Hope Happenings

Hope Ministry Fair at Redhawk
9 to 10 am Sunday, September 11
(We’ll park in back or on the sides that Sunday!)
Learn more about opportunities to serve Christ here at Hope AND in our community!!
Learn what we’re up to AND how getting involved will help you grow in faith!

10 am Worship & Church Potluck Picnic
Sunday, September 25 at
Ronald Reagan Sports Park (Temecula)
30875 Rancho Vista Rd
10:00 am Outdoor Worship
11:30 am Potluck Lunch
12:30 pm Relay Games/BINGO/Board Games
Bring a friend (or two!) AND
♦ Main dish or Salad to share
♦ Tableware
♦ Blanket or Chairs
♦ BBQ Grills will be hot–if you want to bring your own meat to grill

Engaging Adults workshop
9 am - 3:30 pm Saturday, Sept. 17
led by Vibrant Faith Ministries
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August 14 Ground Broken for Hope’s New Church & Preschool
Thanks be to God!
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Prime Timers (50+)
11:30 am-1 pm Thursday, Sept. 8
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Men’s Breakfast
8 am Sat, Sept. 10
at Journey’s End
details pg 13

Join a Small Group Bible Study
details pg 10

NEW Book Club
details pg 5
Pastors Message

19... you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom [we] also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Ephesians 2:19-22

As Bishop Taylor read this passage from Ephesians at the groundbreaking, I was profoundly moved. Looking out over the crowd God had gathered for this milestone, I couldn’t help but give thanks for all the ways God continues to “join us together... into a holy temple in the Lord... spiritually into a dwelling place for God.”

**We ARE a holy temple in the Lord!** Despite the warm temperatures, well over 200 gathered on the building site for Hope’s new church and preschool. (Many, many more were with us in prayer and spirit!) Church and preschool families and staff joined with friends, neighbors, building professionals, Bishop Taylor, pastors and members of our sister ELCA churches, friends from our neighboring churches and the Interfaith Council – ALL of us partners in mission. We came together to celebrate and give thanks for God’s faithfulness and the commitment and faith of God’s people at Hope to make God’s vision for us a reality. As we laughed, prayed and sang our praises, you could feel the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in us and hovering over this land on which God is raising up a building to house this church we call Hope!

**God IS truly growing us spiritually into a dwelling place for God.** Since 1978 when Hope began, it has been the prayers and commitment of God’s people that have made God’s vision for Hope a reality. Many have given and continue to give sacrificially of their time, talents and finances. And as we’ve generously given ourselves to God’s purposes, God continues to bless us and send us out to share those blessings with others. Thousands of children and their families have been touched by the ministry of our Hope Children’s Center. Countless neighbors have been fed and housed and loved through our partnerships with Project TOUCH and community food pantries. Through Hope, people of every kind have experienced God’s loving and affirming presence. Galatians 2:20 says, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me.” (ASV) What a privilege it is that we ARE and continue to be God’s hands and feet, champions of justice and peace to all peoples, sharing Jesus’ love by reaching out and welcoming all!

**Jesus IS the cornerstone of our community of faith, not just our building!** As each spade full of dirt was turned, we declared and reminded one another that the building rising to house this community of faith is to be... a place devoted to the worship of almighty God and to the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! From little Jackson and Owen Doty in their kid-sized hard hats and shovels to oldest Hope members Doris Ford and Ralph Sanzari, God is helping all of us grow into Christ’s image. In regular worship, small group Bible studies, prayer groups, servant ministries and even book clubs, God keeps teaching us more about ourselves, each other and especially about God’s love, grace and mercy poured out for all. No longer strangers and aliens, we ARE anchored in Christ, our cornerstone.

As this Fall begins, come to Hope’s Ministry Fair Sunday, September 11. Learn what God is up to in our midst and how getting involved will help you grow in faith. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we prayerfully and sacrificially keep striving together to

- TRUST GOD in the midst of what makes us anxious
- CHOOSE FAITH instead of fear, and
- SERVE MISSION instead of our own comfort.

