Hope Happenings

November 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 vie Hope's YouTube Channel

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Gratitude Month

November is known as the month of gratitude because of several special events during this month. We remember the saints of faith who have died during the past year on All Saints Sunday (1 Nov). We are thankful for their models of Christian devotion and our memories with them in the past. Later, we remember and honor our military veterans on Veteran's Day (11 Nov). Their service in war and peace is a great sacrifice for our earthly freedom. Lastly, we join hands across the nation again on Thanksgiving Day (26 Nov) to offer our praises and thanksgiving to God for all the blessings he has given us. This national holiday was formalized as a national activity by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War.

Death, national challenge, winter, and Civil War seems odd moments to celebrate gratitude but therein lies a greater point. As Christians we are not called to be once-a-year thankers but show a year-round life of generosity to others as God has and continues to care for us. I encourage you to show that giving spirit to help Hope Lutheran Church's move forward in discovering a pastor and the best way to pursue the Gospel mission in the Temecula community. We are called to remembrance (Christ and all saintly believers), honor (veterans), and show gratitude (Thanksgiving). It's who we are.

Scottie Lloyd (Parishioner and Retired Pastor)

PS. I miss you all as I currently serve as bridge pastor for King of Kings Lutheran Church in Oceanside. I genuinely look forward to returning to Hope's chairs and our fellowship together in the Gospel. See you in December! SRL



Prime Timers

(Hope's Senior 50+ Ministry)

Thursday,

November 12th, 2026

11:30 AM – 1 PM

In Fellowship Hall

Our next meeting and luncheon will be on Thursday, November 12th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the followship hall. The meal will be Turkey, green beans, potatoes, salad and dessert. The cost for the meal will be $10.00. Our speaker will be Chaplain Scottie Lloyd. The November Prime Talk will be on 'Institution Chaplaincies". Ever heard of the Rodeo Chaplaincy or the Truckers Chaplaincy or the Chaplaincy for the military? We will hear from (Chaplain) Scottie Lloyd present how the church, through its chaplains, bring the Gospel to folks in some very different places in society. Please sign up on easel in the Church entryway so we may have a head count for food. If want to come but not eat be there no later than 12:30 PM.

Hope Lutheran Church

Actual vs Budget Summary

Through September 2026

REVENUE	Current Month	YTD Total	YTD Budget	12 Month Budget
General Offerings	$17,271	$164,152	$191,250	$255.000
TOTAL REVENUE	$21,801	$205,153	$227,926	$303,900
EXPENSES				
Operating Expenses	$19,265	$133,269	$176,666	$235,549
Mortgage/Interest	$ 9,550	$85,950	$ 85,950	$114,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 28,815	$219,219	$262,616	$350,149
NET TOTAL	$ (7,014)	$ (14,066)	$(34,690)	$ (46,249)



Thursday

November 26th, 2026

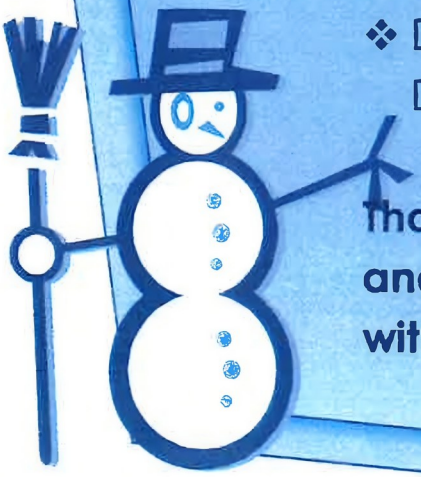
Church Office will be closed. May God bless you and your family this season!

