

Hope Happenings

April 2025

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

9:30 AM - Worship Service



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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hope Children's Center Preschool

An ELCA Congregation

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"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

This timeless presence is a beautiful reminder of God's unwavering faithfulness, walking alongside us through every chapter of our lives. It's a comforting thought, reassuring us that we're never alone on this journey. The love and guidance from God have been the cornerstone of Hope's history and are destined to shape its future as well.

Looking back on the blessings we've shared, my heart is full of gratitude for the bonds we've formed and the shared experiences that have strengthened our faith. Each one of you has played a vital role in creating the vibrant community we hold dear, and it is this collective spirit of love that will continue to propel Hope Lutheran forward.

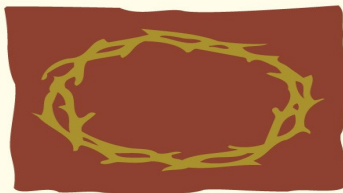
As we move forward, I encourage you to hold firm in your faith and to support one another through life's ups and downs. Explore new avenues to serve, grow, and reach out to those in need. God's presence invites us to be active participants in His mission, spreading love and grace beyond our walls.

As I prepare to step aside, I do so with the confidence that God's spirit will continue to guide and inspire you. Embrace this period of transition as a chance for renewal and growth. Trust in the plans God has for this congregation, knowing His love will remain a steadfast force in all your endeavors.

Together, let us continue to honor the legacy of faith that has been established here, with the comforting knowledge that God walks with us every step of the way...

As hope Lutheran embarks on the journey to find and welcome a new pastor for the next chapter, you can rest easy knowing that I will be here to offer pastoral care and support throughout the process until the transition is complete.

In Christ, - Pastor Dan Cole



Holy Week Calendar



Palm Sunday — April 13th, 2025 — 9:30 AM
Maundy Thursday — April 17th, 2025 — 6:00 PM
Good Friday — April 18th, 2025 — 6:00 PM
EASTER SUNDAY — April 20th, 2025 — 9:30 AM



Easter is upon us. The holiest time of year for Christians the world over. We are reassured once again that the victory is ours! We could really greet each other every day with a heartfelt "He is risen" but we save it for this special time of year. Spring is also here and the blooming of flowers as they awaken from their winter slumber is a fitting reminder of the miracle of rebirth. Your church council wishes you a blessed lent season and a happy spring! We have been so blessed through worship, fellowship, music and shared meals over the past few weeks. If you have not been able to participate yet, please come!

The newly installed and incumbent members of the Council are adjusting to their new roles. We continue to work with the Hope Children's Center to insure a thriving future. We are proud to now welcome children as young as 2 years old for full time daycare. What a wonderful service to our community.

The RIC (Reconciled in Christ) committee continues its important work and would like to know your opinions. Expect a survey soon.

Pastor Dan will be assuming the role of interim Pastor and will continue to lead our congregation until the work of the Call committee is complete. His commitment, leadership and friendship has been such a blessing to all of us.

Blessings on your Lenten observances and Easter Celebrations,

Elsa Arbues
Secretary, Hope Council



CALL FOR EASTER LILIES DONATIONS



Please sign up to bring lilies to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The plants should be taken home after the worship service. If you would like to recognize someone in memory of, we will acknowledge that as well.

PRIME TIMERS

(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)

THURSDAY,

APRIL 10TH, 2025

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

In Fellowship Hall



Our next meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, April 10th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be Ham, Potato Salad, Vegetable and Dessert. The cost of the meal will be \$13. Our guest speaker will be Irene Capen, Manager of Faith in Motion, Riverside County, which our women make pillow cases for children in foster care. Please sign up on the easel located in the Church entryway so we have a head count for food.

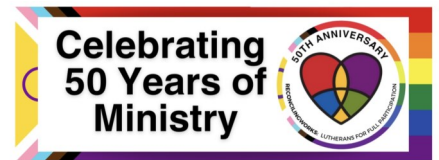
RIC—Did You Know?

- 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.
- Being welcoming to all means to accept and celebrate all as their authentic selves.
- 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.

