

Hope Happenings

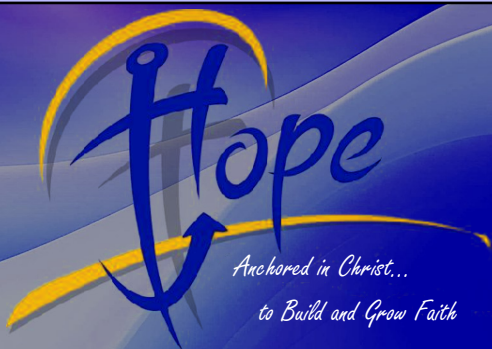
June 2025

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



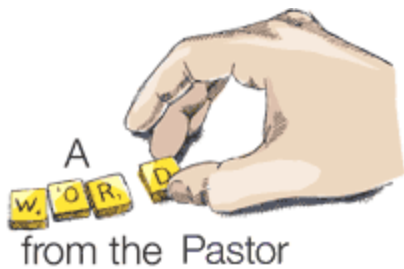
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hope Children's Center Preschool

An ELCA Congregation

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." - Proverbs 3:5-6

Whenever I think I've got a handle on God's plans, He surprises me with a completely new perspective. He often chooses paths I wouldn't ever consider and encourages me to surrender when I'd rather stand my ground. There have been times when it felt like He completely stepped away from the plans I was convinced He'd be part of.

I used to find this incredibly frustrating, but that's no longer the case. I've come to understand that His ways are different from mine, and that's perfectly okay. I trust that He manages everything with care, even when it doesn't match my idea of what's comfortable. I believe that living in His love with Him is the most authentic way to exist.

Trying to find a foolproof method to gain His approval, cultivate an ideal church community, or enhance my faith is ultimately a fruitless pursuit. It will always fall short until I realize that this truth is revealed through developing a genuine relationship with Him.

As my understanding of Him has deepened and become more aware of His active presence in my life, I feel a greater sense of freedom to trust Him and fully engage in life within His kingdom.

Living in God's care, - Pastor Dan Cole

PRIME TIMERS

(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)

THURSDAY,

JUNE 12TH, 2025

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

In Fellowship Hall



Our next meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, May 8th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be Pizza, Special Salad and Dessert. The cost of the meal will be \$13. Our speaker will be Steffani Natter, speaking on September 15th, 2022, a day that forever changed the life of Steffani and her family and friends. Steff is a wife and a mother of 2 kids. At the age of 38, she experienced a sudden cardiac arrest while at home. Many miracles occurred that day and the days following. She knows our Heavenly Father has a plan for her and her purpose here on earth is to share her story and educate others. She is very passionate about this subject. Please come listen to her tell her story, learn about the difference in cardiac arrest and attacks and educate yourself on the proper way to do CPR and use an AED. Katie Baca, MSN RN—Cardiac Program Manager at Temecula Valley Hospital will assist and bring mannequins for teaching CPR and AED. Please sign up on the easel located in the Church entryway so we have a head count for food.

Greetings and God's blessings on you today from the Church Council.

It's Graduations, Father's Day and the beginning of the Summer. This means that we as a congregation are busy with great stuff. Please let's not forget the things we need to do with church. Like using the Realm app when we make contributions...It's been acting funny...But I believe it is working correctly now. If you need assistance, please ask a council member.

We are asking for prayers for the Calling Committee. I understand you have questions about what is going on...They are working with council and with direction from the Synod to find us a new pastor. It takes time to navigate the system set up by the Synod. Please understand this will take time.

Finally quarterly statements for your giving are not coming as Council moved to make them annual to try and cut down extra costs. But if you wish to get a current statement, contact Soren in the office, who can email or mail you a copy upon request.

Sooo here is to a terrific summer. Remember to pack lots of sun screen for those beach trips, or let's just face it, for daily adventures in our California Sun.

Have Fun,
Lou Long
Vice President,
Hope Council



Happy Father's Day!



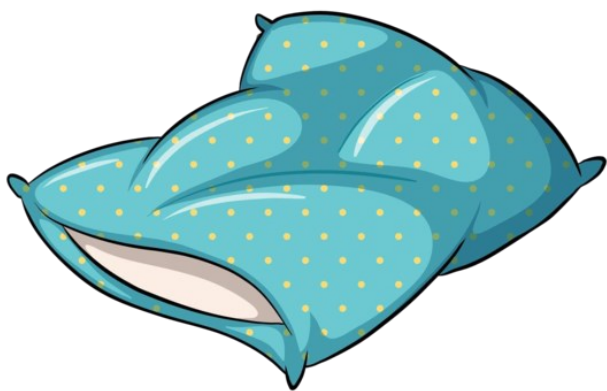
Sunday—June 15th, 2025

Project Pillowcase IX

Saturday

September 13th, 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.

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.
- There is NO COST to being part of the RIC program, all they ask for is a Good Will Donation.
- 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.