O Lord, our God, in you every good work has its beginning. Grant that what we have undertaken in the glory of your name may be successfully completed for the good of all your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In God’s Gracious Grip,

Pastor Sandy
Dear Friends in Christ,

Psalm 105 sings
“O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.”

That was the spirit at our groundbreaking on August 14! Did you also feel God’s presence? I was filled with gratitude and excitement and so happy to stand on this ground blessed through our Bishop, Pastor and all of us, feeling the presence of God among over 200 people from our congregation and community. What a joyous day! A huge thank you to all earthly helpers who made this day possible and memorable. A big shout-out to Paula Fenton and Lorrie McKenzie, the primary planners and their crew. We give thanks to the Lord for taking us this far!

We also rejoice that we were approved for the ELCA / Pacifica Synod relocation grant for partnership support. We received approval for the full amount of $60,000: $30,000 for 2017, $20,000 for 2018 and $10,000 for 2019 to support our mission plan which includes community partnering. We will share more details after our follow-up phone call August 30. What a special gift! We also celebrate that our “Building Hope for the Future” Phase I (Planning and Design) has reached the $100,000 mark! Those funds were incredibly important as Hope has already paid thousands of dollars for the development of the plans, engineering, permits, HOA costs, down payments on steel and a long list of expenses as already detailed in our financial reports.

Since we now have the GREEN LIGHT and grading/construction has begun, we are ready to tackle the next step: Phase II (Construction) of building Hope’s new church and preschool. In the application for partnership support, we shared that financial assistance is critical as we manage increased costs for temporary church and preschool meeting space, as well as construction. Our grant request included covering the cost for a capital campaign, especially having a coach/mentor to guide us. Thanks be to God for that grant approval.

We are so grateful that we are meeting our monthly budget through the commitments made last fall for our general giving campaign. To continue with these commitments is a key financial goal, as is planning and executing our Capital Campaign. Council has identified the goal of raising $300,000 over two years. In our meetings, we have let you know that a number of “non-essential items for the basic construction” had to be cut. Key items we could not finance within the construction fund include sound/video, communication technology (phones, internet, etc.), flooring other than cement floor, landscaping, preschool yard and fencing, custom fitting of our stained glass windows. Other line items in the budget were reduced through our planned labor (painting, clean-up, parts of plumbing). These items will be supported through our capital campaign. After planning with the leadership team and Phyllis Castens Wiederhoett, our Capital Campaign coach, Hope’s capital campaign will kick off October 15 and end with Commitment Sunday, November 20. All of us will be involved as we tap leaders for many tasks. Some details about this were shared with the congregation before/after worship Sunday, August 28.

We are HOPE and together, in Christ, and with lots of prayers, we will rock n’ roll through our construction phase. Capital Campaign Services asked for a theme for our capital campaign and we know that by heart: we are Building Hope for the Future!

Yours in Christ,
Hope Church Council/Renate Jefferson

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Praise God for all Hope’s blessings!

Get to Know our New Bishop Andy Taylor at the Harvest Conference Gathering

3 to 4:30 pm Sunday, September 18
Incarnation Lutheran Church
16889 Espola Rd, Poway

There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP to https://reg.abcsignup.com/s_reg/reg_registration_maintenance.aspx to help with space planning.

If more convenient, you may also attend other nearby conference gatherings:

1:30 - 3 pm Saturday, September 17  St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, San Diego
11 am - 12:30 pm Saturday, September 24  Eden Lutheran Church, Riverside

NOTE: Bishop Taylor’s installation will be Sunday, October 23 at Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert. To attend, please rsvp to OUR Hope church office before October 11.
Steering Committee

After years and of years of dreaming, so many prayers, and delay after delay, we are finally on our way to building our new church and preschool! The groundbreaking ceremony last month was exciting and the next day the ground really did move! It IS happening - PRAISE GOD!

