



September

2025 NEWSLETTER

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

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

As I write this article in anticipation of the Fall, the temperature today will be about 115, give or take. Perfect football weather! While August can feel like a long, arduous month of hot weather it is a month that ushers in a new school year and new beginnings. "August Anticipation" looks forward to plans for the fall and yes, the kick-off of the football season.

I would like to use this newsletter column to share both recent developments and a path forward in the Senior Past Call Process. And, I would like to share exciting Fall ministry plans at Hope Lutheran even as the Search Process continues.

Senior Pastor Search Process Update:

After taking on the important leadership position of Chairing the Search Committee in the early spring of 2024, Martha Osborne has decided to transition from her role. Martha has gone above and beyond in her serving and we are grateful. When you see Martha in church, please take a moment to thank her. A Call Process is a roller-coaster ride and Martha felt it was time to get off the roller-coaster. Well done Martha, good and faithful servant.

What does this mean? Our current Search Committee remains intact and we are in the process of adding a few members to the Committee. A new Chairperson or Co-Chair will be identified once newer members are brought on board. Most recently, there have been fruitful conversations with the Pacifica Synod Bishop on potential Pastor candidates.

I have established Sunday, November 16th as my last Sunday serving as your Interim Senior Pastor. After 1.5 years at Hope in this calling, it is time to go back to our home in Austin and spoil our granddaughter! I look forward to sharing an energetic fall ministry, lead Staff, and continuing to walk alongside the Search Committee.

What happens after November 16th? The Church Council has been working with the Synod Bishop on identifying a "Bridge Pastor". The Bridge pastor provides on-going leadership presence in anticipation of a new Senior Pastor arriving. There will be more information as this unfolds but please know that Hope is in a good place! Prayers continue for the Holy Spirit to guide this process.



OBSERVATIONS FROM THE DECK

CONTINUED...

Game Plan for the Fall Kick-off at Hope Lutheran Church:

Most of our normal ministries will all be well underway but, like any good football team, there will be a few new wrinkles. What follows are just a few of the 'wrinkles' in the Hope playbook we are excited about...

- E:60 Shower Ministry on the first Mondays of the month at Hope for our un-housed brothers and sisters in Christ. This has been made possible through the \$7,000.00 raised at Camp Hope VBS!
- Commissioning of four new Stephen Ministers on September 14th. They are Pat Leech, Gary Leech, Jim Barger, and Molly Farrin. Please pray that God's hand will lead them!
- Planning for an exciting 5-week Fall emphasis called "Champions of Hope" beginning Oct. 19th with our Beer and Brats kick-off party.
- A special Zoom Study that I will be offering at a couple of different times on "Forgiveness"

Lastly, please check out the Events page at hopepd.org to view the great "Church on the Move" videos. All the ministries highlighted and all other ministries only happen because of your generous financial support! Please remember to give, and to do so with joy and thanksgiving!

Peace + Gratitude, Pr. Tom Grevlos

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COLUMBARIUM AT HOPE

A columbarium in a church or on a church campus is a meaningful and memorable place to inter the cremated remains of those who have died in Christ. The Columbarium of Hope Lutheran Church, located east of the Worship Center at the far end of the plaza, just north of Hope Center, reminds us that heaven is our home to anticipate before we die, and our home to enjoy after we die. Heaven is life with God, as God created life to be a gift to us through Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us.

The columbarium helps us keep all of life's "rites of passage", birth, baptism, confirmation, and death, Christ-centered. Through the Columbarium of Hope Lutheran Church after a person dies, a visible, ongoing relationship is maintained with the congregation in which the person worshipped and served Christ. In this way, the integrity of Hope Lutheran Church as a "Communion of Saints", living and dead, is retained and celebrated. Having a columbarium on the Hope Campus affords greater flexibility in scheduling memorial services and considerably lowers the funeral costs charged by local mortuaries and cemeteries.

For more information, contact the church office at 760.346.1273 or pick up a brochure at the Information Center.

