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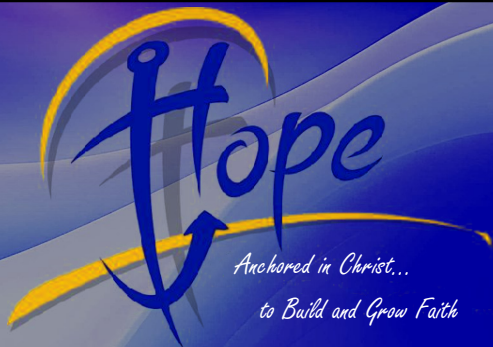
February 2025

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

9:30 AM - Worship Service



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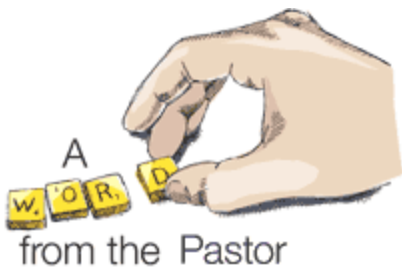
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Cherished by God

"Why are you so afraid, you with little faith?" he asked, before calming the storm with just a word. And just like that, the sea was at peace again." (Matthew 8:26)

from the Pastor

Where is our faith?

When I hear the news, I feel like one of the disciples in the boat as the storm was raging around them. In this horrific scene, the disciples were shaken to their core, and Jesus gently addressed them, "Oh, you with such little faith." I can't help but imagine the warmth in his eyes and perhaps even a playful smirk as he spoke those words. Unlike the stern tone we often see in movies, I think it was more like a gentle teasing, maybe even a light-hearted toughing up of Matthew's hair.

This moment wasn't about scolding; it was about teaching something profound. Jesus wasn't measuring their faith like a cup of sugar. When he once commented on their small faith, they eagerly asked for more, but he reminded them that even faith the size of a mustard seed could move mountains.

So, clearly, it wasn't about how much faith they had. Maybe it was about where they placed it. If their trust was in the boat to keep them safe, then they'd only feel secure when the sea was calm. But if they placed their trust in the boundless love and care of the Father, then the fury of the winds and waves wouldn't faze them.

I believe that these are stormy times but we are anchored in Christ.

Afraid but reaching out to Jesus,

- Pastor Dan Cole

PRIME TIMERS

(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)

THURSDAY,

FEB 13TH, 2025

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

In Fellowship Hall



Our next meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, February 13th, 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 of the meal will be \$13. The guest speaker will be Dorian Linkogle, owner of the Charming Historic Briar Rose Winery in Temecula. She will be sharing the history of the winery. The wine from Briar have been served at the White House during 3 administrations, served at the Capital and the Library of Congress. Please sign up on the easel located in the Church entry-way so we have a head count for food.

Blessings for our Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

The month of February means love and appreciation for me. My wife's birthday is February 9th, and from Feb. 9th to Feb. 14th, Valentines Day I would try and give my lovely wife a gift or surprise every day. Some of them really surprised her. You may want to ask Pat about that and you will have a good laugh. It is called Pat appreciation week! I have been doing this for 30 plus years and this year it make me think of Hope Lutheran Church and how much I love and appreciate this church.

We, the council, appreciate and love everyone here at Hope Lutheran Church of Temecula. We appreciate all the volunteers including those that read God's word each week in church, the ushers, the helpers in the kitchen, the song leaders, the musicians, the volunteers that set up service and events and all other volunteers. I especially appreciate the council and the love, time and work that they put into it.

Now what has the council been doing? Oh, my so much goes on like planning and working with the CCH, Lent and Easter, the budget and the donations from other churches/organizations to use our facilities and so much more I cannot name them all. Pray for the council to have the guidance to lead this wonderful church. We have new council members coming in and we ask the Lord to bless and comfort them while they do God's work.

Love, Peace and Grace,
Thomas J. Schwalbe
Hope Council Member at Large



Saturday

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2025

9:00 AM

We will be holding a Church Work Day on Saturday, February 15th at 9 AM. We will be focusing on cleaning, and landscaping maintenance. Many hands make light work, so come and be a part of beautifying our church to ensure we are ready to worship our Lord in a facility that shows the love of her people, after all this is Our Lord's House. See you all there, everyone is welcome as there is a job everyone can do!



