

October 2026 Newsletter

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



"CELEBRATING KIDS AT HOPE," PASTOR TONY

"Am I looking at an advance blueprint from the city of Palm Desert for a new Valley-wide Fair designed for families? Wow! This looks amazing!!!" Not exactly, but what I was looking at could have been that. What I was really looking at was our Kids Ministry Director, Carlos, planning slides for the 2026 Spooktacular that will take place on October 24 from 5:00-8:00 pm. This event creates lasting childhood memories for kids of all ages, reignites the inner child of all adults present, and serves as an effective 'front door' into the life of the church for many young families searching for a church they can call home in the Valley.

The amount of time, effort, care, and partnerships required to lead one of Hope's largest annual community outreaches cannot be overstated. With over 2,000 people in attendance, over 40,000 pieces of candy given out, and the new efforts of providing costumes for children who don't have one and participating in the Teal Pumpkin Project for children with food allergies, Spooktacular this year will require all of us to ask ourselves, "How will I celebrate kids at Hope Palm Desert (ELCA) in 2026?" Last year, over 75 volunteers served alongside 12 staff members to make Spooktacular possible. We would love to grow that number so more kids and families encounter the gift of our church family.

We need every one of you to step forward with us to make a difference in the lives of children here. Some key ways you can support us are, **first, donate candy- A LOT OF CANDY!** Each year we have to run out and make up what is missing. We typically have about 90% of the candy we need donated, which means running around to find that last 10% as Halloween approaches. **Second, consider volunteering for this event**, either on the setup team, the team that facilitates the night's festivities, or the takedown team. The setup team is one area where we could use extra help because the setup requires more hands than takedown. Setup volunteers are encouraged to arrive at 10:00 am to allow us time to get everything up; regular event volunteers are encouraged to arrive at 4:00 pm. **Third, support one of our new outreach practices this year** by donating new or lightly used costumes and/or small handout toys for the Teal Pumpkin Project. To learn more about the Teal Pumpkin Project, visit: <https://www.foodallergy.org/our-initiatives/awareness-campaigns/teal-pumpkin-project>. **Fourth, consider donating money toward the cost of our rental equipment.**

We budget for this event, but costs rise every year and anything new we try and do requires more financial resources. **Fifth, and most importantly, pray for God to use this event in powerful ways** to bring joy to families who need joy in this season, and for God to open the door of Hope Palm Desert (ELCA). Jesus's heart is always near children and young families, calling them to come and find the supportive community they need. To offer candy, costumes, or Teal Pumpkin donations, you can drop them in our decorative boxes in the Traditional and Modern worship space entryways on Sundays. To sign up to volunteer, please contact the Kids Ministry Director, Carlos Vega, at carlos@hopepd.org.

¹³⁻¹⁵ One day children were brought to Jesus in the hope that he would lay hands on them and pray over them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus intervened: "Let the children alone, don't prevent them from coming to me. God's kingdom is made up of people like these." After laying hands on them, he left.

Matthew 19:13-15, The Message

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



Help Make Spooktacular Happen!

Spooktacular is almost here, and we need YOU to help make this incredible night possible! Here are three ways to get involved:

DONATE CANDY

We need LOTS of individually wrapped candy! Drop off donations at the church office or bring them on Sunday. Monetary donations are also welcome.

DONATE A COSTUME

Help fill our Spooktacular Costume Closet! Donate new or gently used children's costumes so every child has the chance to join in the fun.

VOLUNTEER & DECORATE

Help us bring Spooktacular to life! Register to volunteer or help with decorating.

Volunteer Meeting: October 18 at 11:40 AM in the Hope Center, following the Modern Service. Questions? Contact Carlos at carlos@hopepd.org

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:

Anita Allingham, Marilyn Atchue-Zuill, Chanel Atchue, Robert Barranco, Vida Besel, Cindy Bjerke, Scott Fasano, Pearl Den Hartog, Marilyn Dichsen, Bonnie Dixon, Susan Dubbs, Jo Engel, Michael Ebert, Kylie Gahagan, Richard Gormley, Steve Gregory, Ginny Horner, Mary Frances King, Jeff & Chris Lane, Jerry Lincoln, Jeanne Mace, Karen Martin, Daniel Mongillo, Pam Ramirez, Manuel Silva, Sephora Murray, Redford Sergent, Sara Sergent, Svenja Stodiek, Vera Wall, Annie Whittlesey, Dana Zahler

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.

