

# MAY NEWSLETER 2024

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





#### **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:

Lori Benson, Mary Curtis, Susan Dellinger, Kay Ehrhardt, Debbie Ann Ellingboe, James Fauth, Barbara Foreman, Kylie Gahagan, Debbie Garver, Judy Gates, Bruce Gottlieb, Kellie Griffith, Susan Hayward, Mary Kallusky, Jeanne Mace, Richard Manthey, David Musgjerd, Jody Parker, Jim Reitz, Duane Rommereim, Sandy Sapa, Jolene Summers, Sallie Voss, Jacqui Wilkinson

Please resubmit names by email to <a href="michael@hopepd.org">michael@hopepd.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:gabe@hopepd.org">gabe@hopepd.org</a>

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

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

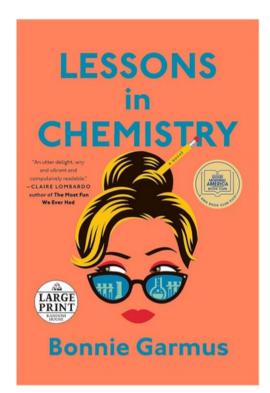




#### TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Have you updated your will? Don't forget to include Hope Lutheran Church Palm Desert!

For information contact: Lynn Hendershot, Legacy Committee Chair, at lynn.hendershot@yahoo.com



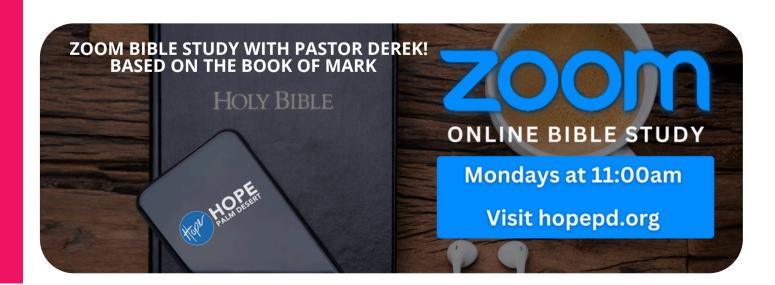
# HOPE BOOK CLUB LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY BY BONNIE GARMUS

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show Supper at Six. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, Lessons in Chemistry is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

BOOK CLUB WILL MEET: MAY 28th at 6pm BOOK COPIES ARE: \$15



#### **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.



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

Our next event is: May 18th at 5:00pm At the home of Sandy McGinnis 71383 San Gorgonia, Rancho Mirage

Please bring an appetizer to share and a drink of your choice. If you have any questions, please give Sandy a call at: 760-333-3783. Please be sure to sign up at the Information Center!

Thank you so very much, Bonnie Riesen

#### **HOPE FOOD BANK**



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.

#### **QUILTERS**

Quilters of Hope has partnered with Bridges2Hope (<a href="https://thebridges2hope.com">https://thebridges2hope.com</a>) to share quilts with local valley residents who are transitioning from homelessness into housing and need some extra comfort. This past month we were able to share 4 quilts. All of the recipients were extremely grateful.

As we set aside quilts for Lutheran World Relief we will continue to share quilts locally and look forward to presenting quilts to our High School Graduates.

We thank all our volunteers who have traveled back to their summer homes and we look forward to meeting over summer months. If you have been curious about Quilters of Hope or just want to escape to some nice air conditioning, please join us. Here is the schedule for the summer: All meetings are from 9:30am to 11:30am and you can drop by anytime. After quilting we choose a local restaurant for lunch.

May 1st and 15th June 5th and 19th July - no meetings scheduled August 4th and 18th

For more information, please contact Ruth Fikes at 714-642-3773 or <a href="mailto:com">candrfikes@gmail.com</a>



#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to provide shawls for anyone needing to experience the love and comfort of Jesus. Please contact the church office if you would like to share a prayer shawl.

Yarn and instructions are available for any volunteer who would like to crochet or knit a Prayer Shawl. Completed prayer shawls can be left in the church office.

