

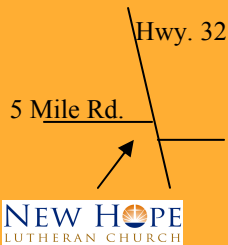
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NOTABLES

- **Stuff breaks**
- True treasure in heaven lasts forever.
- This treasure is the good news that you are forgiven.



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Message of New Hope

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Real Treasure

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Have you ever become upset when something you own breaks? Maybe when you were a kid it was a favorite toy that your grandma gave you. Maybe in college it was your first stereo or laptop that got zapped by a power surge. Maybe it was your vehicle that broke down after the warranty expired.

On one hand, it's understandable to be a little upset when something you own breaks. Maybe it had some sentimental value. Maybe it was expensive but you worked hard to purchase it. Maybe you feel duped that what you thought was a good deal and a quality product turns out otherwise.

On the other hand though, when we become overly upset when our earthly possessions or money get broke or lost, we reveal what we treasure in our hearts. And sometimes what we treasure in our hearts isn't what


we should treasure.

Ask yourself a question. Did you get more upset that something you own broke, or that you skipped a chance to read God's Word? Do you feel more secure when your checkbook is balanced and your savings is increasing, or when you hear that you have treasure waiting for you in heaven?

Money and possessions on which you set all your heart are the most common idols on earth. Describing someone who has such an idol, Martin Luther said, "He who has money and possessions feels secure [Luke 12:16-21] and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has no money doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God." You don't have to get far in the Commandments to see what God says about that, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). That means we should fear, love, and trust in

God above all things. So often, we don't.

Yet, in Christ there is hidden a treasure far greater than anything this world could offer. It is the treasure that "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). It is the treasure that God speaks of when he says, "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more" (Jeremiah 31:34). This treasure is the gospel. It's priceless. And so is the faith that receives that treasure.

Guard that treasure that's in your heart. "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4:23). It is a treasure that will last longer than anything found on this earth. It can never break. It is a treasure that contains eternal benefits. It is a treasure that is worth every ounce of time and energy to keep. 

Sunday School & Bible Class Start Soon!

Beginning September 12th...

10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 a.m. Sunday School (ages 3-13)

9:00 a.m. Bible Class

All are welcome and invited to attend!

Find new hope in Christ's Cross...in worship and Bible Study.

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Join us for Worship!

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18)

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School (Beginning Sept. 12th)


8:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

(Beginning Sept. 12th)

9:00 a.m.


Sunday Morning Bible Class

"I've tried to sit down and read the Bible, but just don't get much out of it...I want to learn more, but there's so much in the Bible...It's hard to understand what the Bible is talking about." If you've ever said that, you're not alone. Our first Sunday Morning Bible class for 2010-2011 is meant to help Christians—new and long time Christians alike—meditate on God's Word. In this course, meditation is defined as a combination of Bible study and prayer. You will be taught to use Martin Luther's "four strands" and will be given the opportunity to develop your own personal Bible reading plan. Hope to see you there! 

Scrap & Stamp

Do you like to scrapbook? Do you create with stamps? Do you wish you weren't constantly interrupted? Do you want to scrapbook or stamp with others? Well, THIS IS THE PLACE!

On Saturday September 18th, 2010 from 12 noon until 7:00 p.m. bring your supplies and photographs and spread out at New Hope's Scrap and Stamp Event. Work on your projects for a few hours or all day. Die-cut machines will be available. No need to worry about dinner. We'll provide drinks, snacks, and meal for the event. Create new memories and make new friends! It's Free!

Call 639.8778 and leave your registration information (name, phone number, number of people in your party) on the church's voice mail. 

What ya got goin' on?

Beginning Sept. —Bible Information Class

Sept. 18th @ 12:00 p.m.-7:00—Scrap and Stamp

Oct. 2nd—Party on the Pavement—Come see us at the Wisconsin Lutheran School booth!

Bible Information class

Review the basic teachings of the Christian faith

If you or someone you know is interested in attending a no cost or obligation class on the main truths of the Christian faith, please call Pastor Philip Janke at [262-822-2544](tel:262-822-2544) or contact him by e-mail at pastor@newhoperacine.org. If you've wondered what the Bible says about evil, love, faith, marriage, families, sin, God's love for you, or how you get to heaven, this class is for you.

**New class begins after Labor Day!
Call or email to find a day that works for YOU!**