

MISSION STATEMENT:

At Hope Palm Desert our vision is to share the free & unmerited love of God in Christ Jesus.

LET'S DOIT



PAY OFF OUR MORTGAGE!

It's that end of the year time and we at Hope have the opportunity to reduce our church mortgage through the anonymous generosity of members who will match dollar for dollar up to \$400,000.00 of our gifts to **Let's do it.**

Our mortgage is currently at \$1,500,000 at the interest rate of 4.75% which will come due in 2024. Our current monthly payment is \$10,500 and will not pay off the loan when the due date arrives. Through this campaign, running from December 2022 through Easter 2023 we can make a huge dent in the balance. Gifts no matter what size will help us reduce the balance on our debt. \$50 becomes \$100; \$100 becomes \$200; \$250 becomes \$500; and \$5,000 becomes \$10,000! The savings will help us expand our ministry programs and make a difference in all that we do! So, hop on the **Let's do it!** Campaign and watch the balance disappear. Pray about your participation and with grateful hearts we will accomplish our GOAL!!!

















Operation Hope is *now collecting funds for distribution* this holiday season. Every year during the month of December Hope Lutheran raises \$10,000 to be distributed to local charities. This year we will support Martha's Village and Kitchen, Galilee Center of Thermal, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and Hope Lutheran's Needy Persons Fund. Please put "Operation Hope" in the check memo line. You can also give online and envelopes are available at the Information Center.

Help Hope by doing your part to "ketchup" on your *yearly giving* so Hope can continue to meet the needs of our congregation and outreach ministries.

Please pray for God's leadership regarding your individual gifts on "Ketchup" Sunday, December 4. And "relish" in the love of God and the birth of God's son, Jesus Christ.





This year Christmas lands on Sunday. We will, as traditional for Christmas, have only one service on Christmas morning, 10:00am, in the Worship Center. Full schedule of services will return on New Year's Day.



Hope is looking for **cookie donations** for our Christmas Eve services! Last day to donate is December 22nd. We truly appreciate your donations.

Signup sheet will be available in the Information Center. For questions, please contact gabe@hopepd.org or call the church office 760.346.1273.

Looking for Volunteers for Christmas Eve Services such as:

Hot Cocoa Station, Coffee Station, Cookie Host, Greeters & Ushers, Courtyard Host

If you'd like to find a way to make an impact this Christmas season, we could use your help! Email gabe@hopepd.org or sign up at the Information Center.





Purchase a poinsettia for \$12.50 that will be placed in memory of, in honor of a loved one, or to the Glory of God for Christmas Eve services. Order forms will be available on Sundays at the Information Center, you can order online, or you may email information to the church office, gabe@hopepd.org. Please order by Dec 18.



Sons of Norway Christmas Party

Saturday, December 19th at noon in the Overflow Room. It's a Viking program and lunch will be served.

All are welcome.

Pastor Derek Online Bible Study

Meets each Monday at 11am via Zoom.

You can get the link to watch at hopepd.org and click on events.





At this time of year it has been customary at Hope Lutheran Church to offer its worshippers the opportunity to contribute a gift for Pastors and Staff. If you wish to contribute, please make your check payable to Hope Lutheran Church and in the memo line enter Hope Staff gift. All gifts should be received by December 20. You may also give electronically at hopepd.org or text to give by texting the word staffgift to 84321. May the Spirit of this Advent season abound us as we prepare to recapture the essence of Christmas.



Informational Meeting

Sunday, December 4, 11:30am Hope Center Classroom

LGBTQ+ & Ally Ministry Launch

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL HOPEFORALL@HOPEPD.ORG



CLASS BEGINS

January 10th | 8:15am Hope Center Kids Room

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

Register by signing up at the Information Center or contacting tootie@hopepd.org.



For those seeking help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.

- GriefShare is a warm and caring support group that meets weekly beginning January 10
- Three key parts: video seminar, support group discussion and a workbook
- Cost: \$20.00 payable to Hope Lutheran Church at the first session
- Tuesday, January 10 March 21, 8:15am 10:30am
- Each session is "self-contained" so you may join at any time
- Register on Sundays at the Information Center or call the church office
- For additional information contact Tootie Killingsworth at tootie@hopepd.org

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MUSIC AT HOPE

Celebrate the Christmas season with concerts by the California Desert Chorale. Join us on Sundays, December 11 and 18, at 3:00pm in the Worship Center.





PRIMETIMERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Primetimers Pot luck Christmas Party at Pastor Carl's and Cheryl's home on Tuesday, December 20, 11:30am. The gift exchange is always enjoyable. Bring a \$10.00 gift, wrapped and suitable for anyone. Please sign up at the Information Center.



