

# Hope Happenings

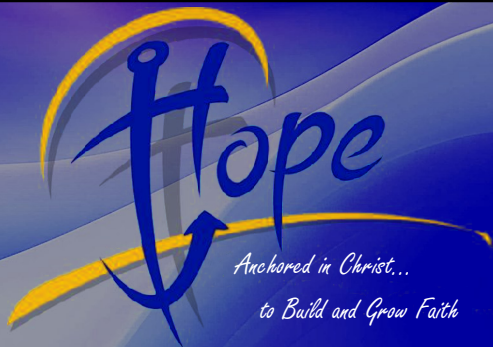
## October 2024

*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*



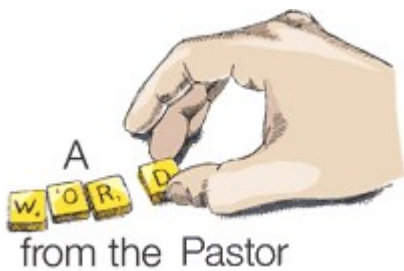
**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Hope Children's Center Preschool

An ELCA Congregation

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# Let's be a healing community...

*"Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed." - James 5:16 (NIV)*

In our society, there's a growing inclination towards conformity, yet it is authenticity that God holds dear. We often become so absorbed in the desire to seem righteous, or perfect, that we neglect the true areas where we need healing. Jesus never condemned anyone for being genuine about their emotions. If we find ourselves feeling anger towards God, wouldn't He prefer our raw honesty instead of the hollow expressions that bring no real comfort?

This truth resonates in our personal relationships as well. When someone disguises their true self to fit our expectations, the bond remains superficial. Genuine connection flourishes when we interact with others as they truly are, rather than the façade they present. Embracing authenticity, even in moments of vulnerability, nurtures deeper love, as sincerity lays the foundation for robust relationships.

Though society may seem to applaud those who boast of their achievements, the deeper truth is far from that. Our Heavenly Father treasures those who candidly acknowledge their shortcomings and struggles. A community rooted in faith thrives on openness; these individuals don't strive to project an immaculate image but instead welcome a culture of heartfelt honesty, allowing the light of the Father to shine upon their flaws and trials.

You are loved with all your flaws and trials.

Perfectly loved, - Pastor Dan



## PRIME TIMERS

*(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2024**

**11:30 AM -to- 1:00 PM**

*In Fellowship Hall*



Our next meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, October 10th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be Roasted Chicken, String Beans, Carrots, Salad and Desert. The cost for the meal will be \$13.00. The program will be by Dr. Mark Bellnap, a member of our Church, who will be displaying his presidential medals and buttons going back to the time of George Washington. He will in a non-partisan way talk about the political issues of that time period as represented on the metals and buttons. The presentation will tend to be historical and educational and recent presidential elections will be discussed. Please sign up on the easel located in the Church entryway so we have a head count for food.

## HOPE'S HYSTERICAL HISTORY

FIRST QUESTION: NAME FIVE (5) CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS. WHO IS PRESIDENT?

HINT: THEY ARE ALL LISTED ON THE BACK PAGE.

SECOND QUESTION: WHAT DOES WELCA MEAN? THE NAME HAS BEEN CHANGED. WHAT IS IT NOW?

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



# Fall Clean-Up Day



**Saturday, October 5th, 9:00 AM**

Come join the clean-up crew to help clean up our Church, help maintain a safe and clean house of worship. Please bring any cleaning supplies you may feel are needed. Remember, many hands make light work!

It's hard to believe that October is here. Where has this year gone?!

Pumpkin spice everything will be making its yearly comeback, pumpkins and Jack-O-Lanterns will be found on porches with children breathlessly awaiting trick or treating (not to mention store shelves stocked with Christmas paraphernalia. Yikes!)

In the midst of all this some things will remain constant. Chief among them is the unfailing love of God in Christ Jesus. The Council would like to thank you for your faithful response to the Stewardship appeal. The people of Hope are hopeful people indeed.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to join in the fall clean up on Saturday, October 5th, at 9:00 AM following the Men's Bible Study. We have plenty of chores to do and many hands make light work. Please consider bringing any cleaning supplies you might need (Swiffer, squeegees, buckets, etc.)

along with a willing heart.

In keeping with the Stewardship theme of sharing our time, talents and treasure we want to thank you for your response to the Pillowcase Project organized by the Women of Hope and the appeal for needed items for the LSSSC Campus in San Bernardino. What joy it is to live in our motto of "God's Work, Our Hands."

We are so grateful for the faithful congregation we have been blessed to be a part of.

In His Service,

Bruce Hodkinson  
Hope Council  
Vice President



## Did You Know?

- RIC is a program that has been in existence since 1983 to develop a welcoming and affirming spirit in congregations for LGBTQ people.
- What is affirming? In relation to LGBTQ people welcoming them as they are.
- Benefit—Hope would be an oasis for people currently unwelcome in many churches in the Temecula Valley.
- RIC *will not* change Hope except to open the door of welcome wider.
- RIC *will not* ask for a donation to the organization, it is a free will donation.

