

Hope Happenings

November 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...

"Is my sin more powerful than the blood of Jesus Christ?"

from the Pastor

God's Endless Compassion: A Lesson from Paul's Journey

I've met many people who truly believe their past mistakes have made them unworthy of God's love. They often think of themselves as broken, feeling there's no way back to redemption.

To those who feel discouraged, I like to ask, "Have you done anything worse than what Paul did before he found Christ?" Paul himself recognized that he was the worst of sinners, having persecuted and even killed God's followers, thinking he was doing the right thing.

But even in his darkest moments, God showered Paul with His incredible grace. The Lord reached out to him, showing love to someone who had been actively opposing Him. Paul shared that this was to show His limitless patience to everyone.

If God could save someone who seemed utterly lost, then we can find comfort in knowing we are never too far gone. No matter how unworthy or damaged we feel, the Father's arms are always open, ready to embrace us with love that never fails.

As Paul put it, "But for that very reason I was show mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life." (1 Timothy 1:16, NIV)

Let's find peace in knowing that our Heavenly Father's patience knows no bounds, and His wish to redeem and heal us is unwavering. May this truth fill us with hope and encourage us to trust in the life-changing power of His grace, regardless of our past mistakes.

In God's Grace, - *Pastor Dan*

Our next meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 14th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be Turkey, with all the trimming, Salad and Dessert. The cost for the meal will be \$13.00. The program will be by David Bradley, and will be a "show and tell" of the NOKbox and how it helped them to get organized. David sates "Prior to my open heart surgery 3 months ago, Katie and I put our affairs" in order we established a family trust and created an advance health care directive and power of attorney. But what about all the important papers, bills, insurance policies, investments, keys, computer and website passwords, etc. our daughters would need when both of us pass? They were in various places and have taken many hours to organize." The NOKbox (NOKbox stands for next of Kin) is an organizer for all your important papers. Please sign up on the easel located in the Church entryway so we have a head count for food.

PRIME TIMERS

(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)

THURSDAY,

NOV. 14TH, 2024

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

In Fellowship Hall



Thanksgiving Dinner Service Project

Hope's Hunger Ministry will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving meal food collection again this November. We are planning to provide holiday meal boxes for 20 Project Touch families. We will be collecting all non-perishable items. Anyone interested in donating can sign up to provide individual items starting now in the Fellowship Hall. The last day of donation collection will be Sunday, November 17th. Project Touch volunteers will be picking up all donations the following week.

If you are not attending in person services at this time but would like to donate, please contact Holly Hartman at: hollishart4@yahoo.com or (951) 551-0429.



Deadline

Sunday, November 17th

FEED THE HUNGRY

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November is traditionally our season of thankfulness. Christian thankfulness differs from worldly thankfulness in that we not only take time to be aware of a gift received, but we acknowledge the giver is our good and forever gracious God. At Hope we will show this awareness by again collecting food for the needy. In this way we show our thankfulness by being God's arms and legs in the world. We also look forward to thanking God for the saints that have gone to glory before us on All Saints Day, and express our thankfulness for service to our country on Veterans Day. However you express your thankfulness this month, let it be joyful and heartfelt.

The church council is beginning the work of nominating council members for the next year. We will also be seeking members to serve on the audit committee and the finance committee. Please prayerfully consider joining in one of

these important ministries. Many hands make light work. We are also asking for prayers for the continued work of the transition team and the 2025 budget process.

Many, many thanks to all who took part in the Fall clean up. You made it a big success. We are also happy to announce that due to the efforts of many, our Sunday worship is again live-streaming. Thanks to all who participated in commitment Sunday. If you have not yet returned your stewardship packet, it's not too late!

All God's blessings and a thankful heart for our church family,
~Hope Church Council

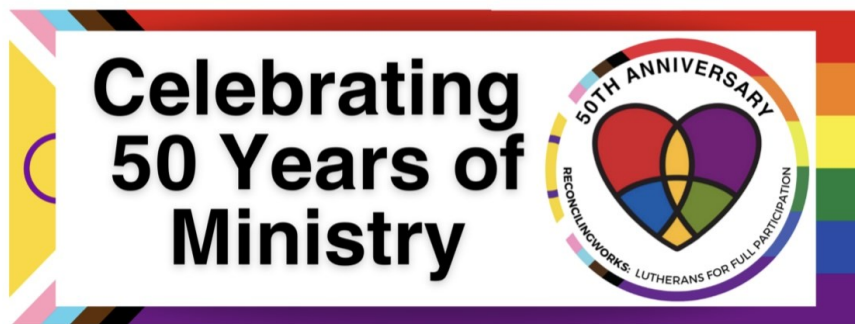


Did You Know?

