

## Hope Lutheran's Website

Have you had a chance yet to visit our website? If you haven't, I would like to invite you to tour it with me as your guide. All you have to do is turn your computer on, open your favorite browser, and type *hopelutheransierra.com* into the address box. Our website will appear with a Banner at the top, a Directory down the left side, and a content panel beneath and to the right.

The Banner shows our logo to the left, the ELCA logo to the right, and our contact information in the center. The content panel displays our home page: pictures of the church and of Pastor Martyn, and a copy of our mission statement ("This is the church of the warm heart..."). The Directory and the Banner will remain unchanged during your visit to our website, but the content will change according to what you select from the directory. Why not, before you explore the various choices from the Directory, add our website to your Favorites list (or Bookmark it, or whatever, depending on which browser you use)? Now let's explore the Directory.

**Hope Home Page:** The first Directory entry is "Hope Home Page." Click this, and you will return to the home page that displays when you initially open the website.

**Website Tour:** This link opens a copy of this document in a separate browser pane, so you can leave it open while you explore the website. You can also download or print a copy. (You need to have Adobe Reader, version 4 or later, to do this.)

**Information:** Collected under this heading is a group of choices. In order, they are:

**Find Us:** This is a page for prospective visitors. It opens to a street map of the area around the "Y" and the church and gives verbal street directions from the "Y" to the church. Beneath is a link to MapQuest © that will enable the creation of maps and directions to Hope Lutheran from anywhere.

**Worship Services:** This opens to a list of our services and the times we hold them. The services include our regular Sunday services, the monthly service at the Skilled Nursing Facility, and our special services at Advent, Christmas, and during Lent and Holy Week. This page is also primarily for our visitors

**Scripture Readings:** This opens to the ELCA Lectionary, giving links to the full texts of all the lessons for a given Sunday or other major worship service. It lists the name and date of each service plus the readings that are set for that service. You can click the reference for a lesson to open to the full text of that lesson. For example, if you would like to read the first lesson for Christmas Eve, you can open the Scripture Reading page, scroll to the entries for Christmas Eve, December 24, 2006, and click "Isaiah 9:2-7." This will open the text that begins: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..." I designed the page to be of particular use to the lectors who read the lessons at our services, but anyone who wishes to review the lessons is welcome to use it.

**Coming Events:** This opens to a list of coming events on Hope Lutheran's calendar, showing the date, day, and time for each event.

**This Month's Calendar:** This also shows coming events, but laid out on a calendar of the current month.

**Next Month's Calendar:** This is a continuation of This Month's Calendar.

**Worship Assistants Schedule:** This page shows the schedule of Readers, Communion Assistants, Ushers, and Acolytes for each service in the near future. For Readers, there is a direct link to the Scripture Readings page.

**Fellowship Hosts Schedule:** This page shows the schedule of the people who have volunteered to host Fellowship Hour or to bring goodies.

**Your Wedding at Hope:** This is a page intended for people interested in getting married at Hope. At present, it is incomplete, showing only contact information.

**Contact Us:** (not yet implemented).

**Ministries:** This is a collection of links to pages for the various ministries of Hope Lutheran Church.

**Vision, Mission, and Values:** Hope Lutheran recently adopted a three page document: "The Vision, Mission, and Values of Hope Lutheran Church of the Sierra, South Lake Tahoe, California." This link opens the document in a format you can easily print at home or download to your computer. (You need to have Adobe Reader, version 4 or later, to do this.)

**Pastor's Page:** This opens to Pastor Martyn's latest contribution to our website.

**Sunday Church School:** (not yet implemented).

**Hope Lutheran Preschool:** This opens a page of information about the Hope Lutheran Preschool. There is a link at the bottom that opens the current version of the Parent Handbook for printing or downloading (or simply to read on the screen). (You need to have Adobe Reader, version 4 or later, to do this.)

**Vacation Bible School:** (not yet implemented).

**Youth Ministry:** (not yet implemented).

**Council:** This opens to a page showing the dates of recent and scheduled Council meetings. It also provides links to the minutes of past meetings.

**Congregational Life:** This opens to a page showing the dates of recent and scheduled meetings of the Congregational Life Ministry.

**Outreach:** This opens to a page showing the dates of recent and scheduled meetings of the Outreach Ministry.

**Property and Administration:** (not yet implemented).

**Stewardship:** (not yet implemented).

**Picture Gallery:** This opens to a page with links to and brief descriptions of albums of pictures of interest to the Hope Lutheran family. As of now, the albums include pictures of the Stained Glass that once adorned our sanctuary, the Ice Fishing Derby of last February, the Mt. Tallac hike in September, and the Woods Lake Picnic and Hike in October. Coming soon: an album of scenes from the Children's Christmas Pageant.

**Links:** This section contains a set of links to other websites, some Lutheran, some not, that might be of interest to the Hope Lutheran family.

I hope you have enjoyed this tour of *our* website. I emphasize the word, *our*, because I need your suggestions and inputs. If your ministry has information to share with the rest of the congregation, please leave it in the office for me. And I welcome any other feedback.

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