

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement: At Hope Palm Desert our vision is to share the free and unmerited love of God in Christ Jesus.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE DECK...BY PR. TOM GREVLOS (INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR)

I have always enjoyed the music of James Taylor (JT to his fans). I have seen him in concert a couple of times and appreciate the story-telling with his shy, reserved personality. While I have many favorite songs, I am especially fond of "Shower the People" with the lyrics, "Shower the people you love with love, show them the way that you feel..."

Love is the ethic of the Christian life. What does it mean to follow Jesus? "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus calls this the sum of the law, the central ethic of living as a child of God. Shower the people you love with love, yes, but Jesus goes even further in saying, shower the people you don't love with love. Jesus moves us from the Golden Rule to the Platinum Rule. This is what makes the Love as Jesus demonstrates so transformative. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Whom you want to change you must first love." In the words of Jesus, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

How do Dr. King's words and Jesus' words on the life-changing power of love make a difference in a world hell-bent on greed, blame, and demonizing others? How do we "shower the people we love with love" and shower with love those who are hard to love, including ourselves?

Humility and Service to others will shower life-changing love in the world. Albert Schweitzer once said, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but this I know: the only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." Love is as love does. Our acts of serving others with a servant heart is the secret to the abundant grace and love God has already given to us.

Hope has been called to be a witness to the love of Jesus. This is more than an empty platitude but a call to go above and beyond what seems reasonable. When our heart breaks with what breaks the heart of God, we are humble in spirit. We recognize that we are blessed to be a blessing and walk alongside those who have been marginalized and forgotten. In being a servant church with a servant heart, the love of Jesus is reflected through us!

In the early church during the first century A.D., "The Way" as the church was called, was known for their expansive love for one another and others. It is how the church grew exponentially. Is this not our reason for being, our identity in Christ, to be a grace place where love is showered upon people? Is this not the best kind of evangelism? The present and future of Hope Lutheran Church is shining bright because at the heart of this community is the love of Jesus. It is that simple and it is that life changing. May this ethic of Love always be who Hope is!

Peace + Gratitude,
Pr. Tom Grevlos

PRAYER REQUEST



If you have a loved one or friend in need of prayer, or need to make a change to a name on the prayer list, please send that information to michael@hopepd.org.

Remember in Prayer:

Steve Bowman, Corinne Bjerke, Linda Brake, Wendy Clark, Marilyn Dichsen, Fournier Family, Jim Fauth, Susan Hayward, The Hoover Family, Mirian Jones, Bob Leach, Nancy Leach, Richard Manthey, Carter Tenney, Jim Reitz, Marilyn Reitz, Duane Rommereim

Please resubmit names by email to michael@hopepd.org by the 1st of the month; otherwise Hope will assume the person is feeling better and the name will be removed from the list. Any questions please contact gabe@hopepd.org

HOPE LEGACY COMMITTEE

**"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree today."
Martin Luther**



Have you updated your will?

Don't forget to include Hope Lutheran Church Palm Desert!

For further information please contact the Hope office at gabe@hopepd.org.

SEARCH TEAM UPDATE...

Dear Congregation,

The Search Team continues to work diligently vetting two well qualified candidates at this time. As we try to close the loop on the process, we ask for your continued prayers as we intentionally and thoughtfully allow the Holy Spirit to move and breathe new life into the ministry at Hope Lutheran Church. Although we are not able to give a particular time-line at this point, we remain steadfast in our commitment to bringing the next Senior Pastor to Hope as soon as possible. We continue to ask for the congregation's prayers, patience and respect for the importance of confidentiality.

With Peace,
Martha Osborne



JOIN US FOR
**PASTOR CARL'S
 CELEBRATION**
MEXICAN FIESTA
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
 HOPE COURTYARD
 10:30AM - 12:30PM

MUSIC | STREET TACOS
 SALSA & CHIPS | MIMOSAS

And an opportunity to take a picture with
 Pr. Carl and wish him well in his retirement.
 Join us for the festivities.



INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR/ PASTOR EMERITUS

Thank You - Thank You - Thank You

I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because you have proclaimed your faith to all the world. Romans 1,8

Yes, I am finally retiring from the ministry with you, the people of Hope. I've tried to retire at least four times in the past; but didn't because of my love of ministry and you! (Pastor Derek had a part in it too) Over the years we have laughed, cried, hugged, prayed and sung hymns of praise together. We have been together for births, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, anniversaries and celebrations of life. We are one big family!