- 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?](#)

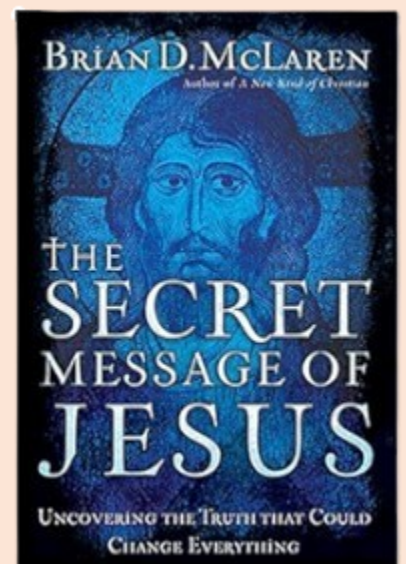
Please see the RIC Committee members Lin Hodkinson, Mona & Bryan Dirkes.



HOPE'S MENS GROUP: Our next meeting is on Saturday **November 16th**, 2024 at **8:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall as well as on Zoom. We will study Chapters 21, 22 & 23 of the book, "*He Love Me: Learning to live in the Father's affection*," by Wayne Jacobsen. This will complete our study of the book. A new study will be selected at the meeting. Please be prepared for the study on Nov. 16th 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



Hope's November book club selection is: "*The Secret Message of Jesus: Uncovering the Truth that Could Change Everything*" by Brian McLaren. McLaren invites you to discover afresh the transforming message of Jesus—an open invitation to radical change, an enlightening revelation that exposes sham and ignites hope, an epic story that is good news for everyone, whatever their gender, race, class, politics, or religion. We will meet on **November 25th** at **4:45pm** (note the earlier start time) at Marta Bills' home. 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.





Confirmation

Here are some important Confirmation dates to remember:

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

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 Lutheran Church,

Thank you for choosing to make a difference through Lutheran Social Services of Southern California.

Your in-kind gift of hygiene kits, & towels is a lifeline for our neighbors who are struggling with homelessness, mental health, or putting food on the table. You make it possible for us to provide a warm meal, emergency shelter, clothes, counseling and other services, and most importantly hope.

With sincere gratitude,

Dr. LaSharnda Beckwith

President & CEO

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California



Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the lives of these saints who have finished their earthly journey, and we pray that their lives live on as examples that we may glean wisdom and truths that will serve us well as we continue our journey in our lives to serve you. ~ Amen

Gary Jefferson (10/28/1936—02/02/2024)

Renate Jefferson (04/17/1946—02/10/2024)

Rodger Stroud Sr. (12/29/1945—03/27/2024)

Jake Swenton (02/12/1932—03/29/2024)



All Saints' Day



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."

- ◆ Holly Hartman who continues to maintain our beautiful landscaping on the property, as well as, found and resolved an irrigation issue.
- ◆ Terry Wood and Cheryl Morg for obtaining Thrivent Action cards for the Pre-school Fall Festival and the church Octoberfest.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Communion Assistant for Worship in the month of October: Carrol Kent, Marta Bills.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of October: Ken Wertz, Marge Anderson, Bruce Hodgkinson, Heather Haworth.
- ◆ Thanks to Bob Danek, Kurt Holms and Craig Cotten for faithfully covering usher duties during Worship.
- ◆ Thanks to Thomas Schwalbe for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of October.