Thanks for your support - Mary Ellen Peterson, 801-598-7733





Hope Children Center provides a faith-based environment for children to enjoy before and after school. Contact Virginia at virginia@hopepd.org for more information.

CHILDREN CENTER

#### **HOPE KIDS**

March was a great month focused on peace, leading us to the ultimate peacemaker Jesus. We finished our month with Easter, celebrating that Jesus is Alive!!! God's plan to rescue us was finished.

This month we are learning about patience through Bible stories. To remember what is true. When you think you can't wait, think twice because waiting can make you wise.

Our Camp Hope is right around the corner, June 10th – 14th. We are very excited for what's coming. Feel free to reach out to me if you wish to volunteer with being the light of Jesus to our kids. We can always use help on Sundays and during events.

Carlos Vega, Children's Director carlos@hopepd.org





PARENT'S NIGHT OUT is back again **Friday**, **May 3rd from 6:00pm - 8:30pm**. Drop off your kids (K-8th Graders) with us and we will watch your kids for <u>FREE</u>.

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.



Middle & High School online at hopepd.org

# Sunday SERVICES

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

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



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.

**Every month** third Saturday, May 18th, 2024 **Every student** High School

Adults can volunteer too, contact nick@hopepd.org



June 17-21 Camp Pondo, Taking 60 students Registration open @ hopepd.org Deposit \$100



Sponsor a student: 50 students left to sponsor Pondo - \$500

ELCA youth gathering - \$1,500 8 students left to sponsor

#### **PM**

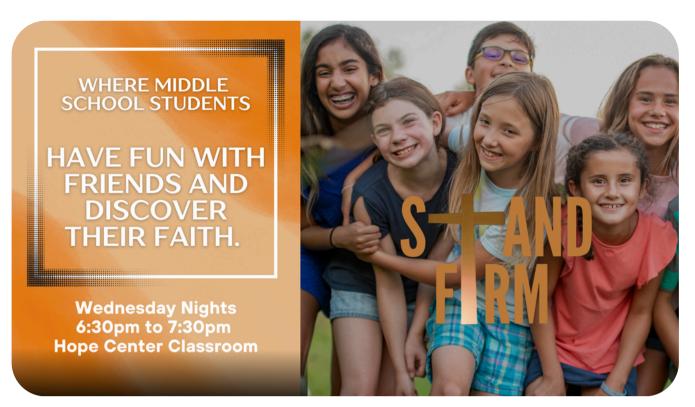
FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY, IN HOPE CENTER FROM 11:30AM-1:30PM (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)





### MONDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

FROM 6-7:30PM; THIS EVENT IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUNG ADULTS.



Stand Firm is a Middle School Ministry and will meet every Wednesday from 6-8 pm in the Hope Center.



Vibes is a High School Ministry and will meet on the second Saturday of every month in the Hope Center.







**ehopeyouthministry** 



Last month Celebrate Recovery held their annual Cornhole event for all leaders, volunteers and their families. Always a great time with food, laughter and a winner too:) We're thankful for all the families who are part of and serve in this ministry.







Esther Circle will not be meeting until fall.







#### **STEPHEN MINISTERY**

Hope Lutheran is blessed to have "care givers" who are ready to listen to you while you face life's challenging situations. A Stephen Minister is trained to LISTEN and not judge, LISTEN and not give advice, LISTEN and empathize with you in your situation. You might be facing a new way of life, while feeling sadness, grief, or anxiety. Standing alone with these feelings can be overwhelming. Finding a supportive person to stand with you may help you face your challenges with hope and a future.

If you know someone (and maybe it's you) who has a need to talk confidentially, please contact Pastor Derek, who will pair you up with the right Stephen Minister.

If you may be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Derek. There will be another class training new volunteers in the near future.





#### **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"

#### 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"

#### **WOMEN OF HOPE SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**

by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni



Stay connected throughout the summer by attending one or all of the following: Women of Hope Summer Bible Study "After certainty: A biblical guide" by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. A global pandemic, political upheaval, and a changing climate... these days, the future is more uncertain than it has ever been.

