

# MARCH

## *Newsletter*

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



## COFFEE WITH PASTOR GERALD

If you read enough headlines, you'll be left wondering whether coffee is either a miracle drink or a slow decline in a mug. One report says it's good for your heart. Another warns about your blood pressure. Some say three cups is perfect. Others say one is plenty. I've read enough to know I'm not qualified to settle that debate. I don't know for sure what it's doing to me physically. But, I do know this...when I slow down long enough to actually taste it...when I sit still instead of rushing out the door...even if it's decaf...even if the cup has a chip, it's good for my soul which just may be feeling equally chipped. Not because of what's in it... but because of the space it creates. A moment to breathe. A moment to be present. A moment to remember both who I am and whose I am.

That's a little bit of what Lent is meant to be.

Not spiritual punishment. Not religious guilt. But space. Forty days to breathe more deeply. To reflect honestly. To walk with Jesus toward the cross instead of hurrying past it and rushing to the resurrection.

On the night he was betrayed, every disciple around that table asked the same question, "Surely not I, Lord?" They knew themselves well enough to wonder. They understood that given the right fear...the right pressure...the right moment...any one of them was capable of more than they wanted to admit.

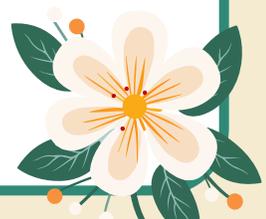
And here's what reassures me...Jesus didn't leave the table.

He stayed. He broke bread. He looked them in the eye. He sat with them even while they questioned their own hearts.

Lent invites us to that same table. To ask honest questions about ourselves. To admit how easily we can betray what...or who...we love. And to discover again that Christ does not get up and walk away from us.

So this month...pour a cup. Slow down. Breathe. And let this season do what it's meant to do...draw you closer to the One who stays.

Know you are loved,  
Pastor Gerald



# 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](mailto:michael@hopepd.org).

## Remember in Prayer:

Anita Allingham, Marilyn Atchue-Zuill, Carol Beers, Vida Besel, Carl Caddies, Richard Ellingboe, Beth Fauth, Dennis Greene, Lenor Jones, Alex King, Jennifer King, Dr. Bill Klaustermeyer, Louis Mason, Karen McConnell, Daniel Mongillo, Bruce Moulton, William Savery, Stacy Sheller, Dick Schroeckenstein, Jeniffer Swanson, Jim Whicher, Annie Whittlesey, Dana Zahler

Please resubmit names by email to [michael@hopepd.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Please call Pastor Gerald or Gary Eilefson, Legacy committee chair at 651-238-2578. You may choose to have your conversations and charitable plan remain anonymous.*



# YOUR LEGACY MATTERS

MAKE A LASTING IMPACT THROUGH HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

I believe most of us would like to leave a legacy. Hope Lutheran can help you make that happen! For more info contact Pastor Gerald at [gerald@hopepd.org](mailto:gerald@hopepd.org)



# EASTER

AT HOPE PALM DESERT

Family  
Photo Area

6AM - SUNRISE SERVICE  
8AM & 9AM - TRADITIONAL "CHOIR"  
10AM & 11AM - MODERN "BAND"  
9AM, 10AM, 11AM - KIDS

Easter  
Egg Hunt

Visit [hopepd.org](http://hopepd.org)

**ON CAMPUS (Sunday, April 5th)**

**6AM - Sunrise Service**  
**8AM & 9AM - Traditional**  
**10AM & 11AM - Modern**  
**9AM, 10AM, 11AM - Kids**

**A family experience you won't want to miss!**  
**Easter Egg Hunt 9:50AM, 10:50AM & 11:50AM**  
**Kid Services | Photo Area**

# LENT WEDNESDAYS

*Mid-Week Lenten | February 25 - March 25 | Hope Center*  
Soup Supper 6:00pm & Service at 6:30pm