I invite you to be at worship on Sunday, February 23, 2025 just one day after my 80th birthday when I will officially retire!

These past 30 plus years have gone by so fast. I remember when Cheryl and I came to be interviewed by the Call Committee. I stepped out of the car in the parking lot onto a wad of chewing gum, looked up at the chairman of the Call Committee and said "I guess you're stuck with me!"

It was June of 1994 that I started my ministry here at Hope in the "A Frame."

INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR/ PASTOR EMERITUS ...(CONTINUED)

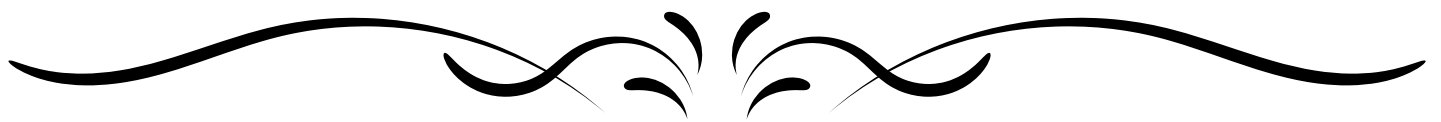
I had a lot of help over years, Retired Pastor Bob Collick stayed on as the Visitation Pastor, Pastor Cheryl Corneliussen was added as an associate pastor followed by Pastor Derek Fossey, Pastor Beth Brashear and Pastor Derek Fossey again. Pastors Bob Dew and Jay Egenes did their Internship's here at Hope while in serminary.

When Pastor Derek started the Modern Service, Pastors Gerald Sharon and Pastor Rick Bailard came on board. Pastor Tom Grevlos became our Interim Pastor after Pastor Derek accepted a call to Park City, Utah. Pastor Gesa Sharon joined the staff and Nick Orth will become an Intern from Luther Seminary in February. I thank God for each of these Pastors who have made a difference in my life here at Hope.

The congregation grew, we purchased several homes on Fairway Drive and added a new parking lot in 2000 and began the construction of a new Worship Center in 2001. The columbarium was added in 2010 and the building of the Hope Center followed in 2015. Hope continues by the grace of God to be one of the leading churches in the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We give heartfelt thanks for allowing us to be a part of your growth and history. I thank the entire staff over the years for the difference you have made in the lives of the people of Hope. It has been a pleasure for Cheryl and me throughout all these years to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ with you here at Hope! P.S. We are not leaving the Coachella Valley and look forward to the time we will be with you in the future.

The peace of the Lord be with you.
In the Love of Christ, Pastor Carl & Cheryl Witt



*Thank
you!*

PASTOR CARL!

SATURDAY NIGHT LUTHERANS (SNL)

Saturday Night Lutherans (SNL) is a social group and we invite everyone to attend.

Our next event is **February 15th, at 5:00pm** at the home of Candace Gruman and Rick Ashby, 1510 Sandpiper, Palm Desert.

Please bring an appetizer to share and a drink of your choice. If you have any questions, please give Candace a call at 651-491-1866. Be sure to sign up at the Info Center!



AFRICAN ASYLUM SEEKERS INITIATIVE

Thank you, Hope Lutheran Church, for all the electronic donations made to African Asylum Seekers Initiative. Countless people have had their lives changed by these donations. One young man who lost his leg, has been able to do graphic design and help other immigrants. He is now currently headed to college to complete his degree and go to law school. Another is a student in Denver on a visa from DRC who can attend his classes in technology with a donated computer. Amazing that old phones find a new life. The tablets and Kindles are a perfect addition to studying English, reading books, and learning to fit into American culture. In Africa the internet opens a world without war. We will be taking devices to Kenya next summer to share with people from Sudan who are in refugee camps. —Pat Leach

*Hope Church will continue to accept electronic donations. Devices will be wiped clean of personal information before they are given to a person in need.



HOPE FOOD BANK

Our Hope Food Pantry with generous donations from our congregation responds to this challenge by handing out cold water, sunscreen, food and of course a friendly smile and place to rest while they visit with us.

