

Hope Happenings

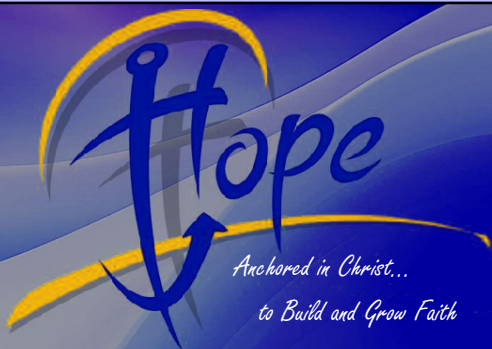
October 2026

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



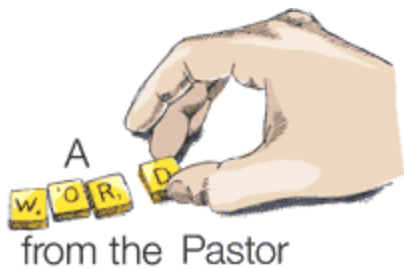
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hope Children's Center Preschool

An ELCA Congregation

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When a Pastor Arrives

“Life is not fair!” Perhaps as children we have said this to parents who won’t give us what we want. Or at work, we decry an injustice when we are passed over for a bonus or promotion. Life doesn’t seem fair or balanced when it’s not going our way.

At the moment life doesn’t seem fair to a lot of congregations seeking pastoral leadership in the ELCA. Roughly 3,690 congregations across the country are unable to afford a pastor. There are about 8,200 ELC congregations nationwide. Over 600 congregations are seeking a pastor. The ELCA is ordaining about 200 pastors annually. But everyone wants a pastor. In the Pacifica Synod alone, 45 congregations are somewhere in the process of trying to acquire a pastor. Hope Lutheran church is in the queue.

The sad news is many are chosen for this leadership with a call to Christian ministry, but few follow the vocation to serve God in this special way. Some people are not listening. Others want better paying positions in life or stable lives. Few want to “to look good on wood”, referring to Christ’s cross as theologian Mcaffie Brown once quipped to a bunch of pastors.

Meanwhile congregations wait, wonder, and do the best they can including Hope. We all want choices for a pastor but sometimes that isn’t available. Sometimes God directs a person our way rather than we attempt to do our own selection forever waiting for choices that are non-existent. Our role is pray, pray, and pray some more so that when a person is presented, we know this is the one or not from God for us. I commend this thought to you now as I bridge pastor King of Kings Lutheran Church who has joined the line Hope remains in.

The Good News is Christ has a pastor for us. May we be ready to recognize that person and embrace the gift when that person arrives.

Scottie Lloyd

Parishioner, Pastor



Don't Forget to Change you clocks the night of October 31st before you go to bed as we fall back 1 hour on November 1st.

Daylight Savings Ends

November 1st, 2026

CHURCH COUNCIL



The Church is US!

2027 Hope Lutheran Pledge

"How much to give" by James Hewett
Go giving to the needy sweet charity's bread.
For giving is living, the angel said.
And must I be giving again and again?
MY peevish, petulant answer ran.
Oh no, said the angel, piercing me through,
Just give till the Master stops GIVING to you!

I/we pledge, given in gratitude God's goodness!

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

\$_____ weekly, monthly, quarterly!

____ Plan to give this year, but are unable to state an amount.

____ Would like information about automatic giving.

____ Would like information about legacy giving

Please complete the card and return to the church office by **October 11th**.



PRIME TIMERS

(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)

THURSDAY,

OCTOBER 8TH, 2026

11:30 AM – 1 PM

In Fellowship Hall

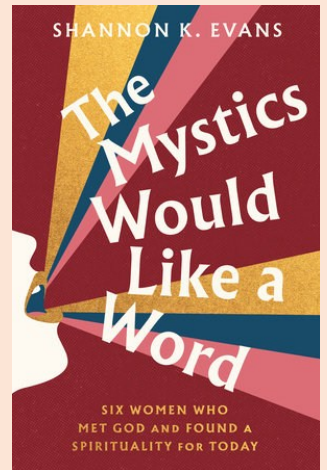
Our next meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, October 8, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be Chicken Noodle Soup and Special Salad and Dessert. The cost of the meal will be \$10. Our speaker will be Don Jackson, he will bring Humor Healing Music and faith and musings. This will be a talk about how all of these things have touched my life. Some of this story will talk about dealings with an irregular heart beat and lung cancer. It will show how I used humor and stories from my past to summon up the courage to face these things that I had never faced before. How faith in God touches all these things and how music has helped to shape my feelings and heal my souls and put me on a closer walk with God. I will share some music, some stories and hopefully a few laughs along the way. 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.

JESUS
IS THE
LIGHT



HOPE'S MENS GROUP: Our next meeting of Hope's Mens Group will be on **Saturday, October 10, 2026** at **8:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. On 8/8/26, Pastor Scottie Lloyd kicked off our Bible Study of the book of Ephesians with an introduction to historical city of Ephesus and the origin of the book of Ephesians. Ephesians addresses the Power of Christ in our Lives and the Unity of the Church. On 10/10/26, we will continue our study, going into the second chapter. For our study of the book of Ephesians, we will not have a Zoom option. 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, October 26th, 4:45pm-6pm** at the home of Erica Kreske. Our October selection is *"The Mystics Would Like a Word: Six Women Who Met God and Found a Spirituality for Today"* by Shannon K Evans. If you are joining us for the first time, please e-mail Diane Anderson at dianderson800@gamil.com for more information



JOY CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21ST, 1:00 PM

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the home of Rosalie Hayward. The Bible study leader will be Jan Bolinger.



