

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

CELEBRATING JESUS

HOPE CHRISTMAS EVE Wonderland

**CANDLE LIGHTING
FAMILY PICTURES
HOT CHOCOLATE**

December 24th
SERVICE TIMES
MODERN 3PM, 5PM
TRADITIONAL 4PM, 6PM

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Gingerbread Slide

Pony Rides

Snow Falling

Bounce House

Hope Christmas Eve Wonderland Candlelight Services Christmas Eve | December 24th

Experience the spirit of the season with our Modern services at 3:00pm & 5:00pm, and Traditional services at 4:00pm & 6:00pm on Christmas Eve.

Bounce House
Gingerbread Slide
Petting Zoo
Pony Rides
Christmas Carolers
Snow Falling
Santa & Santa Sleigh
Cookies
Hot Cocoa
Photo Area

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Hope Palm Desert, 45900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260

COFFEE WITH PASTOR GERALD

by Pastor Gerald Sharon (Bridge Pastor)

Coffee with Pastor Gerald

I really enjoy a great cup of coffee. I've had the joy of drinking coffee around the world—at cafés in Europe, Asia, Africa, and across Latin America. But for me, it's not just about the coffee. It's the experience.

That's why whenever I stop into a Starbucks here in the States, I'm struck by how many drinks sit waiting on the counter for people dashing in to pick up their mobile order. They grab and go—not doing anything wrong of course—but I can't help thinking about what they might be missing: the chance to embrace the moment, engage in conversation, and experience the world around them.

Earlier this year while I was in Antigua, Guatemala, I found a café I returned to every morning for three weeks. Large retracting doors opened directly to the sidewalk and sat just across the street from Parque Central, the vibrant center of old Antigua. This plaza, founded in 1543 and surrounded by grand, historic architecture, seemed alive with centuries of stories.

Sitting at a high table along the sidewalk I exchanged greetings with passersby, occasionally attempted a conversation using my very broken Spanish (the locals must've been Lutherans because they were full of grace), and took in the life of the park. Some of the most meaningful moments were the quiet ones: watching people on the benches, children playing, vendors selling their products, and tourists photographing the cathedral. I found myself wondering about their stories—and the stories of those who had walked that same plaza for nearly 500 years. If only the cobblestones could talk.

In some mysterious way, I sensed that our stories had intersected. We all have a story. And our stories take us on journeys—some carefully planned, others completely unexpected. My story has unexpectedly brought me back to Hope Lutheran to offer leadership until the next settled Senior Pastor is called. I was fully embracing retirement after 45 years of ministry. Some of you have asked if I was bored. The answer? Not for a single moment. That's part of why this return feels so meaningful.

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by Pastor Gerald Sharon (Bridge Pastor)

One Friday afternoon while enjoying a cup of coffee with a friend at a local café my phone rang. It was our Bishop, David Nagler, asking me to prayerfully consider returning to Hope. In the days that followed, I kept returning to this truth: Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. (Proverbs 19:21, NIV) After a time of sincere discernment, I became convinced that this invitation was not simply from the Bishop—it was an expression of the Lord's purpose for this season of my story, and our stories together.

I deeply love you—the people of Hope Lutheran. You have a story unfolding, and I believe the next chapter will be remarkable. Over these months together we will honor the Lord's purpose, care for one another, and continue impacting lives as we work and wait for our next Senior Pastor.

And, along the way, let's pause, sip some coffee, embrace the moment, and honor the beautiful stories God is writing among us—all for the glory of Jesus the Christ.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

VOLUNTEERS FOR

CHRISTMAS EVE

SERVICES



Visit hopepd.org to make an impact this Christmas season.
Sign up at the Info Center.

