

# Hope Happenings

## September 2024

*Our service offers a blend of traditional and contemporary worship style and music.*

**9:30 AM - Worship Service**



*Join us for worship in person or online via Hope's YouTube Channel*



## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hope Children's Center Preschool

An ELCA Congregation

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## *Why have the Altar, Pulpit and Baptismal Font in Hope Lutheran?*

At the heart of every Lutheran church, you'll find something truly sacred: the Altar, the Pulpit, and the Baptismal Font. These aren't just beautiful features; they hold deep meaning and are key to who we are as Lutherans. As the pastor at Hope Lutheran Church, I want to remind you how important the Word and Sacrament are in our worship. This message will take a closer look at these sacred elements and what they mean for us.

Lutheran theology centers around the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We believe that through the power of Scripture and the grace of the sacraments, we connect with God. Unlike some traditions that may focus on rituals and works, we Lutherans see the Word of God as the ultimate authority, able to transform our hearts when we listen and engage.

The two sacraments—Baptism and Holy Communion—are vital means of grace. Baptism welcomes individuals into the Christian faith, washing away sin and marking them as part of Christ's body. Holy Communion deepens our connection with Christ and our church community, reinforcing our shared faith.

Inside our sanctuary, the Altar, Pulpit, and Baptismal Font are powerful symbols of our beliefs. The Altar represents Christ's sacrifice and God's presence among us. It's where we gather for Holy Communion, a reminder of the grace we receive through His sacrifice.

The Pulpit, elevated and prominent, stands for the authority of Scripture. It's where we preach the Word, an essential part of our worship. Through biblical preaching, we gain guidance and encouragement, drawing us closer to God's truth.

The Baptismal Font, positioned front and center, reminds us of our identity as baptized children of God. It encourages us to reflect on the promises made during our baptism and challenges us to live out our faith every day.

The arrangement of these sacred elements encourages us to engage and participate as a congregation. The layout invites us to move within the sanctuary, guiding us toward the Altar and Baptismal Font. This design reinforces our shared journey in faith, centered around God's grace.

As we gather around these sacred spaces, we're reminded of our call to serve each other and put our faith into action. The Word and Sacrament empower us to share the Gospel and be Christ's hands and feet in our communities.

In short, the Altar, Pulpit, and Baptismal Font are much more than physical structures; they are the essence of our Lutheran faith. They embody our beliefs, traditions, and the spirit of our community worship. When we come together at Hope Lutheran Church, let's cherish these sacred gifts, letting them shape our lives and deepen our faith.





By understanding the significance of these elements, we can truly appreciate the richness of our Lutheran tradition and the transformative nature of the Word and Sacrament. As we gather, we're reminded of God's promises and the communal aspect of our worship, encouraging us to reflect His love and grace in everything we do. Let's continue to grow in the love of Christ, strengthened by the very elements that define our faith.

So then, from here on, the Pulpit and Altar are located in what's properly called the Altar area (the stage) with the Baptismal Font positioned up front..

Blessings, - *Pastor Dan*



## HOPE'S HYSTERICAL HISTORY

QUESTION: OUR CHOIR HAS HAD SOME WONDERFUL DIRECTORS. DO YOU KNOW WHICH OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE GRACED US WITH THEIR LEADERSHIP IN CHOIR?

KATY LUTHER, GAIL GREER, ARETHA FRANKLIN, BARBARA MEINKE, PAULA ARLICH, SHIRLEY LEE, MARCELLA WELCHERT, TAYLOR SWIFT, JOHN BYON

*FIND THIS ICON IN THIS AUGUST ISSUE FOR THE ANSWERS! —>*



It happened again, September snuck up on us!

I want to say thank you on behalf of myself and our council, for your dedication to the Stewardship Ministry. Without your support, Hope could not do all that we do. We know that this is not one person's responsibility, that we flourish and grow with grace and gratitude by sharing our time, talents, and treasures. Our "Flourish, Grace, Growth & Gratitude" theme speaks for itself! We cannot wait to see you on September 22nd as we further commit our relationship with Christ.

We are excited to begin a new school year at Hope Children's Center and to kick off the return of Faith Explorers. We are looking forward to the Talent Show getting us up and running with excitement and promise for a great year on September 8th. Don't forget you can come join in the fun as part of the audience, but better yet, show off your talent on stage!