*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 SEPTEMBER 30, 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)
SEPTEMBER	51,264.45	55,535.49	(4,271.04)
YTD TOTALS	<u>264,656.92</u>	<u>278,081.79</u>	<u>(13,424.87)</u>
YTD MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL			20,832.41
NET INCOME			(34,257.28)
YTD BUDGET	322,596.00	301,644.72	



JOY CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 1:00 PM

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



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 or
Karen Hansen- karen71781@verizon.net



Holiday Potluck Lunch

Sunday, December 8th, 2024

After Worship—11:30 AM

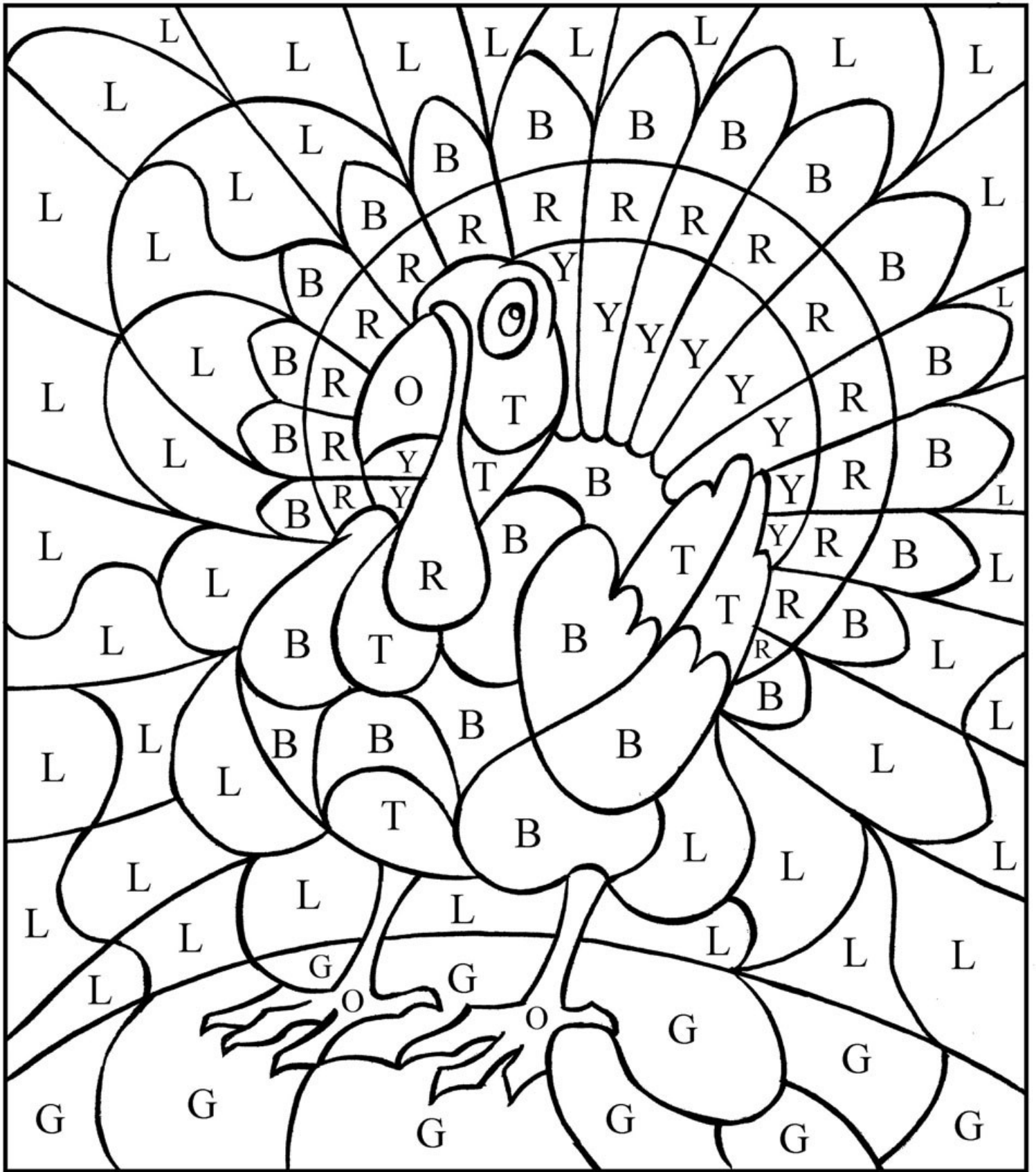
MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are having a holiday event on Sunday, December 8th. There will be a potluck lunch after church (11:30), and then we'll go to the sanctuary to learn about the holidays. Well, we pretty much know about Christmas... and Advent which comes before Christmas... But, do you recall the most mysterious one of all? Epiphany! It comes after Christmas (yes, the twelve days of Christmas), but what's so very special about it? You'll hear the answer to that—right from the mouth of a camel! There will also be a craft project and lots of singing! Please sign-up! See you on the 8th of December!