### [Got Any Questions, Cares or Concerns?](#)

Please see the RIC Committee members Lin Hodkinson, Mona & Bryan Dirkes or Steve Healy.



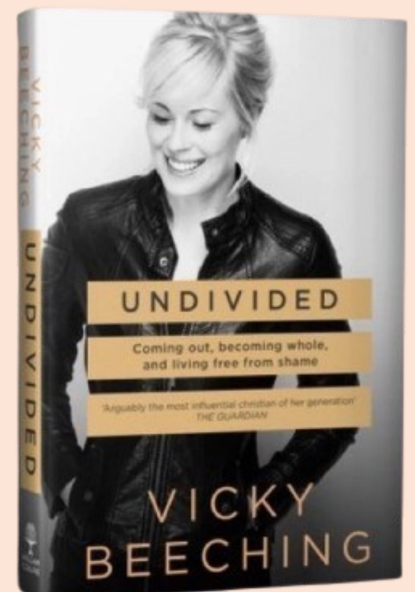
**HOPE'S MENS GROUP:** Our next meeting is on Saturday October 5th, 2024 at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall as well as on Zoom. We will study Chapters 19 & 20 of the book, "*He Love Me: Learning to live in the Father's affection*," by Wayne Jacobsen. Please be prepared for the study on October 5th by 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)



Hope Book Club meets monthly to read and discuss a variety of books. Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 21st, at 4:30 PM**, at the home of Lin Hodkinson. We'll be discussing the book by **Vicky Beeching**, "*Undivided*." "Arguably the most influential Christian of her generation (*The Guardian*)

Vicky Beeching chronicles her rise at the heights of Christian music and her brave decision to come out as gay—leading to self-acceptance and acknowledgment which changed her relationship with God and the practice of her faith." 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.



# Thank You Stephanie!

We here at Hope Lutheran Church of Temecula would like to thank Stephanie Dobson for her years worth of dedication and talents she has shared with us. It takes a lot to stand up in front of a group of people week after week and perform songs to enhance worship. Stephanie has opened and deepened our appreciation of praise music with her thoughtful song selection and diligent practice in order to enrichen our worship experience, bringing joy not only to the congregation of Hope Lutheran, but we are sure the joy filtered up to the heavens as well. Together we give our thanks to Stephanie, and pray whatever the future may hold for her that she would be ever blessed.



## Confirmation

Here are some important Confirmation dates to remember:

**Confirmation Meeting: After Worship 11:30 AM—12:00 PM**

Sunday, October 6th, 2024  
Sunday, November 10th, 2024

**Confirmation Sunday: November 17th, 2024**

If you have questions or want more information please see/contact Pastor Dan Cole.

DEAR HOPE MEMBERS!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SENDING US THE SHOES AND HYGIENE ITEMS. WE SO APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY. YOUR SUPPORT IS NEVER ENDING. GOD BLESS YOU.

*Clair*

A message to Hope Lutheran from the Central City Lutheran Mission.



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## 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."

- ◆ Madison Dirkes and Paula Arlich for organizing a fun and entertaining Talent Show.
- ◆ The Transition Team of Scottie Lloyd, Lou Long, Mona Dirkes, Bryan Dirkes, Lynn Petroff and Kathy Kovich for all their time collecting and reviewing the required documents as part of the transition process.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Communion Assistant for Worship in the month of September: Carrol Kent, Karen Hansen, Celia Lamke, Bruce Hodgkinson.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of September: Ken Wertz, Pam Danek, Philip Hansen, Bryan Dirkes, Madison Dirkes.
- ◆ Thanks to Bob Danek, Kurt Holms and Craig Cotten for faithfully covering usher duties during Worship.
- ◆ Thanks to Lou Long & Carrol Kent for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of September.

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

### Hope Temecula-Financial Report AS OF AUGUST 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)
AUGUST	38,323.64	43,637.64	(5,314.00)
YTD TOTALS	<u>264,656.92</u>	<u>278,081.79</u>	<u>(13,424.87)</u>
YTD MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL			18,492.82
NET INCOME			(31,917.69)
YTD BUDGET	286,752.00	268,128.64	



# 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.



## JOY CIRCLE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1:00 PM**

Our meeting in October will be at the home of Sally Glahn. The Bible study leader will be Rosalie Hayward.



## **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)

## **Hope's Hysterical History Answers**

**Question #1 Answer:** (Any of the following 5 people) Karen Hansen, Bruce Hodkinson, Dorene Swenton, Cheryl Morg, Elsa Arbues, Lou Long, Tom Schwalbe. President is Karen Hansen.

**Question #2 Answer:** Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The new name is Hope Women's Ministry. FYI—All women are members. HWM is still connected to the Synod.



# It's Our History!

It's Our History!



JUST LIKE THE  
3 COLORS IN  
THE CANDY CORN I SEE,

THERE ARE 3 PERSONS IN THE  
HOLY TRINITY :  
GOD THE FATHER  
GOD THE SON, JESUS  
GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

ALL 3 ARE GOD,  
YET TOGETHER  
THEY ARE ONE.