Or is it? For the people of the Bible, life was often shaped by deep uncertainty. Encounters with God sparked awe, confusion or courage, but rarely certainty. Instead, God's people have always been called to follow God into the unknown, trusting in God's certain grace and love. This three-session summer Bible study explores God's invitation to the people of the Bible and to us, to take the holy journey beyond certainty to curiosity, community and compassion, where we find abundant life in Christ.

### Saturday, June 15th 10:00am in the Hope Center Classroom Curiosity

Jesus' ministry, during the uncertainty of the first century Roman occupation, often challenged the "certainties" of the status quo when it came to faith, power and relationships—both the relationships between people and God, and between people in community. Just as curiosity drew people to Jesus and his message, holy curiosity can still lead us to the places where God transforms "what is" to "what could be."

# Saturday, July 20th 10:00am in the Hope Center Classroom Community

When certainty in faith becomes the responsibility of the individual, this can isolate us from God and from community. The reformer Martin Luther's own failures of certainty led him to return to passages in the gospels and epistles that proclaimed salvation, not as a reward for our certainty, but as a gift granted in and through community. In this second session, we consider how some of the pivotal texts of the Lutheran Reformation changed the church and the world.

### Saturday, August 17th 10:00am in the Hope Center Classroom Compassion

When certainty becomes judgmentalism, it contributes to divisions between people and within communities. The teachings of Jesus and the pastoral writings of the apostle Paul sometimes urge people to choose compassion over correctness—a model that can offer Christians guidance in a polarized time. Register online, signup at the Information Center on the patio or email gesa@hopepd.org.





Once again The Women of Hope are looking forward to your hygiene item donations for the "Bags of Hope" that will be handed out in the local homeless community with the help of "The Bridge 2 Hope", a local organization. The Bridges 2 Hope's mission is to empower homeless through building trusted relationships, by connecting individuals to resources, and providing support and guidance in order to accomplish lasting change. You donate - We assemble!

The donations can be dropped off at the church on Sundays during service times or during the week to the church office, Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm, Fridays 9:00am to 12:00pm.

For additional information contact gesa@hopepd.org.

We thank you in advance for your generosity!



- 1. Who is cedited with being "Mother of all living"?
- A. Ruth B. Sarah C. Eve D. Esther
- 2. From Acts 18, who was Aguila's wife?
- A. Priscilla B. Jexebel C. Leah D. Rebekah
- 3. Where was Paul the Apostle born?
- A. Thessalonica B. Tarsus C. Ur D. Atioch
- 4. To see Jesus, Zacchaesus climbed what kind of tree?
- A. Fig B. Carob C. Sycamore D. Box
- 5. What was the first bird released from the Ark?
- A. Raven B. Pigeon C. Sparrow D. Dove
- 6. On what day of creation was man created?
- A. First B. Second C. Third D. Sixth
- 7. Who was David's Father?
- A. Moses B. Noah C. Abraham D. Jesse
- 8. Which Apostle was shipwrecked three different times?
- A. Paul B. Peter C. Philip D. James
- 9. Which Apostle denied he knew Jesus?
- A. John B. Thomas C. Judas D. Peter
- 10. From Genesis 9, who saw a rainbow in the sky?

