



The Hope Reporter

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

A Monthly Newsletter

March 2010

The Over Protective Parent

My children seem to be ER visits waiting to happen. My guess is that if you are a parent, you know what I am talking about. Heck, even if you know my kids, you know what I am talking about. So understandably, you can see why I would like to practice being cautious.

No parent wants to see their child hurt or in pain; no parent hopes that something awful will befall their son or daughter. For this very reason, parents “child-proof” a house making sure outlets are covered and practice saying, “Don’t run with scissors while on the couch with the lights off”. Or something similar.

Parents also take care to provide food and medicine to their children so that they are healthy and happy. They give helmets to wear while they ride bikes, they give band-aids out like candy when playing in the backyard, and let us not forget the sound advice like “Be careful” or “Don’t get hurt” or the best one: “Don’t push your brother off the roof”. Or something similar.

During Lent, it seems as though God the Father is the farthest thing from an over-protective parent. He allows His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to be placed in harm’s way. Jesus is hungry and cold. Jesus is mocked and mistreated. He is betrayed and scorned. He is humiliated spat upon. He is at the “mercy” of murderous men and the schemes of the evil, Satan himself. He is tortured and killed.

So this Lenten season, why would we celebrate such a bad parent? Why would we find any comfort or solace from another’s pain and suffering? It sounds pretty sadistic.



Lent Series “True”

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

Here is the truth: God our Father IS an over-protective parent. He saw us in great danger and He gave us (and gives us & will give us) everything so that He would not see us in eternal harm or pain. He even gave us His own Son to temporal death so we might have eternal life. He knows we are spiritual ER visits waiting to happen.

I pray that you would see the Lent season for what it truly is: God’s plan for our salvation. It is hard to look at and even more difficult to comprehend, but it is God’s love and salvation poured out for us. May God bless you, His beloved child, this Lent.

In Christ,
Pastor Moreno

Grand Haven Easter Egg Hunt March 27

Join us by helping throw an Easter Egg Hunt for the Grand Haven subdivision! We will have two egg hunts:

10:15 AM - Ages 0-5

10:30 AM - Ages 6-11

We have the eggs already set but we need helpers with set up, greeting, handing out of literature and more! Please sign up to help.



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.

Women's Small Group @ 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." 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. It's never too late to join!

Financial Peace University *Starting March 9 - 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. There is a cost involved, so talk to pastor if you are interested. Top five reasons why you should take this course:

- 1) On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt & saved \$2,700 during the 91-day program!
- 2) It includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, & more!
- 3) Learn step-by-step Cash Flow Planning.
- 4) Learn the Debt Snowball Plan Technique to Eliminating Debt
- 5) Learn How to Invest Wisely



MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

		Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
Mar. 7	8 AM	D. Burrier	S. Minster	R. Moreno & S. Montague
	10:30	E. Havens	The McKees	
Mar. 14	8 AM	L. McLaughlin	C. Perry	A. Eckman & R. Meranda
	10:30	T. McLeran	The Wolfs	
Mar. 21	8 AM	S. Minster	The Eckmans	A. Cowart & J. Decker
	10:30	T. Decker	D. Eubank	
Mar. 28	8 AM	A. Cowart	The Burriers	M. Lawrence & R. Moreno
	10:30	A. Meranda	J. Snyder	

Join us for a Dinner (Lunch) Theatre March 14!

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!

Join us for 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 is available at the sign up in the narthex. Join us!

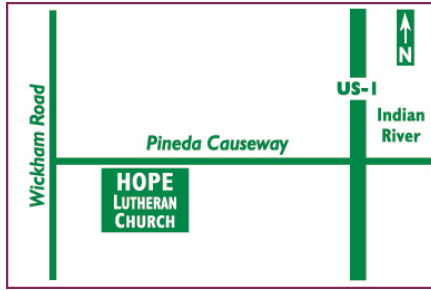


Family Movie Night March 26 & 27

We are trying something a little different this month: Two family movie nights in a row! One is geared more for adults and the other more for children! They are:

March 26 @ 7 PM “The Blindside” Starring Sandra Bullock depicts the remarkable true story of Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home, taken in by the Touhys, a well-to-do white family who help him fulfill his potential.

March 27 @ 6 PM “The Princess & The Frog” This Disney film is a fairy tale set in Jazz Age-era New Orleans and centered on a young girl named Tiana and her fateful kiss with a frog prince who desperately wants to be human again.



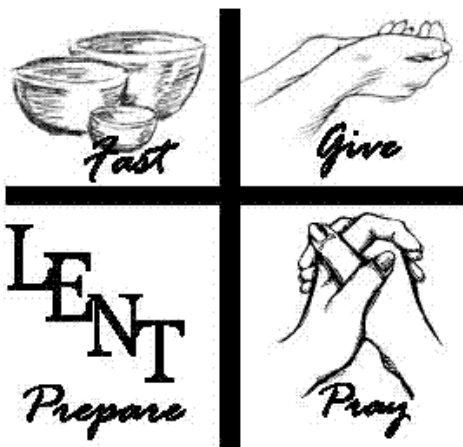
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Important Dates: A First Look at March 2010



March 9 Financial Peace University STARTS

March 14 Dinner Theatre

March 19 & 20 Video Game Tournament

March 26 & 27 Movie Night

March 27 Easter Egg Hunt @ Grand Haven

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10 AM Water Song Bible Study 5:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Psalms Study	3 10 AM Women's Small Group 8 AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Lent Service	4 9 AM MOPS Melbourne	5 Pastor Moreno Navy Drill	6 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

March Birthdays

9 Jack Lube

10 Madaline Stanley

10 Sophie Stanley

Junior & Senior Youth Calendar

We also have a Video Game Tournament Saturday March 20 for both the Junior and Senior Youth! We start at 5 PM and go till 8 PM! We'll have divisions:

* 7-8 Grade * 9-12 Grade * Girls Only

The cost to participate is free, but there is limited space. There will be pizza (2 slice limit) and drinks provided and a cash concession. The tournament will take place at Hope Lutheran on March 20, starting at 5 PM.

Games will include Mario Kart, Rock Band, and other "E" rated games. To register, email hopegamers@gmail.com with your child's name, grade, address, and phone number.

Come for a great night full of gaming, competition, and fun!



Youth Calendar

The Sr. High Youth Group meets every Sunday in March at 6 PM in the Ministry Center at FVLC.

The Jr. Youth Group meets Wednesdays at Hope for Lent worship in place of confirmation at FVLC in March.

Elementary Youth Video Game Tournament

Calling all young gamers -- Hope is hosting a video game tournament for elementary school kids on Friday, March 19, 2010, from 6 PM to 9 PM. There will be 4 divisions:

* K-2 Grade * 3-5 Grade * 6th Grade * Girls Only

The cost to participate is free, but there is limited space. There will be pizza (2 slice limit) and drinks provided and a cash concession. The tournament will take place at Hope Lutheran on March 19, starting at 6 PM.

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