



The Hope Reporter

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

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

A Monthly Newsletter

March 2009

Don't Give Up! Add Something Instead!

Every year Lent becomes like a mini Christian New year's resolution: What will you give up for this Lent? Over the years I have heard all sorts of things people have given up: Desserts, soda, coffee, chocolate, meat, TV, cigarettes, and eating out to name a few. This of course begs the question: Why DO Christians give something up during Lent?



The answer I have always heard is that we observe Lent as a somber expression of our faith as we see Jesus head towards the cross, His journey on our behalf that results in His death and subsequent resurrection. So for Lent, many Christians give something up, something that is hard to give up, as a small expression of sacrifice compared to the greater expression of sacrifice that is Jesus and His path to the cross. This is considered a bit of spiritual discipline, much like fasting or prayer.

I think it is beautiful that many Christians give something up for Lent. I however, do not give anything up for Lent! Instead, I add something! Now, I don't mean that I eat extra desserts or watch extra TV; but rather I add something to aid in my spiritual discipline. The last 5 years the "something" I have added is prayer with someone I don't know. Everyday during Lent, I sought out (and the Lord provided) a person or group of persons to pray with. That means sometimes I did the praying and at other times they did the praying! This year I am taking the "Love Dare" a fun 40 day program to strengthen my faith & marriage!

What about you? What is Lent about for you? Maybe you have never really done anything special for Lent; maybe you gave up on giving up! Why don't you join me this Lent and add a special something? Here are a few ideas if you need a little prodding:

You can add eating fruits and vegetables to your daily diet; you can add physical exercise everyday; you can add daily devotions, Bible reading & prayer; you can add complimenting people everyday; you can add helping a person each day; take "The Love Dare"; the list is endless!

Prayerfully consider what special and positive action you can add to your days during Lent. I firmly believe you can have an enriched Lenten experience and can grow in your spirituality by adding a simple gesture reflecting another side of what Jesus did on His journey to the cross: He loved and expressed compassion.

I pray that compassion and love washes over you like a great flood of warmth and care; so great is the love of our Father in the gift of His Son!

In Christ; Pastor Moreno



Bible Studies in March

In March we will have concluded our Bible studies on Galatians as well as the adult information class but we will see the beginning of small groups! Plan on committing to one soon!

BIBLE STUDY



Fireproof Movie Night & The Love Dare

This month our family night will be a little different! The kids will go upstairs with high school and college youth babysitters while the moms and dads are downstairs watching the movie *Fireproof*. It is a great movie about Christian marriage and you can find out more information at fireproofthemovie.com; as a church we will be providing resources to enrich your marriage! Couples are encouraged to do "The Love Dare" for Lent; a 40 day marriage enrichment experience!



FIREPROOF

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

		Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
Mar. 1	8 AM	D. Lawrence	The Gartons	R. Moreno & A. Cowart
	10:30	K. Burrier	The Howards	
Mar. 8	8 AM	L. Kerley	Jan Haeker	A. Eckman & K. Howard
	10:30	T. McLeran	The Lubes	
Mar. 15	8 AM	R. Paul	Jared Sass	J. Decker & T. Thompson
	10:30	J. Stanley	L. Monteleone	
Mar. 22	8 AM	L. McLaughlin	The Eckmans	R. Meranda & R. Moreno
	10:30	T. Decker	The Havens	
Mar. 29	8 AM	A. Cowart	The Gills	A. Cowart & M. Lawrence
	10:30	B. Tabor	Dianne Baker	



Confirmation

This month we meet March 4 & 11 at Faith Viera Lutheran 6:30 to 8 PM. This month all courses will be held on Wednesdays at Faith Viera. Junior youth night is on March 18 & 25 at Faith Viera Lutheran 6:30 to 8 PM.

YMCA Bible Study: 40 Days of Purpose

A new Bible study is starting at the Suntree YMCA, taught by Pastor Moreno. You don't have to be a member of the YMCA to attend, so you are welcomed and encouraged to join us! We meet Wednesdays at 10 AM in March (the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th). Our study is based on Rick

Warren's "Purpose Driven Life" and promises to enrich your walk with God!