Now, when you visit the site, it will look different every day! The grading is well underway! The driveway will need to be in place before laying the foundation. Some of the steel for the foundation will be delivered in early September and the steel framing will arrive in November. The landscaping group is working to ensure the main sprinkler lines are laid before the paving of the driveway. The electrical lines and water/plumbing will also need to be in before the driveway and foundation.

You may see some very small hills being formed by the grading - these will be part of the new creative preschool playground. The Preschool is fund-raising for a natural new playscape play yard for HCC. Keep your eyes and ears open to help support their efforts.

In order to keep costs down and stay within our budget, we (the congregation) will be doing some of the finishing work ourselves - using our time and talents to build God’s House. The Steering Committee will be calling on you the first part of the year - there will be jobs for everyone!

Members of the Steering Committee are working fast and furiously to “keep all the balls in the air” - lots of planning, communication, and coordination! Please keep them in your prayers.

Until next month...“On Our Way Rejoicing’!

Important: Craftsmen NEEDED!

Help us reduce construction costs by contributing labor and skills.

- Do you know skilled trades people who might do great work at lower than expected contract cost?
- Are you able to perform specific tasks such as painting, dry walling, landscape construction, stonework, cement, pulling wire?

Please contact the church office
staff@hopetemecula.org 951-676-6262

Best Wishes!

God’s blessing on Jim & Barbara Miller as they move to Pennsylvania in early September. They will be missed!

Jim has been a critical leader in helping us Build Hope for the Future.

Give a gift to help Build Hope for the Future...

Praise God we have reached our $100,000 goal for Phase I (Planning and Design) which helped with permits, grading and site work to get us ready for building. Thank you to all who have given gifts for this purpose!

As council has shared, our generous support is still needed as we plan for other items that didn’t fit our construction budget:

- sound/audio visual
- fencing
- flooring
- landscape
- custom fitting our stained glass windows

A separate account has been established for Building Hope for the Future donations. To give a gift, write a check to Hope Lutheran Church with “Building Hope for the Future” in the memo line. We will also be launching a capital campaign in October to help us complete Phase II (construction) and to fund these additional items.
Join Hope's Book Club

**Friday, September 30, 2016**

book selection for discussion: *The Boys in the Boat; Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown

**Friday, October 28, 2016**

book selection for discussion: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

TENTATIVE - Friday, December 2 or December 9

NOTE: book selection is to be made at September meeting

**Time:** 6:30 - 7 pm Gathering  
7 - 8:30 pm Book Discussion

Location for September and October is Joan Neidig home -- 42149 Camino Romo, Temecula  
(west of Meadows Parkway, south of Rancho Vista)

Handbell Ministry Ready to Ring This Fall!

The handbell ministry has an exciting fall season planned and we want YOU to join us! We rehearse September through December and offer our music in worship one Sunday in October, November and December. We also have other fun fall activities in the works!

Bells of Hope rehearsals begin Monday, September 15, set-up at 6:30 pm, ready to ring at 6:45 pm, clean up at 8:30 pm, at Promise Lutheran Church in Murrieta.

Please reserve your spot ASAP so Barbara can assign the parts. If you have not rung handbells before, please contact Barbara at 951-674-7557 or tb.meinke5@verizon.net to set up an intro lesson!

Chapel Choir Needs YOU!

You do not need to have a beautiful voice or be able to read music to be a blessing to the choir or allow the choir to bless you! God does an amazing job of blending our voices and the more we have, the more beautiful the blend! Please join us as we sing in worship this fall. We will learn/review music reading, offer an anthem for 8 am worship each Sunday and facilitate congregational singing. Rehearsals are 6:30 - 8 pm Wednesday evenings beginning September 7 - NOW at Redhawk!

For optimal planning, please let Barbara know (951-674-7557 or tb.meinke5@verizon.net) you will come sing, or at least give it a try!