We continue to see an increase in the number of people whom we serve each week. Your generous donations have increased to meet this demand and all of us working in the pantry are very grateful.

Please continue to support this ministry as best as you can. Every dollar given to the pantry is used to stock food items needed. We can still use plastic bags. Thank you for your continued support.

QUILTERS

Mark your calendars. Quilters of Hope will be meeting on Wednesdays, February 5th and 19th from 9:30am. to 11:30am. After quilting you can also join us for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

All are invited to participate and join in the fellowship. No sewing experience is needed. If you've ever tied a knot, ripped out a seam, or ironed a sheet, we can use your talents either in person or at home. We also have quilt top kits with sewing instructions for any home sewers. It takes a team to create and distribute quilts!

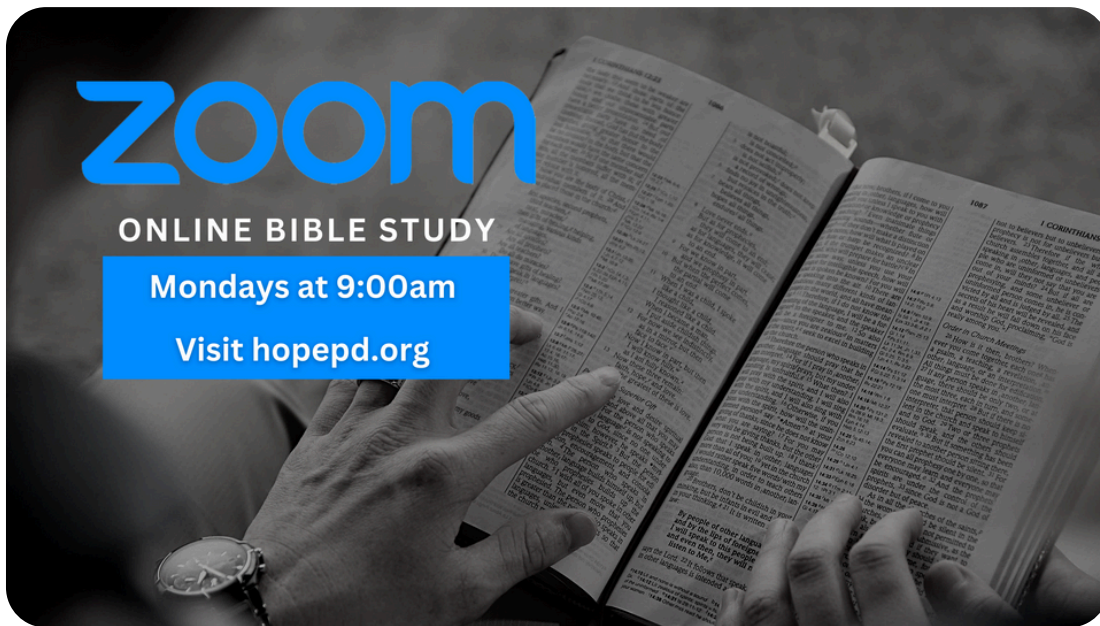
For more information, please call or text Ruth Fikes at 714-642-3773.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry spreads the love and comfort of Jesus through the giving of handmade shawls along with a wooden cross and a special prayer. This is an ongoing ministry and prayer shawls are continuously created and distributed.

In addition to the Prayer Shawls, the ministry offers additional ways for knitters and crocheters to share the warmth and love of Jesus. Baby blankets are available to give to parents or grandparents in celebration of a new child of God. Beanies and slippers are shared with our food pantry and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

For additional information please reach out to Mary Ellen Peterson at (801) 598-7733



- *You can find the Zoom link at Hopepd.org, click Online and go to Online Bible Study
- *All sessions are recorded. You can contact gabe@hopepd.org for the link.

MUSIC AT HOPE PRESENTS:

A Desert Ring Out

Handbell Festival

Saturday, February 8

6:00pm

Hope Lutheran Church
Hope Center
45900 Portola Ave
Palm Desert

Bell Choirs from

- Hope Lutheran, Palm Desert
- St. John's Lutheran, Palm Desert
- St. Andrew's Community
Presbyterian, Indio
- Kaleidoscope, Calgary, Alberta



On Saturday, **February 8, at 6:00pm**, the bells will be ringing in the Hope Center. Bell choirs from Hope, St. John's, St. Andrew's and ringers from Calgary, Alberta, will join together in a festival of bells.