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:

Robert Appel, Vida Besel, Carl Caddies, Kerry Callender, Carol Caragher, Felicity Campbell, Wendy Clark, Frank Deniz, Marilyn Dichsen, Shirley Diers, Beth Fauth, Carolyn Gottlieb, Finn Layton, Susan Patterson, Mari Rankle, Tom Smith, Jennifer Swanson, Dana Zahler, Ann Dew

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.

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.

GREAT ADULT LEARNING

OPPORTUNITIES IN SEPTEMBER AT HOPE...

"ALL LIVING THINGS GROW"!



Monday Morning "ZOOM" Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. on September 8, 15, 22, 29.

Steps to Log On:

#1 Go to Hopepd.org #2 Go to Online in Toolbar

#3 Go to Online Bible Study #4 Go to Zoom link at the bottom of page



*No experience necessary. Sessions are recorded.

*Led by Pr. Tom. September 8 & 15 focuses on the epistle of James, Sept. 22 & 29 on the study called "Forgiveness"



Theology on Tap at La Quinta Brewery on Wednesday, September 17th, 4:45 p.m. Come and have the beverage of your choice, dinner, and join the conversation and wonderful fellowship.



PICKLEBALL fun is growing at Hope. All are welcome, no matter what level of player! Saturday, September 13 and 27th at 9:00 a.m. in the Hope Center on the campus of Hope Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We have extra paddles and two indoor courts.



Sunday Morning "Going Deeper" at 10:45 a.m. in Room #2. We hear the Sermon text and the Sermon in worship and dive deeper into God's Word.



Twice-a Month Men's Bible Study on Tuesday, September 9 & 23, 7:30 a.m. in the Conference Room (Room #1) by the Church Office. Join us for lively discussion and wonderful fellowship!



Sign-ups for "Champions of Hope" Small Groups. See description in another part of the Newsletter.



“CHAMPIONS OF HOPE”

AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OCT. 19TH-NOV. 16TH, 2025

Romans 5:3-5 “³ And not only that, but we^[a] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

...“hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies.”
(Movie—Shawshank Redemption)

Q. What is “Champions of Hope”?

R. It is a 5-Week special Worship and Learning and Fellowship Opportunity for the whole congregation. In Worship and Small Groups experiences we will walk through the amazing book of Ephesians.

Q. How can I sign up to have a Small Group experience?

R. We will begin our sign-ups as soon as we have it organized with Small Group facilitators and Small Group locations. Want to be a facilitator? Contact Pr. Tom asap at Tom@hopepd.org. Two Zoom Small Groups will also be offered.

Q. What do these 5 weeks for “Champions of Hope” look like?

R. Our kick-off Sunday is Oct. 19th and we begin with Worship and the annual Beer-and-Brats party after each of the services. The Small Groups meet at various times during the week. On Sunday, November 16th we will have a “Champions of Hope” Celebration Lunch after the 10:30a.m. worship. This is for the whole church!

*Would you like to be on our “Champions of Hope” Team? Please contact Pr. Tom

*More details. much more, yet to come!

