

Hope Happenings

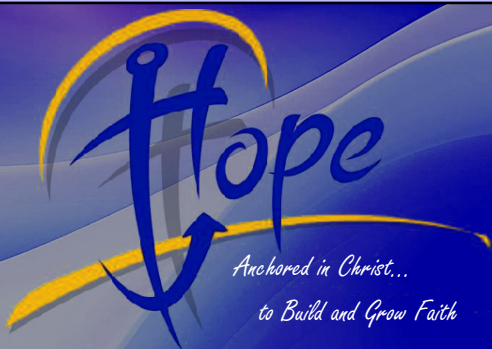
August 2026

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



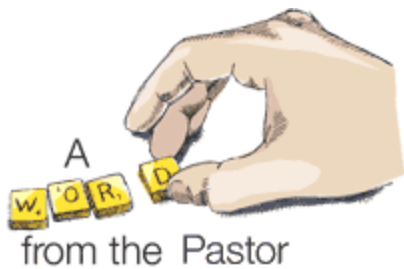
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hope Children's Center Preschool

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An Active God

Our God is an active God. He started with creation that continues to this day with new species developing and nature forming geographical sites that amaze us. When things went bad with Adam and Eve, God didn't quit and walk away. He kept working with a humanity that remained faithful, listening, and learning as children of God. He sent prophets and leaders, inspired Scripture, and provided miracles.

When all else failed, God gave his one and only Son, Jesus, to be with us, share with us, teach us, suffer along side us, and die for us only to rise again with victory over our worst enemies sin, death, and the devil (all forms of evil). Our God never sleeps. He is on duty 24/7 because he loves us that much.

We are not God. We do sleep. But when resurrected each day from our slumber, we Christian followers are called to action by the active God who never stops loving us. Our activities are worship, Scripture study, unceasing prayer, and generosity with God's gifts helping our neighbor, our church family, and strangers. Health challenges, financial changes, and losses try to slow us down or stop us. But God who does not sleep is forever caring, providing, and listening to us. He will see us through any obstacle.

Let's keep this in mind and heart as we traverse the hot summer doldrums. Our school starts this month. They need us. Church families in and out of hospitals or other challenges need our presence, Holy communion, and prayers. Whenever we travel, keep worshipping and give to Hope Lutheran Church for continued ministry. Keep our volunteers and staff in prayer.

God never sleeps. "God is always for us. Who can be against us," says St. Paul. We're in the best of hands, God's creative and loving hands.

Scottie Lloyd

Parishioner and Pastor



September 27th, 2026

Following Church Service

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Hope Children's Center with us on Sunday, September 27. Lunch will be provided by Hope Women's Ministry to honor this great occasion. Our speaker will be Paulina Escamilla, with sidekick Kathleen. Right after church! Pretend like it is the first day of school at a new school; sit with someone you don't know. Donations will be gratefully accepted to help HCC provide curriculum for the students. Sunday, September 27, 10:40 AM!



Blessings to all! It has been hot and the harvest is here. Your council members have been working hard, except for me. I've been on vacation and planning for my retirement and spending time with my great grandchildren.

The summer season symbolizes times of spiritual fruitfulness, careful preparation with an emphasis on diligent work during the harvest in the beauty of God's creation in the warmth of the sun.

Proverbs 24:27 - Prepare your outside get everything ready for yourself in the field and after that, build your house.

We on the Council are trying to be honest and trustworthy to do what is right. We make sure that Hope Lutheran Church of Temecula and Hope Children's Center pay our bills and payroll. How wonderful that we have the Grace of God.

LOVE, PEACE and GRACE,

Thomas Schwalbe
Member at Large



PRIME TIMERS

(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)

THURSDAY,

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2026

11:30 AM – 1 PM

In Fellowship Hall

Our next meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, September 11th, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be Roast Chicken, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert. The cost of meal will be \$13.00. Our speaker will be Diane Anderson, who will share photos and experiences of joys, wonders, learnings and challenges during her month-long trip to Nepal and India last Spring. From a trek high in the breathtaking Himalayas to chaos and mesmerizing architecture of cities like Kathmandu and Delhi, she felt owed by God's presence as she witnessed the exquisite beauty of nature as well throngs of worshippers at intricately built shrines and temples from a variety of faith traditions such as Buddhism and Hinduism. Please sign up on easel located in Church entryway so we have a head count for food. If you want to come for the program only, you may come on or before 12:30 PM and no sign-up is required.



THIRD AVENUE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

Help us make 100 hygiene bags at Hope Lutheran to be distributed to our unhoused neighbors in San Diego!

Third Avenue Charitable Organization (T.A.C.O. -housed at First Lutheran in San Diego) draws on volunteers' generosity and kindness to support the dignity, health and well-being of community members experiencing homelessness and poverty. We have \$250 of seed money from Thrivent to purchase drawstring backpacks and some supplies. We are asking Hope members to help us fill them with much-needed hygiene products.

