



The Hope Reporter

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

A Monthly Newsletter

November 2009

Doing Something Meaningful

There are some newsletters that I feel pressured by a deadline and I am tempted to write some smarmy one liner and a cute illustration and application. Not so this month. I am afforded a rare opportunity to lead people and to communicate through many means. I'd like to think I would take those opportunities to say something meaningful.

At the end of the day, that is what people want. They want to live a life with meaning beyond the mundane day to day grind. There needs to be something in the big picture that gives us a sense of being alive!

If I am going to say something meaningful, I'd better get around to it:

*The more the words,
the less the meaning,
and how does that profit anyone? Ecclesiastes 6:11*

Flowery motivational speeches, positive thinking and rhetoric all have their place but true meaning and purpose is lived in a relationship in Christ our Lord. I am not content with just talking about what we are going to do as a church. I am not content with just talking about what I am going to do as a father or husband or pastor. Intentions need to transform into actions.

So the questions I pose to you as you read this in the comfort of your home: Are you doing something meaningful in your life? What is it? Is it meaningful to you? Is it meaningful to others? Is it meaningful to God? I have said many times and in many places that I don't want your faith to be "static"; rather I want it to be dynamic and living. I also don't want this to be "just another" church or for you to be "just another"

member. Rather, I want our relationship to God and our relationship to others to have meaning and purpose.

I pray that you take this chance to examine your life and faith and find meaning in your Lord and Savior. May be both guide you and enable to live for Him!

November 25th at 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve

Join us for this festive service to celebrate with praise and thanksgiving all that God provides for us in our lives each and every day! We'll have hot cider and pumpkin pie to enjoy after the service.

In Christ; Pastor Moreno



Ladies of Hope

Hope will be hosting a Christmas Tea on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 PM. This Christmas Tea will include music of the season, an Advent devotional, wonderful desserts, and warm Christian fellowship. There will be no cost for this event; a free will offering will be taken to help a local family in need this holiday season.

We are looking for 4 ladies to each host a table of their own. This will include supplying your own table linens, dinnerware, centerpiece of candles, carafe for coffee and pitcher for water. Coffee, tea and water will be provided for you! You can make your table as simple or as elegant as you want. You can invite your won guests to your table. Any open seats will be filled by those ladies who sign up.

Don't want to host a table? No problem! Come and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship during this hectic holiday season- bring a friend! Sign up because seating is limited; we'd love to see you there!

A Word from our SELC District

Dear sisters and brothers of Hope Lutheran Church,

Greeting in the name of our gracious Lord Jesus Christ. As your congregation reflects on its 4 years of ministry, our SELC District celebrates with you! We rejoice that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is proclaimed in your midst! And that you are an extension of Christ's Kingdom and a beacon of Christ's love in your new community! We rejoice also in our partnership with you in the Gospel! We pledge our continued prayers and support of your mission work in your community!

May Christ, the Head of His Church, bless pastor and people as you together seek to carry out His commission!

Pastor Ray Malec,
SELC District Mission Board, Chairman

** The Mission Board voted to continue subsidy for Hope for 2010 - Pastor Moreno*

A Word about Finances & Goals

The leadership at Hope wants to make sure that we are all on the same page as a congregation to realize the goals we have in place. In the coming months you will continue to hear how we are doing in terms of offerings and attendance and how you can help in reaching our goal of chartering next year as well as being self supportive and purchase land for a building program. We are ambitious in many ways but following the Lord the whole time!

The Leaf Challenge!

This fall we are doing something a bit creative: At church we have a tree with many leaves. Each leaf has a challenge written on it to "do something" between now and Dec. 25! This challenge is intended to help you connect to God in a demonstrable way and for you to connect at church in a different way! Look at the leaves and pray about what God might have for YOU!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
Nov. 1 8 AM	T. McLaughlin	The Tabors	J. Decker & M. Lawrence
10:30	K. Allison	The Gills	
Nov. 8 8 AM	D. Burrier	The Eckmans	No Sunday School
10:30	T. Decker	The Burriers	
Nov. 15 8 AM	S. Minster	The Burriers	R. Moreno & S. Montague
10:30	B. Tabor	The Montagues	
Nov. 22 8 AM	R. Kerley	The McLaughlins	A. Eckman & A. Cowart
10:30	M. Thompson	The Starinksys	
Nov. 29 8 AM	A. Cowart	The Serrates	R. Meranda & R. Moreno
10:30	T. McLeran	The Lawrences	

Looking Ahead to Special Holiday Services

We often have special services here at Hope; here are a few upcoming ones so mark your calendar!