I believe most of us would like to leave a legacy. Legacy giving necessarily involves leaving a charitable donation to a non-profit organization. Please consider Hope Lutheran as a means to establish your legacy. You may choose to have your conversations and charitable plan remain anonymous.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE
NEED YOUR HELP WITH HOPE KIDS!



For Modern Service 10:30am

Nursery Ages – Infants – 2 yrs
Early Childhood – 3yrs – 5 yrs
Elementary – 1st grade – 5th grade

TO GET INVOLVED:
CONTACT CARLOS@HOPEPD.ORG
PHONE : (760)485-3328

Serving in Hope Kids is so much more than watching kids.

It's an opportunity to help children know and follow Jesus while creating a safe, fun, and welcoming place where they can experience God's love. As a Hope Kids volunteer, you might laugh and play games, worship together, share Bible stories, and get to witness those incredible moments when a child begins to understand who Jesus is.

And serving doesn't just impact the kids. It's an opportunity to grow in your own relationship with God, discover the gifts He's given you, build relationships with other volunteers, and be part of a ministry that impacts entire families.

We currently need volunteers for both our 9:30 AM Traditional and 10:30 AM Modern services, serving with children from infants through 5th grade.

You don't have to be a Bible expert or have all the answers. You just need a willing heart and a desire to make a difference.

If your heart is stirred by the thought of helping children discover Jesus, we'd love to talk with you!

carlos@hopepd.org
Children's Ministry Director
(760) 485-3328

Student Ministry

Middle & High School online at hopepd.org

Sunday SERVICES

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

The logo for Student Impact, featuring the word "Student" in black and "Impact" in orange, with a small pencil icon above the "t" in "Impact".

Student
Impact

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 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 the Hope Center @ 7:30am.

Every month third Saturday, October 17th, 2026
Every student High School
Adults can volunteer too, contact nick@hopepd.org

PM

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



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@hopeyouthministry

WHERE MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENTS

HAVE FUN WITH
FRIENDS AND
DISCOVER
THEIR FAITH.

Wednesday Nights
6:00pm to 8:00pm
Meeting Room 5



Stand Firm

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



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QUILTERS OF HOPE



October is a special month for Quilters of Hope. Along with the Prayer Shawl Ministry, we display the works of our hands and hearts for blessing before distributing them near and far. Here are some important dates for your calendar

- **Wednesday, October 7th – 9:30 to 11:30 am** – Our annual “Tie-In” to finish quilts before the blessing and distribution. We are close to reaching our goal of 100 quilts finished.
- **Friday, October 9th – 9:30 to 10:30 am** – We meet to place finished quilts and prayer shawls in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday, October 11th** – at all services – We bless the finished quilts and prayer shawls. Members have an opportunity to see the beauty of our work and to contribute to these ministries through a designated offering. Offering envelopes for Quilters of Hope will be available and any electronic offering can be designated for “Quilters”.
- **Sunday, October 11th – 10:45 am** – We meet to box the quilts for distribution.
- **Wednesday, October 21st – 9:30 to 11:30 am** – We kick-off another year for Quilters of Hope. Come join us and see what all the buzz is about.