Hope Children's Center Preschool

Hope Children's Center had two wonderfully blessed first days of school! We had lots of happy faces and only a few tears!! It was so nice to have Pamela Nevills, Preschool Board chairperson and Pastor Sandy help greet our students and their families on their first day of school! The staff was blessed by the preschool board with a beautiful spread of tasty morning treats. Thank you so much for adding to the excitement of the new school year!

If someone is looking for a fun filled, Christ centered learning environment for their preschooler, come check us out soon! We have limited space available.

**Classes are offered Monday thru Friday for children ages 3 to 5**

To tour the preschool or for more information, contact Director Jane Osuna at 951-674-3607 or hopechildrensctr@hotmail.com

See more information including tuition at www.hopetemecula.org (click “preschool” on the menu bar)

NOTE: Our preschool remains at the Vallejo campus (29141 Vallejo Ave)  
while the church is at our temporary Redhawk campus (32819 Temecula Pkwy, Ste. B)
Hunger Ministry News

Traditionally the summer months see a decline in food donations, but not the summer of 2016! This summer Hope’s Hunger Ministry Team and Thrivent offered monthly food donation opportunities and Hope members came through. The need for food donations continue to be great when students are home from school and families have lost needed food resources. Thank you for your great response and support of this important ministry. All those who received this help appreciated the generous donations made by you.

Come join the Hunger Ministry Team’s next meeting Sunday, September 25 during Hope’s fall church picnic (at Ronald Reagan Sports Park.) We will continue planning Fall’s outreach service projects: Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes, Salvation Army Angel Tree, Alternative Gifts and Soup-er Bowl Sunday.

Questions? Want more information?
Contact Deborah Gallup deegallup0115@verizon.net or 760-672-5450

Redhawk Cleaners

Thank you to the following scheduled cleaners:
Sept 4  Wes/Donna White    Sept 18 Rosemarie Cathcart, Guylean Morgan, Lynn Petroff

Please remember to check the cleaning chart on the kitchen wall and sign up when you can.
Details and cleaning instructions are posted next to the chart.
Questions or to sign up, call or email the church office 951-676-6262 staff@hopetemecula.org

New Cleaners Welcomed!

Hope Helpers

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12

It takes ALL of us to be Christ’s Body here at Hope. While it is impossible to thank everyone individually for all their acts of discipleship, each month we try to highlight a few folks who have been “especially supportive!”

To suggest someone to be included in our “Backbone of Hope” list, please contact the office who will forward those names to council.

THANK YOU to:
• All who faithfully help lead our worship and serve as greeters, ushers, readers, communion servers, prayer leaders and do weekly altar care set up/clean up. What a blessing to all of us you are!
• Justin Moreno, Matt Standoff and Zander Dixon – youth committed to helping lead our 10:15 service
• Office volunteers helping while Laura was out: Celia Lamke, Linda McLagan, Mark Medin, Jill Stokes, Joann Wasserburger and other Hope staff juggling their calendars
• ALL who helped with groundbreaking for Hope’s new church and preschool, especially team leaders Paula Fenton and Lorrie McKenzie and all on the Planning Team including: Diane Anderson, Jim Allmon, Sandy Bentz, Lloyd Bittner, Tony Chavez, Craig Cotten, Jim Fenton, Sherry Ito, Renate Jefferson, Shirley Lee, Rich Moffet, Neil Nevills, Pamela Nevills, Jim Seguin, Laura Stevens, Martin, Michelle and Marina Wesel, Donna/Wes White
• Groundbreaking photographers Rich Moffet, Lloyd Bittner
• Groundbreaking music and worship leaders Laura Ann Madott, Dave Bradley and Dustin Parker coordinating our great sound
• All who offered financial support and time and talents for groundbreaking
• Hope’s Steering Committee members: Neil Nevills, Jim Miller, Karen Hansen, Jim Seguin, Jim Allmon, Tony Chavez, Jim/Paula Fenton, Renate Jefferson, Dave Koltvet, Chris Lindberg, Donna White
• Joan Neidig, LaDonna Klaus and Rose Marie Cathcart for helping organize new Book Club
• Day Camp leader Cheryl Morg and assistants Grant Holm, Amanda Holm, Marina Wesel and Alex Veron plus 2 Day Camp grads from other churches, Sterling Sand and Kiersten Colen

Well done good and faithful servants!
Hope Happenings

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Hope’s Groundbreaking!