Nov. 25 @ 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Hope

Dec. 2 @ 7 PM Advent Midweek Service at the Moreno's home

Dec. 9 @ 7 PM Advent Midweek Services at Hope: Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 16 @ 7 PM Advent Midweek Services at Hope: Lessons and Carols Service

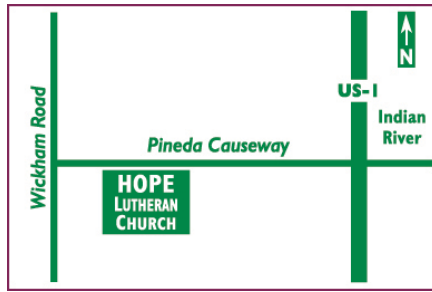
Dec. 24 @ 7 PM Christmas Eve Worship at Hope

Thanksgiving Food Drive & Basket Delivery

We will be collecting food in November to help feed needy families. You are invited to bring food items to church or bring Publix gift cards. We'll deliver this to area food banks and individuals. We'll take donations till Nov. 22 and then deliver that day. Your donations are very much appreciated!

Mysteries of the Faith Bible Study

On Sunday mornings we are beginning a Bible study series on the great mysteries of the Bible. Our topics will include: The Trinity, The Origin of Evil, Sinner and Saint, Salvation for the Jews, The Mystery of the Gospel, Real Presence in Communion, Heaven, Finding the Historical Jesus, Free Will & Predestination, and Understanding Revelation.



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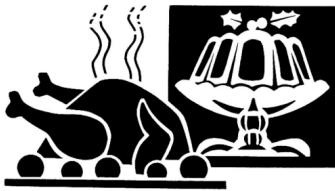
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Important Dates: A First Look at November 2009



Nov. 6-8 FlGa Youth Gathering
Nov. 8 Church Fellowship
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Baskets
Nov. 25 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Choir 5 PM Youth Night 6 PM AA 7 PM	2	3 1 PM World Religions at FVLC 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Hope Council 7 PM Cub Scouts	4 10 AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting	5 9 AM MOPS Melbourne	6 Fl Ga District Youth Gathering	7 Fl Ga District Youth Gathering Rice Wedding
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Happy Thanksgiving



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

Junior Youth Calendar

This month we have a number of events for our junior youth:

- Nov. 6-8 Florida Georgia District Youth Gathering- This event is for students in the confirmation program to enjoy a weekend of connecting to faith and friends!
- Nov. 18 Confirmation Class w/ Parents - This is also for students in confirmation to continue to grow in their faith and understanding of God's Word.
- Nov. 22 Junior Youth Thanksgiving Basket Delivery - This is for all students to take food to needy families. This is a great way to share the true meaning of thankfulness.

Senior Youth Calendar

This month we have a full slate of Sunday youth nights and a special meeting about the National Youth Gathering. Here are some highlights:

- Nov. 1 6-8 Youth Night
- Nov. 8 5 PM National Youth Gathering Meeting; 6-8 Youth Night
- Nov. 15 6-8 Youth Night
- Nov. 22 6-8 Youth Night
- Nov. 29 NO YOUTH NIGHT

November Anniversaries

Nov. 22, 1997 Deckers

Family Movie Night: Disney's "Up"

We will be meeting November 13 at 6 PM to watch a movie and enjoy some popcorn and pizza! We'll also be having some fun with balloons and have the children make a "bucket list" of the things they want to do in life!

November Birthdays

8 Ella Stanley
9 Pat McKee
22 Maureen Allison
25 Robyn Meranda
28 Tammy McLeran

Call for Volunteers

As a mission church, we rely heavily upon volunteers to help us make the ministry successful. We are in need of a few helpers, please contact pastor:

- * Assist with Sunday morning children & youth ministry
- * Cleaning, filing, and odd jobs during the week
- * Counters for Sunday morning
- * Usher for 10:30 AM service