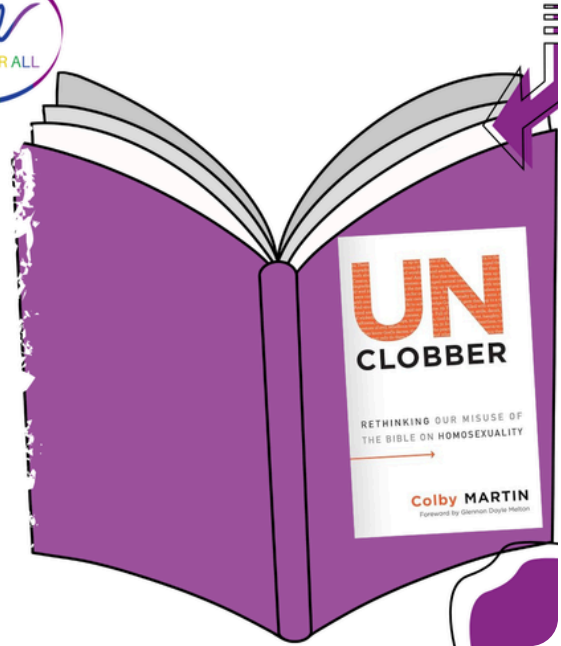
UNCLOBBER: A VIDEO + BOOK SERIES

Based on the book Unclobber
by Colby Martin

Sep 3rd | Sep 17th | Oct 1st
at 6:00pm at Hope

VISIT HOPEPD.ORG

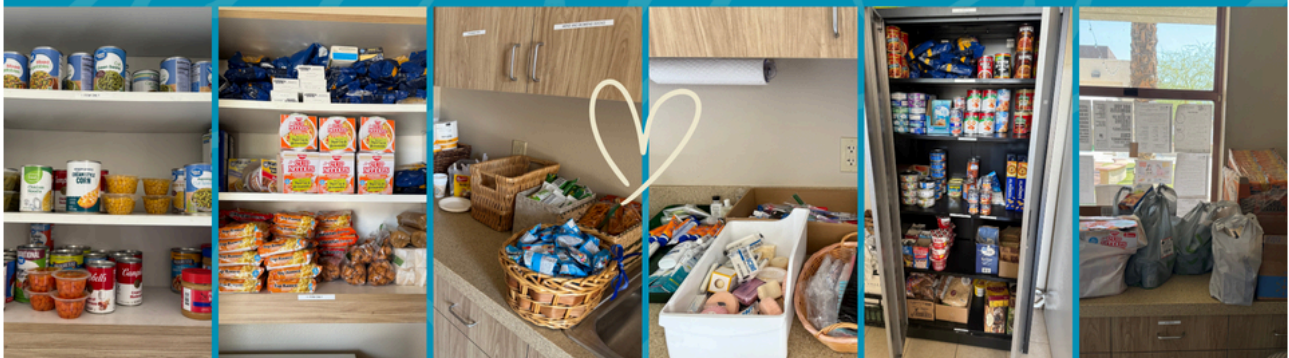
SIGN UP WITH AMANDA AT
HOPEFORALL@HOPEPD.ORG



Needing volunteers for Palm Springs Pride.

The dates for this are Saturday, November 8th and Sunday, November 9th. Please email hopeforall@hopepd.org if you are interested in volunteering. Shifts will be in two hour blocks, and volunteers will be provided with a Hope For All T-shirt.

WE ASKED, YOU RESPONDED.



HOPE FOOD
PANTRY

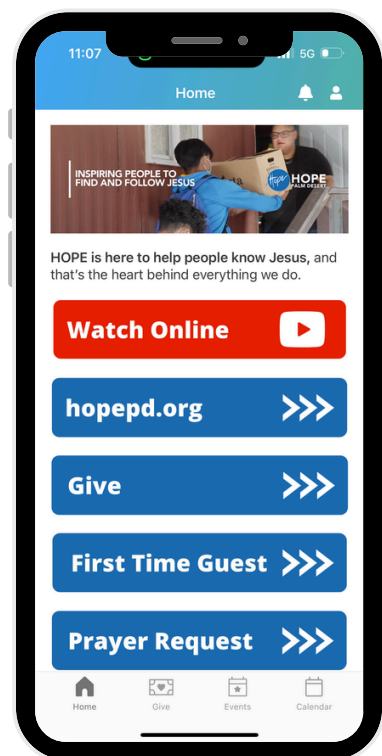
THANK YOU! PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE.



HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry continues to grow. On one recent Monday, we gave out 25 bags of groceries. This amount is more than double what we hand out weekly. To be blunt, we got slammed! But, with your generosity we were able to handle this onslaught of need. For this ministry to continue, we need your food donations to continue and if possible, increase. We are meeting the needs of our local community. We are not a food bank with corporate donations. We don't have dozens of volunteers and we don't service hundreds of people.

Our donations come from YOU! We serve our local community. Our volunteers are church members. Our office staff supports church volunteers. We work together to help a few. But the few matter to Jesus, so they matter to us. If you're interested in helping us on Mondays, stop by or contact gabe@hopepd.org.



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"

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

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

6:00PM - 8:30PM

Raffle Give Away!

