



The Hope Reporter

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

A Monthly Newsletter

The Wonderful Game of Golf

Golf is a mind-numbing exercise in futility. The goal is to hit a small ball with a long stick into a tiny hole anywhere from 100 to 500 yards away. Sound fun so far? Good! You are to accomplish this feat in as few swings as possible. However to accomplish this feat, you are to wear clothes that are capable of burning out retinas from several feet away. These are clothes that if “normal” people saw you in, you would immediately be institutionalized. More on that later.

Many words have been uttered on a golf course that are not fit to be reprinted here, but hear the words of baseball great (Home Run King in my heart) Hank Aaron: “It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.”

So, why is golf so popular? There are many courses in our area and Floridians spend millions a year on this sport. I see golfers (names are withheld to protect the innocent) get all sorts of worked up about good shots, bad shots and everything in-between. Personally, I like golf because of the challenge. My fashion sense notwithstanding, it is a way to compete, to grow in discipline and enjoy the company of fellow duffers. So I guess golf isn’t so futile after all. Here are some tips that can help you on the greens of your everyday life:

- * In golf, there are many different clubs (I call them long sticks) because they are intended to be used skillfully to put the ball in a particular place. If you use the wrong club you can miss your mark. God gives us many different tools to use in life (our job, family, friends, etc.) to hit the mark of placing Him first in our life. Let’s not misuse what He has given!
- * Golf is frustrating. You can do everything “right” and still hit a lousy shot. But the opposite is true too! You can do everything wrong and miraculously, the ball winds up in a good spot. This is called grace. Get used to God bailing you out! At least in terms of confessing your sins and receiving forgiveness!



October 30th at 5 PM

Hope Trunk Or Treat

Hope Lutheran is throwing a Trunk or Treat at the Grand Haven Park! We will have a bounce house, cars decorated, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones and more! Come and be a vital part of this community outreach event! More details are found inside the newsletter with specifics on how YOU can participate in this important and fun event!

There is a one last observation about golf: It is better when played with others! Life also is enjoyed best with others, so make sure you make an effort to surround yourself with family and friends and be connected to our Lord Jesus!

In Christ; Pastor Moreno



Small Groups: Round Two!

We are kicking off a new round of small groups! Here are the groups:

Tracey McLaughlin - Kathy Burrier, Jenny Snyder, Dianne Eubank, Scott Minster, Jared Sass, & Dawn Abfalter

Kathleen Allison - The McLerans, the Stanleys, the Nienass family, Jan Haeker & Doris Balvanz.

Small Groups

Dorothee Jones - The Havens, the Curtis family and the Parents.

Pastor Moreno - The Deckers, the Merandas, the Tabors, the Cowarts and the Montagues.

If for some reason you are not included in this list and you signed up, please let Pastor know. If you didn't sign up and would now like to, we can address that also! These small groups run through Easter and then we'll re-evaluate and look at the summertime schedule.

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!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
Oct. 4 8 AM	T. McLaughlin	The Tabors	A. Eckman & M. Lawrence
10:30	D. Lawrence	The Wolfs	
Oct. 11 8 AM	A. Cowart	The Eckmans	No Sunday School
10:30	J. Stanley	The McKees	
Oct. 18 8 AM	J. Eckman	The Burriers	R. Moreno & S. Montague
10:30	J. Sass	The Doerrs	
Oct. 25 8 AM	R. Kerley	The Serrates	J. Decker & A. Cowart
10:30	E. Havens	The McLerans	

A Word about Outreach

When you hear the words “Outreach and Evangelism” do you cringe, envisioning someone going door to door handing out “Jesus Loves You” tracts?



Here at Hope Lutheran we see it a little differently. It's about “Reaching Out” in a way that meets people where they are at. That can be expressed through different avenues. One way is through the mission work that Hope does both locally and nationally. Eleven percent of our offerings support the basic needs of people through organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, The Haven for Children, Daily Bread, and The Sharing Center. Nationally we reach out to those in need through the LCMS and SELC District Missions and through mission trips such as the Texas trip that several of our members went to this past summer.

Reaching Out, or Outreach, can also be much more hands on. After all, where the people are at, is in our own community. For instance, this month we are having a Trunk-or-Treat for our neighbors in the Grand Haven development. Besides the bounce house, hot dogs, and of course candy, we'll also have invitations for the families to join us for worship at Hope. This event gives us the opportunity to reach out in a fun, non-threatening environment. We've already done two events at Grand Haven, a Christmas party and Easter Egg Hunt, and we continue to build on that relationship. Please consider coming out with a decorated car trunk or just come to meet our neighbors. Keep your hears open for other such Outreach events and, if you have any ideas how Hope Lutheran can reach into the community, please let me and the church leaders know.

Lastly, we, the congregation, enjoy planning activities for our congregation. For instance, the men get together for a monthly breakfast. The women will be planning a Christmas Tea. Both of these events are great for us not only to get to know each other, but also wonderful opportunities to invite our un-churched friends. Our friends will come to a relaxed and non-threatening setting. Relationships are an important part of the church body, and connecting our un-churched friends to our church family is Outreach.

As Director of Outreach and Evangelism at Hope, please join me in “bringing in the sheep” and reaching the goals President Scott Minster presents in this newsletter. If you would like to talk about Outreach ideas, please call or email me at 984-9707 and dotjimbo@bellsouth.net. Thank you – and pray about taking an Outreach leaf off the ministry tree! - Dorothee Jones

Looking Ahead to Special Holiday Services

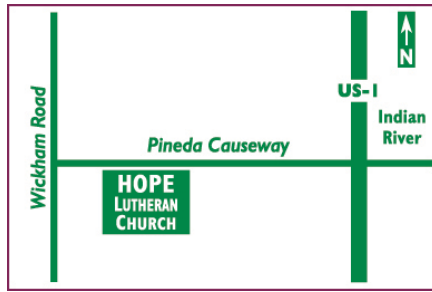
We often have special services here at Hope; here are a few upcoming ones so mark your calendar!

