

# The Voice of Hope

MAY/JUNE 2026

*"Knowing and sharing the good news of Hope in Christ"*



**Pastor Lauren  
Chambers**

Grace and peace to you,

It has been such a delightful Easter season here at Hope, and as we wrap up our Eastertide and head toward Pentecost, we do so with the anticipation of Summer just around the corner!

As I look forward to my first Summer here at Hope, I am looking toward some ways to continue to blend tradition with innovation, and I am hoping this Summer will be a time for us to dive even deeper into some of the recommendations of the Worship Task Force.

There will be a new Sunday morning Bible study series beginning in late May or early June, which will focus on Jesus' disciples. This study will meet in the Youth Room, following Café Hope.

I am also looking forward to incorporating some more fellowship events, which will bring the family of Hope together to laugh and enjoy one another's company beyond the Sunday morning worship time and give you all the opportunity to invite some friends on to our campus for some fun and games.

In Christ's peace,  
Pastor Lauren

Gospel Readings for May/June:

**May 3:** John 14:1-14  
**May 10:** John 14:15-21  
**May 17:** John 17:1-11  
**May 24:** John 7:37-39 (Pentecost)  
**May 31:** Matthew 28:16-20 (Holy Trinity Sunday)

**June 7:** Mark 12:1-17  
**June 14:** Luke 8:16-18  
**June 21:** Luke 10:25-27  
**June 28:** Luke 12:13-21"



## A Message from your Council President



What a joyous Holy Week and Easter Celebration we enjoyed this year! As usual, our Palm Sunday brunch was a great feast, and it was wonderful to sample the food offerings from so many of our members. Good Friday was a memorable service, and the Easter celebration at Hope was as joyous as ever. I am incredibly thankful to Pastor Lauren for the new ideas and energy she brought to our Holy Week services and continues to bring each week. A huge thank-you to the many, many people who work behind the scenes to make these services and events meaningful to our Hope community.

Our **Semi-Annual Congregation meeting** will be held on **Sunday June 7th** in Nielsen Hall following our Worship service. We have found that holding the meeting later in June conflicts with many vacations, so we have moved the meeting to be at the beginning of the month. Our business will include the Election of the 2026-27 Council members, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary, and we will also provide an update from our treasurer and a status on our new access ladder and safety line. In preparation for our meeting, the council's Annual Report to the Congregation will be available for review on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to attend as your vote is crucial to reach our quorum.

As of the end of April, we still have vacancies for five additional council members. Please contact our Nominating committee (Pastor Lauren, Margo Kannenberg, Heidi Waters, Anne Wilson, and me) if you are willing to serve on Hope's council. 2025-26 has been a year of rejuvenation at Hope, and we need strong leadership to continue our good work at Hope.

Thanks to Sandi Kane and Karl Voss who together with Pastor Lauren will represent Hope in the Annual Sierra Pacific Synod gathering on May 30<sup>th</sup> in San

Jose. I hope that this experience gives them ideas, inspiration, and spiritual rejuvenation to continue our work at Hope.

My prayers go with those in our congregation that our suffering from prolonged illness or loss of a loved one. Special condolences to our office manager Ellie as well as Linda Harvey and her family for their recent loss. On May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am there will be a Celebration of the Life of Jim Harvey at Hope, with a lunch reception to follow in Nielsen Hall. Hope members are invited to join the Harvey family.

Some committee updates to share with you from our council:

**Education:** Pastor Lauren's Meditatio Monday bible study continues each week at 5pm on Zoom. Please note that there will be no meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> due to Pr. Lauren's time off. Pastor Lauren will also resume our Sunday morning Bible Study in June. Watch our announcements for more information on the topic.

**Evangelism:** Thanks to Sandi Kane for purchasing and installing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in Nielsen Hall. We are exploring some sort of training for anyone interested in learning how to use this machine. Also planned for later this year are a game night on June 18<sup>th</sup> (details to come later) and possibly an estate planning workshop later this year.

**Personnel:** After many years of not having a dedicated council member to assist with Personnel issues, we are very happy to have Karl Voss serving in this role. He has taken on the daunting task of reviewing Hope's files to ensure everything is organized and complete.

**Preschool:** The preschool family night will be Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, and their graduation/last day of school will be Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Applications are still being accepted for spots for the 2026-27 school year. If you know someone looking for a Christ based preschool program, please have them contact Tracy at 650-345-8438.