## Wednesdays in Lent in Hope Center: Feb 25th - March 25th

### March 4th

6:00-6:30pm Soup Supper  
6:30-7:30pm Worship  
Soup Supper Host: Hope Choir

### March 18th

6:00-6:30pm Soup Supper  
6:30-7:30pm Worship  
Soup Supper Host: Celebrate Recovery

### March 11th

6:00-6:30pm Soup Supper  
6:30-7:30pm Worship  
Soup Supper Host: Student Ministry

### March 25th

6:00-6:30pm Soup Supper  
6:30-7:30pm Worship  
Soup Supper Host: Church Council

**March 29th** Palm Sunday Worship 8:00am,  
9:30am, 10:30am

**April 2nd** Maundy Thursday 6:30pm

**April 3rd** Good Friday 6:30pm





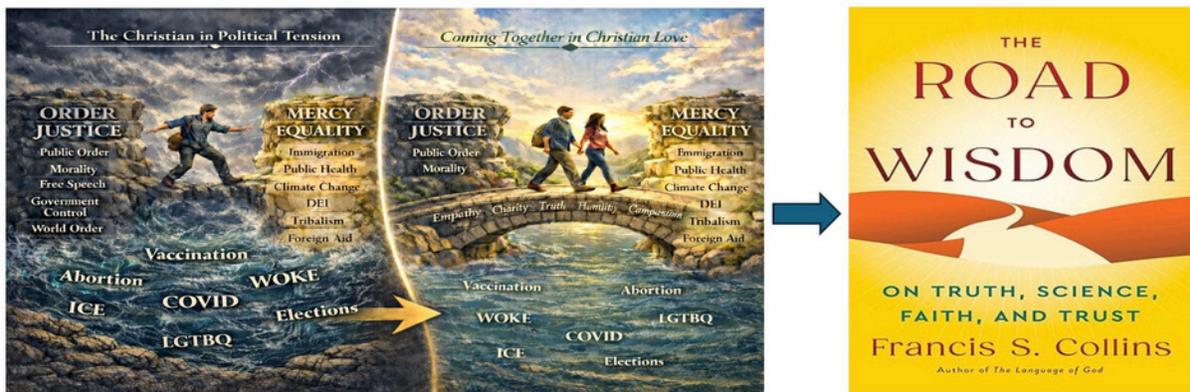
# BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY & HOPE CENTER AT EASTER

Lilies for Easter morning in Memory of, in Honor of loved ones, or to the Glory of God | \$18.00 each.

May submit request online at [hopepd.org](http://hopepd.org) or at the Information Center. Deadline March 29th.

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## HOPE BOOK CLUB



How can we as a Christian church improve our fellowship in these polarized times? Francis Collins is a Christian and a world-famous scientist. His book *The Road to Wisdom* is a science and faith-based instruction manual on how we can “with patience, learn from each other; with courage, speak out to truth as we see it; and with Christian neighborly love come together particularly as it relates to the harmonies between science, religion and society.” Pick up a copy; IT’S FREE at the Info Center. It is full of truth and filled with hope. You will be glad you read it.

And then please come to discuss and share your opinions with each other. The discussion of this book will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6pm in Meeting Room 2.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**HELP SERVE IN OUR PANTRY**

**Wednesdays & Fridays  
10AM – 2PM  
Beginning in March**

Sign up at the Info Center or online at [hopepd.org](http://hopepd.org)  
For more information contact [gabe@hopepd.org](mailto:gabe@hopepd.org)