Will you help us?

Please consider bringing any of the following items to church during the Sundays up to and through August 9th. Look for the T.A.C.O. Donations box in the Foyer. Suggested items:

• Deodorant • Toothbrush • Toothpaste • Wipes • Hand Sanitizer • Chapstick • Lotion	• Tissue • Body wash • Bottled Water • Granola or protein bars • Any other items you think might be helpful to include in the bag
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On Sunday, August 9th, we will be assembling the bags in the Fellowship Hall immediately after church. All are welcome to help! (We need to be packed up by 12:30 so all is clear for the Love Church service. Many hands make light work and we appreciate all willing hands!

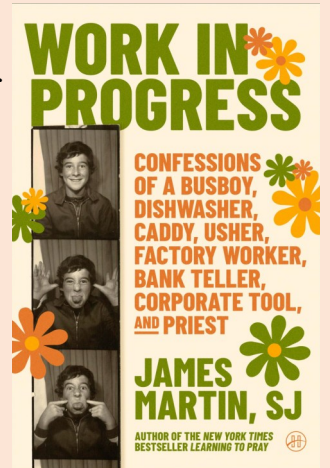
Diane Anderson and Robin Orner will take our assembled bags down to T.A.C.O to distribute during one of their Monday meal services. Please text or call *Diane Anderson (951) 834-3191* or *Robin Orner (951) 259-3266* for more information.

Thank you in advance for your generous helping hands to reach out and show God's lovingkindness to our wider community.

Bag Size: 16" x 13"

HOPE'S MENS GROUP: Have a great summer, Hope's Mens Group will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, August 8th, 2026** at **8:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. We are thrilled to have Pastor Scottie Lloyd lead our Bible Study of the Book of Ephesians. Ephesians addresses the Power of Christ in our Lives and the Unity of the Church. We completed our study of Martin Luther's "The Freedom of a Christian" on Saturday 6/6/26. For our study of the Book of Ephesians, we will not have a Zoom option available. If you have any question regarding Hope's Mens Group, please contact Philip Hansen at: philip717@verizon.net

The next Hope Book club meeting will be **Monday, September 24th, 4:45pm-6pm** at the home of Marta Bills. Our August reading will be *"Work in Progress: Confessions of a busboy, dishwasher, caddy, usher, factory worker, bank teller, corporate tool, and priest – A Funny, Wise, and Inspiring Spiritual Memoir"* by James Martin. Contact Marta Bills for more information: tbills@verizon.net



JOY CIRCLE & MARTHA CIRCLE

NO MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

We will not be meeting again until September. Have a Great Summer.

God Bless!



Project Pillowcase



Our next project date is set for **Saturday, September 5th, 9AM-1PM**. 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.

Project T.O.U.C.H.

Collaborating with Project T.O.U.C.H. – (Together Our Unity Conquers Homelessness) continues to have 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 a meal to the shelter residents on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Our groups have gotten very creative in providing this Sunday evening meal, along with breakfast items for the next morning and delivery to the shelter.

Many “Thank Yous” go out to the host groups that provided meals for April-June 2026. April-The Hope bunco group pooled their funds and provided pizza and salad for the shelter. May was a group effort from the Hope’s Men’s Ministry cooking up sloppy joes and baked beans for the residents. June was provided by the fabulous Hope book club led by Diane Anderson. Each group uniquely provided a hot meal and breakfast for 45 much appreciative guests.

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. As a reminder we only need shelf staple breakfast items. Cases of water are greatly needed at this time. All of this is a blessing for the shelter and provides needed supplies 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. As Winston Churchill once said. “We make a living by what we get but make a life by what we give to others.” Hope is a caring community of love, service, kindness and an example of giving to others.

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

Karen71781@verizon.net

BECOME A PART OF HOPE’S PRAYER GARDEN



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.

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 July: Kathleen Kovich, Cherie Gero, Carrol Kent and Elsa Arbues.
- ♦ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of July: Ken Wertz, Marta Bills, Lin Hodkinson and Lynn Petroff.
- ♦ Thanks to Lou Long, Polly Brody and Heather Haworth for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of July.

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

Hope Hysterical History

Tell me if you've already heard this one.

About 1970, a visionary from the Synod office came to visit "Rancho California" (as it was called back then). There was a large lot available on Rancho California Road. There was no Target, no Oscar's, no curbs on the two-lane road! The purchase was arranged, and a large sign was stuck in the ground. Now and then, someone would mow the weeds.