HOPE FOOD BANK

Because of generous members of our Hope family, Hope Palm Desert has a food pantry to provide much needed assistance for many in our local community who may be food deficient. Our pantry is available for ALL including members of Hope. For our church volunteers and staff to continue this valuable assistance we need YOUR help. The church office is open Mon-Fri and can accept any and all donations to our pantry.

You may drop off on Sundays too! Our pantry not only provides food, but we also carry socks, winter gloves and hats, and travel sized toiletries. Pop-tops on cans, can openers and grocery bags are appreciated. If anyone is interested in volunteering or touring our pantry, contact gabe@hopepd.org or you can call the office at 760.346.1273. Thank you for all your support!

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HOPE BOOK CLUB

Hope Book Club will not meet in December. Enjoy your favorite holiday stories.

LEGACY

In Advent, we anticipate and celebrate God's reaching out to us through the gift of Jesus, Emmanuel. Reaching out is also what the Hope Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is about—reaching out into the future and the world.

Consider a gift to the Endowment Fund!

Contact Legacy Committee Chair: Lynn Hendershot,lynn.hendershot@yahoo.com or Legacy@hopepd.org



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



Saturday Night Lutherans (SNL) is a social group, and we invite everyone to attend. The group will not meet during December.



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!

Questions? "Come talk to us at the Celebrate Recovery table on the patio on Sundays."

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday night from 7:00 - 9:00pm in the Hope Center.

If you have any questions, would like more information or just talk to someone email or call Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org or (949)689-9681.





QUILTERS 🎊

It's hard to believe that it's December! We are welcoming our Winter Visitors and anyone else that would like to join us. There is no commitment, come when you can.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 9:30am-11:30am. Some of us go to lunch at Del Taco for fellowship. Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 9:30am in The Hope Center. This will be our only December meeting. If you need information or if you have questions please call Anita Holden 760.408.9681

The Stephen Ministry continues to train people to be Stephen Leaders. Currently two Stephen Ministers are in the training process. A new class for Stephen Ministers is starting soon. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Derek or Stephen Leaders: Karen Anschell, Bob Kramer, Sandy McGinnis, Susan Sommerfeld.



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 doug@hopepd.org.

Remember in Prayer: Robin Boydstun, Carl Caddies, Sharlet Cohen, Marilyn Devalon, Analisa Ebert, Kay Ehrhardt, Linda Ernest, Leighton Finch, Kylie Gahagan, Debbie Garver, Michael Goodman, Kim Gower, Ruth Gray, Jim and Sue Hancock, Rob Harum, Shirley Hasenyager, Edie Hastie, Mary Kallusky, Gunter and Hanna Kroll, Joe Lowden, Joyce and Paul Muckenfuss, Barb Musgjerd, David Musgjerd, Nancy Nelson, Mark Oeding, Sandy Sapa, Bill Schirding, Barbara Sherman, Stu Spencer, Nancy Stevens, Jon and Barbara Tronowsky, Rick Vickery, Sharon Wolter, Lezlie Mueller, Lucille Bloomquist, Richard Mottler

At the end of each month our Prayer List will be updated. If you wish for names to remain on the list, you will need to please re-submit the names to gabe@hopepd.org.

IN LOVING MEMORY

We extent prayers & sympathy to the family & friends of: of Lucille Bloomquist

Brita Rogers
and Dr. Thomas Gartin

CHURCH CENTER APP

Are you confused on what groups are meeting at church and which are online? Are you looking for the start time of a Bible study? Wondering who is on the prayer list? Wanting to donate to the church? All of this can be done on our church app.

- Go to the App Store on your phone.
- Search for Church Center App
- Download the App to your device
- Complete the information regarding Hope

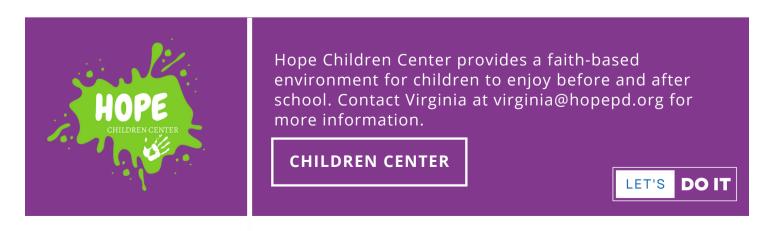
You will now have access to make prayer requests, highlights of Modern and Traditional services. Scroll further down and find links to our website, Kids Check-in and links to online events on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.





Hope Kids Elementary and Early Childhood online at hopepd.org

Follow us on social media and head to hopepd.org for **parent resources** including the devotions that pair with the monthly theme.





Student Ministry

Middle & High School online at hopepd.org



SERVICES

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

High School Ministry Sunday service is at 10:30am - 11:30am students will meet in the Hope Center for worship then go to the Hope classroom.