Quilters of Hope Tidbits:

1. The quilts from Hope are shared:
 - Locally with Hope High School Graduates and Hope for All Ministry as a reminder that the unconditional love of Jesus can always be found at Hope.
 - Locally with Bridges2Hope (thebridges2hope.com) and Lideres Campesinas (lideres.compesinas.org) to let them know that their lives matter because of the unconditional love of Jesus.
 - Nationally and Globally through Lutheran World Relief (LWR.org) to share the unconditional love of Jesus to all our neighbors suffering from natural disasters, disease, or violent conflict.
2. Each quilt shared is worth approximately \$100 in money, time, and talent.
 - The materials to make and ship a quilt cost between \$25 and \$35 dollars. We use the designated Quilters of Hope offering to purchase sheets, batting, and fabric and to support shipping costs.
 - The time to make a quilt is between 6 and 8 hours.
 - The talent to make a quilt is priceless.
3. Quilters of Hope is a fun fulfilling fellowship!

**For more information, please call or text
Ruth Fikes at 714-642-3773 or
candrfikes@gmail.com**



Quilters Sunday

OCTOBER 11TH

SPONSOR A QUILT!

QUILTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY, AND WE INVITE YOU TO SPONSOR ONE FOR JUST \$20.

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS, INFO CENTER AND TABLES AT THE MODERN SERVICE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT GESA@HOPEPD.ORG

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

On Sunday, October 11th at all services we will be displaying and blessing Prayer Shawls for distribution throughout the year. These beautiful shawls are just waiting to be shared. If you know of anyone who needs a reminder of Jesus' love or a warm comforting hug, please contact any of the Pastors, Deacon John, Stephen's Ministries, or Mary Ellen Peterson and we will get a prayer shawl delivered.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry gives thanks that we were blessed with another donation of yarn. We have a large stash of yarn waiting for volunteers who are looking for a creative knitting or crocheting project.

For additional information please reach out to:

Mary Ellen Peterson at (801) 598-7733 or marymelon50@hotmail.com



MUSIC AT HOPE

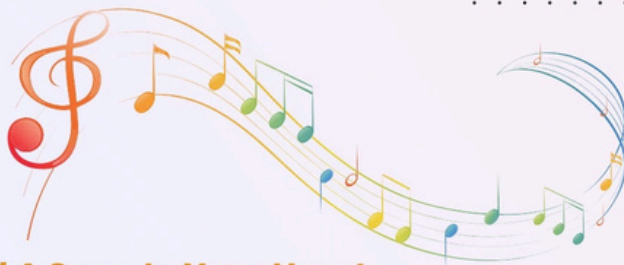
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!!

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

Contact Director Michael Cundari at michael@hopepd.org for more info.



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Blessing Of The Animals

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BRING YOUR PETS
TO THE CHURCH FOR A PASTOR TO BLESS.

Saturday, October 10th
9:00am
At the fountain on the courtyard



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Hope's Stephen Ministry team serves the community with:

***One on One confidential relationships** for people who need someone to “come along side” during a personal or family crisis

***Prayer** – offered after Hope's services

***Communion** for those who are home-bound. Stephen Ministers are trained to offer communion in your home if you cannot make it to church. Your team continues to learn and grow in their faith with the study/discussion of the book, Do Your Best and Trust God with the Rest.

If you or someone you know might benefit by having a care giver, please contact Pastor Tony, Deacon John, or Laurie Marvin.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Jesus asks us to love one another and share each other's burdens, and that's what Stephen Ministers do. We are not an elite group. We are your brothers and sisters in Christ, who have been trained to share your burden, as we share the common bond of our Faith. It is strictly confidential, and you will be blessed. Talk to Pastor Tony, Laurie Marvin, or Jim Barger, and they will find just the right person for you.

EVERYONE HAS CHALLENGES

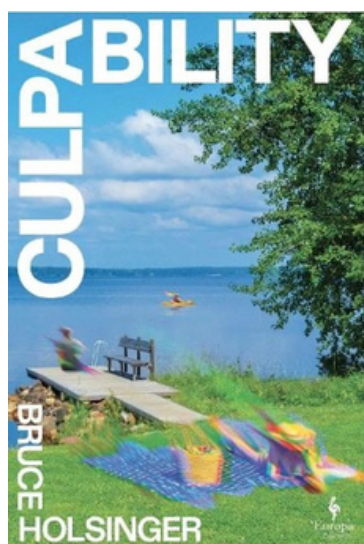
Yes, we all have challenges, crises, and just plain rough spots in our lives. If having someone who will truly listen and care about you—someone who shares the bond of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ would help you, just ask Pastor Tony or Laurie Marvin about a Stephen Minister. We're here to walk with you.