Special thanks to:
Paula Fenton and Lorrie McKenzie for leading the planning team and to all who helped with contributions toward the event, financial as well as the gifts of time and talents, including: set up, clean up, refreshments, directing traffic/parking, music and sound, picking up litter on the site, taking pictures, helping create “foundation rocks” and welcoming and offering hospitality to our many guests!
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- **Church Office Closed**
- **8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast resumes at Journey’s End Restaurant, Pechanga**
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- **9:00 AM Handbell Group Workshop**

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- **11:30 AM Hunger Ministry Mtg. at Park**
- **PowerZone/Transformers at picnic**
- **NO 8 am Worship at Redhawk**
Adult Education – Study of the Old Testament

Once again it is time to resume our study of the Old Testament. May you be called to continue or to begin study with one of the groups! If you have a call to facilitate a study or host one in your own home, this is a good time to begin. Sign-ups for groups, which offer a variety of times and days for meeting, will be available in the Orange Notebook at Hope’s Hospitality table. If you are already in a group, and the group is continuing, there is no need to sign up. And, should you wish to begin a new study group, please contact Pamela Nevills, panevills@earthlink.net.

We begin this series with a look at Judges, Spiritual Confession, Moral Depravity, and the Political Fragmentation of the Israelites once they entered and attempted to occupy the Promised Land. While God remains steadfast and true to the people, they show behaviors of impatience, unwillingness to do the hard work required, lack of obedience, and falling for temptations from the Canaanites and others who worship other gods. Join us and learn how God keeps his promises, but we, His people must keep persistent and obedient. Much from this study will encourage us as we move forward with building God’s new church and preschool.

Current Small Groups

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Guest Preacher Tom Schwolert and Forum Sunday, September 18

Pastor Sandy will lead worship and Tom’s message “You Matter!” will focus on how the gifts of God are for everyone, no matter your age! In a special forum between services (9:15-9:45 am), “Vibrant Faith for All Ages and Stages,” Tom will lead an interactive exploration of his Sunday message.

Everyone - no matter how young or old - will benefit from participating! Please join us and bring a friend!

Engaging Adults

9 am - 3:30 pm September 17
at Hope Lutheran Church
Facilitated by Tom Schwolert of Vibrant Faith Ministries

Cost is $35 (discounted for Hope members and friends)
Scholarships are available (call the church office)
Register online at: https://ea-socail.eventbrite.com
Enter the promotional code “groupreg” at the top to get the $35 rate

It’s time! It’s time for every church to commit to adult faith formation. The transmission of faith to the next generation lies not in our work with children and youth, but rather with adults.

Spend a day exploring effective adult faith formation in the congregation.

You’ll come away with . . .
- A renewed vision for empowering adults in their journey of faith
- A host of methods and strategies that you can customize and integrate into Hope
- An introduction to a plethora of resources already tested and proven to enhance adult faith formation
- A positive experience of adult learning and growth for yourself

This event is for Small Group leaders, council, teachers and ALL who want to help others grow in faith!