**HOPE FOOD PANTRY**

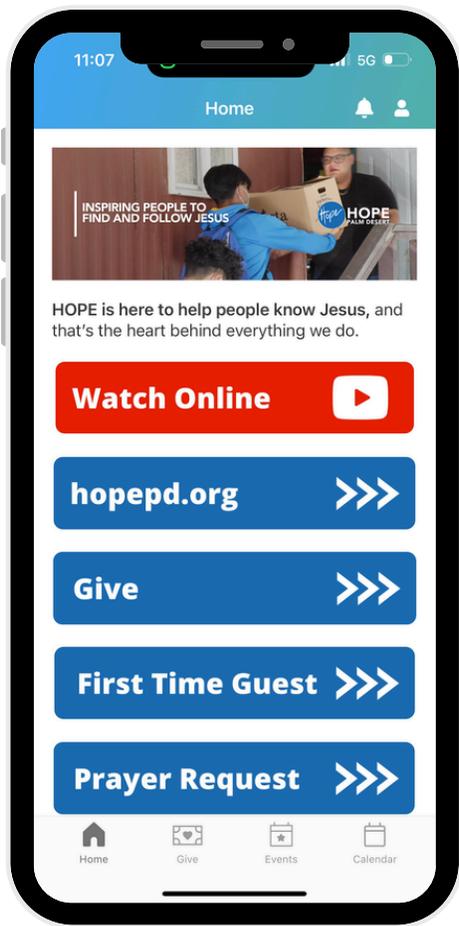
# DONATIONS ACCEPTED



Help care for families in our community by donating non-perishable food items. Donations can be dropped off at the church office during business hours.

**YOUR KINDNESS RESTORES HOPE.**

For more info contact [gabe@hopepd.org](mailto:gabe@hopepd.org)  
or call the office at 760.346.1273.



# 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.'**



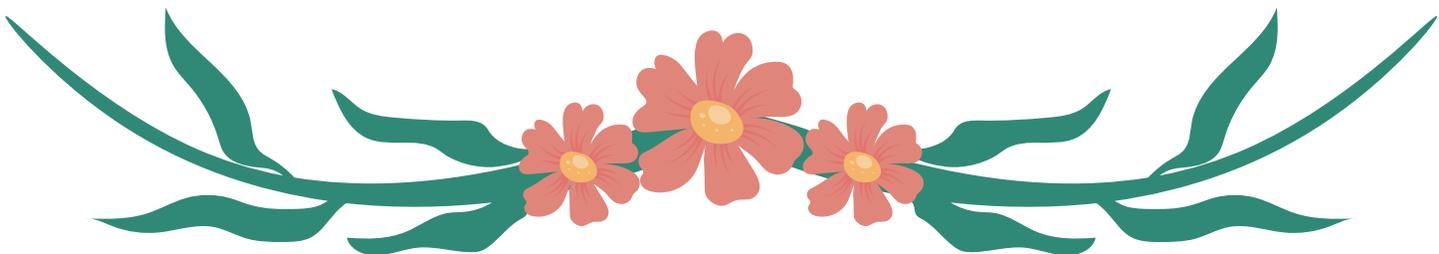
With the app, you can submit prayer requests, catch service highlights, access our website, Kids Check-in, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Stay engaged and informed! 📱🙌 #StayConnected"

## 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](mailto:virginia@hopepd.org) for more info.

CHILDREN CENTER





**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

Games  
Music  
Food  
Bounce  
Houses

**SCHOOL'S OUT CELEBRATION  
COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER GAMES**

Donate Here

**DROP OFF  
YOUR K- 6TH  
GRADERS!**

Friday,  
May 15th  
6:00pm - 8:30pm

Register at  
hopepd.org

# Student Ministry

Middle & High School online at [hopepd.org](http://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.



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, March 21st, 2026  
**Every student** High School  
 Adults can volunteer too, contact [nick@hopepd.org](mailto:nick@hopepd.org)

# Student Ministry

**PM**

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



A promotional graphic for the 'Stand Firm' ministry. On the left, an orange rounded rectangle contains white text: 'WHERE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS AND DISCOVER THEIR FAITH.' Below this, it says 'Wednesday Nights 6:00pm to 8:00pm Meeting Room 5'. On the right, a group of diverse middle school students are smiling and posing together. Overlaid on the photo is the text 'STAND FIRM' in large, bold, orange letters, with a white cross symbol integrated into the letter 'A'.