Student Impact is only for High Schoolers for now. We are searching for a community for our Middle School Students to adopt. Third Saturday of every month we gather in the Hope Center @ 7:30am. 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.

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. An amazing event for students to impact the lives of others.

THE LANDING

The Landing will be going on break until January. If you have any questions please reach out to nick@hopepd.org



Confirmation

Stand Firm (Confirmation) is every Wednesday during the school year from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Hope Classroom.

Stand Firm will not meet on December 21 or 28.





Middle & High School online at hopepd.org





Middle School Lock-In

December 31st | 6:00pm - 12:30am

Contact nick@hopepd.org

Young Adult Kick Off is December 10th for ages 18-28. From 10:30am-12:30pm.

Location La Quinta Park.







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FOLLOW ALONG

Contact Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org 949-689-9681

Follow us on Instagram at "womenofhopepalmdesert" & on Facebook at "Women Of Hope at Hope Palm Desert"

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

Save the date: Sunday, February 5th

WINTER GATHERING

Save the date: Saturday, February 25th 10:00am to 12:00pm



CHRISTMAS GIFT OUTREACH



320 "Angels of Hope" will appear this Christmas season at Hope so you can bless a child from 6 of our local elementary schools. The Angels are available for pick up in the Hope Center & Sanctuary. Please return your wrapped gift with the angel securely attached by Sunday, December 11th. No battery toys. Suggested \$25 per gift.

Please contact gesa@hopepd.org for more information or questions.



9:30am - 11:00am. Visit hopepd.org to register.
Will be held in the Hope Center Classroom.

December 14th



NOT MEETING IN DECEMBER

Next date: January 23rd

6:30pm - 8:00pm. Visit hopepd.org to register.

Will be held in the Hope Center Classroom.



The Journey by Adam Hamilton

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

December 6th | December 20th

9:30am - 11:00am | Hope Center Classroom

Contact: Julie Fremstad 715-983-2232



Saturday, February 11, 2023 Email gesa@hopepd.org



DEAR HOPE MEMBER

As we enter the holiday season, we know our Hope Lutheran Church families are considering their end-of-year philanthropic contributions. One beneficial way (for you and the Church) to make your year-end gift is through you IRA.

When you make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to Hope Church from your IRA, the benefits are two-fold; you benefit from not having to pay income taxes on that withdrawal, and Hope Church continues to be able to fund the many missions that teach the words and ways of Jesus.

If you are 70.5 or older, you can give any amount (up to \$100,000 annually) directly from your IRA to Hope Lutheran Church. If you are 72 or older, this charitable gift from your IRA can also be used to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD).

If you plan to have your gift count toward your RMD, we encourage you to start this process early as there have been mail delays throughout the year. If you have check writing privileges for your IRA, the check must clear you account by 31 December to be counted inside the tax year.

We remain grateful for your commitment to Hope Lutheran Church and hope you'll consider a gift before the end of the calendar year.