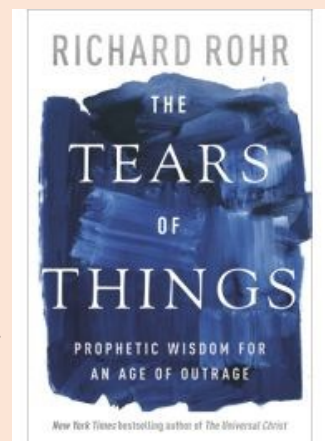


HOPE'S MENS GROUP: Our next meeting is on Saturday **April 12th**, 2025 at **8:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall as well as on Zoom. We will continue our study of the New Testament book of Galatians. You are encouraged to read Chapter 4 as we will continue our line by line study of the book of Galatians. Paul wrote the letter of Galatians to 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. 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 April book club selection is: *"The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage"* by Richard Rohr. Rohr grounds his latest book in the timeless wisdom of the Hebrew prophets, offering a hope-filled model for today's world. We will meet on Monday, **April 21st** at **4:45pm** at the home of Erica Kreske. If you're joining us for the first time, please text or call Diane Anderson (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

In the early 1980s, Hope was full of hope... but without a home. This nomadic congregation met in various places—rarely the same place for consecutive Sundays. One Sunday our Communion service was under a large oak tree in Glen Oaks Estates. Another Sunday was on the front lawn of the Ellicksons' home in De Luz. The annual picnic was at Lake Skinner one year; at Linfield Christian campus another. A very special Easter service was at our property on Rancho California Road. (There was no Target, no CVS, no Vons, no restaurants. On our property there was no church building! The "little" church was completed many months later.) It was an exceptionally special, sunny Easter Day.



Pastor Werner Welchert, our first called pastor, at our Rancho California property before the church was built.

Altar Guild



We are looking for a few *new volunteers* for the **Altar Guild**. If you want to join or have questions please contact Lin Hodgkinson at:

Phone
(815) 404-8385

Email aniewinnie@sbcglobal.net



**Wednesday
after Service**

from
7:00pm-8:30pm

We will resume Tuesday nights on May 6th

Pastries for Easter

We know most people have plans for Easter Sunday, but we thought coffee and pastries for a little fellowship after service. Cinnamon rolls, baked goods, coffee cake or??? Please let us know if you can add a pastry, and thank you and blessings in advance.



JOY CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 16TH, 1:00 PM

Our April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the home of Jan Bolinger. The Bible study leader will be Rosalie Hayward.



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 March: Carrol Kent, Donna Wulff-Davis, Elsa Arbues.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of March: Marta Bills, Heather Haworth, Lou Long.
- ◆ Thanks to Heather Haworth for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of March.
- ◆ Thanks to all who helped make our Mardi Gras celebration a success.
- ◆ Thanks to all those who made soup for our Lenten Soups, they have been delicious!

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

Hope Children's Center



- Christian Education
- Full or Part-time
- CPR/First-Aid Certified
- Ages 2-5 years old
- Open Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM
- Wonderful TK Program
- Low Ratios

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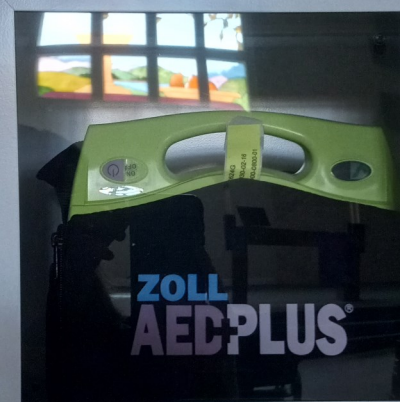
check us out

Thank You!

Tony Chavez and the Prime Timers

For purchasing and installing our new Emergency Defibrillator, which is located in the back of the Sanctuary next to the door to the Cry Room.