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.

HOPE BOOK CLUB



CULPABILITY by BRUCE HOLSINGER

A suspenseful family drama about moral responsibility in the age of artificial intelligence.

When the Cassidy-Shaws' autonomous minivan collides with an oncoming car, seventeen-year-old Charlie is in the driver's seat, with his father, Noah, riding shotgun. In the back seat, tweens Alice and Izzy are on their phones, while their mother, Lorelei, a world leader in the field of artificial intelligence, is absorbed in her work. Yet each family member harbors a secret, implicating them all in the tragic accident.

During a weeklong recuperation on the Chesapeake Bay, the family confronts the excruciating moral dilemmas triggered by the crash. Noah tries to hold the family together as a seemingly routine police investigation jeopardizes Charlie's future. Alice and Izzy turn strangely furtive. And Lorelei's odd behavior tugs at Noah's suspicions that there is a darker truth behind the incident—suspicions heightened by the sudden intrusion of Daniel Monet, a tech mogul whose mysterious history with Lorelei hints at betrayal. When Charlie falls for Monet's teenaged daughter, the stakes are raised even higher in this propulsive family drama that is also a fascinating exploration of the moral responsibility and ethical consequences of AI.

Culpability explores a world newly shaped by chatbots, autonomous cars, drones, and other nonhuman forces in ways that are thrilling, challenging, and unimaginably provocative.

Book Club Meets: Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6:00pm
Book copies are: \$15 and available at the Info Center



REFORMATION HYMN SING

"As long as we live there is never enough music"

This quote is from Martin Luther. Among his thoughts on the church, he thought it very important that people became active participants in the mass. The language for the service should be the language of the people. Luther felt that people could more easily learn and understand scripture by singing about it.

On Reformation Sunday, October 25, 3:00pm, our organist, Doug Wilson, will lead an afternoon of hymn singing. We will begin with Luther's great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." We will continue with hymns of the Wesley brothers, gospel hymns by Fanny Crosby, more contemporary hymns, and the congregations Top 3. Come and sing with us, invite your friends from other churches. Let us celebrate the reformation in grand style.

In order to determine the Top 3, please submit your top 3 favorite hymns to Doug@hopepd.org.



Fall 2026: "Bold faith on an unexpected journey," by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney

Faith often leads us down paths we didn't expect—into wilderness places, across unfamiliar lands, and through seasons of grief and hope. This three-session study takes us on a journey with Hagar, Ruth and Mary Magdalene, women whose bold faith transformed their unexpected stories. Their encounters with God remind us that we, too, are seen, sustained and sent to carry good news into the world.

Session 2: Choosing loyalty, finding love

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-22; 2:8-12; 4:13-17

Ruth, a Moabite widow, chooses to remain with her mother-in-law Naomi and step into an unknown future. Her bold faith is revealed in loyalty, courage and openness to God's provision. In Ruth's story, we see how God weaves love, community and promise through even the most uncertain paths. This session invites participants to reflect on the risks of faith, the gift of relationships and the ways God works through everyday loyalty to bring forth extraordinary love.

Session 3: Proclaiming resurrection in hope

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Mary Magdalene's journey transitions from that of a grieving friend to the first preacher of the good news, after she shows up at the empty tomb and encounters the risen Jesus. Her story declares that women are entrusted to carry resurrection hope into a hurting world. This session encourages participants to recognize their own call to bear witness and to proclaim hope in Christ.

Monday Night Study dates:

October 19th, November 16th
6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 6 in the Hope Center

Wednesday Morning Study (formerly known as "Esther Circle") dates:

October 14th, November 11th
9:30am to 11:00am in Room 4 in the Hope Center

WOMEN OF HOPE FALL GATHERING



We have a Women of Hope Fall Gathering on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Hope Center. It will be a “Quilting Bee” led by the Quilters of Hope. Here is a text to use along with a slide to describe and promote the event..