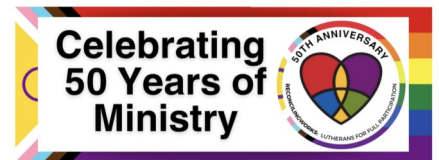
RIC—Did You Know?

- 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.
- The journey of RIC is to open our hearts to the love of Jesus for all.
- We use the language of journey when referring to the program because it is more than a checklist.
- It is the understanding that we are unified in Christ to welcome all as they are.
- We believe that God values each person as a beloved child.

Got Any Questions, Cares or Concerns?

Please see the RIC Committee members

Lin Hodkinson (815) 404-8385 or aniewinnie@sbcglobal.net, Mona & Bryan Dirkes.

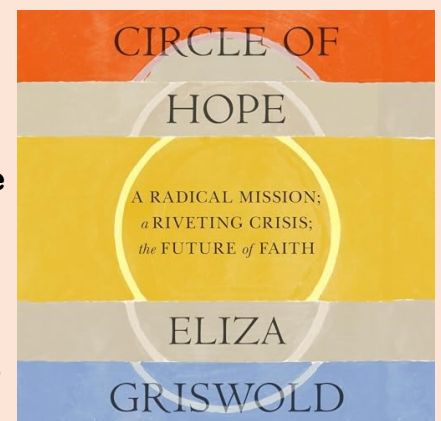


HOPE'S MENS GROUP: Our next meeting is on Saturday **February 15th**, 2025 at **8:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall as well as on Zoom. We will continue our study of the New Testament book of Galatians. You are encouraged to read Chapter 2 as we will complete our line by line study Chapter 1 and begin the study of Chapter 2 line by line. Paul wrote to the churches he founded in Galatia (modern day Turkey), warning them against certain false teachers. Paul reminds the churches of the simple message of salvation by faith alone, which he and other church leaders teach and concludes with advice on how to live a Spirit-filled life. As we learned in our study in January, the words Paul used writing Galatians have very specific meaning and the information in Galatians is foundational to our understanding of Christianity. If you are able to read Galatians in a version different than you normally read, please consider doing so. We will study the meaning and messages in the words Paul wrote in Galatians.

If you have any question regarding Hope's Mens Group, please contact Philip Hansen at: philip717@verizon.net

Our February book club selection is: *"Circle of Hope: A Reckoning with Love, Power, and Justice in an American Church"* by Eliza Griswold. We will meet on **February 24th** at **4:45pm** at the home of Cheryl Morg. 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.

Previous books read by the group are available to borrow! You can find the "library" in the narthex.



Hope Hysterical History

Way back in the dark ages (1979), Hope prayed for the possible transition from temporary pastors to its first called pastor. God heard, and provided. Pastor Werner Welchert and his wife Marcella provided experience and talent. Marcella was our pianist and choir director. When Pastor Welchert's sister, Hedy Moessner, joined Hope as our pianist, Marcella continued as choir director...and secretary...and treasurer. When we were no longer welcome at the Lake Village clubhouse, it was Pastor Welchert, Roger Hageman (real estate guru), and Joan Sparkman (community everything) who paved the way for us to worship in the Longbranch Saloon which had been recently vacated. (It is now the 1909 Restaurant). Pastor Welchert also had the foresight to hire Dr. Ernst Schwidder to carve the anchor cross and altar. Those pieces have traveled with us to four different sites. The branch that Jesus is holding is the symbol of the branch of Jesse, but also to remind us of our good fortune to be able to worship in the Longbranch until our first permanent building was completed on Rancho California Road.

Recently, during Epiphany (celebration of Magi, of Jesus' baptism, and the miracle at Cana) another item of Pastor Welchert's enduring presence was put in the sanctuary. When Pastor Welchert was in high school (about 1935), he created a small, creative table that is attractive and useful. It has a special use, as it holds the Communion elements every Sunday. Blessed to be a blessing.

It's Our History!



JOY CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 1:00 PM

Our February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the home of Sally Glahn in the Colony. The Bible study leader will be Jan Bolinger.

Come join us on

Tuesdays

from

6:30pm-8pm



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."

- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Communion Assistant for Worship in the month of January: Carrol Kent, Kathleen Kovich, Elsa Arbues, Madison Dirkes.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of January: Ken Wertz, Heather Haworth, Sandy Sanders, Bryan Dirkes.
- ◆ Thanks to Lou Long for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of January.
- ◆ Thanks to all who helped with "Taking Down the Greens."