About five years later, five families started to meet in each other's homes. They were faithful and consistent. Finally an intern pastor took the responsibility of gathering the sheep in a pasture – Lake Village Clubhouse on Rancho Vista Road which, at that time, was ½ mile long paved, then rough and impassable. House of Prayer, Escondido, loaned us LBWs and other necessities. After meeting in Lake Village Clubhouse for a couple of years, we needed more space for Sunday school, so people would drive their RVs to the parking lot and the children would meet in them. Then the day came that the Lake Village residents wanted their clubhouse back, so we had to meet somewhere else.

To be continued. . . .



Don't forget...

Deadline for Hygiene Bags is:

August 9th, 2026!

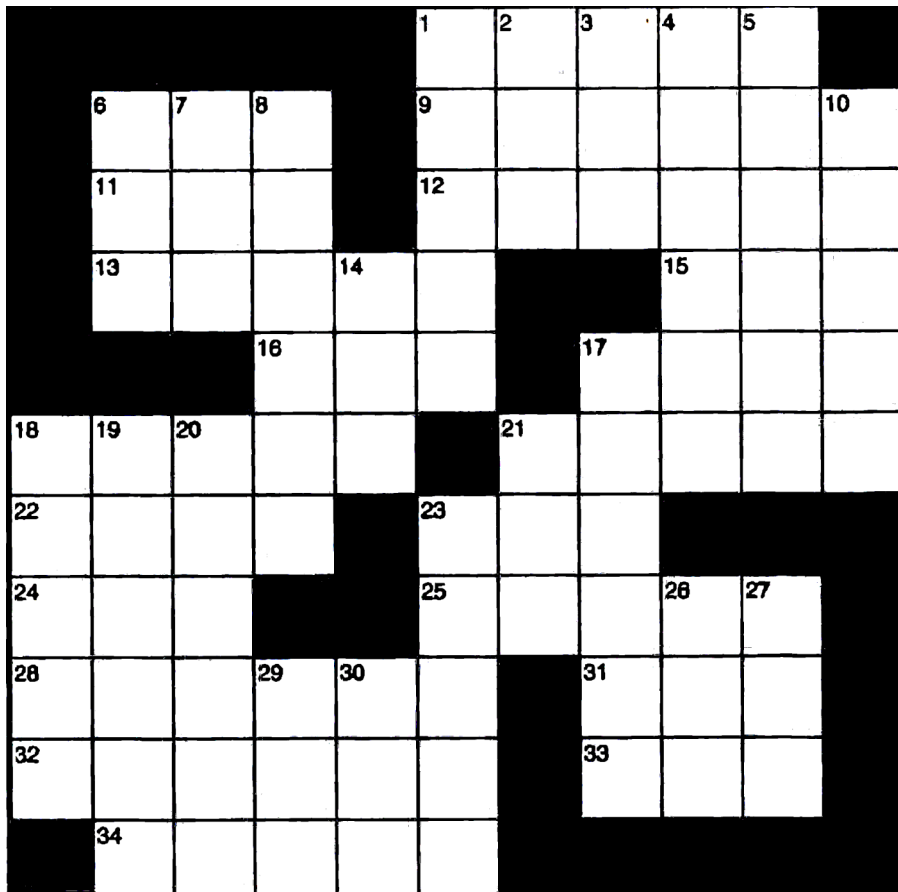


Hope Women's Ministry



Have you heard the latest? Here is an update on Hope Women's Ministry. The Women's Circle groups are off for the summer, and will be back in September. Joy Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 1:00 PM, and Martha Circle meets on the third Thursday at 10:00 AM. Our meetings consist of Bible study, refreshments, and fellowship – all within an hour and a half to two hours. For more info call Ella Loschky (951)894-2372.

At the end of June, we again met our quota for 50 pillowcases for Faith in Motion Foster Children. The next Project Pillowcase event will be Saturday, September 5th in the Fellowship Hall. Come one, come all! If you don't sew, you can iron pillowcases between construction steps. Can you cut or pin? Join us and learn the necessary steps, and help us meet our goal of 200 well-constructed, colorful pillowcases per year. September's theme is "raining cats and dogs" as we use fabrics with lively patterns of – yes, cats and dogs. It is a fun way to spend a Saturday morning, enjoying fellowship and meeting new people. No age limit. Bring potluck snacks; drinks provided. Contact Barbara Meinke (951)312-0458 or tb.meinke5@verizon.net. See you there!