♥ EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR



ZOLL

WARNING
ALARMED SYSTEM

Hope Temecula-Financial Report

AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025

	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
JANUARY	22,995.00	28,023.50	-5,028.50
FEBRUARY	31,761.00	28,498.22	3,262.78
	54,756.00	56,521.72	(1,765.72)
	YTD MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL		5,025.00
	NET INCOME		-6,790.72
	YTD BUDGET		388,500.00



Preschool Helpers Needed: Occasionally a preschool teacher is unable to come in at the last minute. This requires our Director, Paulina, to step into that teacher's classroom. That leaves Hope Children's Center's front office unattended and it also impacts teachers' breaks. If you are willing to help occasionally in Hope Children's Center, please contact the Church Office by phone or email and leave your name and contact information. Blessings.



Bells of Hope:

Mondays

6 PM to 9 PM,

We will continue rehearsals through the end of May.



To ensure the safety & security of our staff and preschool children and families, we ask anyone or any groups that will be meeting at Hope to notify the church secretary so the event can be added to the Master calendar. This includes all meetings, practices, vendor activities, etc. As we have more facility use requests it will help all to manage the activities at Hope.

Thank you ~ Church Council



MAKE AN IMPACT, ONE TACO AT A TIME.



RUBIO'S FUNDRAISER FOR HOPE CHILDREN'S CENTER

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 9, 2025
ALL DAY**

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April Birthdays

01 - Oliver Dobson
Steve Prystash
Bobbie Wesley

04 - Jennifer Doty

05 - Holly Hartman

07 - Kristina Jefferson

08 - Chris Lindberg
Kyle Salesky

10 - Mary Ann Ahola

11 - Dave Koltvet

13 - Jaycee Kreske

14 - Aaron Baggest

Bernice Moffet

Debra Moore

Donna White

Killian Wright

16 - Holly Veron

17 - Taylor Zinna

18- Andy Sytha

22 - Brooke Ito

23 - Amanda Holm

24 - Jennifer Edwards

27 - Riley Campos

29 - Owen Doty

30 - Reneé Stein

Preston Wright



April Baptism Birthday

01 - Harriet Anderson

Patsy Le Gro

Dorene Swenton

Richard Moffet

Eric Holm

02 - Catelyn Hanson

Madelyn Hanson

03 - Nancy Coe

06 - Roger Hayward

07 - Maverick Hedges

09 - Julie Baggest

10 - Michelle Wesel

Megan Wesel

Marina Wesel

Mackenzie Wesel

15 - Ann Kulseth

16 - Lynn Petroff

17 - Barbara Meinke

Andres Varisco

20 - Dotty Petersen

Shane Freiberg

Marvin Kulseth

21 - Nancy Frommling

22 - Philip Hansen

24 - Jennifer Doty

28 - Mary Ann Ahola

30 - Bernice Moffet

Preston Wright

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



02 - Gary & Harriet Anderson (59)

04 - Pete & Ella Loschky (55)

12 - Bill & Kristi Harrison (21)

13 - Steve & Caronne Van Nyhuis (34)

22 - Robert & Kathy Peterson (30)



April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Confirmation Meeting 8:00am-9:00am Worship 9:30am-10:30am	7 Counters 9am-10am Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm Bell Choir Practice 6:00pm-9:00pm	8	9 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am Lent Soups 5pm-6pm Lent 6:00pm-7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm-8:30pm	10 Prime Timers 11:30am-1:00pm	11	12 Hope's Mens Group 8:00am-9:00am
13-Palm Sunday Confirmation Meeting 8:00am-9:00am Worship 9:30am-10:30am	14 Counters 9am-10am Finance Committee 1:30pm-4:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm Bell Choir Practice 6:00pm-9:00pm	15	16 JCS Pine Hills 9:00am-1:00pm Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am Joy Circle 1:00pm-2:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm-8:30pm	17-Maundy Thurs. Maundy Thursday Service 6:00pm-7:00pm	18-Good Friday Good Friday Service 6:00pm-7:00pm	19
20-Easter Sunday Confirmation Meeting 8:00am-9:00am Worship 9:30am-10:30am	21 Counters 9am-10am Bible Study Fellowship 6:30pm-8:30pm Hope Book Club 4:45pm-6:00pm Bell Choir Practice 6:00pm-9:00pm	22	23 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am Choir Practice 7:00pm-8:30pm	24	25	26
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Kathleen Kovich

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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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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