

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



WE MADE A DENT THIS LENT!

We started Lent with a challenge to raise \$80,000 this season towards making a dent in our mortgage. That challenge would be met with \$80,000 in matching funds generously donated by several individuals. With the Holy Spirit stirring your generous hearts, we not only met that challenge, but exceeded it! Because of Jesus and you, we raised \$112,843 this Lenten season! With the \$80,000 in matching funds, that means we will reduce our mortgage by \$192,843. This leaves us a mortgage of only \$475,243! Thank you to all who contributed allowing us to put our valuable resources to sharing the Good News of the Risen Jesus Christ!



Yeehaw! Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner with a cowboy/western theme was a blast! From line dancing to delicious BBQ, we had an unforgettable evening celebrating our incredible volunteers. Thank you for all you do!

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:

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

Please resubmit names by email to <u>michael@hopepd.org</u> 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 <u>gabe@hopepd.org</u>

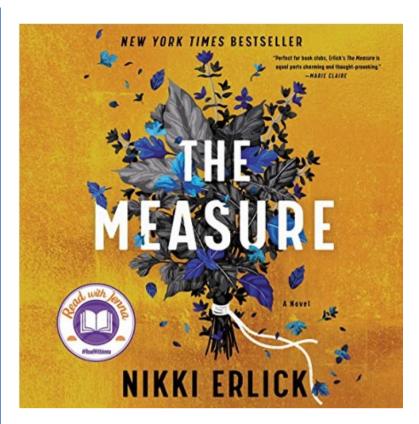
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

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

The Legacy Committee is pleased to announce their Endowment Fund Grants for 2024:

- African Immigration Initiative: \$1000 for postage to Africa for refurbished electronics
- Celebrate Recovery: \$500 for T-shirts and "business" cards.
- Hope for All: \$1000 for a premium booth at PS Pride 2024
- Digital Ministry: \$1500 for a new teleprompter
- Facilities: \$3000 for fabric partition for the Hope Center
- Children's Center: \$1000 for an outdoor play kitchen

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



THE MEASURE BY NIKKI ERLICK

"A story of love and hope as interweaving characters display: how all moments, big and small, can measure a life. If you want joy, love, romance, and hope—read with us."

—Jenna Bush Hager

A luminous, spirit-lifting blockbuster that asks: would you choose to find out the length of your life?

Eight ordinary people. One extraordinary choice.

It seems like any other day. You wake up, pour a cup of coffee, and head out.

But today, when you open your front door, waiting for you is a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live.

From suburban doorsteps to desert tents, every person on every continent receives the same box. In an instant, the world is thrust into a collective frenzy. Where did these boxes come from? What do they mean? Is there truth to what they promise?

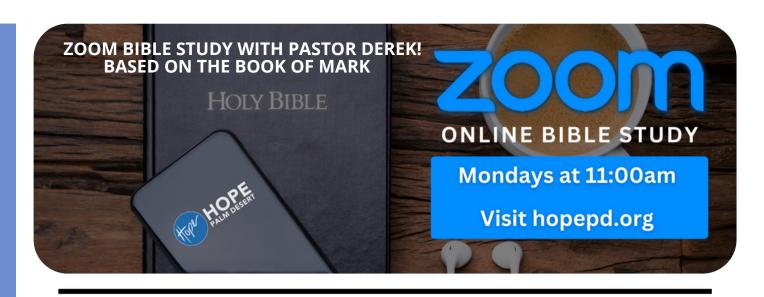
As society comes together and pulls apart, everyone faces the same shocking choice: Do they wish to know how long they'll live? And, if so, what will they do with that knowledge?

The Measure charts the dawn of this new world through an unforgettable cast of characters whose decisions and fates interweave with one another: best friends whose dreams are forever entwined, pen pals finding refuge in the unknown, a couple who thought they didn't have to rush, a doctor who cannot save himself, and a politician whose box becomes the powder keg that ultimately changes everything.

Enchanting and deeply uplifting, The Measure is an ambitious, invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest.

BOOK CLUB WILL MEET: APRIL 23RD 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 devises 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: April 20th at 5:00pm At the home of Lynda & Jim Matteson, 78409 Kensington, Sun City, Palm Desert.

Please bring an appetizer to share and a drink of your choice. If you have any questions please give Lynda a call at: 310-293-7099.

Please be sure to sign up at the Information Center!

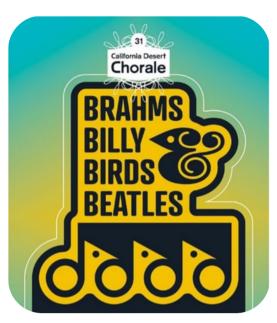
Thank you so very much, Bonnie Riesen

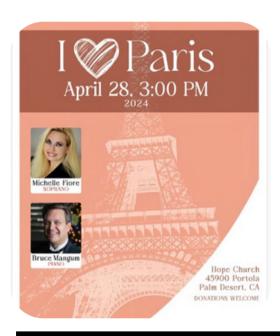
MUSIC AT HOPE

Music at Hope continues its concert series with two events in April. The California Desert Chorale returns with a spring concert, "Brahms, Billy, Birds and Beatles".