ACROSS

1. "Do all that is in thine ____; for God is with thee" (1 Chron. 17:2)
6. "Now we know that what things soever the ____ saith..." (Rom. 3:19)
9. "...behold, they were spread ____ upon all the earth..." (1 Sam. 30:16)
11. "The LORD our God spake unto us in H__b, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount" (Deut. 1:6)
12. "...Stablish, strengthen, ____ you" (1 Pet. 5:10)
13. "And through his policy also he shall cause ____ to prosper in his hand..." (Dan. 8:25)
15. "Ye shall not s__l, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another" (Lev. 19:11)

16. "...which was the son of ____, which was the son of Lamech" (Luke 3:36)
17. "...and all their bows ____, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint..." (Isa. 5:28)
18. "And, behold, there came a ____ and worshipped him, saying..." (Matt. 8:2)
21. "And in the fifteenth day of this ____ is the feast..." (Num. 28:17)
22. Second OT bk.
23. "He rebuked the ____ sea also, and it was dried up..." (Ps. 106:9)
24. "...this woman was taken in adultery, in the very ____" (John 8:4)
25. A friend of Job
28. "Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and ____ ye from him..." (2 Sam. 11:15)
31. "His f____h...he burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD commanded Moses" (Lev. 8:17)
32. "Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he ____ any thing..." (Acts 17:25)
33. "____ setteth he the poor on high from affliction..." (Ps. 107:41)
34. "Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will ____ the other bullock..." (1 Kings 18:23)

DOWN

1. "And let them make ____, and take up a wailing for us..." (Jer. 9:18)
2. "When they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they r____l against me" (Hos. 7:14)
3. "Righteous ____ thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee..." (Jer. 12:1)
4. "He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as ____ wood" (Job 41:27)
5. "...every stone about the weight of a ____..." (Rev. 16:21)
6. "Ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the f____k" (Lev. 1:2)
7. "And c____y these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare..." (1 Sam. 17:18)
8. "And when she had ____ him, she took him up with her..." (1 Sam. 1:24)
10. "...and there shall be no more ____, neither sorrow..." (Rev. 21:4)
14. "And if the household be too little ____ the lamb..." (Exod. 12:4)
17. "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead ____" (Col. 2:9)
18. "...the inhabitants of the world will ____ righteousness" (Isa. 26:9)
19. "That except your righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees..." (Matt. 5:20)
20. "Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the ____'s clay..." (Isa. 29:16)
21. "Whosoever shall make like unto that, to s____l thereto, shall even be cut off from his people" (Exod. 30:38)
23. "And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the ____ and flags shall wither" (Isa. 19:6)
26. "Whose teeth are the teeth of lion, and he hath the c____k teeth of a great lion" (Joel 1:6)
27. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly l____s..." (1 Pet. 2:11)
29. "Which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which a____d him in the killing of his brethren" (Judge. 9:24)
30. "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to d____s it and to keep it" (Gen. 2:15)

August Birthdays

01 - Mackenzie Wesel
 03 - Madison Dirkes
 04 - John Mohr
 05 - Jameson Wright
 Elisabeth Revell
 06 - Deborah Gallup
 Charles Hoelzel
 Anna Koelln
 07 - Sharon Faiola
 Dave Edwards
 08 - Reese Koltvet

09 - Tracy Meinke
 10 - Jeff Moore
 Diane Cotten
 Morgen Dirkes
 11 - Karla Binder
 Paige Ellinger
 14 - Aidan Mohr
 16 - Jace Kreske
 18 - Michael Jarratt
 19 - David Bradley
 25 - Gloria Sullivan

Britt-Marie Varisco
 Joan Neidig
 28 - Sally Glahn
 30 - Monica Bellas
 Jo Ann Wasserburger
 31 - Jan Bolinger
 Fran Rebel



August 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!

01 - Dick Bates
 Tony Chavez
 Michael Jarratt
 Bill Harrison
 08 - Bryan Ito
 Brooke Ito
 10 - Linda Allmon
 12 - Riley Campos
 Steve Van Nyhuis
 Maddie Rebel
 13 - Linda McLagan

14 - Jackson Doty
 15 - James Dobson
 16 - Aaron Baggest
 17 - Amber Hanson
 19 - Mack Jones
 23 - Taylor Zinna
 24 - John Mohr
 29 - Cat Velasco-Dong
 LaDonna Klaus
 30 - Kristi Harrison



06 - Javier Varisco & Chris Lindberg (38)
 Gary & Chris Check (49)
 08 - Jim & Cathy Seguin (39)
 Dave & Anne Koltvet (39)
 09 - Mike & Linda Banfield (29)
 Brian & Holly Veron (24)
 10 - Bryan & Sherry Ito (35)
 16 - Martin & Michelle Wesel (40)
 20 - Steve & Jodi Prystash (32)
 Dave & Julie Baggest (32)

23 - Ron & Fran Rebel (46)
 Eric & Suzanne Holm (29)
 26 - Jan & Mary Peterson (65)
 28 - Luke & Emily Revell (17)



August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm	3 Counters 9am-10am	4	5 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	6 AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	7 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	8 Hope's Mens Group 8:00am-9:00am
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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

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with your time, talents and financial support!

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go to www.hopetemecula.org and choose "GIVE"
in the menu bar OR scroll down and click
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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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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