## Stand Firm

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



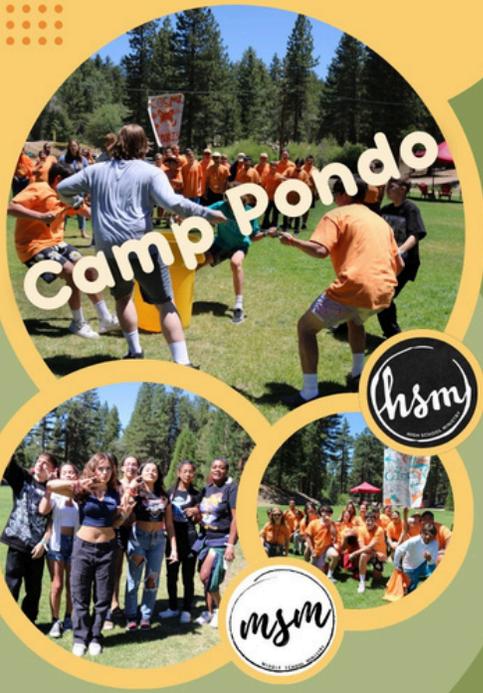
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**@hopeyouthministry**



# Student Summer Camp

Join us for an unforgettable summer with 100 middle & high school students, growing in faith, building friendships, and making lasting memories!

- \$ Cost: \$600 Per Student
- ✓ Scholarship opportunities available!
- 📅 Dates: July 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>
- 📍 Big Bear, CA

🌐 Register at [hopepd.org](http://hopepd.org)



## hope OUTREACH

### ✦ Giving Hope to the Unhoused ✦

Free Services & Support for Our Community  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> | 9am - 12pm

<b>Showers</b> 	<b>Hygiene Kits</b> 	<b>Food</b> 	<b>Prayer</b> 	<b>Narcan</b> 
<b>Medical</b> 	<b>Foot Massage</b> 	<b>Recovery Support</b> 	<b>Haircuts</b> 	<b>Mobile Phones</b> 

45900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260.  
All are welcome. Come receive support, care, and hope.  
More information contact [carlos@hopepd.org](mailto:carlos@hopepd.org).

# QUILTERS OF HOPE



Thanks to all who joined us during our Quilting for Love in February. We were able to give 9 finished quilts to Bridges2Hope and gave some tours of the quilting process.



Did you know that March is National Quilting Month?

**Quilters for Hope will be meeting on Wednesday, March 4th and March 18th from 9:30 to 11:30 am.** We join with others across the United States in creating quilts. Please join us and discover why we love making quilts.

For more information, please call or text  
**Ruth Fikes at 714-642-3773 or**  
**[candrfikes@gmail.com](mailto:candrfikes@gmail.com)**

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Thanks for all of your generous support. Our Prayer Shawl Closet has been well stocked and the beautiful shawls are just waiting to be shared. If you know of anyone who could use a comforting hug please contact one of the pastors, Gabe or myself. We continue to accept donations and look forward to sharing more love and hope.

For additional information please reach out to:

**Mary Ellen Peterson at (801) 598-7733 or [marymelon50@hotmail.com](mailto:marymelon50@hotmail.com)**

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## GRIEF SHARE AT HOPE

Are you interested in helping walk with people through their grief? Do you have a heart of care for people experiencing loss? If so, would you consider leading a GriefShare group?

GriefShare is a program for people experiencing grief of any kind led by people who have also experienced grief themselves. All materials will be provided, you just need to bring a willing heart.

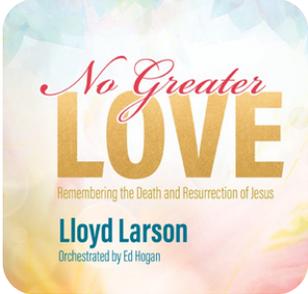
Please contact Deacon John ([johnb@hopepd.org](mailto:johnb@hopepd.org)) if you are interested.