The Coachella Valley Classic Voices returns to Hope Palm Desert with 35 singers on Sunday, **February 16, 2025, at 3pm**. CVCV's concert, "Opera meets Broadway," features selections from Wicked, La Traviata, Macbeth, A Chorus Line, and Carmen.





LA FIRE RESPONSE

PRAY

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. - Psalm 34:18

GIVE

Support wildfire victims through ELCA's relief efforts.



ELCA WILDFIRE RELIEF

Our congregation has given over \$28,000 for LA Fire Response, so far.

ANNUAL+ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We invite all congregants who are interested in a report of church activities over the last year and a vote of the 2025 budget.

**Sunday, February 2 at 11:30am
Sanctuary**



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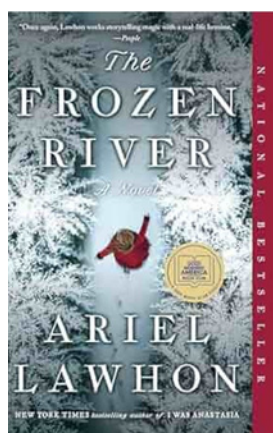
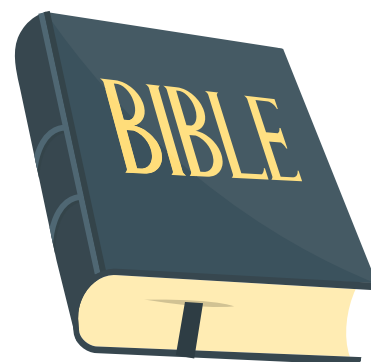
MEN OF HOPE BIBLE STUDY

Men of Hope Bible Study is a great time of conversation about the Word of God as well as fun and fellowship.

We meet on the First and Third Tuesday morning of each month, 7:30am. in the Meeting Room 1 at Hope.

All are welcome!

No Ph.D required!



HOPE BOOK CLUB THE FROZEN RIVER BY ARIEL LAWHON

Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community.

Months earlier, Martha documented the details of an alleged rape committed by two of the town's most respected gentlemen—one of whom has now been found dead in the ice. But when a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own.

Over the course of one winter, as the trial nears, and whispers and prejudices mount, Martha doggedly pursues the truth. Her diary soon lands at the center of the scandal, implicating those she loves, and compelling Martha to decide where her own loyalties lie.

Clever, layered, and subversive, Ariel Lawhon's newest offering introduces an unsung heroine who refused to accept anything less than justice at a time when women were considered best seen and not heard. The Frozen River is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day.

BOOK CLUB MEETS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 6:00pm.
BOOK COPIES ARE \$15 available at the Info Center.

FAMILY Ministry



Hope Children Center provides a faith-based environment for children to enjoy before and after school. Contact our Director, Virginia at virginia@hopepd.org for more info.

CHILDREN CENTER



Parent's Night Out (Valentine's Day Edition)

Date: Friday, February 14th

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Hope Center

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT is back again Friday, February 14th from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Drop off your kids (K-8th Graders) with us, go out on a date for a Valentine's Day getaway and we will watch your kids for FREE.

Kids will play games, eat pizza and have fun. Pizza will be provided for kids and workers. All this for FREE! Registration is required.

Thank you for this opportunity to get to know your child and provide you with a relaxing evening. We are honored to serve you and your family.

Student Ministry

Middle & High School online at hopepd.org

Sunday SERVICES

Middle School Ministry service is from 10:30am - 11:30am in Meeting Room 5. Students will meet in the Hope Center for worship, then move to the Meeting Room 5.

High School Ministry Sunday service is from 10:30am - 11:30am. Students will meet in the Hope Center for worship, then go to Meeting Room 4.



This is an event where students are the hands and feet of Jesus in our very own community. Less than a mile up the road from the church on Portola, students go into a community that needs food.

Our high school and middle school students go door-to-door handing out food to the families. On top of that, they're reaching out and asking if the families have any concerns that they could pray about together. This is an amazing opportunity for students to impact the lives of others.

Third Saturday of every month we gather in Hope Center @ 7:30am.