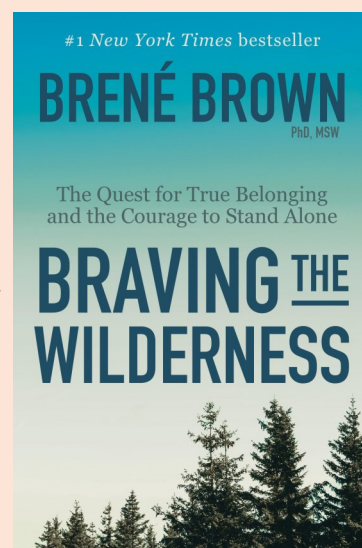
HOPE'S MENS GROUP: Our next meeting is on Saturday **June 7th**, 2025 at **8:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall as well as on Zoom. We will continue our study of the New Testament book of Galatians. You are encouraged to read Chapter 6 as we will continue our line by line study of the book of Galatians. 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 June book club selection is: *"Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone"* by Brené Brown. We will meet on Monday, **June 30th** at **4:45pm** at the home of Lin Hodkinson. 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 May, we enjoyed a special recognition Sunday to show our gratitude to so many people who share their musical gifts with Hope. In the Hope Happenings article, there were many people mentioned who led us with music inspiration which made our services special. That article ended with the recognition of Barbara Meinke, who has continued with the Bells of Hope all these many years. (In addition, she provides cell phone music that we enjoy listening to during the pillowcase sewing sessions.) We were fortunate to have Wanda Bledsoe as organist and pianist at the time.

When we moved from Rancho California Road to the former Rancho Community Church (right up the hill), we continued with Barbara, Wanda, and other leaders like Daniel Decker. When we moved to the business park facility, we had LauraAnn Madott. At that time, the Praise Band came into existence with Stephanie Donson and family. There was a smooth transition when the Praise Band disbanded and our very capable Paula Arlich accepted the responsibility for all of the varieties of music we enjoy every Sunday. In addition, Paula felt the absence of a choir, and took care of that situation with a song in her heart; she never missed a beat!

Another fine musician that has kept our toes tapping is Dave Bradley. His jazz group is called The Second Hand Brass Band, who shares their skills often— especially for Mardi Gras! These individuals have stepped up to the mic to make our Sunday experience blessed: Mike Cooper, Don Johnson, Madison Dirkes, Heather & Mike and Cathrine Haworth. Last, and certainly not least, is our faithful soundboard techie, Scott Thudium. Our Father has made sure we are musically blessed here at Hope Lutheran Church of Temecula.



Come Join Us On...



Tuesdays

from

6:30pm-8:00pm

JOY CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 18TH, 1:00 PM



Our June meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21st, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the home of Sally Glahn. 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 May: Carrol Kent, Kathleen Kovich, Karen Hansen, Elsa Arbues.
- ♦ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of May: Bruce Hodgkinson, Ken Wertz, Barbara Meinke, Sandy Sanders.
- ♦ Thanks to Thomas Schwalbe for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of May.
- ♦ Thanks to all those who donated items and baskets for Foster Youth Graduation.

*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

 NEED MORE INFO CALL US @ **951-694-3607**



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Hope Lutheran Church

Financial Report thru 4/30/25

	April	Year to Date
Income	26,636	111,469
Expenses	32,627	118,783
Mortgage Principal	2,328	9,935
Balance	(8,319)	(17,249)



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:



Thank you all for the dedication to the Bell Ministry here at Hope. Bells of Hope have had their last rehearsal for the season, have a great summer.