Hope Hysterical History

Some of you will remember the Hope Thanksgiving potlucks of long, long ago. The congregation was mighty big back then, and many people enjoyed the meal. Some people had eyes larger than their stomachs which left others with a mere meal of a chicken wing and a cup of green Jello. But we don't focus on the negative because the positive brings gratitude. One tradition was to celebrate with *Five Kernels of Corn*. This is a tradition coming from the Pilgrim days. Due to epidemic and severe cold, by the end of winter 55 people gathered in view of 40 graves. The ship, which was to bring relief, arrived without provisions, but with 35 more mouths to feed. Tradition held that they were down to a ration of five kernels of corn a day.

In gratitude, remember this tradition: Place five kernels of corn on the Thanksgiving dinner plate and have each person share the many blessings for which they are thankful. 🍫 🍫 🍫 🍫 🍫



B = Brown T = Tan R = Red
G = Green Y = Yellow W = White
O = Orange L = Light Blue

Harvest Festival Celebration

Hope Children's Center had an amazing time in our Fall Festival. Thank you all for your help and support to make this a huge success. Blessings from Hope staff. It was such a fun filled event! What a great way to start off the holidays.



Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour Saturday November 2nd before you go to bed!



Choir Rehearsals have moved to a new night!
Come join us on

Thursdays

from

6:30pm-8pm

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 you are interested or have questions please feel free to contact Catherine Zinna at (951) 551-4240 or by email at: cathmarzee1@msn.com

Deadline for quilt requests is:

November 30th, 2024

November Birthdays

02 - Pam Danek
Hannah Dixon
09 - Charlotte Doty
10 - Hailey Baggest
Vern Swearingen
Dorene Swenton
11 - Laura Ann Madott
Jodi Prystash
Ava Riesenberg
13 - Paula Arlich
Robin Orner
15 - Katie Bradley
16 - Harriet Anderson
Kurt Holm
Mike Rebel
18 - Bob Danek
LaDonna Klaus
19 - Steve Van Nyhuis

22 - Caleb Johnson
24 - Barbara Meinke
25 - Theodore Hoelzel
27 - Linda Allmon
Brain Riesenberg
28 - Scottie Lloyd
29 - Jan Peterson
30 - Stephanie
Velasco-Dong



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

November Baptism Birthday

01 - Paula Arlich
Mike Banfield
David Nagel
Tiernan Zinna
02 - Gabriel Sanders
Lyndey Sanders
05 - Scott Garland

Myrna Swearingen
18 - Abby Sanders
24 - Bruce Dobson
Marilyn Dobson
27 - Aidan Mohr
Caronne Van Nyhuis
30 - Oliver Campos



01 - Michael & Deborah Gallup (44)
18 - Bob & Mary Ann Mericle (63)
19 - John & Jennifer Mohr (19)
21 - Ralph & Ann Sanzari (62)



November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 9:30am-10:30am	4 Counters 9am-10am Bell Choir 6:00pm-9:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm	5 Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm	6 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am HCC Chapel 9:30am-10:00am	7 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm-8:00pm HCC Chapel 9:30am-10:00am	8	9
10 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Confirmation Meeting 11:30am-12:00pm	11 - Veterans Day Church Office Closed Bell Choir 6:00pm-9:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm	12 Counters 9am-10am	13 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am HCC Bike-A-Thon 10:00am-12:00pm	14 Prime Timers 11:30am-1:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm-8:00pm	15	16 Mens Bible Study 8:00am-9:00am
17 - Confirmation Worship 9:30am-10:30am Food Drive Deadline	18 Counters 9am-10am Bell Choir 6:00pm-9:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm	19	20 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am HCC Thanksgiving Fest 10:00am-12:00pm Joy Circle 1:00pm-3:00pm Council Meeting 4:30pm-6:00pm	21 HCC Thanksgiving Fest 10:00am-12:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm-8:00pm	22	23
24 Worship 9:30am-10:30am	25 Counters 9am-10am Hope Book Club 4:45pm-5:45pm Bell Choir 6:00pm-9:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm	26	27 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	28 - Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	29	30

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Hope's 2024 Church Council

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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 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

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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