM Service

Join the Stanley and Thompson families as they celebrate the confirmation of Ella & Jessica along with all the members at Hope Lutheran!



Thank You for A \$500 Donation for Haiti

Our church was able to send \$500 to Lutheran World Mission Disaster Relief and Thrivent Financial for Lutheran matched another \$250! That means that a total of \$750 was sent to help the relief efforts for those suffering from the aftermath of the earthquake. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to mission!

Missionary Laura McLeran

Laura McLeran will be headed to Hong Kong this summer serving as a missionary! We are going to have a bulletin board at church that will detail her mission along with her travel dates. We want to help and support her in many ways, so keep an eye out for ways that you can be a blessing to her! She'll be serving through LCMS World Mission in the month of July!



2009 Offering Reciepts for Taxes

Make sure to grab you offering statements so that you can claim your charitable contributions for your taxes! If you didn't get one at church or if anything is incorrect, please contact Tammy McLeran at 255-0655.

Is This True?

Children in a grade school class were encouraged to bring something to school for show and tell to teach others in the class about their religion. A Catholic child brought a rosary, and explained how it was used to pray. Everyone was very interested. A Jewish child brought a menorah, and explained the Festival of Lights, and Passover, and the class was fascinated. The Lutheran child brought a casserole.

2009 Hope Finances

Total Operating Income	87,514.08
Building Fund	11,297.42
Total Operating Expenses	87,517.35
Net Income	11,294.15

2009 Hope Finances

This snapshot does NOT include the fullness of our true expenses.

For 2009 (& 2010) FVLC and the SELC District contributed \$60,000 towards Pastor Moreno's compensation. Starting in 2011, our operating expenses will be near \$150,000+.

God is giving us the chance to respond to this need.

Rest assured in the knowledge our church and its leadership will meet this challenge in the strength of the Lord!