Project Touch

"Congregational Wide Ministry Event"

Gift card donations request for Shelter residents at Project Touch

- Asking for your support to provide gas, Walmart and/or grocery store gift cards for the shelter residents. Gift cards requested in amounts of $10-$25
- Place the gift card donations in the collection basket on Sunday during service or give them to the church secretary in the office
- Donations are needed by Sunday, December 6, 2026

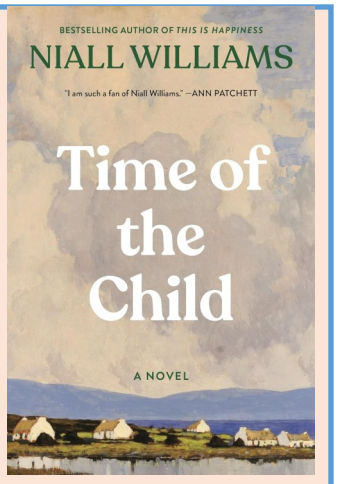


Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping support those in need within our community!

HOPE'S MENS GROUP: Our next meeting of Hope's Mens Group will be on **Saturday, November 14, 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 11/14/26, we will continue our study, going into the third chapter of the New Testament book of Ephesians. For our study of the book of Ephesians, we will not have a Zoom option. If you have any questions please contact Philip Hansen at: philip717@verizon.net



The next Hope Book club meeting will be **Monday, December 7th**, **4:45pm-6pm** at the home of Marta Bills. Our November/December selection is ***""Time of the Child"*** by Niall Williams. If you are joining us for the first time, please call or text Diane Anderson at (951) 834-2191 or Marta Bills at (951) 553-0972 for more information.





JOY CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18TH, 1:00 PM

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the home of Sally Glahn. The Bible study leader will be Mary Ann Mericle.



MARTHA CIRCLE

THURSDAY, NOV. 19TH, 10:00 AM

The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19th, 2026 at 10:00 AM—Noon at the home of Ella Loschky. The Bible study leader will be Karen Lloyd.



Bell Choir

Mondays

5PM-8:00PM



Come join us on

Tuesdays

from

6:30pm-8pm



Senior Quilts

Do you have a senior graduating in 2027? Get them a senior quilt, made by our own Catherine Zinna. If your 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

Veterans Day is…

Wednesday

November 11th, 2026

Remember to thank God and our Veterans for their service!



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 October: Kathleen Kovich, Cherie Gero, Lin Hodkinson, Carrol Kent.
- Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of October: Ken Wertz, Polly Brody and Lynn Petroff.
- Thanks to Lou Long, Brian Glahn and Thomas Schwalbe for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of October.
- Thanks to Mike Cooper, Kevin Prelgovisk, Ruben Arbues, Bryan Ito and Don Jackson for sharing your musical talents with us while we worship God together.

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

Hope Hysterical History

[Cue music] WE GATHER TOGETHER TO ASK THE LORD'S BLESSINGS

Hope Lutheran Church has enjoyed the Lord's blessings since 1978 – almost 50 years. This congregation is favored in the heart of God. A treasured event was our Thanksgiving potluck. The main attraction was the turkey! There was no planned program; it would have been a waste of time. The emphasis was on fellowship, and appreciating our blessings of friendship and abundance. From the Longbranch Saloon (where the bar made a perfect place for the bounty of foods from many cultures), to our present location, we are blessed!

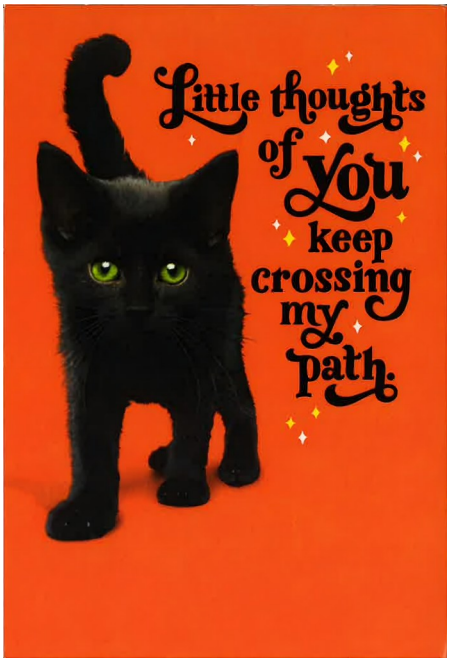
A traditional conversational subject is for each person to share a blessing – while satisfying their taste buds. Here are some other topics for conversation: The best thing about Hope is _____. A person who really impresses me is _____. My favorite song is _____. A special moment was _____. My favorite book/movie is _____. I wish we could revive the puppet ministry/ game day/talent show and _____.