Come learn about the Quilters of Hope ministry while experiencing the quilting process firsthand. Participants will create a small project, such as a coaster or potholder, while learning the basic steps of quilting. Coffee, water and snacks will be provided. Please register (link here). For questions gesa@hopepd.org.

SNL

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

Our next event is October 10th, at 5:00pm at the home of Barb Oeding:
514 Via Assisi, Cathedral City.

Please bring an appetizer to share and a drink of your choice.

If you have any questions. please give Barb a call at: 760-413-7143.

Be sure to sign up at the Information Center.



VOLUNTEERING FOR PALM SPRINGS PRIDE

Share the hope and love
of Jesus to ALL people.



NOV 7th & 8th

Email Mel at hopeforall@hopepd.org
for more information or if you'd like to volunteer!



MOVIE NIGHT

MOVIES THAT INFORM. CONVERSATIONS THAT TRANSFORM.

OCTOBER 18TH

1946

THE MISTRANSLATION
THAT SHIFTED CULTURE



11:45AM



ROOM 2



**BRING YOUR OWN
SACK LUNCH**



Register online at Hopepd.org or email Amanda at hopeforall@hopepd.org for more info

A promotional poster for the 'Beer & Brats' event. The background features a close-up of a beer glass and sausages on a wooden board. The HOPE Palm Desert logo is in the top left. The event title 'BEER & BRATS' is in large, stylized white and orange letters, with 'SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH' on a blue banner below it. A white sign on the right says 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!' in blue, followed by 'Help us make Beer and Brats a great event!' and an icon of three people. At the bottom right, a blue button with an envelope icon says 'SIGN UP AT THE INFO CENTER OR EMAIL gabe@hopepd.org'.A recruitment poster for the HOPE Hospitality Team. The background shows a person in a floral shirt shaking hands with another person. The text 'HELP MAKE HOPE FEEL LIKE HOME.' is in large white and orange letters. Below it, a green box says 'JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM GREETERS + USHERS'. The text 'Help welcome people, create connection, and make Sunday mornings feel like home.' is in a smaller font. At the bottom, a laptop icon is next to the text 'SIGN UP ONLINE AT HOPEPD.ORG or sign up sheet available at the Info Center. Questions? Contact Gabe gabe@hopepd.org | 760-346-1273'.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Barbara Norman Belinda Solano Georgene Fairbanks James Heil Fabian Felix John and Paula Marvin	2 Fernando Hernandez Samuel Mora-Capriles Connor Jones Josie Anderson	3 Zuri Harris
4 Jeanne Mace Kathryn Liddell Mallory Ehlers Lucas Ransom Tissie Jacobs	5 Bruce Nation Sean Daly	6 Judy Collins Lindsey Sumner Allyson Sanchez	7 Christian Vertucci Kim Buchanan Susan Hanson Eli Watson Angelina Palmer Christ Edwards	8 Daisy Dorris Milt Unruh Toni Timm Winner	9 Kay Ehrhardt Melody Schneider	10 Carole Olson Annette and Jerry Fragasso Al and Jo Gudel
11 Jan Harnik Jeff Vatter Kai Kang Keyani Kang Kent Schulz Randy Trout Mila Gonzalez Kalani Gonzalaez	12 Carole Stark Derek Schmalz James Bollinger Matthew Mendoza Aurora Cortez Carol and Sam Meek	13 Sylvia Thompson	14 Maddox Conway Linda King Nathalie Ruiz Jayleen Galvez Delilah Galvez	15 Gia Curci Jamerson Shepard Linda Sterton Terri Fosselmann	16 Chase Hought Penny McCreary Reynold Worch Shaun M. Howe Dave and Pat Ryden David Cribari and Laurie Marvin	17 Nancy Stewart Demarion Boyd Naiya Pavia Troy Steubs
18 Barbara Dixon-Vallat Cathy Wood Donna Robinson Janice Barnes Yazmin Baltierra Camil Lopez	19 Bill Diedrich Michelle Diedrich Chase Collins Christa Saevke Coby Harris Gary Leach Ryan McCollum Diana Martens Lillian Clark Noah Burdick Joel Burdick Lily Rodriguez Hunter Sheehan	20 Dick Kupskey Molly Preston Rachael Polk Butch Donahue Henry Marner Alyssa Bray Cara and Mike Calhoun	21 Richard Ellingboe Travis Verdugo Lincoln Sheehan Heather Smith Rayvn Bentancourt Norman and Sue Miller	22 Lillian McWey Raul Mendoza George and Susan Le Cornu	23 Lucas McCauley Lisa and Raul Mendoza	24 Ryleigh Dunn Stacie Armendariz X'Chari Sibson Gabe and Todd Den Hartog
25 Declan Clerkin	26 Cheryl Hart Joyce Darling Tom Smith Anita Heggen Ciera Perry Maverick Harrer Danalyn Amador	27 Breanna Shondrick Rodney Reed Troy Elder Will Devaney Sadaih Johnson Rebekka and Terry Voyles	28 Doug Schmalz Harvey Skov Jim Olson Marguerite Long Rosalie Domingues Sydney Process Johann Alvarado Martin and Nancy Frey	29 Maddie Kalmbach	30 Pam Meadows Gracie Smith Sara Tidd	31 Samantha Laquihon Calvin Sheller Christian Sanchez