# 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.

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

*Hope Choir Presents*  
**Lenten Cantata 2026**



**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
 Presented at the Traditional Services  
 8:00am & 9:30am

**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](mailto:michael@hopepd.org) for more info.



# STEPHEN MINISTRY



Hope's Stephen Ministry team will begin to serve you after each service with prayer opportunities. One or two Stephen Ministers will be standing up front after each service on Sunday to pray with you about any concerns that you have. Stephen Ministers continue to learn and grow in their faith with the study of the book, "Do Your Best and Trust God with the Rest". Each chapter provides questions for group discussion. This dedicated team meets twice a month on Monday evenings.



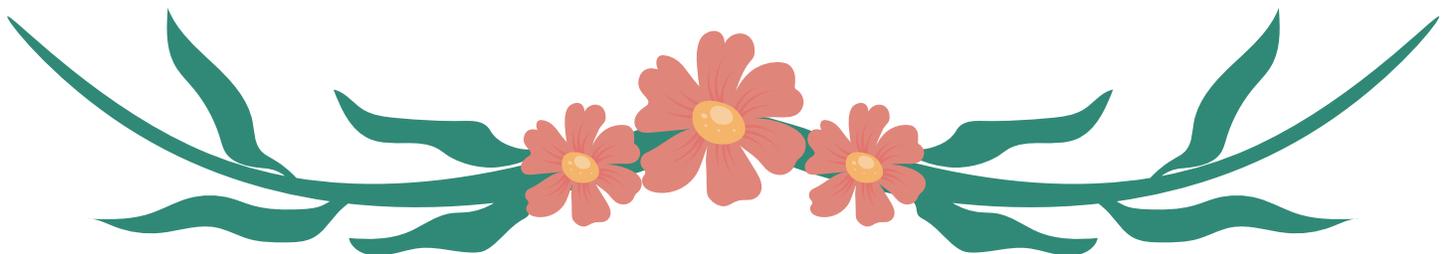
If you or someone you know might benefit by having a care giver, please contact Pastor Gerald, Deacon John, or Laurie Marvin.

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## 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.





# 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](mailto:gesa@hopepd.org) or (949)689-9681.

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Thank you for **celebrating 8 years** of Celebrate Recovery with us. It was a special evening of great food, uplifting worship, an inspiring testimony, meaningful Chip Night moments, and authentic fellowship. We praise God for His faithfulness and for the community that continues to grow together in healing and hope.





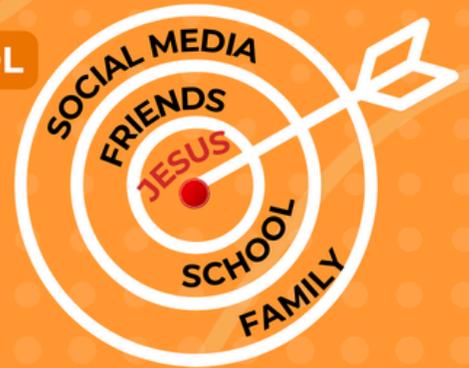
theLanding™  
CelebrateRecovery® for Students

# 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](http://hopepd.org)



# PICKLEBALL Opportunity

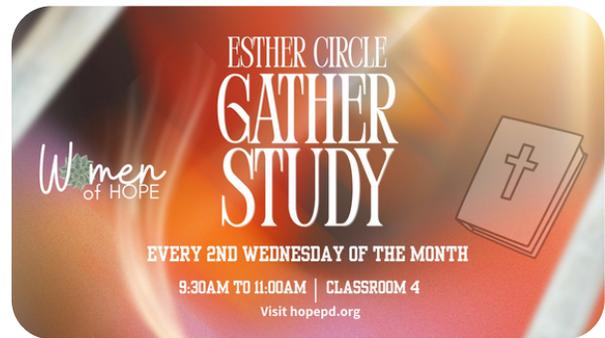
SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH  
9:00-11:00 A.M. | HOPE CENTER