The concert will be presented on **two Sundays**, **April 7 and 14 at 3:00pm**.

Tickets are \$30.00 and may be purchased in advance at CaliforniaDesertChorale.org or at the door.





Returning to Hope for a recital on **Sunday**, **April 28 at 3:00pm**, are Bruce Mangum and Michelle Fiore in a celebration of French art songs.

Michelle has been a frequent soloist in the Music at Hope concerts. Bruce has been heard as the accompanist for the California Desert Chorale and two of the eight hands in the 2 Pianos, 4 Men, 8 Hands concert.

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.

ALTAR GUILD:

Volunteers Needed!



JOIN OUR ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE!

We need help! The summer months are just ahead, and the Altar Guild needs volunteers for that time and beyond. It doesn't require much of your time to assist in helping set up for communion. Volunteers are rotated so you wouldn't have to do it every week. We would like volunteers that could help with the traditional side at either the 8am or 9:30am services as well as the Modern 10:30am service. If you are looking for a way to serve at Hope, please contact Barb at barb@hopepd.org. I would love to hear from you and Thank You in advance for your service.

QUILTERS

Quilters will be meeting on **Wednesday**, **April 3rd and 17th at 9:30am**. We invite you to come join this fun and creative fellowship. No experience is needed and all are welcome.

For more information please contact Ruth Fikes at 714-642-3773 or candrfikes@gmail.com.



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



Join us at Camp Hope for an uplifting experience centered around Jesus! This year, we're emphasizing why Jesus is a cause for celebration, **teaching kids to trust God in every situation**. Through engaging activities, worship, and learning sessions, we'll explore how Jesus is the light of the world and guides us in living and treating others with love. Don't miss out on five days of fun-filled learning and a joyous party dedicated to honoring Jesus!

PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE
JUNE 10TH - 14TH
8:30AM - 12PM
\$40/each
Free T-Shirt included!

Start the Party!



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, April 20, 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

PM IS COMING BACK FIRST SUNDAY IN APRIL, 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.







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The Celebrate Recovery team had a wonderful experience cooking for one of the Wednesday Night Lent Soup Suppers. As they gathered in the kitchen, with Stephenie in the lead, each member brought their unique energy and enthusiasm, eager to contribute to the making of the soup for the evening.

From chopping vegetables to stirring the broth there was a great sense of camaraderie. With every ladle of delicious tortellini soup poured into bowls, they knew they weren't just preparing a meal, they were nourishing souls and fostering a sense of community in the congregation. Thank you for letting us serve our church family!

Wednesday Night Lent Soup Suppers











STEPHEN MINISTERY

A Stephen Minister is trained to LISTEN and not judge, LISTEN and not give advice, LISTEN and empathize with your situation. Hope Lutheran is blessed to have many "care givers" (Stephen Ministers) ready to listen. They are trained to partner with those whose hearts are heavy with grief or sadness, or those who are dealing with anxiety or unsolved life issues, or with those who just want a listening ear.

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





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

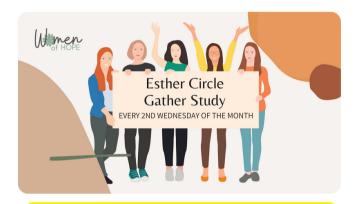
Follow us on Instagram at "womenofhopepalmdesert" & on Facebook at "Women Of Hope at Hope Palm Desert"

SCRIPTURE AND NATURE: TEACHERS OF FAITH

By the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith



Monday Night Study meets in the Hope Center Youth Room Monday, April 29th.



Meets in the Hope Center Classroom Wednesday, April 10th.

Study is for both Monday Night & Esther Circle. Visit hopepd.org.

Jesus regularly invokes nature in his teaching, drawing us into deeper relationship with the created world. But it's not just Jesus inviting us to see creation as teacher and kin. The scriptures themselves help us see the important role of the created world in God's story and saving work. This four-session Bible study explores how biblical stories of the natural world help us to grow our love for and commitment to God, other people and our beloved earth.

April 2024

Food: Daily bread for the health of the world

Most of us hunt, harvest and forage in grocery store aisles. We've forgotten the ways our food first comes to us—from fields, flocks, forests and farms. Considering our relationship with creation and our faithful stewardship of the earth means paying attention to the ways we eat. In this final session, we'll see how stories of food in scripture offer us ways of faithful eating that are responsible, celebratory and delicious. Locust and wild honey, anyone?



24 Hours That Changed the World

by Adam Hamilton

This study takes an indepth look at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life and how that last day unfolded. This book combines biblical story, historical detail, theological analysis, spiritual insight, and pastoral warmth to tell the narrative of Jesus' last and greatest hour. Last meeting is Tuesday, April 9th.