OCTOBER 2026

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				1 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	2	3 10:00am Stephen Ministry Training
4 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	5 9:00am HOPE OUTREACH	6 9:00am Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)	7 9:00am Men & Nonbinary Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Training 6pm Stand Firm 6pm VIBES	8 10:00am Women of Hope Leaders Meeting 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	9	10 10:00am Stephen Ministry Training
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18 BEER & BRATS! 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	19 6:30pm Women of Hope Monday Night Study	20 9:00am Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)	21 9:00am Men & Nonbinary Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm 6pm VIBES	22 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	23	24 SPOOKTACULAR 6pm-8:30pm
25 REFORMATION SUNDAY! 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	26	27 9:00am Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)	28 6pm Stand Firm 6pm VIBES	29 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	30	31

ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSONS FUND (\$60 DONATION)

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Given by: Barbara Spencer To the Glory of God	October 4	Given by: Jan & Brian Harnik To the Glory of God
Given by: Debera Ellingboe In Celebration of Richard's Birthday	October 11	Given by: Reynold Worch To the Glory of God
Given by: Reynold Worch In Celebration of his 86 th Birthday	October 18	Given by: Janice Barnes To the Glory of God
Given by: Reynold Worch In Memory of Brothers, Roger & Randy	October 25	Given by: Barbara Spencer In Memory of Stu Spencer

Sign-up sheets for 2027 will be made available soon!

"Sharing the Gifts of God"	August 2026
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	506
Offering	\$53,086
Miscellaneous Income	\$40
Total	\$53,126
Average Weekly Income	\$10,625

ONLINE AND ONCAMPUS WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Traditional Services	Sundays 8:00am & 9:30am	On Campus
Modern Services	Sundays 10:30am	On Campus
Online Service	Available Sundays at 8:00am	hopepd.org
Hope Kids	Sundays 9:30am & 10:30am	On Campus
Women's Gather Study	Wednesday, Oct. 14 th 9:30am	On Campus
Men & Nonbinary	Wednesday Oct. 7 th & 21 st at 9:00am	Conference Room
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	Tuesday, October 27, 6:00pm	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	Wednesday Oct. 7 th & 21 st , 9:30am	Hope Center
Hope Choir	Thursdays 6:30pm	Choir Room
Celebrate Recovery	Thursdays 7:00pm	Hope Center
CR - Men's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus
CR - Women's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus



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OFFICE HOURS:

9:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY -THURSDAY

FRIDAYS 9AM - 2PM