



The Hope Reporter

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Sunday Worship & Children's Church 9:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study 10:15 A.M.

A Monthly Newsletter

JULY 2008

Changes All Around Us!

I am amazed how many great changes I am seeing in our world and our lives! I mean, the Cubs are in first place (at least at the time of this newsletter!); Tiger won again but has a bum knee; The Celtics won the championship one year after having one of the worst records in basketball; and construction is going on just by us on the Pineda Extension!

Then there are the changes at Hope Lutheran: We have added an upstairs unit for Sunday School and a staffed nursery (thank you Dana Spaniol!) and we just welcomed 5 new families to our growing church! Great changes! This fall we'll add another service!

CHANGE HAPPENS.

**But even in the midst of changes,
there is comfort in knowing we
have an unchanging God that is with us throughout our lives!**

I am also amazed at the great people in my life and in our church! As a pastor, I am privileged to have a platform every week and I try and take the opportunity to say something meaningful and from scripture. Never in my life could I have imagined the incredible and wonderful people that God has allowed me to know and minister to. Thank you for your love of God and your support and encouragement of the ministry at Hope!

Things will change, in your life and in mine. But I am glad to know we face those changes together and in step with Christ our Lord! We will see awesome developments here this year and in the next five years as we secure land and build. May God bless us as we serve Him!

James 1:16-18
Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

In Christ; Pastor Moreno

July Birthdays Scott Minster July 3, Amanda Eckman July 3

Amanda Kerley July 21, Tyler Decker July 31

July Anniversaries July 1, Cowarts; July 24 Eckmans

SUMMERTIME SCHEDULE

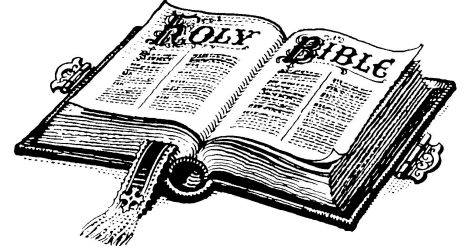
Summertime in most churches is a “slow time”, but not for us! We plan on pushing ahead with small groups, Bible studies, a mission trip, and more! If you know you and your family will be missing a Sunday or two with vacation, please let pastor know!

Bible Studies in July

We begin our latest round of Bible studies at Hope Lutheran on Sundays & Wednesdays we currently have a study on Romans (seven weeks long):

June 22 - 10, 10:15 AM @ Hope

June 25 - August 13, 7 PM @ Hope



Hope Music Ensemble forming!

We are putting together a group to participate in worship services regularly singing and playing instruments. If you have that gift and want to participate in serving your church as well as praising your Lord, please speak with Kathy Burrier or Pastor Moreno.



Faith “Viera” Lutheran VBS

Faith “Viera” will be doing VBS July 14-18 from 9 to noon and the theme is Group’s 2008 science VBS, Power Lab, and bubbles over with fun and exciting ways for you and your kids to discover Jesus’ miraculous power. Sign ups and more information is available in the narthex.

Senior Youth News

Mission Trip July 21-26

Our youth will be on a mission trip in Immokalee, Florida. We have a number of wonderful projects ranging from painting and construction to food banks and social work. Please pray for our youth and leaders as they serve!

Beach Days

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JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

	Reader	Greeter	Sunday School
July 6	D. Lawrence	The Allisons	R. Moreno & T. Thompson
July 13	J. Stanley	The Stephensons	A. Cowart & D. Brooks
July 20	S. Minster	The Jaunichs	M. Stanley & R. Meranda
July 27	A. Cowart	The Nienass'	R. Moreno & A. Eckman



Junior Youth News

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Confirmation Meeting July 27 after church

All families with a 7th or 8th grader are invited to an informational kick-off meeting for our confirmation program. We will have the whole scoop on the program & also have catechisms and materials to share.

Our Website Needs a Few Good Helpers

Scott Minster has been running our website for quite awhile (check out www.vierawest.com) and we could use some help! Scott will be teaching how to update the website from your home computer. It is a great way for you to help and learn more about computers at the same time!

Small Groups

Our small groups continue to meet; we currently have two groups! It has been a blast and a great way to get to be more connected in our relationships here at church. We will be starting more groups in August, so sign up to become a part of the fun and fellowship!



Adult Information Class forming for August

If you are interesting in learning more about the Christian faith and the Lutheran heritage, we will be offering a seven week information class in August. After taking this course, you may elect to join the church. If you would like more information, please speak with pastor.



Drive In Movie Night July 11

On July 11, start your engines at Hope! We'll have a special event where you and your family need to decorate a box (a refrigerator or TV or some big box) and paint and craft it to look like a cool car (or boat or spaceship, be creative!) and bring it to the church and we'll judge it and award prizes! Please sign up and come out for a great night!

Hope Family Information Forms

We still have a number of families that need to complete the informational sheet for our church records. This form is very important to help track and celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and baptisms. If you have one enclosed with this newsletter, we need you to fill it out and hand it in at church. Thank you!

July Fellowship Potluck at Church July 20

Join us for some great food & fellowship on July 20 as we gather after church to catch up and have a great time! You can sign up to bring a specific item or you can just "crash" and enjoy the spread! The sign up is available at church!



New Worship Services THIS Fall

To meet the growth of our church, this fall we will add a second service. We would like your input as we will evaluate the times of these two services and also the formats. We will have an questionnaire available in August so we can get your valued opinions and thoughts. This is such an exciting time for our church!