As we continue to navigate through changes at

Hope, we pray for those who have gone home to be with our Lord, those who have left to pursue new ventures, and those who continue to be a beacon of light shining their faith, positivity, and grace among our congregation.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

*Blessings,*

Dorene Swenton  
Hope Council Secretary



# Hope Women's Ministry

Gatherings at Hope are always very special. The fun, the food, the fellowship! Please check your calendar, your creative self, and your character to find your willingness to organize a congregational event... maybe in October... or November. There are themes just waiting to be developed!



## WOMEN'S CIRCLES ARE RESUMING THEIR MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

**JOY CIRCLE** meets on Wednesday September 18th at 2 PM

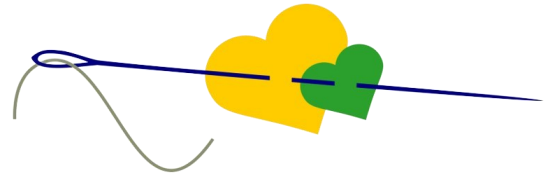
**MARTHA CIRCLE** meets on Thursday, September 19th at 10AM

Any questions please call Ella Loschky (951) 894-2372

## PROJECT PILLOWCASE VII - GREAT WOMEN! GREAT FUN! GREAT GIFT!

This project is blessing on blessing on blessing! The ladies enjoy fellowship and mentorship as we pin and sew and iron and sew and turn and sew, helping and coaching each other along the way. Our scraps are donated to a member who turns them into other new products and our finished pillowcases bring a little joy to children who may feel scared and alone.

Our next event will be Saturday, September 14th, from 9 AM—1 PM. We hope you will join us! If you can pin or iron or sew or want to learn how to pin or iron or sew, you are welcome! If you wish to be on the email contact list, send a message to Barbara Meinke at [tb.meinke5@verizon.net](mailto:tb.meinke5@verizon.net). Let's keep the blessings flowing!



## LET'S FLOURISH ON COMMITMENT SUNDAY!

**September 22nd, 2024**

We launched "Flourish", Hope's 2025 stewardship drive on Sunday, August 25th. Stewardship packets were distributed or mailed to Hope members. "Flourish" is anchored in Ephesians 3:20, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.



God provides us generously with the resources we need to do what God calls us to do. Let's celebrate all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. As stewards we are not the owners, but one that cares for what belongs to God. Each day He invites us to be grateful and faithful stewards of God's resources.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge of how you will share those resources God has entrusted to you. We will pray over and commit those pledges on Commitment Sunday, September 22nd. Please bring your pledge card and time/talent form in the provided envelope (in your stewardship packets) to service that Sunday. Or you may bring or mail your envelope to the church office before September 22nd.

Let's all FLOURISH as disciples of Christ!



# PRIME TIMERS

(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2024

11:30 AM -to- 1:00 PM

In Fellowship Hall



Our next meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, September 12th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be Sandwiches from Campini's Italian Deli, Potato Salad, Salad and Dessert. The cost for the meal will be \$13.00. The program will be a Riverside County Recycling Specialist will be doing a program on Household Trash and sharing information about the department programs like the county owned landfill, landfill tours, Household Hazardous waste collection program, new sharps and medication disposal programs in California, legislation SB 1383 and importance of food waste recycling, curbside recycling, back yard composting, school (compost bins or worm bins for school gardens), general solid waste in Riverside County, questions and answers from the audience. Please sign up on the easel located in the Church entryway so we have a head count for food.



Hope Book Club meets monthly to read and discuss a variety of books. Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 16th**, at **5:00 PM**, at the home of Cheryl Morg. We'll be discussing the book by **Diana Butler Bass**, **"Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence."** All are welcome. If you're joining us for the first time, please text or call Marta Bills (951-553-0972) to be added to our e-mail group and/or to get further information. Additionally, be on the lookout in the Fellowship Hall for a display of past books we have read that we are happy to