FREE EVENT FOR YOUR KIDS!

- Games
- Music
- Food
- Bounce Houses

LET US TAKE THE CHAOS.
YOU TAKE THE NIGHT OFF!

REGISTER AT HOPEPD.ORG

Parent's Night Out

Date: Friday, September 19th

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Hope Center

Contact: carlos@hopepd.org for further information.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT is back again Friday, September 19th from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Drop off your kids (K-8th Graders) with us, go out on a date for a 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.

QUILTERS OF HOPE

The Quilters of Hope will be meeting **Wednesday, September 3rd and 17th from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Hope Center.**

We will be preparing for our 2nd Annual **THRIVENT ACTION TEAM TIE-IN EVENT**, which will be on **Wednesday, October 1st from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.** Please mark your calendars. During our Tie-In Event we will finish quilts in preparation for our Quilt and Prayer Shawl Blessing on October 12th. Thrivent T-Shirts will be available for participants. All are welcome to stop by for just a few minutes or stay for the whole 2 hours. For more information, please call or text Ruth Fikes at 714-642-3773.

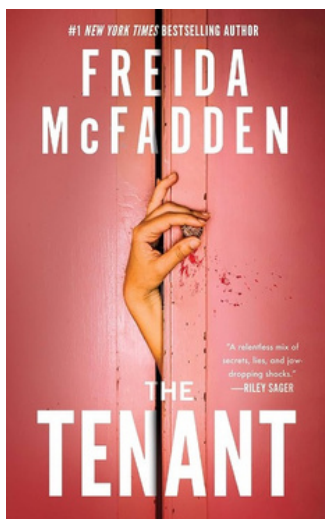
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides warm hugs by sharing handmade (knitted or crocheted) prayer shawls to members and friends who are in need of comfort.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry needs volunteers to help knit or crochet prayer shawls. This is a ministry you can do at home. Completed shawls can be brought to the Hope Church office throughout the year. If you are only in town during the fall and winter seasons, you can bring shawls when you return next fall. Yarn and shawl patterns are available as needed.

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

HOPE BOOK CLUB



THE TENANT by FREIDA MCFADDEN

The trap is already set. Bestselling author Freida McFadden knocks at your door with a gripping, mind-bending psychological thriller: a story of revenge, privilege and secrets turned sour...

In this story Blake who was fired from his job and struggling to make ends meet. His fiancé, Krista, and he decided to take in a roommate to help pay the mortgage. Enters Whitney, who is beautiful, charming and seems to be completely normal after all the odd people they have interviewed before her. Once she moves in things begin to change. From here on the book is filled with twists you come to expect from author, Freida McFadden.

This book is a quick read, here's a "SPOILER ALERT" DO NOT READ THE LAST FOUR CHAPTERS FIRST!!! IT WILL RUIN THE ENDING SURPRISES!!!

The Book Club will begin a new season on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:00pm. BOOK COPIES ARE \$12 and AVAILABLE AT THE INFO CENTER

MUSIC AT HOPE

Music at Hope 2025 - 2026

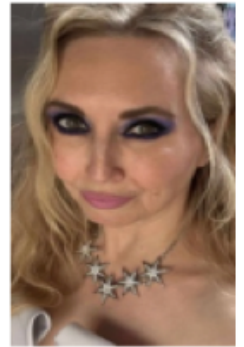
Sing! Pray! Rejoice!

Sunday, September 21, 3:00pm

Location: Hope Sanctuary



Music at Hope Recital Series was created to offer Opportunities for local musicians to perform. We open our 25-26 season with two performers who opened the series last year. Michelle Fiore and Andrew Bird will present "Sing! Pray! Rejoice!", a recital of spirituals, hymns and prayers. Come and hear "My Lord, What a Morning", "Give Me Jesus," "This Little Light of Mine," "The Old Rugged Cross," sung by two of the best soloists in Coachella valley. The performance will also include members of the California Desert Chorale.



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

First Rehearsal is Thursday October 2nd at 6:30PM.