**Property Management:** We will be hosting a Spring Clean-up day on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Look for a sign-up sheet in Nielsen Hall to suggest potential projects. Our roof access/safety line project has received approval from the city of San Mateo to move forward and fabrication of materials has begun. We are currently on track to complete this work this summer.

**Treasurer:** Please find a Q1 update from Margo included in this newsletter. Additional financial information for April and May will be available at our Annual Meeting.

**Worship:** On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome back guest Pastor Ted Peters to Hope while Lauren enjoys a brief vacation. Pentecost is coming up on May 24<sup>th</sup> - don't forget to wear red! Pastor Lauren and the worship team have been busy planning our music and worship services for the coming months. We will have another Gospel music inspired worship service in July and are exploring some non-traditional worship services (such as an outdoor worship) for late summer. We are also working on another Jazz worship service in September.

**Youth:** Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> will be Graduate recognition Sunday at Hope. Please let our office know if you have any graduates to be recognized. We have been brainstorming ideas for summer events. Look for more information in our next newsletter.

Finally, I wanted to express a thank-you to all of our Altar Guild including new member (Heidi) and chair (Helena). The work of this group is unnoticed by many, but vital to our weekly worship.

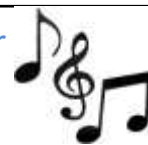
See you in worship and at the Semi-Annual Congregation meeting!

Judy Jeschke,

Hope Council President



## Notes from your Choir Director



Summer is fast approaching; in fact, we already have had a taste of hot weather. The choir will take a break after June 7, although we will certainly provide solos and duets throughout the summer. I will be on vacation in June, and Eric will be gone in early July. If there is anyone else in the congregation who would like to add special music during the summer months, please let me know.

We managed quite well this year, despite Marlys' shoulder surgery, Hank's fractured ribs, and a passing bout of Covid. Hope is blessed to have Marlys, Mary, Vicki, Hank and Jim sharing their talents, and I am grateful for their dedication.

Jan

## Preschool Corner - May/June 2026

The year is almost coming to an end. I am very blessed to be surrounded by such incredible teachers, children, and families being part of the Hope community.

Family Night is gearing up and the children's art work will be displayed in the classroom. Our theme this year is "What's Up?" and the Happy Birds will be entertain the children and their families.

Have a Happy Summer. We will be back in September.

Blessings, Tracy



**Do you speak a language other than English?**

**Are you interested in participating in worship?**

**We are seeking worship participants for the Pentecost Service on May 24.**

**Contact Pastor Lauren (PastorLaurenHELIC@gmail.com) to learn more or get involved.**

***Meditatio* Mondays**

Every Monday at 5pm, Pastor Lauren hosts a *lectio divina*-style Bible study over Zoom. Join us for *Meditatio* Monday; a moment to slow down, reflect, and hear God's Word for the upcoming week.

Contact Pastor Lauren for the Zoom link. Or use the following Zoom login credentials



Login: 839 8396 5743  
PW: Hope



is May 24, 2026  
*Don't forget to wear red!*

**Jim Harvey Celebration of Life**

*Saturday May 16th at 11am*

Linda Harvey and her family invite the members of Hope to join them as they celebrate the life of Jim Harvey. A reception in Nielsen Hall will follow the memorial service.



# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 10am Worship & Communion 11am Café Hope 2pm Tongan Church	<b>4</b> 5pm Meditatio Monday on Zoom 7pm AA* Neurotic's	<b>5</b> 4:30pm Choir 5:30pm Bells 7:00 pm AA*	<b>6</b> Preschool Family Night @ 6:00 pm	<b>7</b> Preschool Closed 7:00pm FA* 7:00pm Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>8</b> 7pm AA*	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> 10am Worship & Communion Pastor Ted Peters 11am Café Hope 2pm Tongan Church 	<b>11</b> 7pm AA* Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Quilting 4:30pm Choir 5:30pm Bells 7:00 pm AA*	<b>13</b> 4:00 pm Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:00pm FA* 7:00pm Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>15</b> 7pm AA*	<b>16</b> 11:00 am Celebration of life for Jim Harvey Followed by lunch in Nielsen Hall
<b>17</b> 10am Worship & Communion 11am Café Hope 2pm Tongan Church	<b>18</b> <b>2025-26 Council Reports Due</b> 5pm Meditatio Monday on Zoom 7pm AA* Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>19</b> 10:30 am Women's Bible study 4:30pm Choir 5:30pm Bells. 7:00 pm AA*	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00pm FA* 7:00pm Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>22</b> 7pm AA*	<b>23</b>
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<b>31</b> 10am Worship & Communion 11am Café Hope 2pm Tongan Church						

# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 5pm Meditatio Monday on Zoom  7pm AA* Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>2</b>  7pm AA*	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Preschool last day/ Graduation 4:00pm Council Meeting 7pm FA* Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>5</b>  7pm AA*	<b>6</b>  9am-12pmn Church Clean-up Day
	<b>7 Graduate Recognition</b> <b>10am Worship &amp; Communion</b> <b>11am Congregation Meeting with Council Election</b> 2pm Tongan Church*	<b>8</b> 5pm Meditatio Monday on Zoom  7pm AA* Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>9</b>  9:30am Quilting  7pm AA*	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  7pm FA* 7pm Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>12</b>  7pm AA*
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<b>21 Father's Day</b> <b>10am Worship &amp; Communion</b> <b>11am Café Hope</b> <b>11:30am Bible Study</b>  2pm Tongan Church*	<b>22</b> 5pm Meditatio Monday on Zoom  7pm AA* Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>23</b>  9:30am Quilting  7pm AA*	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  7pm FA* 7pm Neurotic's Anonymous*	<b>26</b>  7pm AA*	<b>27</b>
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## Mark your Calendar

**Sunday June 7th**



**We will meet in  
Nielsen Hall following  
our Worship Service**

**A light lunch will be  
served**

Spring Clean-up—  
Saturday June 6th,  
9am-12pm with  
pizza lunch to  
follow

Bring your muscles and  
your rags... It's time to  
clean the windows and  
clean out the cobwebs!  
We will be holding a  
Spring Clean-up day at Hope on Saturday June 6th.

Have an idea for a project? Look for a sign-up sheet  
in Nielsen Hall during the month of May where you  
can suggest projects.



## Hope's Graduates 2026

It's time to recognize our graduates for all their hard  
work! Sunday June 7th will be Graduate Recognition  
Sunday at Hope.  
Please email Ellie in  
the office if you have  
any graduates to be  
recognized.



## Hope Lutheran Church Game Night



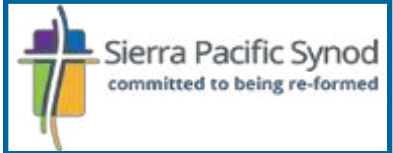
**Save the Date: June 18**

## Hope's Prayer List

- Erica Grimstvedt
- Karen Reed
- Tim Hanlon
- Lily Rankin
- Thom Johnson
- Lynn Van Dine (Shirley Rohe's brother)
- Jeremy & Kristin Dummler
- Bill and Louise Fischer
- Lynn & Marlys Loveall
- MaryAnn and Kathy Kestle
- Dolores Roscoe
- Deb Stucke
- David Phillips
- Margit Hansen
- Lois Nieman
- Hank Harper
- Marilyn Gaal
- Mike Tinka (Hank's brother-in-law)
- Karen Chambers (Pr. Lauren's mother)
- Linda Harvey & family
- Ellie Gershenson-Toschi and the Toschi family
- Linda Mathre (Don Hermansen's sister)



# News from Around the Synod and Beyond



Mark Yaconelli Workshop at  
 Holy Trinity San Carlos  
*Friday May 9th at 6pm*  
*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*  
*149 Manzanita Ave, San Carlos*

You are invited to a special **author-led workshop** with **Mark Yaconelli**, author of *Between the Listening and the Telling*. In this guided workshop, Mark Yaconelli will lead us in exploring how storytelling can become a powerful source of healing, connection, and spiritual renewal. Together, we'll reflect on how sharing our stories deepens relationships, nurtures faith, and helps us listen more deeply to one another.

Whether you've read the book or are simply curious about the sacred power of story, all are welcome.