**HOPE'S MENS GROUP:** Our next meeting is on Saturday September 14th, 2024 at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall as well as on Zoom. We will study Chapters 17 & 18 of the book, **"He Love Me: Learning to live in the Father's affection,"** by Wayne Jacobsen. Please be prepared for the study on September 14th by reading the prescribe chapters and reviewing the questions at the end of each of the chapters.  
If you would like a book or have any question regarding Hope's Mens Group, please contact Philip Hansen at: [philip717@verizon.net](mailto:philip717@verizon.net)

## "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024

Hope will conduct its "God's Work, Our Hands" project Sunday, Sept. 8th, by bringing the following items to church Sunday or to the Talent Show that afternoon in support of the homeless men at the LSSSC campus in San Bernardino (CCLM). Hope has supported this mission for years in a variety of ways and this is a continuation of those efforts. Thank you for your contributions. Items: Men's deodorant 4oz., Men's shaving cream 4 oz., Single use Razors, Men's Shoes (sizes 9, 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/2, 11, 11 1/2, 12). Please no used items. Point of Contact is Scottie Lloyd at (909) 553-5196.



## Thank You to our Servants in Service

*"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."

- ♦ Counter who faithfully come weekly to count funds for Hope: Tony Chavez, Philip Hansen, Lynn Petroff, Donna Hedges, Karla Binder & Kathy Kovich.
- ♦ Scottie Lloyd for leading and supporting the Men's Bible study each month.
- ♦ Celia Lamke, Jim & Cathy Seguin, Craig Cotten for putting up curtains in the pre-school wing and beautifying the HCC playground!
- ♦ Scott Thudium for stepping up and being our Sunday Sound Tech each week!
- ♦ Jim & Linda Allmon, Scottie Lloyd and Lynn Petroff for organizing the Transition Team prayer vigil.
- ♦ Joan Neidig for the summer Food and Health Kit drive and her generous contribution to the Pillowcase Project.
- ♦ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Communion Assistant for Worship in the month of August: Carrol Kent, Karen Hansen, Elsa Arbues, Celia Lamke.
- ♦ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of August: Ken Wertz, Sandy Sanders, Philip Hansen, Heather Haworth.
- ♦ Thanks to Bob Danek, Kurt Holms and Craig Cotten for faithfully covering usher duties during Worship.
- ♦ Thanks to Thomas Schwalbe, Heather Haworth & Lou Long for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of August.

*If you know of someone quietly serving Hope...  
Please let the church office know so they can be recognized here.*



### ARE LOOKING FOR LEADERS

We are looking for volunteers to lead Faith Explorers. Materials are provided to volunteers and our confirmation students are happy to assist. Please contact the Church Office.



### HAVE YOU HEARD!!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Sound Board, run the PowerPoint or general sound help. Lots of training and lots of fun serving this ministry! Please contact:  
Paula Arlich- [parlich@hopetemecula.org](mailto:parlich@hopetemecula.org) or  
Karen Hansen- [karen71781@verizon.net](mailto:karen71781@verizon.net)





# MAKE AN IMPACT, ONE TACO AT A TIME.



## RUBIO'S FUNDRAISER FOR HOPE CHILDREN'S CENTER

**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024  
ALL DAY**

32180 TEMECULA PARKWAY  
TEMECULA, CA 92592

**30%**

**OF EVENT  
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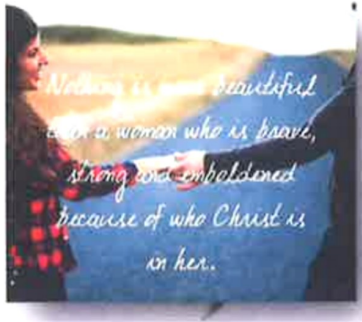
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Fundraiser participants can order their Rubio's favorites in-restaurant, on [order.rubios.com](https://order.rubios.com) or through the Rubio's app. 30% of all pre-tax sales will go back to the designated organization (alcoholic beverages or gift card purchases excluded). Catering orders require a 24 hour notice (please discuss with restaurant ahead of time or email catering receipt to [fundraiser@rubios.com](mailto:fundraiser@rubios.com)). Orders must be placed on the scheduled date of the fundraiser at the designated location chosen by the organization. Orders cannot be placed prior to the scheduled fundraiser date. Orders placed through third party delivery partners will not be counted to the fundraiser's total sales. No discounts or Rubio's Rewards can be applied to a fundraiser order. Once the QR code on the flyer is scanned at the register (or the code "donate" is applied to online orders), a \$0.01 discount will be added to the receipt. \*Certain exclusions and minimums apply. See terms and conditions on [rubios.com/fundraisers](https://rubios.com/fundraisers).