➤➤➤ GREAT FUN,  
FELLOWSHIP,  
AND EXERCISE

**NO PADDLE? NO PROBLEM!  
EXTRA PADDLES PROVIDED**

For Questions Contact [hopeforall@hopepd.org](mailto:hopeforall@hopepd.org)





## **“I AM: God’s holy name and promise,” a three-part Bible study by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson**

**Monday Night Study meets March 16th, April 20th, May 25th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 6 in the Hope Center.**

**Esther Circle meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9:30am to 11:00am in Room 4 in the Hope Center.**

### **(March) Session one—Bread, vine and light: Abiding with us (John 6, 8 and 15)**

We begin this session by rooting and grounding ourselves in the story of Moses at the Burning Bush, learning about God’s holy name, I AM—a name that holds all of time and space, all that was and all that is and all that will be, past, present and future.

From there, we will explore three of Jesus’s “I AM” statements: “I am the bread of life;” “I am the true vine,” and “I am the light of the world.” Each of these declarations bring to the fore the ways that God, whose name is “I AM,” abides with God’s people, providing, nurturing and sustaining us in day-to-day life.

### **(April) Session two—Gate and shepherd: Guiding and protecting us (John 10)**

Session two builds on the theme of God’s abiding love as we explore another dimension of I AM, God’s holy name and promise: God’s guidance and protection. Guidance and protection are the major themes of the famous “Good Shepherd” discourse in John 10, in which Jesus declares that he is both the good shepherd and the gate for the sheep. Our God who abides with us is also a God who moves with us—who knows us, protects us and leads us through the ups and downs of life.

### **(May) Session three: Resurrection and life: Leading us into abundant life (John 11 and 14)**

This final session revolves around the third dimension of I AM: God’s promise to lead God’s people into abundant life. From before creation to the time of Moses to today, this is God’s enduring promise to God’s people. In declaring that he is “the resurrection and the life,” and “the way, the truth, and the life,” Jesus is stepping into this grand tradition, reminding God’s people to cling to God’s promise, God’s very holy name: I AM. God has promised to be with God’s people—to abide with us, to guide us, to protect us, and to lead us into abundant life, now and forever.



## Guest Speaker Weekend with Colby Martin

### Saturday, March 21

Special Speaker Event  
3pm | Hope Center  
Register by emailing  
[hopeforall@hopepd.org](mailto:hopeforall@hopepd.org)  
or online at [hopepd.org](http://hopepd.org)

### Sunday, March 22

Guest Preacher at Hope Lutheran Church  
During all services

AUTHOR OF THE  
GROUNDBREAKING BOOK:  
UNCLOBBER

Visit [hopepd.org](http://hopepd.org) for more info  
Email [hopeforall@hopepd.org](mailto:hopeforall@hopepd.org) for any questions

### Join us for a special weekend with author and speaker Colby Martin!

We're thrilled to welcome Colby Martin, author of *Unclobber*, for an inspiring two-day event.

#### **Saturday, March 21st, Speaker Event at 3 pm at Hope Lutheran Church, in the Hope Center.**

Come and listen to author and pastor Colby Martin as he engages in life-giving conversations about inclusion, faith, and the love of God. Hear fresh perspectives and be encouraged in your faith journey whether it is strong or shattered.

**Register at [hopepd.org](http://hopepd.org) today or send an email to Amanda at [hopeforall@hopepd.org](mailto:hopeforall@hopepd.org).**

**Sunday, March 22nd, Colby Martin will be the guest preacher at Hope Lutheran Church for all services at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 10:30am (No registration required).**

All are welcome!