CHRISTMAS

Donate
COOKIES



**FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES!
VISIT HOPEPD.ORG**

Can be dropped off at the office by Dec 21.
Any questions contact gabe@hopepd.org.
Sign up at the Info 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:

Anita Allingham, Marilyn Atchue-Zuill, Vida Besel, Wendy Clark, Dorothy Cours, Frank Deniz, Marilyn Dichsen, Shirley Diers, Jane Foster, Carolyn Gottlieb, Alex King, Lenor Jones, Jennifer King, Dr. Bill Klaustermeyer, Dennis Moore, Bruce Moulton, Susan Patterson, William Savery, Phil Sheller, Dick Schroeckenstein, Jim Whicher, 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!

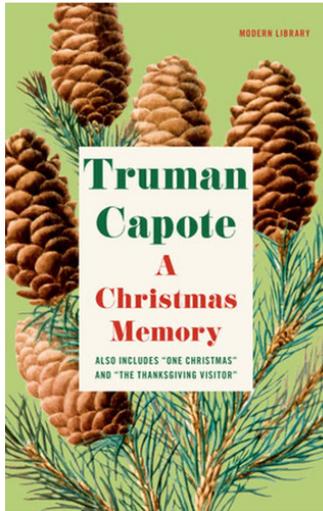
For further information please contact the Hope office at gabe@hopepd.org.

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 BOOK CLUB



"A Christmas Memory" and "The Thanksgiving Visitor" were inspired by Capote's early years with a family of distant relatives in rural Alabama. These two childhood tales pay loving tribute to an eccentric old-maid cousin, Miss Sook Faulk, who became Capote's best friend. In "A Christmas Memory," Miss Sook, Buddy (the narrator), and their dog, Queenie, celebrate the yuletide in a hilariously tipsy state. In the poignant reminiscence "One Christmas," six-year-old Buddy journeys to New Orleans for a reunion with his estranged father that shatters many illusions. And in "The Thanksgiving Visitor," Miss Sook invites an unexpected guest to the holiday meal: the school bully, Odd Henderson, whom Buddy calls "the meanest human creature in my experience."

Distinguished by Capote's delicate interplay of childhood sensibility and recollective vision, these three classics are gems that celebrate the unique bonds of friends and family.

BOOK CLUB MEETS FRIDAY DECEMBER 19th
4:30pm at the home of Pastor Carl & Cheryl Witt
Please sign up at the Information Center
BOOK COPIES ARE \$6

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE YOU CAN:

Place a donation with the words **Staff Gift** in an offering plate or drop box by **December 21st**.
Give online at hopepd.org.

Thank You

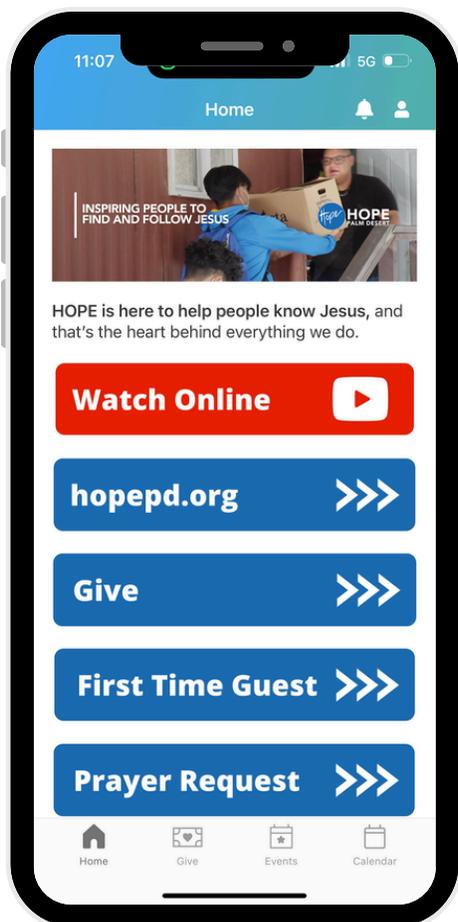




HOPE FOOD PANTRY

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

HOPE PALM DESERT PRESENTS
PARENTS NIGHT OUT

A KID-FREE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE!
YOU WRAP PRESENTS...
WE'LL WRAP UP THE FUN!

RAFFLE PRIZES!

FREE EVENT
DROP OFF YOUR
K- 6TH GRADERS!