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



MUSIC AT HOPE

Mark your calendar for these dates and watch for more information about each concert. All concerts will be held in the Sanctuary except for the Bell Festival which will be in the Hope Center.



September 21, 3:00PM	"I'm Gonna Sing" An Afternoon of Spirituals	Andrew Bird and Michelle Fiore with special guests
October 12, 3:00PM	Masterworks	Bach and Handel
November 2, 3:00PM	Doug Wilson, Organist	Toccata
December 7, 3:00PM December 14, 3:00PM	California Desert Chorale	Holiday Music
January 11, 3:00PM	2 Pianos, 4 Men, 8 Hands	
February 1, 3:00PM	Bruce and Linny	Chamber Music
February 7, 5:00PM	Bell Festival	
February 15, 3:00PM	Coachella Valley Classic Voices	From Opera to Musical Theater
March 8, 3:00PM	Masterworks	Mozart Requiem
March 22, 3:00PM March 29, 3:00PM	California Desert Chorale	Spring Concert
April 19, 3:00PM	Music for Organ and Piano	Doug Wilson and Michael Cundari



AND WE'RE BACK, PART 1!

It has been way too long since we've sent out a newsletter. Our apologies! The past several months have been THE MOST difficult months we've ever faced since Marcie and I have been married. These months we've relied on God in many ways and He has come to our rescue through it all!

As a new family of 6 it has been quite challenging but we've also had many joyful moments which I (Jake) am excited to share with you.

The past year I have felt like the Apostle Peter many times. Not just because Peter was courageous and got out of the boat to walk on water with Jesus, but also because when Peter sees the strong wind and waves, he gets terrified and begins to sink into the sea. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Recently, we have experienced feeling of doubts, that we are just failing, losing, parenting poorly, and the proverbial taking water into our lungs. But God has graciously reached out his hand and showed up and pulled us out time and time again! He's healed us, He's provided for us, and He's used us in mighty ways! I'll do my best to catch you up on the past year over the next few emails so you can journey with us and see all that God is doing. Thank you for all of your support and love over the years. We could not do this work of cross-cultural education training and discipleship without you all!



THE SKINNY:

In the past 4 months, it's been quite a whirlwind. We are now on new 5 year visas in Thailand, we have provided earthquake relief to victims in Myanmar (above right), our family was exposed to rabies and had to take the 4 vaccinations each, Jake graduated with his Master's Degree (above) and began his PhD, Marcie has started new homeschooling curriculum and routines with the kids, Reuben has been to Bangkok for doctors visits, we continued mentoring youth from Myanmar, and Jake finished facilitating a training of teachers for Learning to Lead curriculum in June. Lastly, we need your prayer and financial support with some ongoing and upcoming projects you'll see at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for being with us in this journey!



Howard drops by for a visit with our family on the weekend break from school

Ministry Impact in Thailand – Thanks to You!



Youth Leadership



Howard's Education



**Graduation
Jake Cantleberry**

Youth Leadership: Ongoing mentorship empowering Myanmar youth.

Howard's Education: Tuition covered & still holding a 4.0 GPA!

Graduation: Completed Master's in Transformative Leadership!

Zuzu's Recovery: Emergency care funded through Hope. She's healthy again!