# Registration Form

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering

At

Spirit of Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Bernardino

5050 North Sierra Hwy, San Bernardino, CA 92404

**October 18-19, 2024**

Registration Deadline: 10/01/2024

*Print Clearly Please*

**Voting Members MUST register by 09/15/2024 for BOTH**

Friday & Saturday (Registration plus 3 meals) \$85

Voting member must attend both days

Saturday ONLY (Reg & 2 meals) \$45

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check ALL boxes that apply*

**VOTING MEMBER:** You may be assigned to a Convention Committee by the president. She will notify you.

**NON-voting Member.** Check to see if your congregation has a unit member coming

**SWO Board and/or Guest.** CWO Representative, Pastor, member of a unit outside ELCA, and/or Vendor

**First Time Attendee**

**Unit President and/or unit contact**

**Willing to serve on Convention Committee (Instruction given)**

**NO ONLINE REGISTRATION. SEND CHECKS TO ADDRESS BELOW.**

NO Charge for Facebook Live viewing. Times will be listed separately.

**Make check payable to  
Pacifica Women of the ELCA and send to:**

**Karen Ronchetti  
8305 Magic Circle  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646**

*Please note:* Hotel is not included in the registration.  
Suggested Hotel

Fairfield Inn & Suites (next to BJ's)  
1041 E. Harriman Place  
San Bernardino, CA 92408  
(909) 382-4560  
Marriott member rate \$\$137/per night (2 queens)  
Non-member rate \$144/per night (2 queens)  
Complimentary parking & free continental breakfast

**Meals included**

Friday: Banquet Dinner

Saturday: Continental Breakfast at church  
(Hotel also offers breakfast)

Saturday: Lunch Buffet

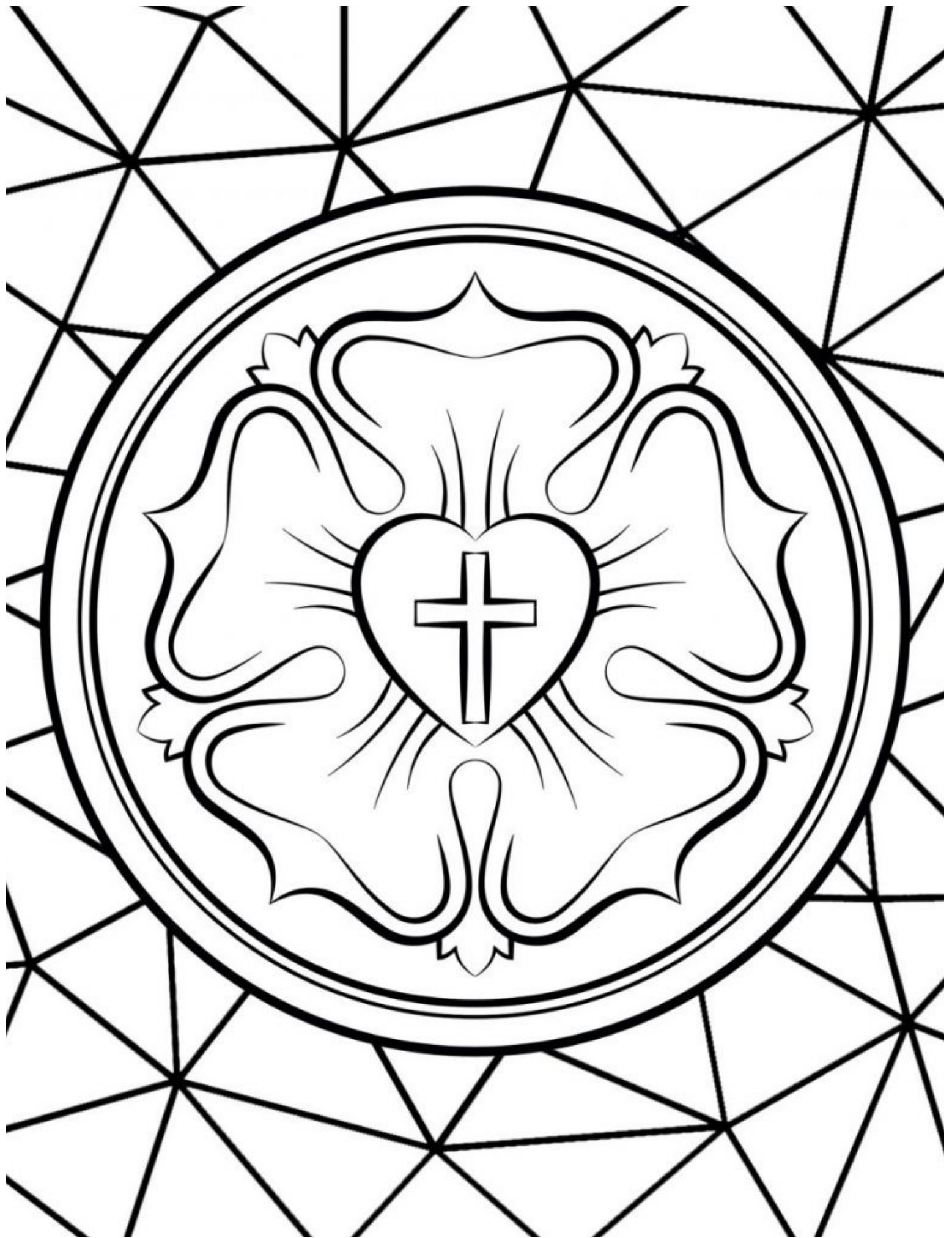
Please note special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_