FRIDAY | 12 DECEMBER | 6PM-8PM
Games | Music | Movie | Food

Register: hopepd.org "Click Events"

The poster features a dark red background with a string of colorful Christmas lights at the top. On the right, a circular inset shows two children in festive attire celebrating with confetti. The bottom of the poster is decorated with several wrapped Christmas gifts in various colors and patterns.

Parents' Night Out is back!

Join us for a fun-filled evening where parents can relax while we take care of the kids!

- Friday, December 12 • 6:00–8:00 PM | Hope Center
- Our special Holiday Edition adds festive fun, music, a movie, and raffle prizes! It's the perfect time for a date night or some early Christmas shopping.

Registration is required at hopepd.org under "events" —don't miss this chance to let your kids have fun while you take a break!

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.



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, December 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)**



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

Quilters of Hope will only be meeting once in December to allow members to prepare for the Holidays. Mark your calendars for WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD FROM 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

All are welcome to join this ministry and fellowship. No experience is needed and we can always use another set of hands!

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Would you like a smaller project? We are accepting hats for cold weather to be distributed through the food bank. I have easy crochet patterns and yarn available.

We have beautiful colored prayer shawls in different sizes available to anyone who needs a hug.

We would also be pleased to accept yarn donations (no wool). All yarn donations or completed items (hats and shawls) may be dropped off at the church office.

For additional information please contact me: Mary Ellen Peterson at (801) 598-7733 or marymelon50@hotmail.com.



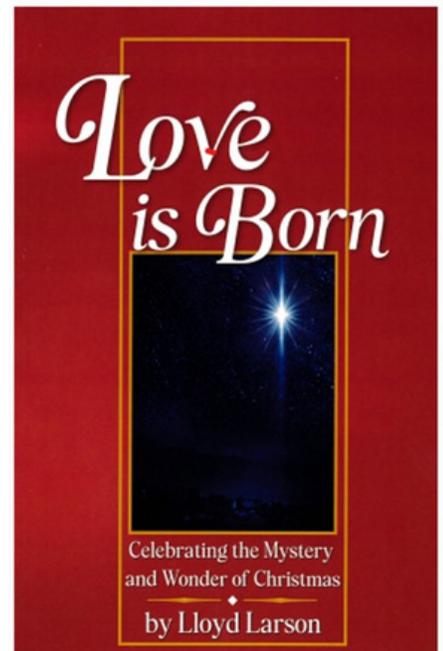
MUSIC AT HOPE EVENTS

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.

December 7, 3:00 PM December 14, 3:00 PM	California Desert Chorale	Holiday Music
January 11, 3:00 PM	2 Pianos, 4 Men, 8 Hands	
February 1, 3:00 PM	Bruce and Linny	Chamber Music
February 7, 5:00 PM	Bell Festival	
February 15, 3:00 PM	Coachella Valley Classic Voices	From Opera to Musical Theater
March 8, 3:00 PM	Masterworks	Mozart Requiem
March 22, 3:00 PM March 29, 3:00 PM	California Desert Chorale	Spring Concert
April 19, 3:00 PM	Music for Organ and Piano	Doug Wilson and Michael Cundari

Christmas Cantata 2025

Sunday, December 14th
Presented at the 8:00am & 9:30am
Traditional Services



STEPHEN MINISTRY



Jesus' mission is to share the love of God with others by active listening, loving unconditionally without judgment, and supporting the emotional and spiritual needs of others.

Hope's Stephen Ministry team is there for you or for someone you know who needs a friend to come along side as he/she struggles with daily life. The team meets twice a month in support of each other. Currently, they are studying the book, "Do Your Best and Trust God with the Rest". We want to better serve our care receivers with authentic love.

Please know that all meetings of care-givers and care-receivers are held in confidence.

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

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

A Service of Comfort and Reflection

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
5:00PM | SANCTUARY

A quiet space for prayer, reflection, & acknowledging that the holidays can be hard.