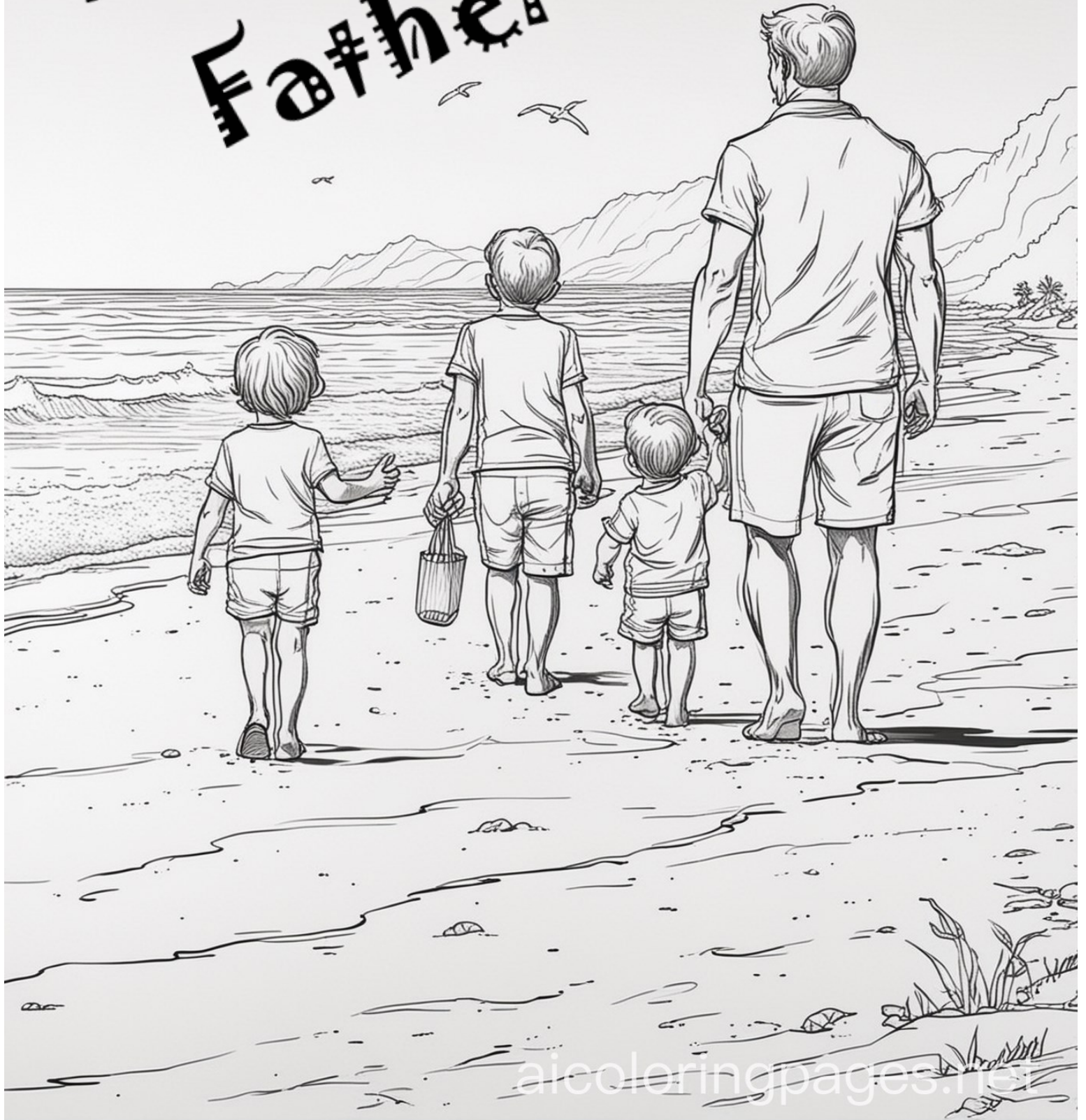
We will Resume Rehearsal September 8th!



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

Thank You Father!



June Birthdays

01 - Mona Dirkes
02 - Israel Martinez
 Marissa Bills
06 - Lana Riesenber
14 - Taylor Baggest
15 - Kevin Prelgovisk
16 - Pete Loschky
17 - Cat Velasco-Dong
 Amanda Jones
 Angelina Jones
19 - Bill Frommling
20 - Richard Moffet

21 - Andrew Roberts III
 Linda McLagan
23 - Mary Peterson
 Katie Prystash
26 - Stacy Goetting
 Avery Lopez
28 - Cailyn-Heidi Orrell
29 - Sharon Curtis-Hursh
 Robin Wesley
30 - Tim Miller



June Baptism Birthday

01 - Gary Check
 Donna Wulff-Davis
 Dave Edwards
 Terry Bills
04 - Anthony Gallup
09 - Ruth Landosky
13 - Celia Lamke
16 - Owen Doty

19 - Mary Ann Mericle
20 - Suzanne Holm
21 - Andrew Roberts III



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



03 - Roger & Rosalie Hayward (64)
07 - Gary & Geri Westad (58)
14 - Larry & Amy Gabrielson (39)
15 - John & Cindy Hanson (29)
17 - Richard & Bernice Moffet (58)
 Bryan & Mona Dirkes (25)
22 - Tracy & Barbara Meinke (40)
27 - Mack & Maria Jones (33)
28 - Will Brown & Anna Koelln (22)



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Confirmation Meeting 8:00am-9:00am Worship 9:30am-10:30am	2 Church Office Closed	3 Counters 9am-10am Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	4 HCC Graduation 9:00am-12:30pm Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	5	6	7 Hope's Mens Group 8:00am-9:00am Debra Sears Memorial 10:00am-11:00am
8 Confirmation Meeting 8:00am-9:00am Worship 9:30am-10:30am	9 Counters 9am-10am	10 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	11 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	12 Prime Timers 11:30am-1:00pm	13	14
15 – Father's Day Confirmation Meeting 8:00am-9:00am Worship 9:30am-10:30am	16 Counters 9am-10am SiTV - Camp 9:00am-3:00pm	17 SiTV - Camp 9:00am-3:00pm Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	18 SiTV - Camp 9:00am-3:00pm Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am Joy Circle 1:00pm-2:00pm	19 SiTV - Camp 9:00am-3:00pm	20 SiTV - Camp 9:00am-3:00pm	21 Francis Foresta Memorial 1:00pm-2:00pm
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Hope's 2025 Church Council

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Kathleen Kovich

Thomas 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
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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