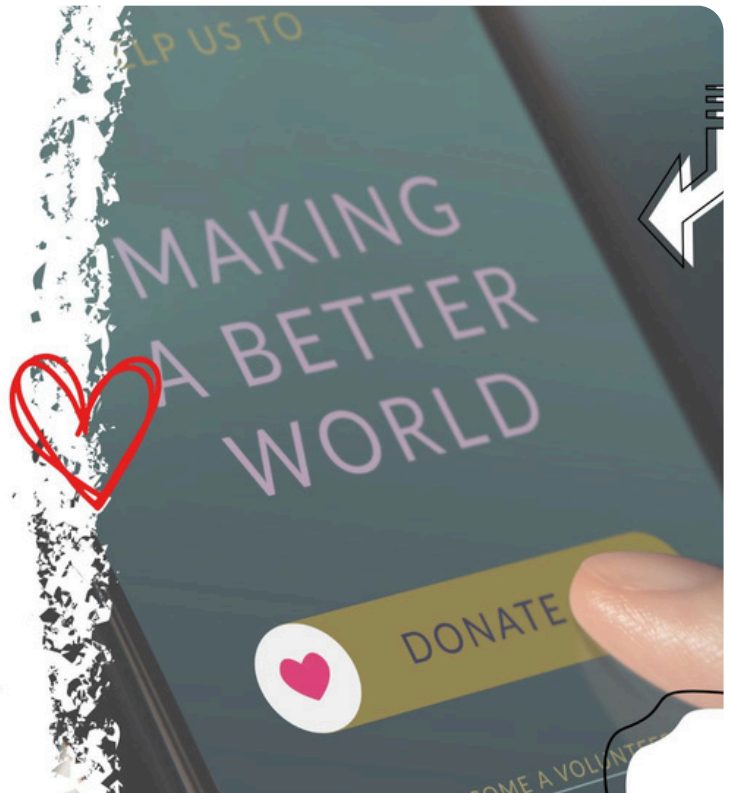
Lutheran
Disaster Response

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE TO THE FLOODS IN TEXAS!

Thanks be to God that
Hope Lutheran Church

**CONTRIBUTED
\$37,604.87!**

100% of this will go directly to
relief and recovery efforts
through Lutheran Disaster Relief!
Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow!



A "LAY MINISTRY" TO THOSE IN NEED...

The mission of a Stephen Minister is expressed so well in the poem, "The Servant Song":

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Til we've seen this journey through.

Jesus asks us to love one another and share each other's burdens, and that is what Stephen Ministers do. We are your brothers and sisters in Christ who care and are trained to walk alongside you during a life crisis. If you could use someone in your life to talk with in total confidentiality, someone who really listens, please contact Pastor Tom, Deacon John or Laurie Cribari.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

High School **GIRLS BIBLE STUDY**



SEPTEMBER 2ND | MEETING ROOM 4 | 6PM-7PM

Contact Intern Nick at nick@hopepd.org

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 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 the Hope Center @ 7:30am.

Every month third Saturday, September 20th, 2025
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)



MONDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

FROM 6-7:30PM; THIS EVENT IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS 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.



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@hopeyouthministry



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.

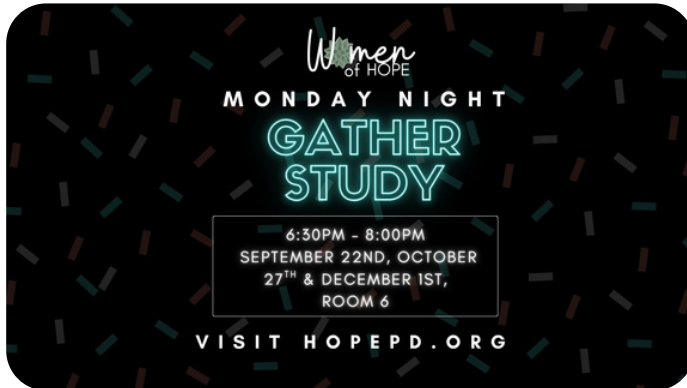
**A SAFE PLACE FOR STUDENTS
TO PROCESS LIFE AND THE
STRUGGLES THAT ACCOMPANY IT.**

THE LANDING FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

EVERY THURSDAY **7PM**
Hope Center
hopepd.org

The leadership team experienced a powerful time of personal and spiritual revival and replenishment at the annual Celebrate Recovery Summit Conference.





Money, Stewardship and Generosity" by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin

Esther Circle: Second Wednesday of the month 9:30am to 11:00am Classroom 4

Monday Night Study: September 22nd October 27th and December 1st, 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 6

(September) Session One: Money – What do we treasure?

From Genesis through Revelation, gold, silver and jewels serve as icons of God's goodness. And yet, the love of money is a powerful source of argument, lies and literal enslavement. King Solomon, famously, chose wisdom over treasure. Jesus, leaning on his mother's values, teaches his disciples to dig deep for real treasure.