A couple had two little mischievous boys, ages 8 and 10. They were always getting into trouble, and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons would get the blame. The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed and asked to see them individually.

So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon. The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

They boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open. The clergyman repeated the question. "Where is God?" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

So, the clergyman raised his voice some more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God!?" The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied: "We are in real BIG trouble this time! God is missing, and they think we did it!"



Larry, Roxanne & Amanda Kerley

Larry was born in Ft. Benning Ga in the Army base hospital but considers Waynesville NC as home because all his family is from there. He has lived in Cocoa ,Fla since 1966 and am a graduate of Cocoa High School and Brevard Community College. He & Roxanne have 3 Children and 4 grandchildren . Larry is the Deputy Assistant Chief of Support Operations for the Secuirty Police forces at KSC and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Larry has been employeeed at KSC for 25 years and prior to that worked for Brevard County Sheriff's Dept and Rockledge Police Dept. He enjoys woodworking.

Roxanne was born in Lawton, Oklahoma but has lived in Florida from the age of 3 months old. Roxanne has been a Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics for 12 years and loves helping other women feel good about themselves. Prior to this she worked 21 years at Sears and retired to work part time and to be home with Amanda, her youngest daughter. She enjoys having her grandchildren with her throughout the summer. She enjoys working outdoors, swimming, puzzles and crafts. She has been Lutheran all her life and is very much looking forward to being a part of this church.

Amanda was born in Cape Canaveral Hospital and has lived right here on the Space Coast all her life. She is also a graduate of Cocoa High School and Brevard Community College and will be attending The University of North Florida to finish her Bachelor's Degree. She just recently got married to a wonderful man, Clay who is a Navy Corpsman stationed in Camp Lejeune, NC. In December they will be moving to Jacksonville, FL where Clay will work in a Naval hospital until he gets out in June 2010. She loves to sing, act and

Dakota & Michelle Lawrence (Matthew, Caleb & Hannah)

Michelle and Dakota have been married almost seven years and have three children. They met in church (Trinity Lutheran) while attending Auburn University in Auburn, Al. Our children are: Matthew, 6; Caleb, 3; Hannah, 19 months. Matthew will be starting kindergarten in the fall at Indialantic. Michelle does something secretive for Harris Corporation, I'm not sure what...I know she is an Electrical Engineer. Dakota works for Wachovia Securities (formally A.G. Edwards & Sons) as a Financial Advisor within The Laliker Group. The entire family loves to go to the beach and will (hopefully) be trying out their new boat this month. Oh, by the way they recently came back to the area from St. Louis, where Dakota did a little time in Seminary school, but that's a whole other story. They look forward to meeting some new folks, so don't be afraid to introduce yourself.

Welcome To Our New Members!

Dawn Abfalter (Peter)

Dawn graduated from Michigan in 1987 with a journalism degree and married in 1989. Her son peter was born in 2002 and it the joy of her life!

One day in the fall of 2007 Pastor Moreno passed through Quest Elementary and greeted her and shared some kind words. Going through a personal struggle, Dawn was open to the value of worship. She has found it very rewarding to attend church at Hope and will provide a basis for raising Peter in a Christian home. Dawn is a home maker and finds lots of ways to help out throughout the week.

Eric & Wendy Haven (Josh & Luke)

Wendy and Eric grew up in a SW suburb of Chicago. They are life-long LCMS Lutherans. Eric was fortunate enough to attend Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI. They were married on February 14, 1987 and have been blessed with two wonderful sons – Joshua and Luke. In 2006, Eric took employment here in Melbourne and they moved down to Bayside Lakes in Palm Bay. The Lord was with them, as He always is, and they are all very pleased with making the move down here to Florida.

Eric is currently working at DynCorp International on Patrick AFB. He is a Sr. Contracts Manager. Wendy is currently at home caring for two foster children. We have been a foster family for 6 years now and truly devoted to sharing our love with these little ones. We feel that the Lord has blessed us with so many things in our lives that we view this as a ministry to assist in returning some of our blessings to these little ones who have a need at this point in their lives. Joshua is going to be a sophomore at Warner University in Lake Wales, FL and is studying to be a Physical Education Teacher and a coach. He is the starting goal keeper for their soccer team. Luke will be a junior this year at Bayside High School. His love is soccer and has been a starter on the high school varsity team since his freshman year. He is also on a State Cup team playing in Indialantic. They pray that the Lord will use their gifts that He has given us to help grow His kingdom here at Hope!

Welcome To Our New Members!

Of our families joining today, three families went through adult instruction but all have Lutheran in their background. Two families are transferring membership from other LCMS congregations.

If you would like to find out more about membership, please speak with Pastor Moreno.

After the service, everyone has the chance to sign our charter. By signing the charter, there is a commitment to support this mission as we grow and serve!

Bruce & Glenda Terwilliger

They have been married 22 years, and have 3 children one who died in 1994 and she is now with the Lord. They have 3 grand children. Glenda and Bruce met in Seattle Washington and have been in Florida for 10 years. Their main enjoyment is the beach or swimming in the pool. Glenda also is a horse lover. Bruce works as a database administrator and Glenda has been a homemaker taking care of our kids, grandkids as well as helping troubled kids in the neighbor who seem to find her. She has had some great successes but also there has been some that were lost.

With the help of God they found Hope Lutheran and Pastor Moreno which has brought them back to Christ and made them remember how important having Jesus in life is. They are excited to be members at Hope and with the help of God we now have a new spiritual family.

