April 2023 Council Highlights

The monthly meeting of Hope Lutheran’s Church Council was hybrid, held Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in Hope’s conference room.

* Offerings are Down: Hope Matters and your support helps make Hope Happen. The link to [Online Giving](https://www.hopelutheranfresno.org/giving) is on our webpage, and we are now passing the plate on Sundays.
* Hope is Happening:
	+ The Call Team has shared their draft of our Ministry Site Profile. They will soon have a final draft for Council and Synod approval.
	+ The Youth Advisory Team is led by David Cooper and coordinating Sunday School, VBS, and Summer Camps—watch for opportunities to join in the fun!
	+ The Personnel Team welcomes new members Susie Cole and Pam Geraci.
	+ The Strategic Planning Team is looking to the future. Contact Pastor Rick or Amanda Berryhill if you feel called to help in this process.
	+ Scholarships—are you attending or planning to attend a Lutheran University in the fall? Email your interest in this scholarship to Pastor Rick by May 9th, so he can recommend you be considered.
	+ Hope Homecoming is May 7th at Dry Creek Park—plan to attend.
	+ Hope Crab Feed is back—save Friday, February 2, 2024 on your calendar and contact Kristina Garabedian if you would like to be on the planning team for this event.
* Hope is Listening: Watch for Council Members during coffee hour. This is a chance to ask questions about Hope, get answers, and share your concerns and ideas for Hope.
* Hope Cares about our community—regularly extending our Wednesday night dinners to people in our community who are experiencing housing and food challenges.
* Hope Cares about our staff—retaining an employment law firm to do our best for our staff and guide us through some confidential and sensitive employment issues.