New Member Sunday & Potluck March 8

We will have our first new member class of 2009 in March! Please welcome:

Dianne Eubank; Robert & Debbie Keating; Pat & Linda McKee; Susan Montague; Dale & Chris Morrison; Bob & Barb Starinsky; and Nelson & Theresa Serrate. More detailed biographies will be available in the bulletin March 8th! In addition, we will have a potluck from 9:15 to 10:15 with NO

Bible study or Sunday School. We will do that once a month to help the two services get to know each other better!



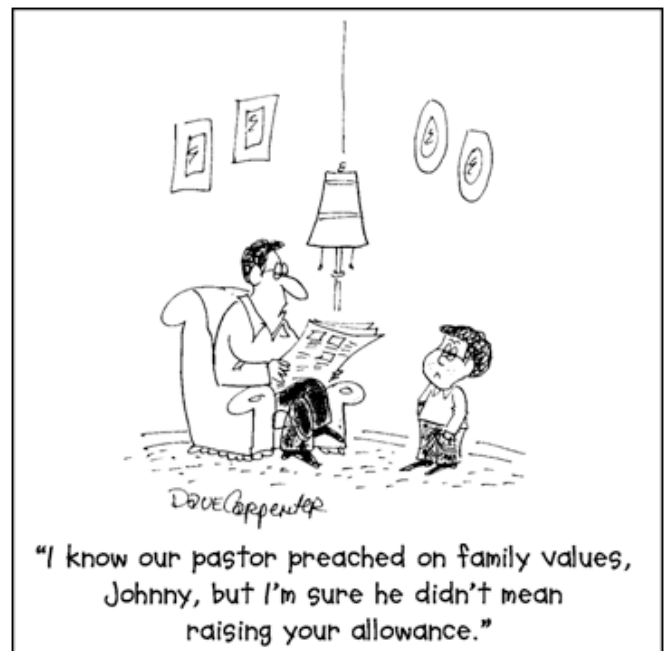
Daily Bread Food Bank

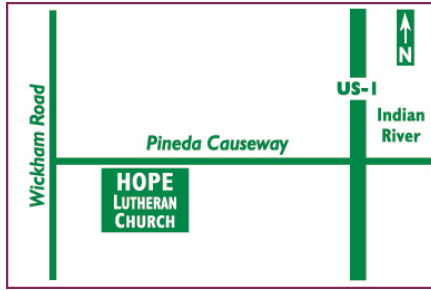
Daily Bread Work Day

Here at Hope we want to put our faith into action! It looks like we have a great chance to just that at the Daily Bread food bank in downtown Melbourne. Prayerfully consider committing to volunteer monthly at one of these times (a survey will be at church):

2nd Sunday of the month 10:30 AM -2:30 PM
3rd Sunday of the month 10:30 AM -2:30 PM
4th Tuesday of the month 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
2nd Tuesday of the month 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

The group ideally would be 8 to 10 people that can commit to monthly ministry at the Daily Bread.





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Important Dates: A First Look at March 2009

March 2 Transfer Class
March 6 Prayer Breakfast
March 8 New Members &
Potluck Fellowship
March 13 Fireproof Movie

Lenten & Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 4 Lent Midweek 7 PM @ FVLC
March 11 Lent Midweek 7 PM @ FVLC
March 18 Lent Midweek 7 PM @ FVLC
March 25 Lent Midweek 7 PM @ FVLC
April 1 Lent Midweek 7 PM @ FVLC
April 9 Maunday Thursday 7 PM @ Hope
April 10 Good Friday 7 PM @ Hope
April 12 Easter Sunday 8 & 10:30 @ Hope
9:15 Easter Egg Hunt

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 8 AM Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Youth Night 6 PM	2 7 PM Transfer Class @ Hope 7 PM Hope Council	3 6 PM Choir 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Men's Basketball @ Health First	4 10 AM YMCA Bible Study 6:30 PM Confirmation at FVLC 7:30 PM AA meeting	5 7 PM Men's Basketball @ Health First	6 7:30 AM YMCA Prayer Breakfast 9:30 AM Card Making Youth Gathering Jacksonville	7 Youth Gathering Jacksonville
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Lent & Easter Worship Schedule

We will have a full schedule of Lenten worship opportunities, please save this schedule for future reference. Notice we have midweek services March 4 through April 1 at Faith "Viera" Lutheran as the pastors will enjoy a "round robin" preaching schedule. Pastors Bielenberg, Moreno, Meyr, Mennicke, and Bowman will be participating.