(October) Session Two: Stewardship – How do we tend our treasure

God madly, beautifully, entrusts human beings with the care of all creation, including time, talent and material wealth. Moses needs help with his time management. The practice of tithing could be considered a class in Material Management 101. Jesus confronts his disciples with disturbing words about God's high expectations for tending treasure.

(November) Session Three: Generosity – A wideness in God's mercy

God loves a cheerful giver, because our cheer in giving reflects God's own cheerful mercies. Can the biblical practice of gleaning be considered a class in Generosity 101? We will consider the enemies of generosity: Pharaoh, the stingy boss, and the "religion" of Mammonism. Finally, we will turn to the little-noticed women who were generous with Jesus, and the wild generosity of the first Christian churches.



WOMEN OF HOPE "BAGS OF HOPE"

Bags of Hope Hygiene item collection..

Thanks to your incredible support all summer, we were able to sort, assemble, and deliver a total of 575 hygiene bags to The Bridges 2 Hope for use in their outreach to our unhoused neighbors. We are deeply grateful knowing the immense hope these bags will bring to many.

A promotional graphic for Taizé Service. It features a dark blue background with a teal gradient on the right side. On the left, the text "TAIZÉ SERVICE" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below it, a calendar icon is followed by the text "SEPTEMBER 3, AT 6:30PM HOPE SANCTUARY". A white rounded rectangle contains the text: "A CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE OF PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND CALM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AS YOU ARE—WHETHER YOU'RE SEEKING PEACE, GRIEVING, ANXIOUS, OR SIMPLY NEEDING A PLACE TO BE STILL." Below this, it says "VISIT HOPEPD.ORG FOR MORE INFO." On the right, there are three teal line-art icons: a pair of hands in prayer, a person in a meditative pose, and a single leaf. A portrait of John Baynton, a man with a beard wearing a blue checkered shirt, is on the right. A white rounded rectangle below his portrait contains his name "John Baynton".

Taize Service September 3rd 6:30pm Sanctuary.
Contact: johnb@hopepd.org for further information.

Taize is a service of contemplation, meditation, and prayer. It is a place where all are welcome to come together to express emotions and find a place of calm and centeredness.

If you are feeling overwhelmed, worried, or anxious; If you are experiencing grief, sadness, or loss; If you are looking for a place of calm, a place of centeredness, a place to be; come to the Taize service. Taize is a service of contemplation, meditation, and prayer. It is a place where all are welcome to come together and find a place of calm and centeredness. Taize is a place where you are welcome to just be.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Nancy Madson Sasha Nishi Arthur Kotz Diana and Craig Martens	2 Terry Voyles Jane Dreiske Linda Hastings Nicole Scarcella Mark Holmerud Bonnie Rawlings	3 Hayden Kirk John Strom Emma Padilla	4 David Hopkins Evan Rodriguez Michael Sklar Valerie Donahue Helen Haase Karen Schmitt Elise Blank	5 Erica Fleischmann Nick Martinez Rita Craig Romeo Rivera	6 Cadence Peterson Diane Johnson Jeffrey Peterson Savannah Orth Chenault Wall Phillip Valencia Sheri and Scott Bartholomaeus
7 Isabella Conti Joshua Peterson Lucy Nelson Kurt Leuschner Alyssa Ogaard Caryl Williams Kennedy Jones	8 Brenda Clark Charles Boesch Leslie Hunley Stephanie Moore Angel Bjerke Charles Lumia Stephanie Moore Angelica Orozco Leslie Hunley	9 Abby Lawrence Brooklyn Childers Carter Tadros Dan Marshall Kimberly Standley Trinity Waltman Xavier Arrieta Aaron Jackson Tony Carilo Vida and Paul Besel	10 Audrina Peters Genevieve Fulson Kim Laquihon Mila Reyes Ginny Gillman Mila Reyes	11 Steve Larson Theresa Voigt Kyle Gundlach Hunter Harvey	12 Janet Bee Lorenzo Lebrija Bobby Hendrix	13
14 Jessie Light River Berry Ruby Dinsdale Steven Schnieder Kairi Lillard	15 Barbara Eilefson Mia Wedeking Nelda Blandon Odessy Zamora Rori Warren Steve Bowman Zander Andreadis Zoe Hodges Evon Miner Sabrina Swenson June Reibsoemer	16 Dale Fairbanks Felicity Campbell Felicity Potts Guy Walker Laura Fueling Peter Rodriguez Ben Tercero	17 Avery Webb	18 Brandon Wickliffe Isaac Wickliffe Melody Conner Nina Raval Richie McIntosh Shea Hill	19 Christie Ramierz Judy Vossler Wendy Clark Dave Maccabee	20 Charlie Marner Denise Rodriguez Kendal Lippy Mike Duncan Joan Delfino Duane Rommereim
21 Emery Gonzalez Gavin Stjerne Jeffrey Bailey Terri Ernst Paulette Greenfield Sara and Rob Tidd	22 Damon Hodges Peg Schmalz Rikki Mottler Susan and Craig Hanson	23 Gina Seymour Odin Seymour Otto Seymour	24 Kennedy Tadros Michael Rosas Jani Rodriguez Yacob Mattar	25 Kevin Vazquez Linda Arterberry Nehemiah Mayfield Shirley Hess	26 Cynthia Hilger Julie Williams Sylvia Coe Walker Williams Kathy Klug Martha Lumia Jim Warling Lennon Elder Kay and John Ehrhardt	27 Carol Westergaard DJ Hess Ethan Soto Race Stanley Susan Young Christoff Garcia
28 Mary Ackermann-Gaer Paige Broe Nancy Morabito Kennedy Fleischmann Jana and Paul Meinhold	29 Cora Hughes Amelie Ramirez	30 Declan Brummett Emily Pruette Maggie Nelson Tucker Bustamante Larsten Hanson Erik Ogaard David Thorpe				