Every month third Saturday, February 15th, 2025
Every student High School
Adults can volunteer too, contact nick@hopepd.org

PM

IN HOPE CENTER FROM 11:30AM-1:30PM
(HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)



MONDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

FROM 6-7:30PM; THIS EVENT IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUNG ADULTS. IN THE HOPE CENTER.



Stand Firm is a Middle School Ministry and will meet every Wednesday from 6-8pm in Meeting Room 5.



Vibes is a High School Ministry and will meet on the second Saturday of every month in the Hope Center at 6:00pm.



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HOPE FOR ALL MOVIE NIGHT



1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture

Tuesday, February 25th | 6:30 pm
in Meeting Room 2

VISIT HOPEPD.ORG



SIGN UP WITH AMANDA AT
HOPEFORALL@HOPEPD.ORG

1946

THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED CULTURE



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

All services. Donations for ELCA World Hunger.

Hope will be accepting donations that will be sent to ELCA World Hunger. After each service girl scouts will be at each door holding large pots to accept the donations.

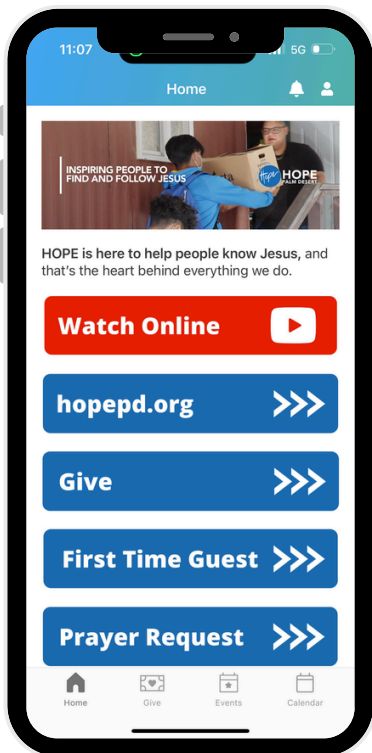
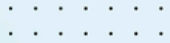
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!!

Hope Choir Recruiting



*If You Have A Spirit Of Praise, And A Song In Your Heart
The Hope Choir IS LOOKING FOR YOU!*

Rehearsals are at 6:30pm every Thursday in Meeting Room 3.
Contact Director Michael Cundari at michael@hopepd.org for more info.



CHURCH CENTER APP

Seeking clarity on in-person and online group meetings? Need Bible study start times or prayer lists? Interested in supporting the church financially? Our church app has you covered! Here's how to get started:

1. **Visit your phone's App Store.**
2. **Search for 'Church Center App.'**
3. **Download it.**
4. **Set it up with 'Hope.'**



With the app, you can submit prayer requests, catch service highlights, access our website, Kids Check-in, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Stay engaged and informed! 📱🙏 #StayConnected"



Celebrate Recovery

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

If you've been wondering what Celebrate Recovery is all about, just show up one Thursday night and see what God might do in your heart. Our slogan is "You're worth it!" because you are!

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday night from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Hope Center. If you have any questions, would like more information, or just talk or email with someone, contact Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org or (949)689-9681.



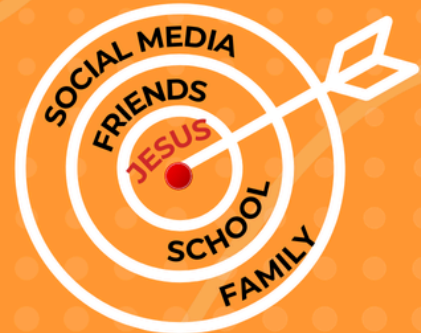
the Landing
CelebrateRecovery® for Students

A SAFE PLACE FOR STUDENTS TO PROCESS LIFE AND THE STRUGGLES THAT ACCOMPANY IT.

THE LANDING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: GRADE 6,7 & 8

EVERY THURSDAY | **7PM**
Hope Center

hopepd.org



Celebrate Recovery
A Christ Centered Recovery Program

7th

ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

DINNER AT 6:00PM

LIVE WORSHIP, TESTIMONY & CHIP NIGHT CELEBRATION AT 7:00PM

EMAIL GESA@HOPEPD.ORG FOR MORE INFO



Featuring Cheryl Baker

Cofounder of Celebrate Recovery

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Story of Stephen Ministry is based on a story in the Book of Acts about a group of apostles who were appointed to look after or care for the needs of the poor and needy.