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

Hope Women's Ministry

YOU TOOK A SURVEY FOR HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRY. Here are the results:

The results of the Sunday, January 26th survey are exciting. Everyone agrees that fellowship is important to Hope's health and happiness. In addition, people enjoy potlucks and activities. There are some very good suggestions for events. These events will show up in the Sunday bulletins and yellow sheets to generate interest. Mostly, we will be looking for people to organize and take care of the details for the event. The suggestions that were written on the surveys are:

Game Sessions—Bunco or Bingo or Card Games, Spaghetti potluck, Movie Night with Popcorn, Community Garden including fruit trees, Firewise gathering for Hope congregation and neighbors, Food Drives/Outreach, Foster Care support (especially those leaving the system), Ice Cream party, Saturday bike rides, Children activities.

Hope Women's Ministry is grateful for the responses, and looks forward to lending assistance to those who will organize the event.



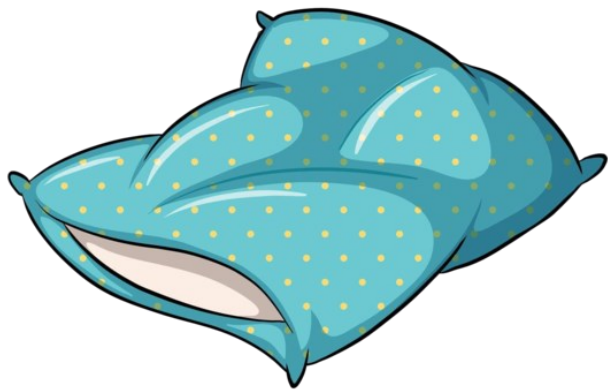
Hope Women's Ministry invites you to dedicate an engraved brick to honor your friends & family, to remember loved ones and pets, or to glorify God. Celebrate occasions such as birthdays, wedding or baptismal anniversaries, confirmation, graduation or other special events.

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



February is Black History Month. Educational resources to help celebrate this important recognition can be found at: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/moments/black-history-month/digital-toolkit>



Project Pillowcase VII

Saturday, March 8th, 2025

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Please come help us make 50 pillowcases to bring comfort to children entering the foster care system.

The event will take place on Saturday, March 8th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Women ages 12-112 are welcome and **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!** We need measurers, cutters, pinners, ironers, and sewers (with their own machine). Materials and instructions will be provided. Sign up on the Worship Response Sheet (Yellow Sheet) or contact Barbara Meinke (951) 312-0458 (talk or text) or email at tb.meinke5@verizon.net.

Don't Forget...

VALENTINE'S DAY

Friday, February 14th, 2025





MAKE AN IMPACT, ONE TACO AT A TIME.