Morning hospitality & lunch provided

Sponsored by: Pacifica Synod Book of Faith Team and Christian Education Network of the ELCA (North County Chapter)

Hope Friends: If you can help with morning hospitality or help serve lunch, contact Shirley Lee, 951-676-6262 x203 or slee@hopetemecula.org or sign up on Sunday’s Yellow Sheet bulletin insert
Here is what’s happening in Hope’s Children and Youth Ministry

**TRANS FORMERS**
For High School Youth
Transformers meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month - generally 5-7 pm plus times for camps, retreats and service opportunities. Friends ALWAYS welcome!
5-7:30 pm Sunday, September 11
Picnic/911 Memorial at Temecula Duck Pond (Rancho California Road & Ynez)
Chicken provided - bring something to go with it.
10 am Sunday, September 25 - Worship & Church Picnic
5-7 pm Sunday, October 9 - at Epic Roller Skating (Murrieta)
Save the date! November 11-13 - Camping at Vail Lake

**POWER ZONE**
For Middle School Youth
PowerZone Confirmation has moved to first and third Sundays each month - generally from 5-7 pm plus times for camps, retreats and service opportunities. Friends ALWAYS welcome!
11:30 am-1 pm September 11 - Orientation Potluck
5-7 pm Sunday, September 18 - Confirmation Class
10 am Sunday, September 25 - Worship & Church Picnic
5-7 pm Sunday, October 2 - Confirmation Class
Save the date! November 4 - 5 — Camping at Vail Lake

**Faith Explorers**
For children age 3-5th grade
Faith Explorers meets every Sunday during 10:15 am worship for a time of fun and learning. Kids begin in worship with their families, then are dismissed to Faith Explorers where they:
* explore the seasons of the church year
* dive into Bible stories
* respond to the scripture lesson with creative activities

Faith Explorer leaders/co-leaders are needed Sundays during 10:15 worship. Would you prayerfully consider helping once every month or two? Call or email the church office.

**SAVE the DATE!**
Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 30
At Redhawk
♦ Food, fun & fellowship
♦ Costumes
♦ Games & Prizes
♦ Trunks full of Treats

**DAY CAMP THANKS**
A great big THANK YOU to Cheryl Morg, Day Camp Assistant Director and youth: Grant Holm, Amanda Holm, Marina Wesel, Alex Veron, Sterling Sand and Keirsten Colin for their help during Day Camp to make this a special week for the kids. Thanks to those who hosted our LRCC Day Camp Team: Lloyd & Susane Bittner & Neil & Pamela Nevills - overnight hosts as well as Gary & Renate Jefferson, John & Cindy Hanson, Gary & Geri Westad, Martin & Michelle Wesel and Mack & Maria Jones dinner hosts, and to Pete & Ella Loschky for providing counselor lunches. Finally thank you to Pastor Rick Malec and Temecula United Methodist Church for their partnership in co-hosting Day Camp.

For details on any event, questions or ways to get involved with Hope’s Youth Ministry, please contact Shirley J Lee, AIM, 951-676-6262 ext. 203 or slee@hopetemecula.org
The first Sunday of each month we celebrate baptismal anniversaries at the beginning of worship. If your baptismal anniversary is not listed below, please call the church office and make sure we have the date.

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Prayers

For health and healing

Dee/Bob Meinke  Pr. Rick  Boob
Donna Hedges    Gary/Libby  Jean Ritt
Dick/Sherry Sehnert  Erik  Barbara Dosta  Marie
Shirley Petroff  Jan Ritt  Rodger Stroud
Lynn Petroff    Jan Ritt  Marie
Gordon/Carrol Kent  Erik  Barbara Dosta  Marie
Bill/Molly Nelson  Ella/Pete Loschky  Rodger Stroud
Art/Janet Yorke  Mack Jones, Sr.  Rodger Stroud
Steve/Grace Krstich  Henry Norman  Mary
Brittany M.    Cathyl L.  Celia Lamke
Bill A.    Aline  Irma K.
David    Jan  Rae
Thelma    Greg/Mary Ann Ahola

God’s Blessings to…

Josh and Erica Kreske and big sister, Jaycee on the birth of son, Jace Kreske born August 16, 2016 weighing in at 9 lbs., 7 oz., 20.5”.

Centering Prayer Workshop

9 am - 12:30 pm Saturday, Sept. 10
St Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, Poway CA
For more info Sue Hagen 760-745-8860 or consd-news@cox.net

Please Call Us!