February 25 Ash Wednesday 7 PM @ Hope Lutheran

March 4 Lent Midweek 7 PM @ FVLC

March 11 Lent Midweek 7 PM @ FVLC

March 18 Lent Midweek 7 PM @ FVLC

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Farewell Alan Koch!

We are saying goodbye to Alan Koch as he has been asked to be the vacancy pastor at Trinity Lutheran. Pastor Jeff Marquardt took a call to North Carolina last month and the leadership at Trinity selected Alan as the vacancy replacement. Alan did an excellent job as vacancy pastor at Good Shepherd in Titusville last year and will undoubtedly do well in Rockledge. We are thankful for his time here and all the wonderful ministry he was a part of! Pray for him as he serves!

Birthdays

March

9 Jack Lube

10 Madaline Stanley

10 Sophie Stanley

Small Groups starting soon!

Keep your eyes peeled out for the latest news regarding the small group start up! The small groups are fairly simple: 1) Meet once a month 2) Groups of 10 people or less 3) The small group leader sets the site & date 4) They meet indefinitely. Pastor Moreno will be sharing much more in bulletin inserts and all worshippers are encouraged to participate for the purpose of strengthening connections and relationships with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at Hope Lutheran!

25 Promises from the Bible for Financially Tough Days (from Purpose Driven Connection)

1. To care for you...

"And why worry about your clothes? Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you?" (Matthew 6:28-30 NLT)

2. To provide for you...

"Don't ever worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' Everyone is concerned about these things, and your heavenly Father certainly knows you need all of them. But first, be concerned about his kingdom and what has his approval. Then all these things will be provided for you" (Matthew 6:31-33 GW).

3. To help you deal with what happens that day...

"Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes" (Matthew 6:34 Msg).

4. To give you rest...

"Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28 NCV).

5. To lift you up...

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7 NIV).

6. To give you peace...

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life" (Philippians 4:6-7 Msg).

7. To give real treasure...

"Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being" (Matthew 6:19-21 Msg).

8. To grow your faith...

"Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything" (James 1:2-4 NLT).

9. To give strength whatever the financial situation...

"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need" (Philippians 4:12-13 NLT).

10. To meet all your needs...

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19 NIV).

11. To protect you from fear...

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging" (Psalm 46:1-3 NIV).

12. To bless those who bless others...

"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped" (Proverbs 11:25 Msg).

13. To work for the good...

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28 NIV).

14. To give you something to look forward to...

“However, as it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him’” (I Corinthians 2:9 NIV).

15. To answer your prayers...

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8 NIV).

16. To comfort you, and comfort others through you...

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV).

17. To bring joy...

“Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy” (Psalm 126:5-6 NIV).

18. To give you the desires of your heart...

“Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart” (Psalm 37:4 NIV).

19. To reward your faith ...

“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you” (Matthew 17:20 NIV).

20. To reward your patience...

“Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up” (Galatians 6:9 LB).

21. To give to those who give...

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Luke 6:38 NIV).

22. To direct your decisions...

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT).

23. To give you wisdom...

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him” (James 1:5 NIV).

24. To renew your strength...

“...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:31 NIV).

25. To be with you...

“When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God...” (Isaiah 43:2-3 NLT).

Want to **SAVE MONEY??** Try **Angel Food Ministries!**

There are several Brevard County churches participating in a great ministry to provide all families (including yours!) with affordable food. Look at the menu below as also the participating churches. Contact the one closest to you to find out how you can place an order! This program is open to **ALL!**

Central Church of Christ	321-637-0591	Emmanuel United Methodist Church	321-254-8785
The Church United	321-794-4623	Faith Fellowship Church	321-259-7200
American Legion Post 117	321-729-8089	Our Father's House	321-243-5670
Crossroads Christian Fellowship	772-589-3185	Calvary Chapel of Melbourne	321-952-9673

Regular Box \$ 30.00

Balanced nutrition and variety with enough food to feed a family of four for a week.

