

Hope Happenings

April 2026

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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The Resurrection and Beyond

A blessed Easter and beyond! We are in the post-Easter season, yet we may not fully understand the resurrection. This is an event that dynamically grows in us and blooms new realities for our lives. It's continuous. Like our baptism, the resurrection is a daily experience not a one-time event.

Martin Luther once wrote, "Our lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." This new birth is unfolding and revealing the meaning, power, and direction of our new lives, individually and collectively as the body of Christ at Hope Lutheran Church.

We have our challenges. These don't go away because Jesus rose from the dead. But we change because of the resurrection and therefore we become the change agents for the challenges around us. Take heart my brothers and sisters, Hope Lutheran church will bloom as we share the resurrection Good News gifted to us and experienced in our lives. These are exciting days. Let's enjoy finding ways to "care for our own" in the congregation and serve our neighbor. In these actions we will discover and better understand the resurrection as it unfolds before us.

Scottie Lloyd

Parishioner and Pastor

PRIME TIMERS

(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)

THURSDAY,

APRIL 9TH, 2026

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

In Fellowship Hall



Our next meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, April 9, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be Sub Sandwiches, Potato chips, Salad and Dessert. The cost of meal will be \$13.00. Our speaker will Ken Trelgovisk. He and his wife were missionaries in Africa. Come and hear their story. Please sign up on easel located in Church entryway so we have a head court for food. If you want to come for the program, you may come on or before 12:30 PM.

Welcome to April!!!!

Spring is here again. This month brings us many new and familiar events (along with pollen). We need to look out for those April showers, but this year we are prepared for the flooded parking lot because Craig and Jim rechanneled the flow of water to drain off the pavement. Also, we just finished our Wednesday evening soup meals and were they “oh so good”. At our soup meals we started a new thing by sharing in group prayer, music and life’s spiritual development.

Let’s hope everyone had beautiful and celebrational Palm Sunday as we enter into Holy Week. Watch for the announce time for Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Jesus’s Resurrection not only fulfilled the scriptures but it more importantly shows us that death is only the door to everlasting life. When we say “He is risen” we actually acclaim that Jesus is alive and walks with us every day.


The Council wishes all a holy and blessed East-

er. Also usually occurring in April is the spring clean-up day, watch for that announcement, too.

Paul Davis
Treasurer,
Hope Council

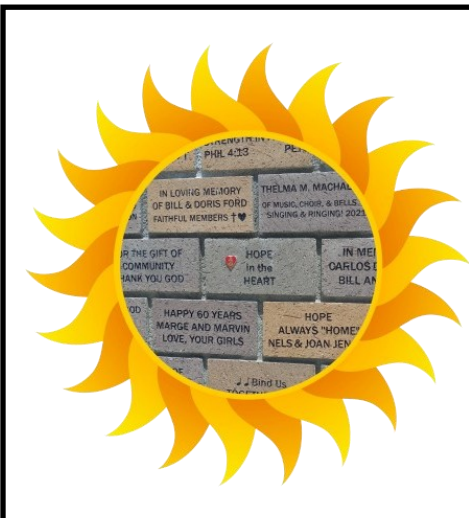


Come join us on
Tuesdays
from
6:30pm-8pm



Bell Choir

Mondays
5PM-8:30PM



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.

HOPE'S MENS GROUP: Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, April 11th, 2026** at **8:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. We will continue the study of "The Freedom of a Christian" available for download on the interweb at ELCA500.org. Martin Luther wrote the treatise "The Freedom of a Christian" in 1520 as a letter to Pope Leo X, that the study is based on. The actual treatise is available in the Study Guide itself as well. We will go on to Section 9 "Training The Body For Freedom" on pages 35 & 36 of the study guide. Please prepare for the information in Section 9. We will also make our plans for providing the evening meal at Project Touch on Sunday May 10, 2026 during our 4/11/26 meeting.

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



JOY CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH, 1:00 PM

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15th, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the home of Sally Glahn. The Bible study leader will be Sally Glahn.

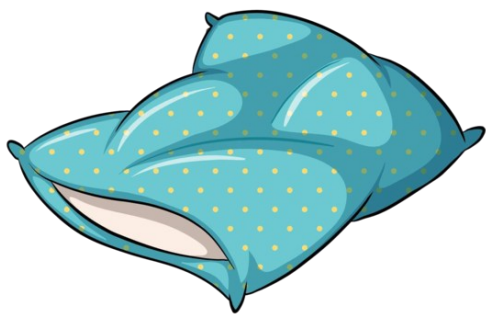


MARTHA CIRCLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH, 10:00 AM

The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 10:00 AM—Noon at the home of Ella Loschky. The Bible study leader will be Karen Lloyd.

Project Pillowcase



Thank you to the 15 ladies who attended our last event on March 14 and completed nearly 30 pillowcases! And thank you to those who sew at home! We had a great time and enjoyed a visit by Irene from Faith In Action (and her daughter who wants to learn to sew!). It was fun to celebrate our tenth event together and share what we do and hear how they are using our gifts!

Our next project date is tentatively set for September. It will be **Project Pillowcase XI: It's Raining Cats and Dogs!** All who wish to help, whether or not you sew, are welcome! We need folks to pin, sew, turn, iron and parade the finished cases. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us as we sew up some very fun donated fabrics featuring furry friends!