MARTHA CIRCLE

THURSDAY, OCT. 22ND, 10:00 AM

The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 at 10:00 AM—Noon at the home of Ella Loschky. The Bible study leader will be Karen Lloyd.



To turn in your **2027 Pledge** by
Sunday, October 11th, 2026



Senior Quilts

Do you have a senior graduating in 2027? Get them a senior quilt, made by our own Catherine Zinna. If you are interested or have questions please feel free to contact Catherine Zinna at (951) 551-4240 or by email at: cathmarzee1@msn.com

Deadline for quilt requests is:

January 31st, 2027

Columbus Day is...

Monday

October 12th, 2026

Church Office will be Closed!



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 September: Kathleen Kovich, Elsa Arbues and Polly Brody.
- ♦ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of September: Ken Wertz, Cherie Gero, Sandy Sanders and Lynn Petroff.
- ♦ Thanks to Lou Long, Polly Brody and Thomas Schwalbe for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of September.

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

Hope Hysterical History

In the September Hope Happenings, the question was asked: How did this congregation get the name HOPE? The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind...blowing in the wind. If someone can use the magic net to answer the question, I would be ever so grateful. In 1978, when I connected with Hope Lutheran Church, I was a little disappointed that it wasn't known as Most Magnificent Mighty Redeemer Trinity Church, or True Vine Wellspring Communion of Saints, or even First Fruit of the Vine and Avocado Fellowship Lutheran Church.

Now, I can assure you, that the name chosen is Bible-based. As written in Romans 8:24-25, "For in this hope (*italics mine*) we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." Further justification is verse 23 which mentions "...first fruits of the spirit." This is underscored when we see the vine and the avocado which is displayed in our stained glass windows. Lastly, we can see the divine connection between HOPE and LOVE.

It's Our History!



Bell Choir
Mondays
5PM-8:00PM
Starting
October 5th



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

TRICK OR TREAT AND TRUST IN JESUS



Hope



Temecula Pride

11am-5pm

October 17, 2026

United Methodist Church

42690 Margarita Rd, Temecula, CA 92592



RECONCILING IN CHRIST



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

October Birthdays

01 - Murphy Wright
 02 - Kelsey Varisco
 03 - Ann Sanzari
 04 - Joanna Van Nyhuis
 06 - Kelli Gabrielson
 07 - True Hartman
 Hayley Miller
 08 - Michael Gallup
 Jace Martin
 09 - Cindy Hanson
 Diane Anderson

Donavan Masters
 11 - Cherie Gero
 12 - Daniel Check
 Maria Jones
 13 - David Nagel
 15 - Laura Riesenber
 16 - Mike Banfield
 Marta Bills
 17 - Patricia Hoelzel
 18 - Linda Banfield
 Caronne Van Nyhuis

22 - Connor Edwards
 30 - Darren Dobson
 31 - Jessica Jones
 Rosalinda Jones



October Baptism Birthday

01 - Monica Bellas
 Fran Rebel
 Karie White
 Kathleen Kovich
 02 - Bill Frommling
 03 - Karen Hansen
 05 - Cory Sanders
 11 - Ralph Sanzari
 Ann Sanzari
 13 - Ricky Bragg
 14 - Aria Martinez

15 - Terry Prelgovisk
 16 - Marge Anderson
 17 - Donna Hedges
 28 - Cindy Hanson
 30 - Cailyn-Heidi Orrell

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 - Darren & Stephanie Dobson (23)
 05 - Brian & Laura Riesenber
 07 - Preston & Brenda Wright (21)
 11 - Nick & Diane Anderson (40)
 14 - Michael & Brinda Jarratt (31)
 18 - Mark & Laura Ann Madott (40)
 Scottie & Karen Lloyd (51)
 23 - Kevin & Terry Prelgovisk (44)
 25 - Vern & Myra Swearingen (67)



October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	2 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	3
4 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm	5 Counters 9am-10am Bell Choir Practice 5:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:45pm-8:15pm	6 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	7 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am JCS Pine Hills 11:30am-2:30pm	8 Prime Timers 11:30am-1:00pm Bunco 5:00pm-7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	9 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	10 Hope's Mens Group 8:00am-9:00am
11 – Pledge Due Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm	12 - Office Closed 	13 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	14 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	15 AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	16 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	17
18 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm	19 Counters 9am-10am Bell Choir Practice 5:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:45pm-8:15pm	20 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	21 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am Joy Circle 1:00pm-2:00pm	22 Martha Circle 10:00am-12:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	23 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	24 Love Church 8:00am-12:00pm
25 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm	26 Counters 9am-10am Bell Choir Practice 5:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:45pm-8:15pm	27 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	28 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	29 AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	30 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	31 - Halloween 

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Hope's 2026 Church Council

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Bryan Dirkes

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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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