Christmas is a time of joy and celebration that our Lord Jesus Christ has come to us. But for some of us, this might not be a joyful time. Maybe we have lost someone. Maybe we have lost a job, a livelihood, or just can't do what we were able to do before. Maybe we are overwhelmed by responsibilities, by work, by getting everything ready for Christmas. Maybe we don't have a place to be or are just feeling out of sorts this Christmas. The Longest Night Service is a place for you to sit, to be, and to pray. It is a place to acknowledge that things are not okay, and that is okay. Join us on December 21st at 6:00pm. We can sit in God's holy darkness together.



EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE! Choose from three different ways.

- 1) Join Pastor Gesa and Pastor Gerald as they are leading a team for the 57-mile ride through our beautiful Valley. Along the ride there will be snack stops, water stops, and a lunch stop with pasta, burritos, wings, pizza, PB&Js and more. E-Bikes are welcome.
- 2) Walk 1-3 miles. Or, ride any of the other distances. There are rides that go 7, 32, 88 and 102 miles.
- 3) If you're not able to participate the day of the event you can still participate by making a donation at www.PledgeReg.com/5621/hopelutheranchurch or directly through the church designated for Women of Hope.

When registering online www.tourdepalmsprings.com you will select Fundraising Team: Hope Lutheran Church and then use the Non-Profit Code HOPE26. When you do that...100% of your registration fee will go to support programs and projects of the Women of Hope ministry.

Questions? Email gesa@hopepd.org
Looking forward to seeing you at the event!



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.



Creating a safe community by learning together, leading together and worshipping together.



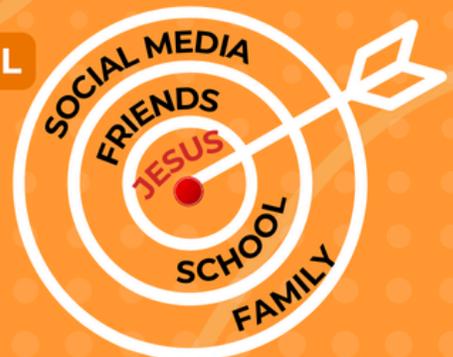
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THE LANDING FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

EVERY THURSDAY | 7PM
Hope Center

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Christmas Gift Outreach

300 ANGELS OF HOPE

300 "Angels of Hope" will appear at Hope this Advent season so you can bless a child from 6 of our local elementary schools. The Angels are available for pick up starting Sunday, November 23rd, and please return your wrapped gift with the angel securely attached by Sunday, December 14th. No battery toys. Suggested value \$25 per gift.



Women of HOPE

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

CANDLE MAKING



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 6PM - 8PM



IN THE HOPE CENTER | \$25 PER PERSON



WATER/COFFEE/SNACKS ARE PROVIDED. BYOB
REGISTER AT HOPEPD.ORG
CONTACT GESA@HOPEPD.ORG

BAPTISMS

Sunday, January 11th | Modern Service



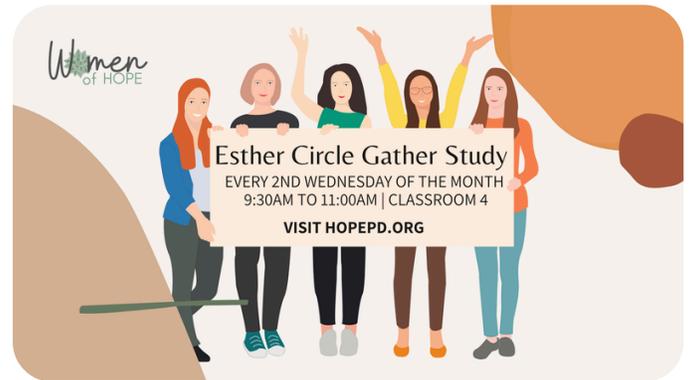
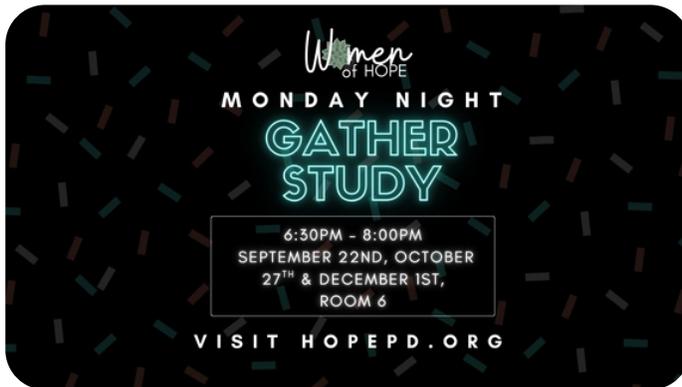
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"Money, Stewardship and Generosity" by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin

Monday Night Study: December 1st, 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 6

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.

Practicing Advent imagination: Matthew’s dreamers and Isaiah’s visions” by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

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

Esther Circle is meeting December 10th from 9:30am - 11:00am for the Advent Devotional: “Practicing Advent imagination: Matthew’s dreamers and Isaiah’s visions” by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

We cannot build a new future that we cannot imagine. The long nights of Advent gift us with time to dream. This study will offer us ways of imagining God’s future for us and all creation through the dreams of Joseph, the Three Wise Men and Isaiah.

Winter 2026: "Embodied prayer" by the Rev. Liv Larson Andrews



Esther Circle continues to meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30am- 11:00am in Meeting Room #4

Monday Night Study will meet January 19th and February 16th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in Meeting Room #6

Prayer is an important part of our relationship with God, and one of the ways we respond to God speaking in our lives. At the same time, we may carry all kinds of baggage or heavy questions about prayer: Am I doing it "right?" Do I pray enough? Is prayer always done with words? This two-part Bible study looks to Scripture as a guide to explore some different ways we can pray with our bodies—and with the body of the earth.

(January) Session One: Praying with our bodies

Looking to the Apostle Paul, Mary, the Psalms and more, we'll learn about and try three embodied practices of prayer based on breathing techniques, the use of beads (such as the rosary) and praying in different postures (sitting, standing and kneeling).