1.5 oz Ribeye Steaks (4 x 6 oz)
 3 lb Split Chicken Breast
 1.5 lb Country Fried Steak (6 x 4 oz)
 1 lb Package 80/20 Ground Beef
 1 lb Fully Cooked Meatballs
 1 lb Mild Italian Sausage
 12 oz Deli Sliced Ham
 1 lb California Blend
 1 lb Green Beans
 20 oz Shoestring Fries
 1 lb Pasta
 28 oz Marinara Sauce
 21 oz Condensed Soup
 1 lb Pinto Beans
 32 oz 2% Shelf Stable Milk
 Dozen Eggs
 Dessert

Senior/Convenience Box \$ 28.00

Ten perfectly seasoned, nutritionally balanced, fully cooked meals-just heat and serve. Each meal has been developed with the dietary needs of senior citizens in mind, and contains 3 oz. of protein, a starch & two vegetables or fruit.

BBQ Pork Rib Patty with Sweet Potato Casserole and Green Peas
 Red Beans & Rice with Smoked Sausage, Cabbage and Diced Carrots
 Home-Style Meatloaf with Zesty Tomato Sauce, Diced Rutabagas and Lima Beans
 Asian-Style Pork Fried Rice with Ginger Carrots and Cabbage
 Peppered Beef Patty with Loaded Potato and Mixed Greens
 Flame-Broiled Salisbury Steak with Brown Gravy, Sour Cream & Chive Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables
 Chicken Sausage with Seasoned Baked Beans, Red Skin Whipped Potatoes and Peas & Carrots
 Pot Roast and Gravy with Vegetables, Diced Potatoes and Green Peas
 Chicken & Bean Burrito with Cheesy Sauce, Mexicorn and Applesauce
 Char-Broiled Beef Meatballs with Rice & Gravy, Peas & Carrots and Lima Beans
 10 2-pack, individually-wrapped cookies

Allergen-Free Box \$ 25.00

Processed to eliminate the eight top serious allergens: Peanuts, Soybeans, milk, Eggs, Fish, Crustacea, Tree Nuts and Gluten (wheat, rye and barley). Great for children and adults!

1 lb Coated Chicken Tenders
 1 lb Coated Chicken Wings
 1 lb Coated Breast Filet
 1 lb Coated Cubed Steak (Chicken Fried Steak)
 1 lb Coated Chicken Nuggets

In addition, they have 6 different March specials you can buy! Just check out the website angelfoodministries.com to learn more! It is a great money saver! I have used it myself and I know many people that have used this for over a year.

The Lighter Side...

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany ?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a Little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q.. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his kids for no longer living in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan . The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark ?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

PS... Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?

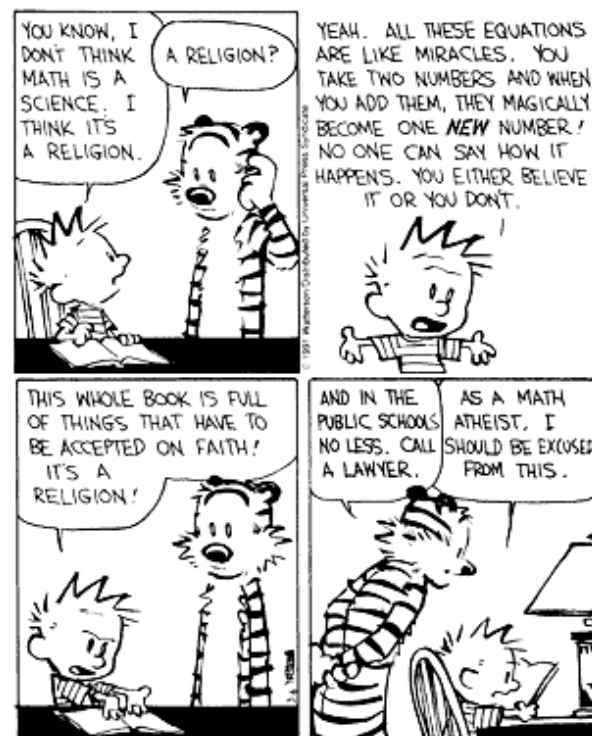
Yup, it's in the Bible. It says . . 'He-brews'

Men's Bible Breakfast

Starting in April

We will meet at the Grecian Garden Cafe for breakfast at 8:30 AM the first Saturday of the month

April 4 Join us!



Welcome Cub Scout Pack 285!



We have a whole pack of Cub Scouts meeting at Hope Lutheran on Tuesdays! Patrick Murphy is the Cubmaster of the group (about 30 boys) and we are looking forward to supporting their efforts to pass strong values to young boys. If you have a child interested in scouting, please let Pastor know!