Oct. 25 @ 3 PM Reformation Celebration at Redeemer Melbourne

Nov. 25 @ 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Hope

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 @ 7 PM Advent Midweek Services at Hope

Dec. 24 @ 7 PM Christmas Eve Worship at Hope



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Important Dates: A First Look at October 2009



Oct. 10 Church Work Day 10 AM

Oct. 11 Potluck 9:15 AM

Oct. 23 Youth Lock In 6:30 PM

Oct. 30 Trunk or Treat 5 PM

Oct. 31 Men's Bible Breakfast 9 AM

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 AM MOPS Melbourne 7 PM Bible Study: Denominations	2	3
4 Worship 8 & 10:30 Ch. Ed 9:15 AM Choir 5 PM AA 7 PM	5 7 PM Hope Council 7 PM Adult Info	6 5:30 PM AA 7 PM Cub Scouts	7 10 AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Confirmation at FVLC	8 7 PM Bible Study: Denominations	9 2:30 PM COC Williams 9:30 AM Card Making	10 10 AM - Noon Church Work Day
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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 through 8th grade) Bible Study- Led by Scott Minster

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

Confirmation & Sr. Youth Lock-In Oct. 23 at 6:30 PM!

Join us at church Friday evening and we'll be traveling to a few different locations throughout the evening to help shake things up a bid. A flyer will be mailed and handed out soon. A great time to bring friends too!

Senior Youth Calendar (9th through 12 grade)

During the month of October, we will be meeting every Sunday night except the 25th because of a LOCK-IN that weekend. All high school youth are invited to join us at 6 pm in the Ministry Center. Some other activities coming soon will be:

- ☒ Special showing at the Rave Theater
- ☒ Trunk Or Treat (helping)
- ☒ Sporting events

Junior Youth Calendar (7th & 8th Grade)

5th & 6th Graders Invited to Italicized Events

Oct. 7 6:30-8 Confirmation Class

Oct. 9 6 pm-9 pm Movie Night Pizza & Games

Oct. 14 6:30-8 Confirmation Class

Oct. 21 6:30-8 Jr. High Youth group

Oct. 23 (Friday pm) Lock-In

Oct. 28 6:30-8 Jr. High Youth group

October Birthdays

4 Debbie Schuh
15 Jessica Cowart
17 Bob Starinksky
25 Dot Lube
30 Alan Koch

Church Work Day

Join us Oct. 10th at 10 AM to help straighten up our church and Sunday School! We'll be cleaning, painting, installing, switching and many other verbs! Sign up to let us know you are coming, many hands makes for light work!

New Member Sunday & Council Installation

Join us Oct. 25th at the 10:30 AM service as we welcome in new members as well as install our new council members!

Trunk Or Treat Oct. 30 at Grand Haven Park

We have a wonderful outreach event planned for the end of this month. For it to have the impact we want, we need YOUR help! Prayerfully consider signing up as one of the many who will help! We will run the program from 5 PM to 8 PM and we'll need:



* We need 15 different cars (treat stations) for this event

Car should be decorated with a theme and you'll need some candy! We will provide some candy and church members will also be donating candy. You can pick any theme you'd like, the more creative the better! Whoever has the best decorated car wins a gift card!

* We need 4 key volunteers to help set up and take down

We need to put up a bounce house, make hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, etc. We have a sign up sheet in the narthex and as a church we will provide additional resources and guidance!

On the Lighter Side...A Lutheran Primer by Les "Gutenberg" Stahlke

Look! Look and see! See Luther run! Run, Luther, run! Luther ran! Oh, oh!
It is raining! It is pouring! See the lightning! Hear the thunder! See Luther get scared!
See Luther hide under that big tree! See Luther pray to St. Anne.
"If you save me," prayed Luther, "I will become a monk, okay?"
"That's okay with me," said St. Anne, "but if you don't get out from under that tree, you will be a friar!"

See the lightning hit the tree! See the tree get rent asunder! "Ach! Yammer!" said Luther.
See Luther clearly define Law and Gospel. See Luther go to a monastery.
See Luther learn that indulgences are wrong. "Wholly unnecessary, Batman," said Luther.
See Luther write 95 Theses. See Luther nail the Theses to the church door.
See Luther bang his hammer. Bang your hammer, Luther, bang your hammer.
See Luther bang the wrong nail. "Uff dah!" said Luther.

Oh, oh! Now the Pope is mad. See the Pope send Luther an angry letter. It is a Papal Bull.
"That is a lot of bull," said Luther. See Luther barbecue the Pope's Bull.
"You burned my Bull," said the Pope. Now you will have to go to a Diet of Worms.
(A Diet is a long synodical convention with no meals.)

Oh, oh! See King Charles tell Luther to shut up. "I can't," said Luther.
"Then recant," said King Charles. "I can't recant," said Luther.
"Then go start the Missouri Synod!" said King Charles.
"Oh, goody," said Luther, "now I can get married." See Luther look for a wife.
See Luther find nun. See Luther and Kitty get married. See Kitty get morning sickness.
"What does this mean?" said Luther. "We shall have a little Lutheran soon," said Kitty.
"Is this true," said Luther, "or are you just ribbing me?" Kitty said, "This is most certainly true."

From the President