Above all, we are thankful for the blessings of our Christian community.

Amen

It's Our History!





Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

I thank God you are in my life, today and always. Your care has given me protection when I was scared, love when I was lonely and reality when I'm well. Thank you for being my family. I am blessed constantly even when I fail.

"How purr-fectly wonderful is that?"

Happy Halloween

Dear God,

Please bring me toward the people who show me true love and guide me well. I want to be like them. Amen.

From Kim Erler

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

Our Hope members have been providing a meal for the Project Touch shelter residents on the 2nd Sunday of each month for 45+ residents. 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 July-October 2026. July-The Hope Council, a small group, provided fried chicken and potato salas as the main course for dinner. August meal was provided by the Women's Ministry cooking up a home cooked meal for all. September rolled in with the choir bringing a fresh meal to the shelter. Lastly, October had the Prime timers providing the meal for the 2nd time this year, with a yummy batch of macaroni and cheese and chicken. November will be provided by the fabulous Bells of Hope led by Lois Bergman.

Our Project Touch group for December will be a "whole congregation" ministry event. We already have a family that will be providing a Thrivent Action card to provide the meal.

We are asking Hope members to provide gas, Walmart and/or grocery cards for the residents at the shelter. Gifts cards in value of $10 to $25 are the desired cards. With the increased costs of these essential items, they will be very welcomed by the residents. We will give the gift cards to the Project Touch office to have them distribute to the families at the shelter as needed. Please put the gift card(s) in the collection basket on Sunday at service or give to Soren in the office. Last day for collection of gift cards will be Sunday, December 6.

If you prefer, we are always in need of breakfast items, water and paper goods for the Project Touch shelves in the Hope pantry. Each month the group providing the meal also take these items from the pantry for the next day breakfast meal at the shelter. A big thank you to Donna Hedges for keeping all these items organized on the shelves!

I appreciate all involved with this ministry and it shows Hope as a caring community of love, service, and kindness for others.

If you want more information On Project Touch, contact Karen Hansen via email Karen71781@verizon.net.

We Have SO MUCH to thank God for



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November Birthdays

02 - Hannah Dixon
09 - Charlotte Doty
10 - Hailey Baggest
Vern Swearingen
Dorene Swenton
11 - Laura Ann Madott
Jodi Prystash
Ava Riesenberg
13 - Paula Arlich
Robin Orner
15 - Katie Bradley
16 - Harriet Anderson
Kurt Holm
Mike Rebel
18 - Bob Danek
LaDonna Klaus
19 - Steve Van Nyhuis
22 - Caleb Johnson
24 - Barbara Meinke
25 - Theodore Hoelzel
27 - Linda Allmon
Brain Riesenberg
28 - Scottie Lloyd
29 - Jan Peterson
30 - Stephanie Velasco-Dong



November Baptism Birthday

01 - Paula Arlich
Mike Banfield
David Nagel
Tiernan Zinna
02 - Gabriel Sanders
Lyndey Sanders
05 - Scott Garland
Myrna Swearingen
18 - Abby Sanders
24 - Bruce Dobson
Marilyn Dobson
27 - Aidan Mohr
Caronne Van Nyhuis
30 - Oliver Campos

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 - Michael & Deborah Gallup (46)
19 - John & Jennifer Mohr (21)
21 - Ralph & Ann Sanzari (64)



November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm	2 Counters 9am-10am Bell Choir Practice 5:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study Fellowship 6:45pm-8:15pm	3 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	4 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am ♡ 2 Learn Rounds 6:30pm-9:00pm	5 AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	6 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	7
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Hope's 2026 Church Council

Executive Members

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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 Vallejo Ave., Temecula, CA 92592**

Hope Children's Center

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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