February 2022 Council Highlights

The monthly meeting of Hope Lutheran’s Church Council was hybrid, held Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in Hope’s conference room.

* The Call Team has begun its work! Look for a timeline of the steps for the process in the narthex in coming weeks.
* Pastor Rick Hall wants to have a conversation with you and hear your vision for Hope. Contact the church office for his phone number and give him a call or text!
* We welcome back Wednesday Night Connections with Lenten Soup Suppers! If you would like to help with food prep/set-up, cooking, serving, and/or clean-up, please contact Joe Squeo or the church office.
* A church directory update is underway. Please make sure the church office has your current contact information.
* The 2022 offering envelopes have arrived! They will be available in the narthex for pick-up for members who requested them or have used theirs in the past 2 years. Please return your pledge card if you haven’t already, and thank you for your tithes and offerings!
* Alternative Sunday Evening Services are starting with a Healing Service on Sunday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. Look for a Camp style service in May and a Bluegrass band service in June!
* The Founding Document Committee has formed and begun its work reviewing our church constitution and by-laws. Suggestions are forthcoming.
* The Learning Tree continues to do well financially with 78 students currently enrolled and tours picking up due to the temporary closure of First Church Christian Preschool.
* Plans are in the works for new lighting, water-wise landscaping, and signage to improve the safety and beauty of our church. Look for upcoming fundraising opportunities to give this project to the church for its 60th anniversary this year!
* Financially, church expenses exceeded income for January 2022, with offerings at 88% of budget.
* Look for upcoming temple talks and information about the opportunity to support Afghan refugee families who have relocated to Fresno with your gifts of time, money, or household goods.
* We welcome Sam Garcia as our new Administrative Assistant to Children, Youth, and Family Ministries!
* An interview panel is being formed for the Communications and Creative Arts Director position, and the Personnel Team’s goal is to present a hiring recommendation to council in March.
* A church council member will be available to greet you at the door on Sunday mornings and during coffee hour. Please come to us with your questions and concerns!
* A hybrid Hope Lutheran Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
* Even as the state mask mandate expires, we respectfully encourage you to please continue to wear your mask indoors to protect the vulnerable among us. Don’t give up your mask for Lent!

Next church council meeting is hybrid, Hope Lutheran conference room, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 2/18/22,

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