(February) Session Two: Praying with the body of the earth

Scripture inspires us to regard the natural world as both sacred space and our neighbor. This session explores ways we can pray not only for creation but with creation as our sacred neighbors. As we pray, even the trees and rivers are our prayer partners. The session concludes with the glorious vision in Revelation 22 of a restored world and the river of life.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Carl Caddies David Sommerfeld Billie Intong John Bunge	2 Jeanette Jaime Malia Costello Nick Glover Sally Lynum-Lee Rebekka Voyles Sergio Guzman Aaron Hibler Lilyann Budd Cooper Yeager	3 Sara Gelhaus Helen Pingel Jim Reitz Shawn Merlez	4 Dylan Hawke Jon Karr Lisa Pulice Stephanie Roberts Nancy Frey	5 Brenda Kay Renbarger Jana Livingston Shari Arias Jade Aguirre Ethney Amador VAL and BUTCH DONAHUE	6 Paul Meinhold Alana Jones Jayne Strelecki Debbie Barger Timothy Herrera
7 Rachel Hudgens George Peterson	8 Jordan Costello Lu Ann Beckloff Stephanie Erickson Juan Guterrez Avery Abubo Joah Prather Jessica Abubo	9 Susan Sommerfeld Leah Sellers	10 Micaela Cespedes Ruby Mullendore Jennifer King Kevin McJilton Ashley Aguera Blake Borate JAYNE and EVELYN STRELECKI RONALD and JOYCE DORELL	11 Eugene Kuebler E. Diane Smith Gerald Sharon Sebastian Mandarano Tom Hart Aidan Pinal	12 Carolyn Gottlieb James Kotz Avery Wynne Bethany Marinez Harper Wynne Lauren Wynne Jonathon O'Donnell Wyatt Bell Cade Ransom	13 Patricia Lee Elaine Roze Bill Stark Fisher Harvey Joel Lindstrom Alisa Cloe Nancy Weber DENNIS and JACKIE HART
14 Barbara Alford Carl Lee Gabriel Strange	15 Craig Michaels Edie Dodd Karsen Middleton Taelyn Rabb Gavin Himler	16 Nate Karr Rosa Zingg	17 Lexy Clay Mario Apodaca Deanna McLaughlin BOB and LINDA STERTON	18 Lenor Jones Evie Middleton Joey Bock	19 Chris Backeberg Heather Van Meeteren Leah Mahery Michael Smith Debera Ellingboe Carol Tiffin RICHARD and DEBERA ELLINGBOE RICHARD and CAROL SAVAGE	20 Marcia McAfee Pam Bowman Skylaire Cabrera Leah Tohlichinsky
21 Jack Bjerke Emily Johns Adelen Blandon Mary Welcome Barbara Savery BARBARA and BILL SAVERY	22 Susan Le Cornu Megan Dolan Amber Tanner Jack Tanner Sean Poe Silas Vizcarra Jack Tanner	23 Brian Nealy Richard Wolsky Connie Anderson Mark Sasueda Alex Arellano	24 Liz Biller Corinne Bjerke Jerry Bucklin Cheryl Spanbauer Simon Hughes	25 Sandy McGinnis David Robinson Samara Rodriguez Shashi Canterberry	26 Charlotte Larsen Kimberly Moon Pat Ryden Holly Thackrah Taylen Christensen	27 Robert Christensen Lyn Sabin Dr. Monte Russell JOHN and WALLI WEITZ
28 Lou Ann Henkens Isaiah Rodriguez Laila Estrada ROBERT and JUDY REED	29 Gracie Zahler Mackenzie Bristow Rick Mclees Sofia Benjamin Lucas Newell Gotham Viak	30 Joshua Renner Aidan Lopez Bob Randall Debbie Scott Tanya Lee Jim Allison Joseph Pollard RICK and WENDY CLARK	31 Arlene Bengston Michael Mortenson Ollie George Sam Villaita Elijah Smith			

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am HOPE Outreach 6:30pm Monday Night Gather	2 7:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am BSF	3 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm	4 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	5 6:00pm Girls Night Out	6
7 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	8 5:00pm Stephen Ministry	9 8:30am BSF	10 9:30am Esther Circle 6pm Stand Firm	11 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	12 6pm Parents Night Out	13 10:00am Desert Viking
14 8:00am/9:30am CHOIR CANTATA at Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	15	16 7:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am BSF	17 6pm Stand Firm	18 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	19 4:30pm Hope Book Club	20 7:00am Student Impact 10:00am Sons of Norway
21 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship 5:00pm Longest Night Service	22 5:00pm Stephen Ministry	23	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve: MODERN: 3PM & 5PM TRADITIONAL: 4PM & 6PM	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE Office Closed			

ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSONS FUND

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Given by: Reynold Worch In Memory of his Father Charles	DECEMBER 7	Given by: Reynold Worch To the Glory of God
Given By: Cathy & Rod Odegaard To the Glory of God	DECEMBER 14	Given by: Janice Barnes To the Glory of God
Given by: Richard & Deb Ellingboe In Celebration of Their 54 th Anniversary	DECEMBER 21	Given by: Richard & Deb Ellingboe In Celebration of Their 54 th Anniversary Barbara & Bill Savery To the Glory of God
Given by: Frank & Alvera Gaeta To the Glory of God	DECEMBER 28	Given by: 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"	August 2025
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	695
Offering	\$76,161
Miscellaneous Income	\$0
Total	\$76,161
Average Weekly Income	\$15,232
Mortgage Balance	\$384,169
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$4,204
Building Mortgage(funds received for mortgage)	\$5,001

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, December 1, 6:30pm	On Campus
Men's Bible Study	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays, 7:30am	Conference Room
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	Friday, December 19 th 4:30pm at Pastor Carl's Home	Pastor Carl's Home
Esther Circle	Wednesday, December 10, 9:30am	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	1st Wednesday, 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



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