There are many ways we can fulfill this appointment. One is to train to become a Stephen Minister. This is a ministry of loving, caring and listening to another person who is going through a particularly tough time. The difficulties that might lead someone to want a Stephen Minister are varied. It can be grief. It can be a health crisis. It can be any situation that could lead a person to extreme sadness or despair. It could be that your child, even adult children, are in trouble and you don't know how to help.

Stephen Ministers are called to provide a time each week with a care receiver for listening, praying, providing encouragement and support.

People are often reluctant to ask for a Stephen Minister because they underestimate the toll their situation is taking on themselves and their families.

Stephen Ministers are people who have a natural God-given gift of caring for others to help them solve their situations with grace and love.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Contact Pastor Tom if you would like a Stephen Minister at tom@hopepd.org.

If you think you might have the gift of caring and would like to explore that please contact Linda Benson-Spencer or Bob Bateman by contacting gabe@hopepd.org. God just might be calling you to join this ministry.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Follow us on Instagram at "womenofhopepalmdesert" & on Facebook at "Women Of Hope at Hope Palm Desert" Contact Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org 949-689-9681

The dates for the Monday Night are...
February 10th
March 10th
April 14th
 From 6:30pm - 8pm



The dates for the Esther Circle are...
February 12th
March 12th
April 9th
 From 9:30am to 11am

"Faithfulness in these days" By Denise Rector

February 2025

Psalm 22

David testifies that God is God and worthy of praise, even as David is in despair. It's no wonder that Jesus cried out to God during the crucifixion using these very words. In our worst times, this Psalm gives us a way to contemplate God's holiness.

March 2025

Acts 10-11: Peter and Cornelius

We do not always see eye-to-eye with our neighbor. And yet, we are called to love our neighbor. Peter's experience with someone different gives the Holy Spirit an opportunity to teach Peter, the church and us to see others as God sees them.

April 2025

Mark 5:21-43: Jairus and The Woman Who is Bleeding

Both Jairus and The Woman Who is Bleeding reach out in their pain and disappointment, and Jesus meets them with compassion. Jesus is also present in our actions when our listening and grace makes us stand out from the world around us.



Connect. Grow. Thrive.



Scan the QR code to explore all upcoming Women's events and opportunities!



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SISTERS IN CHRIST

Book or Bible Study

We will be studying the book "BEFORE AMEN" by Max Lucado. This is a study about our prayer life and how we can learn to pray more effectively. Class is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Our next meeting is February 4 at 9:15am in Meeting Room 6.

TOUR DE PALM SPRINGS

LET'S GO RIDE OR WALK FOR HOPE

Saturday, February 8th, 2025
 Visit hopepd.org or email geraldsharon@gmail.com

Walk 1-3 miles, or ride 7, 24, 36, 85, or 102 miles. When registering online you will select Fundraising Team: Hope Lutheran Church (there you can also donate) and use Non-Profit Code: HOPE25. **100% of your registration fee will go to support the programs and projects of the Women of Hope ministry.**



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Women of HOPE
Winter Gathering
Saturday February 15th
10:00am to 12:00pm in the Hope Center

Register online at hoped.org,
at the Info Center, or email
gesa@hopepd.org.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE OPHELIA PROJECT
OPHELIA
EMPOWERING TEENS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY TO BOOST SELF-WORTH AND REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH MENTORING AND SPONSORSHIP.

- ANNUAL PRAYER
- PARTNER EXCHANGE
- SHARE A POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Saturday February 15th 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Hope Center

Ophelia Project: a program of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization located in the Coachella Valley of California whose passion is to empower young teens to increase their sense of self-worth and maximize their potential contribution to society through mentoring and sponsorships.