It will be on Friday April 19th from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the Hope Center. This is a guided paint your own painting event for women of all ages. \$20/person. We provide coffee, water, and snacks. Feel free to B.Y.O.B. Register online or email gesa@hopepd.org

RAISING AWARENESS

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING & FENTANYL AWARENESS EVENT

May 18th 6:00pm - 8:00pm Hope Center

Presentations From:











Hope Palm Desert, 45900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert CA, 92260 (In the Hope Center) For more information go to: hopepd.org or contact terry@hopepd.org or 760-485-0080.

TO HELP SAVE LIVES



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bonnie Semenoff Rylan Robison SARA and KELLY GELHAUS	2 April Valdez BONNIE and BILL	3 Cindy Taylor Kristin Scharkey Ruby Aguilar Sheri Bartholomaus Shannan Star Reed Raquel Hernandez	4 April French Felix Torres Jared Camba Bob Bateman Dave Eckert Rhett Betts	5 Brayden Johson Quinn Heckmann Rhonda Belous Kayden Jones	6 Izaya Bailey Daryn Brush Carol Christoffersen Geoffrey Hodsdon Charlie Sheller
7 Joaquin Wedeking Kaylee Cox Ida Hastie Karen Lempert Vangie Schulz Nicholas Ditoro DALE and GEORGENE FAIRBANKS	8 Arturo Lomeli Patty Cramer	9 Kirstin Fossey	10 Jeanne Lindstrom Miranda Sanchez Patrick Foster Tina Godecke PATRICIA and GARY - LEACH	11 Roy Jarvis Taige Smith Paula Cieslikowski Connie Hartman Samaya Blank	12 Alex Caseres Kay Lang	13 Ashley Moon Bryn Bedikian Christopher Lawrence DIANE and RON JOHNSON
14 Jerry Beers BOB and CHARLENE CLARK	15 Elizabeth McLachlan Emily Delgadillo Kelly Upton Valerie Ward Bob Sterton Emma Tidd Christin Witt- Busanovich Ezekiel Martinez Tammy Erickson Florence Hagstro Ricio Renteria	16 Dennis Moore Ed Anschell Julie Gayle Kyla Hardy Marian de Jong Allen Matter Jana Meinhold Anasta Blank	17 Abran Rodriguez Daniel Hall Carol Carlson	18 Gail Levy Jaxson Reed BILL and CAROL STARK LORI and ED SCHAFER	19 Cecilia Zuniga Chris Clawson Grace Cox Joseph Finley Maylee Dunnell Michelle Kupskey Meg Degadillo Mary Houston Liisa Mendoza Alissa Vatter Avery Tanner Cole Fleischmann Esther Gelineau	20 Cindy Melbrod
21 Griffin Tobin	22 Beth Finn Casey King Colin Ficke Finley Fitzpatrick Angie Niemi Ken Smith	23 Aaron Knight Jordan Knight Hana Kang Vanessa Vorwald Gail Little LOIS and NORM KIMBALL	24 Alberto Garcia Bev Cook Donna Eide Gloria Gillard Lauren Kelly Roman Stewart Katie Gundlach Michelle Gonzalez	25 Isabella Diaz Kelly Van Vlymen Terry Akre KAREN and RON LEMPERT	26 Oliver Ealy-Zingg Elena Pradetto DONNA and ROBERT REIFSCHNEIDER	27 Angelina Ortega Brian Don Levy Claudia Benjamin Lisa Day Trae Duininck Susan Partee Diego Mora-Capriles
28 Rick Greaves Luke Leuschner	29 Carter Kirchhevel Justice Kistler Jacqui Wilkinson	30 Allison Agnatz Ardi Luke Diana Conaway Sylvia Rodriguez Richard Botz Haley Bucklin John Ehrhardt Steve Schoch Kendall Warren				



APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	For		rvices available at ho n on any events, go to			
	1 Church Office Closed	7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am BSF	3 9:30am Quilters 6:00pm Stand Firm	4 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	5	6
7 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship California Desert Chorale Concert 3pm	8	9 9:00am BSF 9:30am Sisters in Christ	9:30am Esther Circle 6:00pm Stand Firm	11 10:00am Women of Hope 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	9:00am Stephen Ministry	13 10:00am Desert Viking
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21 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	22 6:30pm Monday Night Study	9:00am BSF 6pm Hope Book Club	24 6:00pm Stand Firm	25 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	26 9:00am Stephen Ministry	27 10:00am Sons of Norway
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ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSONS FUND

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Richard Ameny	APRIL 7	Gudrun Bauer-Farr To the Glory of God
Pastor Carl and Cheryl Witt In Honor of Daughter Christen's Birthday	APRIL 14	Jan & Brian Harnick To the Glory of God
Barbara & Stu Spencer	APRIL 21	Janice Barnes To the Glory of God
Available	APRIL 28	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"	February 2024
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	908
Offering	\$81,929
Miscellaneous Income	\$775
Total	\$82,704
Average Weekly Income	\$20,676
Mortgage Balance	\$669,801
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$4,204
Growing Hope (funds received for mortgage)	\$31,750
YTD Interest Paid on Mortgage	\$2,495.17



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, April 29, 6:30pm	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	April 23 , 6:00pm	Conference Room
Esther Circle	April 10, 9:30am	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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> 9:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 2:00PM FRIDAYS