# FROM SALOON TO SALVATION

*From the Pages of History*

By Carl Love

It's not every church that can capitalize on a barroom tradition.

Hope Lutheran Church isn't passing up the opportunity. Case in point is the theme the church is using for its new building dedicated on Rancho California Road this week, "Branching out with Hope."

That's branching as in Long Branch Saloon, an old Temecula drinking establishment of considerable stature.

The Old Town saloon went out of biz in the late 1970s. Hope Lutheran took over the building around 1980, making it the church's first permanent building.

The church left up the dancing girl murals from the old bar. The pastor at the time, Werner Welchert, preached alongside this exhibit.

"The pastor had to really hold their attention," says today's pastor, Lyle Peterson. "It was the Gospel and the girls."

Old customers from the bar occasionally dropped in on worship services looking for a drink, not a sermon.

Legend has it one hungover guy staggered in some Sunday and yelled, "Can anyone find any hope in this place." Peterson says it's one reason the church is named Hope. Good thing the drunk didn't shout out something blasphemous.

Hope Lutheran moved on to a different location after about a year and another church—apparently a tad more conservative—leased out the space and got rid of the murals. Party-poopers.

Peterson, who has been with Hope Lutheran since 1988, calls his church's colorful history: "From Saloon to Salvation."



Then: Long Branch Saloon



Now: Restaurant 1909



## A MESSAGE FROM HOPE LUTHERAN'S CHILDREN'S CENTER

As a church preschool, our aim is that of the church and is designed to help children and families grow in their knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ. It is our desire to provide for your child a Christian atmosphere with a loving, concerned and competent staff. Thank you to all who contributed this school year, especially this summer as we launched our first summer program! We are blessed to be part of this beautiful community!

Many Blessings - Paulina Escamilla (Preschool Director)



Don't forget the fundraising event at **Rubio's** for [Hope Children's Center](#) See Flier in this issue for more details!





# BECOME A PART OF HOPE'S PRAYER GARDEN



Hope Women's Ministry invites you to dedicate an engraved brick to honor your friends & family, to remember loved ones and pets, or to glorify God. Celebrate occasions such as birthdays, wedding or baptismal anniversaries, confirmation, graduation or other special events.

The cost of the brick is \$50, and order forms can be picked up in the church narthex. This is a wonderful way to leave a lasting mark for the future of Hope and the larger Temecula community as a whole. Payment needs to be made out to "Hope Women's Ministry" with a memo stating "Prayer Garden Brick." Blessings upon you all.