Materials and instructions will be provided. Contact Barbara Meinke (951) 312-0458 (talk or text) or email at tb.meinke5@verizon.net.

Hope Hysterical History

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Easter blessings! This season is so very important to the Christian world. We worship the Living Christ. The resurrection is the foundation of our faith.

Easter 1979 was a marvelous experience. We were meeting in the clubhouse at Lake Village. The accommodations were fine, but not available for a sunrise service. We were happy to find out that we could gather in the Temecula cemetery. It had been raining and cold during Holy Week, so the grass was wet, and the sky overcast. But, just at the perfect moment, the clouds parted and Sun lit up Temecula! We had wet feet, shivering bodies, and stiff knees -- and the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was a marvelous experience!

After the service, of course, it was time for breakfast. Denny's had a line all the way around it. Those who were more familiar with the area headed for less known eateries. A ways down Jefferson Road was a fine place to share Easter brunch. As that was 47 years ago, I can't remember the name, but it is now Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant.

It's Our History!

From The Message, Luke 24

At the crack of dawn on Sunday, the women came to the tomb carrying the burial spices they had prepared. They found the entrance stone rolled back from the tomb, so they walked in. But once inside, they couldn't find the body of the Master Jesus.

They were puzzled, wondering what to make of this. Then, out of nowhere it seemed, two men, light cascading over them, stood there. The women were awestruck and bowed down in worship. The men said, "Why are you looking for the Living One in a cemetery? He is not here, but raised up. Remember how he told you when you were still back in Galilee that he had to be handed over to sinners, be killed on a cross, and in three days rise up?" Then they remembered Jesus' words.

They left the tomb and broke the news of all this to the Eleven and the rest. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them kept telling these things to the apostles, but the apostles didn't believe a word of it -- thought they were making it all up.

But Peter jumped to his feet and ran to the tomb. He stooped to look in and saw a few grave clothes, that's all. He walked away puzzled, shaking his head.

Poor, confused Peter. Just thickheaded. We don't have that problem, do we? Or do we?

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, Kathleen Kovich.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of March: Ken Wertz, Bruce Hodkinson, Lin Hodkinson, Marge Anderson and Lynn Petroff.
- ◆ Thanks to Brain Glahn and Lou Long for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of March.

If you know of someone quietly serving Hope...

Please let the church office know so they can be recognized here.

Project T.O.U.C.H. Update

Collaborating with Project T.O.U.C.H. – (Together Our Unity Conquers Homelessness) has kicked off with tremendous support from Hope members. Project T.O.U.C.H. operates year-round emergency beds for Southwest Riverside County for our most vulnerable citizens, men, women and children serving approximately 40-50 people every day.

Our Hope members have been providing meals to the shelter on the 2nd Sunday of the month which started in January this year. This includes providing an evening meal, breakfast items for the next morning and delivery to the shelter.

Many "Thank You's" go out to the host groups that provided meals for the first three months. January-The Hansen Family, February-PrimeTimers, with Donna Hedges and Thomas Schwalbe delivering the food, March-The Women's Saturday Bible study lead by Cathy Seguin and Katie Bradley. Each group provided a hot meal and breakfast for 45 appreciative guests at the shelter.

Our Project Touch pantry is overflowing with breakfast food and paper goods thanks to the generosity of many, many Hope members. So many of you have come forward to supply staples for the shelter. Joan Neidig has blessed the pantry twice with paper plates, napkins and silverware. Scottie and Karen Lloyd received a Thrivent Action card to replenish the stock of paper goods and more in the pantry. All of this is a blessing for the shelter and provides much for the monthly host groups.

We have several groups that will be providing the meals for the next few months. All the groups found it to be very rewarding. Comments from the host groups include, "the residents were so appreciative, very helpful", "providing food for 45 was easier than we thought", "our group had fun cooking".

Hope is a caring community of love, service and kindness to others.

If you want more information on being a host, contact Karen Hansen via email:

Karen71781@verizon.net.



MEET THE MASTERS

HOPE'S EXHIBITION

THURSDAY | **April 30** | FRIDAY
&
May 1st

TIME: ALL DAY

PLACE: CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Help support the Arts!

There will be a donation box
at the entry of the Art Gallery.
Any size donation will be greatly
appreciated and used to purchase
more materials for learning!





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 Baggst
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 Baggst
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!



04 - Pete & Ella Loschky (56)
12 - Bill & Kristi Harrison (22)
13 - Steve & Caronne Van Nyhuis (35)
22 - Robert & Kathy Peterson (31)



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am Bradley Practice 5:30pm-9:30pm	2 AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	3 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	4
5 – Easter Sunday Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm	6 Counters 9am-10am Bell Choir 5:30pm-8:30pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:45pm-8:15pm	7 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	8 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am Bradley Practice 5:30pm-9:30pm	9 Marvin Meeting 5:00pm-8:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	10 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	11 Hope's Mens Group 8:00am-9:00am
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19 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm	20 Counters 9am-10am Bell Choir 5:30pm-8:30pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:45pm-8:15pm	21 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	22 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	23 AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	24 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	25 Love Church 8:00am-12:00pm
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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