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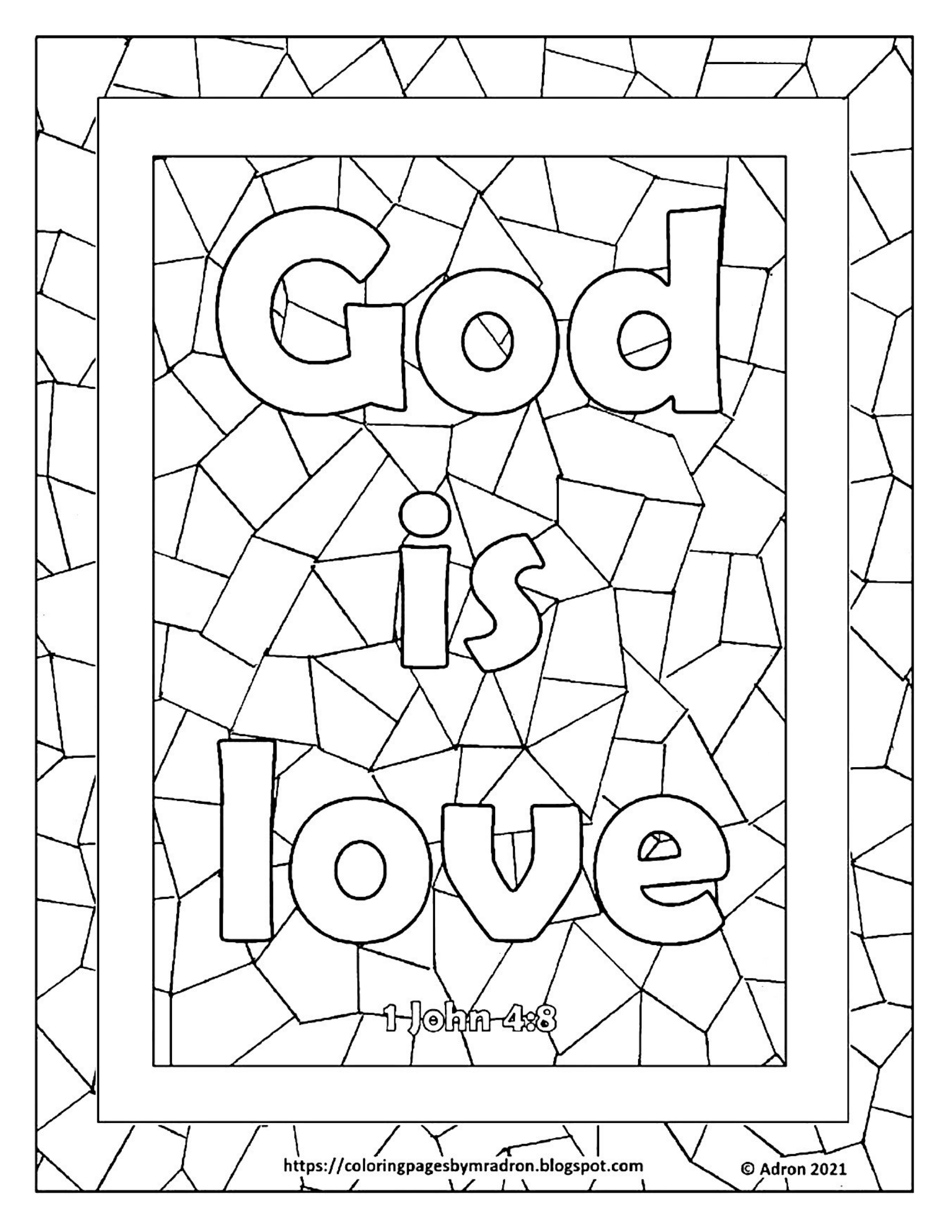
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**IN-RESTAURANT
ORDERS**

Present flyer and scan the
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Fundraiser participants can order their Rubio's favorites in-restaurant, on 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). 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.



Good

is

love

1 John 4:8

February Birthdays

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| 01 - Sherry Ito
Jayna Harris | 13 - Chris Engelhart
Benjamin Revell |
| 02 - John Rosingana
Janet Lata
Ben White | 15 - James Dobson
Shane Freiberg |
| 04 - Cheryl Morg | 16 - Tom Torres |
| 07 - Lou Long | 18 - Nolan Strom
Brinley Freiberg |
| 08 - Bailey Koltvet
Layton Parker | 20 - Brayden Freiberg |
| 09 - Pat Schwalbe | 21 - Terry Wood |
| 10 - Nancy Roberts
Marvin Kulseth | 23 - Stephanie Dobson
Ruben Arbues |
| 11 - Marigold Velasco-Dong | 24 - Linda Veron |
| 12 - Jake Swenton | 25 - Ricky Bragg |



February Baptism Birthday

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

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| 01 - Rosalie Hayward
Bob Mericle
Jan Peterson
Chris Check
Michelle Check
Rebecca Check
Daniel Check
Cathy Seguin
Marta Bills
Mark Madott | 12 - Megan Syed
15 - Grant Holm
Amanda Holm
16 - Cali Johnson
19 - Jaycee Kreske
21 - Jennifer Edwards
24 - John Hanson
25- Jace Kreske
27 - Linda Foresta |
| 04 - Stephanie Velasco-Dong | |
| 08 - Leslie Riley | |



16 - Vince Hursh & Sharon Curtis-Hursh (25)



February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 9:30am-10:30am	3 Counters 9am-10am Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm	4 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm-8:00pm	5 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	6	7	8
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16 Worship 9:30am-10:30am	17 Counters 9am-10am Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm	18 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm-8:00pm	19 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:30am-10:30am	24 Counters 9am-10am Bell Choir 6:00pm-9:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm	25 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm-8:00pm	26 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	27	28	

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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

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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