"Empowering young teens to increase their sense of self-worth and maximize their potential contribution to society"

We will be doing our annual Prayer Partner Exchange and share a Potluck Breakfast. Register online at hoped.org, at the Info Center on the Patio or email gesa@hopepd.org



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Women of HOPE

Annual THANK OFFERING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

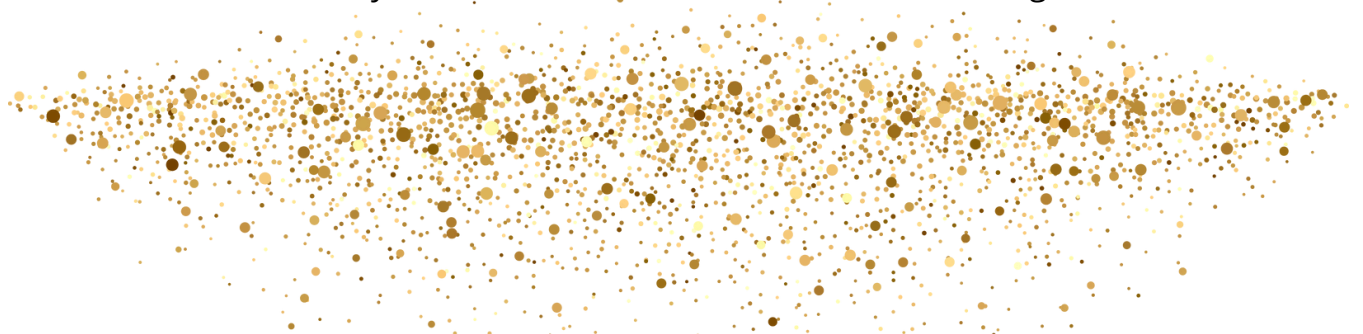
WE GIVE IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED.
VISIT HOPEPD.ORG FOR MORE INFO.

The graphic has a dark blue background with colorful bokeh lights. The text is in white and gold. The Women of HOPE logo is in the top left corner.

We're inviting you to participate in a Thankoffering in support of the Women of Hope ministry. As we make our Thankofferings, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800's or even earlier within Lutheran communities.

Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankoffering services like this are held to support the life changing ministries of Women.

In the past, besides sending a portion to the worldwide organization, the Women of Hope ministry were able to help support Mama's House, Safe House of the Desert, Cattleberry Missionaries, Team Rubicon, International ELCA Women leaders and to other local needs. With the help of the generous people of Hope we were able to accomplish the Angels of Hope Christmas Gift Outreach and the Bags of Hope hygiene kits for the homeless all throughout the summer. In addition, we supported individuals and families in need in our congregation, plus we held studies and events that created community within our church, and our surrounding communities.



GRIEF SHARE®

EVERY TUESDAY

For those seeking help after
the death of a person close to you.

Register online at hopepd.org. For questions,
contact Tootie at jemark2@aol.com.

CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 7 AT 9AM - 11AM
IN THE HOPE CLASS ROOM #4.
CLASS MEETS WEEKLY UNTIL MARCH 18.

Hope Lutheran Church is offering a Grief Support Group - help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. Hope Lutheran's group began on Tuesday January 7, 2025 at 9:00am until 11:00am and ending March 18, 2025 - a total of 11 sessions.