## Hope Temecula-Financial Report AS OF JULY 31, 2024

	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
JANUARY	30,342.61	41,969.70	(11,627.09)
FEBRUARY	36,862.00	20,818.39	16,043.61
MARCH	20,596.25	46,700.79	(26,104.54)
APRIL	33,417.00	32,006.12	1,410.88
MAY	33,836.00	30,949.53	2,886.47
JUNE	37,157.00	25,958.22	11,198.78
JULY	34,122.42	36,041.40	(1,918.98)
YTD TOTALS	<b>226,333.28</b>	<b>234,444.15</b>	<b>(8,110.87)</b>
YTD MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL			16,153.23
NET INCOME			(24,264.10)
YTD BUDGET	250,908.00	234,612.56	

### Hope's Hysterical History Answers

Answer: Gail Greer, Barbara Meinke, Paula Arlich, Marcella Welchert,  
John Byon

# It's Our History!



# September Birthdays

01 - Trudy Gunning  
05 - Cory Sanders  
06 - Lyndey Sanders  
    Martin Wesel  
12 - Amanda Knight  
    Kathleen Kovich  
13 - Amy Gabrielson  
    Carrol Kent  
    Yuki Wertz  
14 - Tiernan Zinna  
16 - Nancy Coe  
17 - Erica Kreske  
21 - Leslie Langlais  
24 - Karen Hansen  
    Lynn Petroff  
    Alex Veron  
25 - William Schork  
27 - Marina Wesel  
    Soren Dockings

28 - Michelle Check  
29 - Russell Soon



*At Hope Lutheran, we also like to celebrate baptismal anniversaries. If your baptismal anniversary is not listed, please call the church office to add!*

# September Baptism Birthday

01 - Anna Koelln  
02 - Amanda Enochs  
    Alyson Enochs  
03 - Elliott Bills  
06 - Marissa Bills  
09 - Tracy Meinke  
11 - Brenda Wright

17 - Holy Veron  
18 - Ella Loschky  
19 - Dave Baggest  
22 - Taylor Baggest  
    Amanda Knight  
23 - Abigail Strom  
25 - Dylan Enochs



10 - Bill & Nancy Frommling (19)  
11 - Jim & Cherie Gero (38)  
27 - William & Betsy Schork (27)  
30 - Steve & Audrey Healy (29)





# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Band Practice 10:30am-11:30am	2 - Labor Day <i>Church Closed</i>	3 Counters 9am-10am	4 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	5	6	7
8 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Talent Show 1:00pm-5:00pm <i>"God's Work, Our Hands" Donation Deadline</i>	9 Counters 9am-10am	10	11 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	12 Prime Timers 10:00am-12:00pm	13	14 Mens Bible Study 8:00am-9:00am Project Pillowcase 9:00am-1:00pm
15 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Band Practice 10:30am-11:30am	16 Counters 9am-10am Hope Book Club 5:00pm-6:00pm	17 Band Practice 6:00pm-8:30pm	18 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am Joy Circle 2:00pm-4:00pm	19 Martha Circle 10:00am-12:00pm	20 Rubio's Fundraising Event for HCC <i>All Day</i> 	21
22 - Commitment Worship 9:30am-10:30am Band Practice 10:30am-11:30am	23 Counters 9am-10am	24 Band Practice 6:00pm-8:30pm	25 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	26	27	28
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# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*An ELCA Congregation*

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## CHURCH SECRETARY

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## Hope's 2024 Church Council

### EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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Cheryl Morg, Treasurer

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Elsa Arbues

Lou Long

Tom Schwalbe

### Have a question? Idea to share? Concern?

The Church Council would like to hear from you. Contact the Church Office to get their contact info.

Thank you to all supporting

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

with your time, talents and financial support!

1. To give a ONE-TIME or RECURRING gift online: go to [www.hopetemecula.org](http://www.hopetemecula.org) and choose "GIVE" in the menu bar OR scroll down and click "ONLINE GIVING." The button will take you to a secure page with easy, step by step instructions. Update your giving preferences any time.
2. TEXT "hopetemecula" to 73256 and follow the prompts for a one-time gift.
3. Mail a check to Hope Lutheran Church, 29043 Vallejo Ave., Temecula, CA 92592

## HOPE CHILDREN'S CENTER

(951) 694-3607

Paulina Escamilla

*Director*



[hcc@hopetemecula.org](mailto:hcc@hopetemecula.org)

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