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am Hope Outreach Event	2 7:30am Men's Bible Study	3 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm 6pm Hope for All Book Study	4 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	5	6
7 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	8	9 8:30am BSF	10 9:30am Esther Circle 6pm Stand Firm	11 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	12	13 9am Pickleball w/ Pastor Tom 10am Desert Viking
14 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	15	16 7:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am BSF	17 9:30am Quilters 4:30pm Theology on Tap 6pm Hope for All Book Study 6pm Stand Firm	18 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	19 6pm Parents Night Out	20 7am Student Impact
21 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	22 6:30pm Monday Night Gather	23 8:30am BSF 6pm Hope Book Club	24 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm	25 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	26	27 9am Pickleball w/ Pastor Tom 10am Sons of Norway
28 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	29	30 8:30am BSF				

ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSONS FUND

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Sheri & Scott Bartholomaus In Celebration of their 45 th Wedding Anniversary	SEPTEMBER 7	Reynold Worch To the Glory of God
Jim Allison In Memory of Dean Kwethcher	SEPTEMBER 14	Bernice Muller In Memory of Ron Muller
Reynold Worch In Memory of His Sister Susan	SEPTEMBER 21	Janice Barnes To the Glory of God
Paul & Jana Meinhold In Celebration of their 40 th Wedding Anniversary	SEPTEMBER 28	Jan & Brian Harnik To the Glory of God

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

"Sharing the Gifts of God"	May 2025
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	615
Offering	\$77,727
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,710
Total	\$79,437
Average Weekly Income	\$19,859
Mortgage Balance	\$388,046
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$4,204
Building Mortgage(funds received for mortgage)	\$3,759
YTD Interest Paid on Mortgage	\$3,314.07

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	September 22 nd , 6:30pm	On Campus
Men's Bible Study	September 2 nd & 16 th	Conference Room
Vibes - High School Ministry	Saturday, August 9 th	On Campus
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	September 23 rd , 6:00pm	On Campus
Esther Circle	September 10 th , 9:30am	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	1st and 3 rd 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 8:00pm	On Campus
CR - Women's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus
Stephen Ministry	2nd and 4 th Fridays, 9:00am	On Campus

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FRIDAYS 9AM - 2PM