The group will be led by Tootie Killingsworth. GriefShare flyers are available at our Info Center. Do sign up - invite a friend and join us. Cost for individual workbook is \$20.00. Enroll on www.griefshare.org. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tootie at jemark2@aol.com or 760-340-0065 or Gabe Den Hartog at gabe@hopepd.org.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Don Hands Liam Inman Audrena Camargo
2 Philip Bender Richard Hanson Darby MacLean Phoebe Thorpe	3 Michael Brian Prudence Choi Levi Ford Kaden Valle Star Gonzalez	4 Lorenzo Arrieta Madison Miller	5 Jim Eaton Nick Orth	6 Carol Beers Izaiah Telles Judy Wachholtz Elijah Conway	7 Andrea Almolor Michael Curran Kathy Holt Jane Kaplan Dean Kirsh Hayden Malloch Regina McGrath Shannon Streiff- Process Syls Biggs	8 Robert Hilger
9 Lennon Attaway Barbara Cole Ryan Henderson Elise Marinez William McKenzie Vicki Pollard Delaney Webb Hazel Kirk Chad and Cathy Wood	10 Marit Beynildson Tom Cox Jennifer Wodarck	11 Cameron McLaughlin Christian Ramirez	12 Thiago Ramirez	13 Garland Chambers Gianna Jouan Rachel Kuiland Alondra Lopez Noah Martinez	14 Valentine's Day Stephanie Carter Kimberly Kotsiris Barbara Patterson Samuel Rodriguez Tom Becker and Cheryl Hart	15 Terry Anderson Andrew Caceres Rob Tidd Mariam Youssef
16 Craig Hanson Barbara Renner Ellie Roehrick Christian Torres Martha and Charles Lumia	17 Kay Lewis Reg Liski Karla Whiteford Caroline Jansen	18 Christie Chaplin Violet Dorris Ethan Foley Beth Hagen Samuel Smith Westin Wilson Ella Gomez Horst and Jo Engel	19 Clara Ballantyne Carol Hanson Sara Sevey Bob and Kathy Helgeson	20 Wyatt Day Peter Fremstad Lyon Longstreth Rocco Marshall Tim Melbrod Addie Brown	21 Cooper Kaiser Cash Kovaleff Maria Polaneczky Brooks Tanner	22 Shance Betts Alexee Gutierrez Margaret King Glenda Moctezuma- Mantemayor Pastor Carl Witt
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FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am Pickleball w/ Pastor Tom
2 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship 11:30am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	3 5:30pm Men's CR Step Study	4 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am BSF 9am GriefShare 9:30am Sister in Christ	5 9:00am Zoom Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm 6:30pm Four Agreements	6 6:30pm Hope Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	7	8 10am Desert Viking VASA 6pm Music at HOPE – Handbell Fest
9 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship SUPER BOWL OF CARING	10 5:30pm Men's CR Step Study 6:30pm Monday Night Study	11 9:00am BSF 9am GriefShare	12 9:00am Zoom Bible Study 9:30am Esther Circle 6pm Stand Firm	13 6:30pm Hope Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	14 9am Stephen Ministry 6-8:30pm Parents Night Out	15 7am Student Impact 5pm SNL 1pm Women of HOPE: "Ophelia Project"
16 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship THANKOFFERING SUNDAY 3PM Classical Voices	17 5:30pm Men's CR Step Study	18 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am BSF 9am GriefShare 9:30am Sister in Christ	19 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm	20 6:30pm Hope Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	21	22 10am Sons of Norway 3pm Music at Hope: "Friends in Song"
23 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship Pastor Carl's Final Sermon At HOPE 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	24 5:30pm Men's CR Step Study	25 9:00am BSF 9am GriefShare 6:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Hope for All Movie	26 6pm Stand Firm	27 6:30pm Hope Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	28 9am Stephen Ministry	

Sunday online services available at hopepd.org For more information on any events, go to hopepd.org

ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSONS FUND

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Evon, Jeff & Justin Miner In Memory of Robin Miner	FEBRUARY 2	Reynold Worch To the Glory of God
Paul Brauneck In Memory of Mom	FEBRUARY 9	Serita Brokaw To the Glory of God
(open)	FEBRUARY 16	(open)
In Honor Of Pastor Carl's Ministry	FEBRUARY 23	The Witt Family

Sign-up sheets available at the Information Center or call the office at 760.346.1273.

"Sharing the Gifts of God"	October 2024
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	640
Offering	\$83,526
Miscellaneous Income	\$350
Total	\$83,876
Average Weekly Income	\$20,969
Mortgage Balance	\$409,178.99
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$4,204
Growing Hope (funds received for mortgage)	\$1,629.88
YTD Interest Paid on Mortgage	\$19,532.34

ONLINE AND ONCAMPUS WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Traditional Services	Sundays 8:00am & 9:30am	On Campus
Traditional Services Online	Available Saturday evenings	hopepd.org
Modern Services	Sundays 10:30am	On Campus
Modern Services Online	Available Saturday evenings	hopepd.org
Hope Kids	Sundays 9:30am & 10:30am	On Campus
Women's Gather Study	Monday, February 10, 6:30pm	On Campus
Men's Bible Study	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30am	Conference Room
Vibes - High School Ministry	Saturday, February 8, 6:00-8:00pm	On Campus
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	Tuesday, February 25, 6:00pm	Conference Room
Esther Circle	Wednesday, February 12, 9:30am	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9:30am	On Campus
Hope Choir	Thursdays 6:30pm	Choir Room
Celebrate Recovery	Thursdays 7:00pm	Hope Center
CR - Men's Open Share	Thursdays 7:00pm	On Campus
CR - Women's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus
Stephen Ministry	2nd & 4th Fridays, 9:00am	On Campus



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