Here at Hope Children's Center we strive to provide the best care we can so children and their families may grow in their knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ. Our goal is to help the child grow and develop as a whole person emotionally, socially, physically, cognitively, morally, and spiritually. We will endeavor to aid parents in understanding and guiding their children's development. We believe that God has given a commission to both parents and the church for a thorough teaching of children so they will, in effect, be under the influence of God's word at all

times. (Dut. 6:4-9, Eph. 6:4, and Prov. 22:6) We look forward to a wonderful year, Thank you for coming out to our restaurant night at Rubio's the Preschool earned \$ 226.38 Thank you!! We hope you can join us in our Harvest Festival Celebration October 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-12 noon at the preschool playground. Coming soon, join in the fun and help us cheer the children along in a bike a thon Fundraiser November 13 at 10am Preschool Parking Lot. Thank you again for all your support towards our preschool! My staff and I thank you for the bottom of our hearts.

*Many Blessings, Paulina Escamilla*



## OCTOBER FEST



**Sunday, October 27th, After Worship Service**

Join us in celebration with food (bratwursts & other German foods), drinks (non-alcoholic) and music! Keep your eyes open to see further updates on the weekly bulletins and make sure you sign-up on the back of your Yellow Response Sheets so we can have an accurate count of people for food. Many blessings and we hope to see you there!

# Class of 2025

## Senior Quilts

Do you have a senior graduating in 2025? Get them a senior quilt, made by our own Catherine Zinna. If your are interested or have questions please feel free to contact Catherine Zinna at (951) 551-4240 or by email at: [cathmarzee1@msn.com](mailto:cathmarzee1@msn.com)

*Deadline for quilt requests is:*

**November 30th, 2024**

# October Birthdays

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 - Murphy Wright     | 12 - Daniel Check     |
| 02 - Kelsey Varisco    | Maria Jones           |
| 03 - Ann Sanzari       | 13 - David Nagel      |
| 04 - Joanna Van Nyhuis | 15 - Laura Riesenberg |
| 06 - Kelli Gabrielson  | 16 - Mike Banfield    |
| 07 - True Hartman      | Marta Bills           |
| Hayley Miller          | 17 - Patricia Hoelzel |
| 08 - Michael Gallup    | 18 - Linda Banfield   |
| Jace Martin            | Caronne Van Nyhuis    |
| 09 - Cindy Hanson      | 22 - Connor Edwards   |
| Diane Anderson         | 30 - Darren Dobson    |
| Donavan Masters        | 31 - Jessica Jones    |
| 11 - Cherie Gero       | Rosalinda Jones       |



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

# October Baptism Birthday

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 01 - Monica Bellas  | 13 - Ricky Bragg         |
| Fran Rebel          | 14 - Ariah Martinez      |
| Karie White         | 15 - Terry Preglovick    |
| Kathleen Kovich     | 16 - Marge Anderson      |
| 02 - Bill Frommling | 17 - Donna Hedges        |
| 03 - Karen Hansen   | 28 - Cindy Hanson        |
| 05 - Cory Sanders   | 29 - Russell Soon        |
| 11 - Ralph Sanzari  | 30 - Cailyn-Heidi Orrell |
| Ann Sanzari         |                          |



- 04 - Darren & Stephanie Dobson (21)  
05 - Brian & Laura Riesenberg (21)  
07 - Preston & Brenda Wright (19)  
11 - Nick & Diane Anderson (38)  
14 - Michael & Brinda Jarratt (29)  
18 - Mark & Laura Ann Madott (38)  
    Scottie & Karen Lloyd (49)

- 23 - Kevin & Terry Preglovick (42)  
25 - Vern & Myra Swearingen (65)  
29 - Wes & Donna White (47)



# October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	3	4	5 Mens Bible Study 8:00am-9:00am Church Clean-Up Day 9:00am
6 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Confirmation Meeting 11:30am-12:00am	7 Counters 9am-10am	8	9 HCC Chapel 9:30am-10:00am Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	10 HCC Chapel 9:30am-10:00am Prime Timers 11:30am-1:00pm	11	12
13 Worship 9:30am-10:30am	14 Counters 9am-10am	15	16 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am Joy Circle 1:00pm-3:00pm Council Meeting 4:30pm-6:00pm	17	18	19
20 Worship 9:30am-10:30am	21 Counters 9am-10am Staff Meeting 10:00am-11:00am Hope Book Club 4:30pm-5:30pm	22	23 HCC Chapel 9:30am-10:00am Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	24 HCC Chapel 9:30am-10:00am	25	26
27 Worship 9:30am-10:30am October Fest 11:30am	28 Counters 9am-10am	29	30 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	31		

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*An ELCA Congregation*

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Mon-Thurs: 9 AM-2 PM

*Closed Fridays*

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## Hope's 2024 Church Council

### **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Karen Hansen, President

Bruce Hodgkinson, V. President

Dorene Swenton, Secretary

Cheryl Morg, Treasurer

### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

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*



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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