A. Adam B. Moses C. Noah D. Abraham

J. C 2. A 3. B 4. C. 5. A 6. D 7. D 8. B 9. D 10. C



## **MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Dakota Parlett Joe Lilly Henry Baker	2 Eric Swanson Jim Liddell Kay Peterson Sebastian Conti Michael Scarcella Odalys Oliden Camila Romero	3 Carolyn Griffin Karen Smith Perry Brian Rick Bailard Allan Morrow Kevin Weber	4 Elizabeth Schorr Halle Devaney Linda Combs Lola Reed Rome Nelson Leila Jaime Avila Luisa Jimenez
5 Karen Anschell Leo Muzzonigro Phoenix Orson Rose Kramer Mason Swartz	6 Clint Newell Ginger Jeffries Jackson Winch Kayla Claborn Franklin Austin Genny Little	7 Alejandro Cervantes Greg Griffiths Kingsley Harvey	8 Connor O'Brien Daniel Long Lucas Budd Everett Kaplan	9 Kelsey Nelson Lennon Mendoza Isreal Galletes	10 Cecilia Flores Shawna Ellis Sierra Ellis Dodie Frost Mary Karr Garrett Stevko	11 Becky Peraza Hunter Fossey Janice Gilmore Savannah Ellis Sophie Hughes John Fox Amelia Moody Vivienne Moody
TAMMY and JERRY BUCKLIN						
12 Annette Griffiths Fabi Cook Fabiola Divine Melanie Hart Andy Teasley Elias Estrada Emilia Brown	13 Viviana Carrera Ella Clay Sarah Steepleton Barbara Vincent	14 Kristi Prieto Al Gudel Finley Brinkman Mackenzie McIntosh Mason Himler Johnathon Yancy	15 Christy Fine Jana Lew Melissa Huettel Quinn Leach Rachael Orson Sandy Hammett Mitchell Delgadillo	Justin Haines Lori Arnold Mike Robledo Peter Smith Martha Osborne Micah Hartung	17 Julie Smith Kenley Middleton Simone Moctezuma- Mantemayor Carlos Diaz Benjamin Raymond Sarah Jimian Hope Klaustermeyer	18 Jacquelyn Watson Jeff Coe Mayson Blank Roman Camacho Tyler Clausen
	SHANNON STREIFF- PROCESS			DONNELLY		
19 Andria Lamb Grace Peterson Ryan McJilton Vicki Graves Steele Hedberg  CAROL and KIM	20 Ava Jones Ian Robinson Isaiah Roehrick Jason Jones Roland Domer Tina Bailey Jo Engel Steven Herzog Kim Jewett	21 Elliet Nelson Grace Taylor Segal Jacksen Davidson Bill Savery Layla Castro  DICK and CAROL CARLSON	22 Evan Doty Zachary Vance Jordan Klebenow Harlow Swenson- Wick  STEPHANIE and	23 Beth Fauth Evelyn Marinez Michael McClausland Santiago Reyes	24 Kathy Borrud Nancie Free James Kuroki John Stevko	25 Craig Graham Gracie Palmer Daniel Mendoza
BUCHANAN 26 Adam Lee Gidget Swadish Judy Carlson Tom Tabler Zak Bryant	27 James Inman Kadyence Jordan Kathy Helgeson Camden Schimmer	28 Glenn Thorpe Jeanne Germond Richard Witt Christopher Moreno Jamie Watson	CHUCK CARTER 29 Evalynn Gundlach  ROSALIE and MILT UNRUH	30 Aria Warren Daniela Rodriguez Kayla Chicoine Susan Dellinger Ronald Kirchoff Bonnita Knutson Charlotte Royce	31 Bodhi King	



# **MAY 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Sunday online services available at hopepd.org For more information on any events, go to hopepd.org							
			9:30am Quilters 6:00pm Stand Firm	2 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	3	4	
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#### ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSONS FUND

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Available	MAY 5	Barbara & Stu Spencer In Honor of Beaulah Spencer
The Hoffmans To the Glory of God	MAY 12	Jan & Brian Harnik To the Glory of God
John & Eileen Donnelly In Celebration of 60th Wedding Anniversary	MAY 19	Lisa Rehburg In Memory of William Rehburg
Available	MAY 26	Reynold Worch 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"	March 2024
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	1042
Offering	\$159,876
Miscellaneous Income	\$132
Total	\$160,008
Average Weekly Income	\$32,001
Mortgage Balance	\$666,205.14
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$4,204
Growing Hope (funds received for mortgage)	\$67,145
YTD Interest Paid on Mortgage	\$9,781



# 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
Men's Bible Study	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30am	Conference Room
Vibes - High School Ministry	Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	May 28th, 6:00pm	Conference Room
Esther Circle	(Not meeting until September)	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	1st & 3rd 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 7:00pm	On Campus
CR - Women's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus
Stephen Ministry	2nd & 4th Fridays, 9:00am	On Campus





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