Sincerely,

Mary Fay Pinnow; Council President, Derek Fossey; Senior Pastor,

Rick Greaves; Treasurer





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Carl Caddies David Sommerfeld Billie Intong John Bunge	2 Jim McNally Jeanette Jaime Malia Costello Nick Glover Sally Lynum-Lee Rebekka Voyles Sergio Guzman Aaron Hibler Wesley Moctezuma- Mantemayor Dean Kwetcher Lily Blank Lilyann Budd	3 Sara Gelhaus Helen Pingel Jim Reitz
4 Karl Knudsen Darell Little Dylan Hawke Jon Karr Lisa Pulice Stephanie Roberts Nancy Frey	5 Brenda Kay Renbarger Jana Livingston Shari Arias VAL and BUTCH DONAHUE	6 Paul Meinhold Alana Jones Jayne Strelecki	7 Rachel Hudgens George Peterson	8 Jordan Costello Lu Ann Beckloff Stephanie Erickson Jessica Abubo Juan Guiterrez	9 Susan Sommerfeld Micaela Cespedes	10 Ruby Mullendore Jennifer King Kevin McJilton Ashley Aguera JAYNE and EVELYN STRELECKI RONALD and JOYCE DORELL
11 Eugene Kuebler E. Diane Smith Gerald Sharon Sebastian Mandarano Tom Hart Aidan Pinal	John Dove Carolyn Gottlieb James Kotz Linda Spencer Avery Wynne Bethany Marinez Harper Wynne Lauren Wynne Jonathon O'Donnell Wyatt Bell Reuben Canterberry Cade Ransom	Patricia Lee Elaine Roze Bill Stark Fisher Harvey Joel Lindstrom Lizzy del Campo Hartman Reagan Hargett DENNIS and JACKIE HART	14 Barbara Alford Carl Lee Jeanne Pershall Gabriel Strange	15 Craig Michaels Edie Dodd Karsen Middleton Taelyn Rabb Gavin Himler	16 Nate Karr Rosa Zingg	17 Lexy Clay Mario Apodaca BOB and LINDA STERTON
18 Lenor Jones Evie Middleton Joey Bock	19 Chris Backeberg Heather Van Meeteren Leah Mahery Michael Smith RICHARD and DEBREA ELLINGBOE RICHARD and CAROL SAVAGE	20 Marcia McAfee Pam Bowman Skylaire Cabrera	21 Jack Bjerke Emily Johns Adelen Blandon Mary Welcome BARBARA and BILL SAVERY	22 Susan Le Cornu Megan Dolan Amber Tanner 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 Felicity Gonda Samara Rodriguez Sasha Canterberry	26 Charlotte Larsen Kimberly Moon Pat Ryden Holly Thackrah Taylen Christensen Teyla Tobin	27 Sonya Amman Robert Christensen John Miller IV Lyn Sabin Dr. Monte Russell	28 Lou Ann Henkens Isaiah Rodriguez Laila Estrade	29 Gracie Zahler Mackenzie Bristow Rick McIees Sofia Benjamin Lucas Newell	30 Joshua Renner Aidan Lopez Bob Randall Debbie Scott Tanya Lee Jim Allison	31 Arlene Bengston Michael Mortenson Ollie George Sam Villaita
	RALPH and LINDA SPENCER	JOHN and WALLI WEITZ	ROBERT and JUDY REED		RICK and WENDY CLARK	





DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday online services available at hopepd.org For more information on any events, go to hopepd.org				1 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	2	3
4 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship 11:30am Hope Youth Singers 11:30am LGBTQ & Ally Ministry Launch	5 Online Bible Study 11am	6 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am BSF 9:30am Sisters In Christ	7 9:30am Quilters 6:30pm Stand Firm	8 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	9 9:00 Stephen Ministry	10 10:00am Young Adult meet at La Quinta Park
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18 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship 11:30am Hope Youth Singers 3:00pm California Desert Chorale	19 Online Bible Study 11am	20 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am BSF 9:30am Sisters In Christ	21	22 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve Services Modern 4:00 & 6:00pm Traditional 5:00 & 7:00pm
25 Christmas Day One Service at 10:00am	26 Office Closed Online Bible Study 11am	27	28	7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	30 Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve Middle School Lock-in





ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSON'S FUND

2023 charts available for sign-ups at the Information Center

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Reynold Worch To the glory of God	December 4	Jan and Brian Harnik To the Glory of God
Richard Ameny To the Glory of God	December 11	Reynold Worch To the Glory of God
Debera Ellingboe in celebration of our anniversary	December 18	Rick and Anita Holden in honor of Flynn's Birthday
Ann Dew in memory of Pastor Bob Dew & Toni Hafey to the Glory of God	December 25	Toni Hafey in memory Of husband, Larry Smith

"Sharing the Gifts of God"	December 2022
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	1,536
Offering	\$90,141
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,097
Total	\$93,238
Average Weekly Income	\$18,647
Mortgage Balance	\$1,454,000
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$10,264.00
Growing Hope (funds received for mortgage)	\$2,480
YTD Interest Paid on Mortgage	\$54,349.11



ONLINE AND ONCAMPUS WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Daily Devotional	Monday - Friday, 7:00am	Facebook Live
Traditional Services	Sundays 8:00am & 9:30am	On Campus
Traditional Services Online	Available starting Saturday evenings	hopepd.org
Modern Services	Sundays 10:30am	On Campus
Modern Services Online	Available starting Saturday evenings	hopepd.org
Hope Kids	Sundays 9:30am & 10:30am	On Campus
Women's Gather Study	4th Mondays, 6:30pm	On Campus
Men's Bible Study	1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:30am	On Campus
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 7:30pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	Not Meeting in December	On Campus
Esther Circle	2nd Wednesday, 9:30am	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	December 7th, 9:30am	On Campus
Hope Bell Choir	Not Meeting Currently	Choir Room
Hope Choir	Thursdays, 6:30pm	Choir Room
Celebrate Recovery	Thursdays 7:00pm	On Campus
CR - The Landing	Not meeting until January	On Campus
CR - Men's Open Share	Thursdays 7:00pm	On Campus
CR - Women's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus
Stephen Ministry	2nd and 4th Fridays, 9:00am	On Campus
Pastor Derek Bible Study	Thursdays at 11am	Zoom, hopepd.org





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> 9:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 2PM FRIDAYS