We want to include you in our prayers, arrange for pastoral visits and, when appropriate, share information with the congregation. Please notify the Church Office 951-676-6262 when:

- A member, family member or someone you know dies
- You or someone you know is ill or grieving
- You or someone you know is in the hospital
- You or someone you know wants to plan a baptism, wedding or celebration
- You move, change email addresses or change phone numbers

If the office is closed and you have an urgent need, call the church office and follow instructions to dial ‘4’. A message will be sent to someone on call.
Thank you for your gifts supporting Hope Ministries!

Hope relies on the regular financial support of our congregation. Consider automating your gifts for God’s work through Hope by using electronic giving. Electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a one-time OR recurring basis. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.hopetemecula.org
2. Click on “Give” near the top of the page, then click on the “online giving” button.
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your one-time OR recurring contributions. You can change your financial giving at any time.

If you have questions or need help with online giving, please contact Laura Stevens at 951-676-6262 or email her at: staff@hopetemecula.org

Men’s Breakfast
8 - 9 am  Saturday, September 10
Journey’s End Restaurant  at Pechanga Golf Course

We meet to share breakfast, fellowship and end with a short time of Bible study. All men, young or older, are welcome!

Questions? Howard Cunningham 951-907-9626 or Jim Allmon 951-676-1597

Thank you to everyone for cards, letters, gifts and phone calls. They were definitely appreciated. A special thank you to Pastor Sandy for her faithful visits in all the hospitals and rehab facilities. Again a sincere thank you to all of you and for God’s blessings.

Yours in Christ,
Dick & Sherry Sehnert

Thank you from the HEART

Dear Pastor Sandy,

Hope council members, to all the hard workers who made Aug. 14 possible: there is only one way to say it, you did a fantastic job. All your hard work was seen on Sunday. I want to say thanks - thanks to all of you.

Of course it was a great honor to do my shoveling. I’m not always happy saying I’m old, but I was proud to lift that shovel August 14, 2016.

Thank you and God bless every one of you.

Doris Ford
Prime Timers

September Luncheon and Program
11:30 am - 1 pm Thursday September 8
Guests: Chuck Coe and Jim Gero

Prime Timers luncheon is held at the Assistance League Temecula Valley Meeting Room, 28720 Via Montezuma (west of Jefferson, just south of Overland.) Our program will be presented by **Chuck Coe and Jim Gero**

This past May 18 – 28 Chuck Coe and Jim Gero volunteered for an organization call Run for the Wall, a motorcycle mission consisting of several hundred (300+ in our group) patriotic bikers that departed Ontario, CA and arrived 10 days later in Arlington, VA. On the 11th day Saturday, May 28, Chuck and Jim were blessed to be among them at The Vietnam Memorial Wall. This will be a presentation of that mission and the life enhancing aspects of it.

Run for the Wall

- Promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends
- Call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA)
- Honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars
- Support our military personnel all over the world

Please sign up on the easel in the back of our worship space either of the two Sundays prior to this event so we know how many are coming. Please don’t forget to sign it, and remember we must pay the caterer for every name on the list - $9.

We urge all 50+ people to attend. The program, the food and the fellowship will make for a most enjoyable outing and a delicious lunch - - lasagna and salad this month from Vince’s!

Hope to see you there.

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Craft Vendors Wanted

Temecula United Methodist Church, 42690 Margarita Road, is seeking vendors for its 19th Annual Craft Faire. The Faire will be held 9 am to 2 pm Saturday, October 15. Sixty to seventy vendors participate every year. Only handcrafted items are accepted. Patio and grass booth spaces are available. For information and applications call: Doris Elder 951-693-3142 or Heather Bjorkland 951-676-7784

**Women of Hope**

So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find.