**BACK**  
to **80'S**



**VOLUNTEER  
APPRECIATION  
PARTY**

**MARCH 29, 2026  
HOPE CENTER  
6-8PM**

Register at [hopepd.org](http://hopepd.org)  
or at the Info Center



**Parking Lot**

**SALE**

Love God, Love People  
**Hope** FOR ALL  
Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH**  
**8:30 TO 11:30 AM**  
**IN THE HOPE**  
**PARKING LOTS**

**SUPPORT THE HOPE**  
**FOR ALL MINISTRY AND**  
**FUTURE OUTREACH**  
**EVENTS**

SELLER REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 (1 SPOT) | \$35 (2 SPOTS) WHICH ALL WILL GO DIRECTLY INTO THE MINISTRY FUND. PROCEEDS OF YOUR SALES ARE YOURS AND HANDLED INDIVIDUALLY WITH YOUR PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD. REGISTER FOR THE EVENT AT [HOPEPD.ORG](http://HOPEPD.ORG) OR THROUGH OUR CHURCH CENTER APP. EMAIL AMANDA AT [HOPEFORALL@HOPEPD.ORG](mailto:HOPEFORALL@HOPEPD.ORG) FOR QUESTIONS.

**Saturday, March 28th from 8:30 to 11:30 am in the Hope parking lots**

A community yard sale with a purpose. A great opportunity to sell some of your most precious junk while supporting the "Hope For All" ministry's future events and outreach. We strive to spread the hope and love of Jesus to all LGBTQ+ people by being a safe place and a resource to both our church and outside communities.

Registration fee is \$25 for one parking spot, or \$35 for two spots, which all will go directly into the ministry fund. Proceeds of your sales are yours and handled individually with your preferred payment method. Please register on our events page or email Amanda at [hopeforall@hopepd.org](mailto:hopeforall@hopepd.org)



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Bonita Chambers Carol Simpson Keanu Newman Tatiana Jernigan	<b>2</b> Linda Brian Kelsey Kang	<b>3</b> Aliana Solorzano Mary Ann Reed Robert Rogers Siri Blair Keagan Stevens  <b>JOE and STEPHANIE LILLY</b>  <b>GESA and GERALD SHARON</b>	<b>4</b> David Tejas Lexi Dinsdale Raven Adams	<b>5</b> Cassandra Watson Steven Barnhart Tammy Christensen Grayson Attaway Olivia Matondi Nanette Counts Gary Counts	<b>6</b> Daniel Ospina Ryan Hought Tiffany Su	<b>7</b> Auden Goldberg
<b>8</b> Analisa Domingues Doratheia Burton Lily Vidal Randy Weiner Leann Rodriguez	<b>9</b> Carmen Randall Carol Buchanan Cecilia Moreno  <b>LORENZA LEBRIJA and TROY ELDER</b>	<b>10</b> Sharon Pierson Liam Vera	<b>11</b> Olivia Borst Maritza Jernigan Rita Turner	<b>12</b> Chalyss Meshack Jay Wodarck Landon Conlan Pam Luerken Jackson Lloyd Maxmiliano Long Rosa Munoz Long  <b>GEOFFREY and LINDA HODSDON</b>	<b>13</b> Michael Cundari Sheryl Davis Gene Snyder	<b>14</b> Alexis Jernigan Daniel Jernigan
<b>15</b> Elyse Hendrix Maria Ogaard Marc Berry-Hoffman Briella Santos Finley McWey	<b>16</b> Debbie Ahlmeyer Faith McInnis Coleton Kahal Marina Avila Sue Pickett	<b>17</b> Logan Bell Samiah Rodriguez Patricia Leach Ester Garcia Lillian Williams Wesleigh Anziano Larry Scheibach	<b>18</b> Ileana Hendrix Jennifer Costello Marcia Larson Susan Guerin Don Nelson Elijah Espino	<b>19</b> Ben Smith David Bowen Omar Bawab Lorraine Frampton Dave Ryden	<b>20</b> Ayvah Bravo Linda Jones Lyndsey Linton Linda Hodsdon Beverly Konn Owen Valencia	<b>21</b> Calvin West Ted Seastrom Tomi Vickers Brad Lee Richard Mueller Troy Kern
<b>22</b> Brian Scott Joey Polaneczyk Sage Ruiz Sky Ruiz Brian Johnson Eliot Attaway	<b>23</b> Alyssa Glover Christine Gonzalez Kira Mendoza Scott Lingle Cloe Wood	<b>24</b> Bob Clark Patti Landolt Stephanie Surgener Angela Scott  <b>JOHN and SHARON CARMONA</b>	<b>25</b> Kyle Neil Robert Newhouse Benjamin Betts Ayanna Denton	<b>26</b> Charlene Nelson Kyna Shnyderman Zoey Weisman Gavin Weisman Jane Lafferty	<b>27</b> Bonnie Riesen Dan Acosta Martin Frey Parker Fosselman	<b>28</b> Mya Abudo Sue Raymond Hayden Bannister Tristan Bannister Ashton Martin
<b>29</b> Ken Johnson Piper Fosselman Robin Hart Sean Weiss-Buckwald Dennis Hart Amber Black	<b>30</b> Xander Gallegos Joanna Vizcarra					
<b>31</b> Aiden Kandziora Nico Orth-Lopez Mariana Jarvis  <b>FRANK and CYNTHIA KAWAI</b>						

# MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	<b>2</b> 9:00am HOPE OUTREACH	<b>3</b> 7:30am Men's Bible Study  9:00am BSF	<b>4</b> 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm  <b>WEDNESDAY            LENT SERVICE            6:00pm Soup            6:30pm Service</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR  7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship 3:00pm Masterworks At HOPE (Mozart Requiem)	<b>9</b> 5:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg.	<b>10</b> 9:00am BSF	<b>11</b> 9:30am Esther Circle 6pm Stand Firm <b>WEDNESDAY            LENT SERVICE            6:00pm Soup            6:30pm Service</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR  7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00am PICKLEBALL  10:00am VASA
<b>15</b> 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	<b>16</b> 6:30PM Monday Night Gather	<b>17</b> 7:30am Men's Bible Study  9:00 am BSF	<b>18</b> 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm  <b>WEDNESDAY            LENT SERVICE            6:00pm Soup            6:30pm Service</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR  7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00am Student Impact  3:00pm Colby Martin (Author Event)
<b>22</b> 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship <b>Cali Chorale            Concert 3pm</b>	<b>23</b> 5:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg.	<b>24</b> 9:00 am BSF  6:00pm HOPE Book Club	<b>25</b> 6pm Stand Firm  <b>WEDNESDAY            LENT SERVICE            6:00pm Soup            6:30pm Service</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR  7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00am <b>Parking Lot            Sale!</b>  10:00am Sons of Norway
<b>29</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>*Choir Cantata</b> 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship <b>Cali Chorale            Concert 3pm</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00 am BSF				

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Given by: <b>Bob Whinery</b> In Memory of <b>Joyce Whinery</b>	MARCH 1	Given by: <b>Jan &amp; Brian Harnik</b> To the Glory of God
Given by: <b>Monika Hoover</b> In Honor of <b>Elvira Ebert's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b> & <b>Elvira Ebert</b> in Honor of <b>Analisa's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>	MARCH 8	Given by: <b>Reynold Worch</b> To the Glory of God
Given by: <b>Gary &amp; Barbara Eilefson</b> In Honor of Our 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	MARCH 15	Given by: <b>Janice Barnes</b> To the Glory of God
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Given by: <b>Bernice Mueller</b> In Memory of Verna Mueller	MARCH 29	Given by: <b>Sandy McGinnis</b> 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"	January 2026
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	1,397
Offering	\$86,806
Miscellaneous Income	\$50
Total	\$86,856
Average Weekly Income	\$21,714
Mortgage Balance	\$359,722.74
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$3147.30
Building Mortgage(funds received for mortgage)	\$1,809.88

# 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, March 16, 6:30pm	On Campus
Men's Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:30am	Conference Room
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	Tuesday, March 24 at 6PM	Conference Room
Esther Circle	Wednesday, March 11, 9:30am	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 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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