Registration is available on Holy Trinity's website: [sancarloshtlc.org](http://sancarloshtlc.org)



## ASCENSION DAY

A CELEBRATION WITH WORD + COMMUNION

Thurs. May 14 | 7 pm | Stanford Memorial Church

Join us in celebration of the Feast of the Ascension and 20+ years of Episcopal + Lutheran campus ministry at Stanford's Memorial Church. Bishops Lucinda Ashby, Jeff Johnson, and Austin K. Rios, along with musicians and a communal choir from local Episcopal and Lutheran parishes will lead us on this special occasion.



HOSTED BY PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS AT STANFORD: EPISCOPAL LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY & STANFORD CANTERBURY

Join in the celebration of the Feast of the Ascension and 20+ years of Episcopal & Lutheran campus ministry at Stanford's Memorial Church on May 14 at 7 pm. Bishop Jeff will be preaching!

Parking is free on campus after 4 pm. It is easiest to park in the Tressider lot, and walk over to Memorial Church.

## Worship Assistants for May and June

Thank-you to the following individuals for assisting with our worship.

Date	Greeters	Reader	Assisting Minister	Audio and Video
May 3	Shirley Klemens	Marlys Jungroth	Judy Jeschke	Sound: Skip Dahl Streaming: Kari Dahl
May 10	Shirley Rohe	Hank Harper	Don Hermansen	Sound: Ben Gosney Steaming: Nate Gerstch
May 17		Evelyn Gertsch	Helena Dummler	Sound: Ben Gosney Steaming: Henry
May 24	Sandra Polster	Doug Kannenberg	Karl Voss	Sound: Ben Gosney Steaming: Soren Voss
May 31	Mary Toalson	Margo Kannenberg	Judy Jeschke	Sound: Ben Gosney Streaming: Noah & Henry Lin
June 7	Lisa Sallander	Skip Dahl	Don Hermansen	Sound: Ben Gosney Streaming: Noah & Henry Lin
July 14	Shirley Rohe	Mary Toalson	Sandi Kane	Soundboard: Ben Gosney Streaming: Soren Voss
June 21	Anne Wilson	Doug Kannenberg	Margo Kannenberg	Sound: Skip Dahl Streaming: Nate Gertsch
June 28	Sandra Polster	Marlys Jungroth	Helena Dummler	Sound: Ben Gosney Steaming: Kari Dahl

### 2026 Altar Flowers

The flower chart for 2026 is up in Nielsen Hall. The cost for a vase of flowers is **\$35**. Please sign up for the dates that you wish.

If you are unable to sign up in person, but would like to help beautify the church, please just call the office.

To arrange for a message to be printed in the bulletin announcements, please call or email Ellie in the office

no later than the Tuesday before your donation.

Flower donations can be picked up 15 minutes after the worship service concludes, or during office hours Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm.



# Upcoming Events at



## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Join us for worship each Sunday at 10am. Each Sunday is a service of Word and Sacrament. We serve communion by intinction at the front of the church. We will also bring communion to those who prefer to take communion from their pew.



### *Can't make it to Hope?*

Watch our live-streamed services on the Hope website or YouTube channel. To find our channel, go to YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)) and search for Hope Lutheran Church San Mateo. Select Live Streams to watch our service.

## MUSIC AT HOPE

Our Choirs practice on Tuesday evenings. We are always seeking musicians to enhance our services. Contact Jan Gunderson if you can contribute your musical talents.

## OFFICE HOURS

Our office is open on Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm.

## CAFÉ HOPE

Join us Sundays following our worship service. Members and friends are welcome to visit in Nielsen Hall. Coffee, tea, and individually wrapped treats are available.

## HOPE'S BIBLE STUDIES

Join us for one of our Adult Education opportunities!  
Sunday Bible Study: @11:30am  
(following Café Hope)  
10:30am Women's Bible Study: May 19 & June 16  
Meditatio Mondays 5pm over Zoom

## QUILTERS

The Hope quilters meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday between 9:30am-3pm. in Nielsen Hall. We share coffee & goodies. Join us anytime. Sewing skills are not required!

**Voice of Hope Deadline for July is Wednesday June 17**

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Sunday Worship can be viewed online at  
[www.hopelutheransanmateo.org/sermons](http://www.hopelutheransanmateo.org/sermons)  
or on YouTube @hopelutheransanmateo9062



Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/hopelutheransm>. LIKE and FRIEND the page to keep updated on church events, learn about opportunities to become involved in our community, and SHARE with your friends.

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