Luke 11:9

REVIVAL! Have you noticed all of the retro styles that are out now? My granddaughter just purchased a turntable that looks like the one I had in junior high. So, **LET’S HAVE A REVIVAL – RETRO STYLE!**

Based on Hope’s very successful **1982 RUMMAGE REGALIA**, we are planning to have a large yard sale in November. Start sorting and pricing items in your garage, storage areas and closets! Attach a price tag for the amount you choose. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Friday after, we will be receiving those items in the lower parking lot of Julian Charter School (our former location.) The event will be 8 am - 2 pm the Saturday after Thanksgiving – Super Sale Saturday, November 26.

In addition, we will have a RUSTIC BOUTIQUE. Vendors will set up with their own equipment. There will be no electricity available. They will donate a portion of their proceeds; no entry fee.

YARD SALE, MINI-BOUTIQUE . . . What else? Oh, yes! BAKE SALE, of course!

Watch for more information on how you can be involved. Spread the word.

Say to all, “We are a church. How can you help us?”

**REMAINDER OF REGULAR EVENTS**

WELCA has two monthly women’s circles and a weekly Bible study group, all providing women’s fellowship and Bible study.

- **The Joy Circle** meets at 2 pm, the third Wednesday, in a member’s home. For more information call Sally Glahn at 951-698-8236.
- **The Martha Circle** is on a break and will resume in the fall. For more information call Ella Loschky at 951-894-2372.
- **A weekly Bible study** meets in Temecula (42149 Camino Romo) Mondays 1-2:30 pm. For more information call or email Joan Neidig, 951-676-2928 or jmpneidig@outlook.com

To start a new group, please call Ella Loschky at 951-894-2372 for information and ideas.
After Hour Emergencies

If you have a pastoral care emergency that cannot wait for office hours (M-Th 8:30 - 4 pm), you can leave a message on Hope's emergency line.

After office hours, call Hope’s main number (951-676-6262) and follow the directions to dial ‘4’. A message will be sent to someone on call.

Help with Sunday Hospitality?

- Help set out/pick up signs and/or unlock Redhawk?
- Come early Sunday morning to start the coffee (6:45 am) and put out Hope signs?
- Bring the signs in and help empty coffee pots after 10:15 worship?

Contact the church office 951-676-6262

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An ELCA Congregation

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Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Closed Friday

Church Phone: 951-676-6262
Email: staff@hopetemecula.org
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Hope Children's Center
Jane Osuna, Preschool Director
Phone: 951-694-3607
Summer Hours:
Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 am-1:00 pm
Email: hopechildrensctr@hotmail.com

Attention all Ralph’s Shoppers!

If you receive rewards from Ralphs when you use your card, did you know you can designate an organization like Hope Lutheran Church to receive rewards from your purchases? To designate Hope as a recipient register your card online at Ralphs.com. If you registered Hope as your organization it expires August 31 and will need to be re-designated!
Hope’s ID is 81928

Thrivent Choice Dollars
Thank you to the following Thrivent Members who have designated their Choice Dollars to Hope this month!

Marv & Marge Anderson
Roger & Rosalie Hayward
Jack & Jan Ritt
Jo Ann Wasserburger
Donna & Wes White

Stan & Linda Foresta
Pete & Ella Loschky
Jim & Paula Fenton
Kenneth Weinke

Year-to-date, we’ve received $3,460 from Choice Dollars in 2016!!

Attention all Ralph’s Shoppers!
Our Sunday schedule is

**WORSHIP:**  
8:00 am (traditional)  
10:15 am (blended)

Holy Communion is served weekly at both services

Coffee and Fellowship  
9:10 - 10 am

Faith Explorers for 3 yrs - 5th grade meets DURING 10:15 am worship

Our Mission: Anchored in Christ... to Build and Grow Faith

Our Purpose: To share Jesus' love by reaching out and welcoming all

Our Vision:

- We will trust God in the midst of what makes us anxious,
- choose faith instead of fear and
- serve mission instead of our own comfort.

Our Guiding Principles:

- We are servants of God and members of the Body of Christ.
- We value each other.
- We practice open and honest communication.
- We make decisions that we believe are in the best interest of the whole congregation and will bring glory to God.