

Hope Happenings

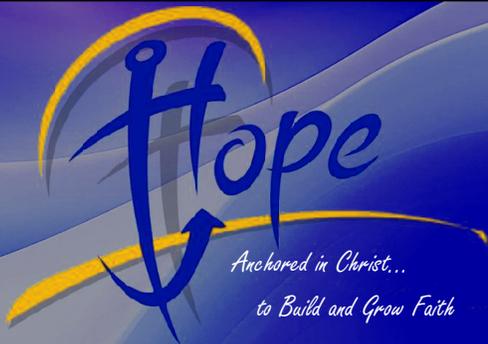
July 2024

Our service offers a blend of traditional and contemporary worship style and music.

9:30 AM - Worship Service



Join us for worship in person or online via Hope's YouTube Channel



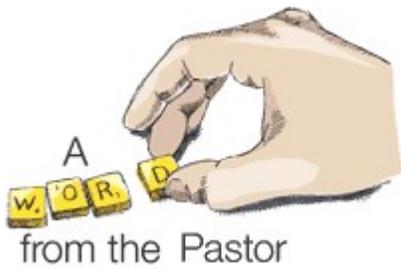
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*"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out
to fish for people."
Matthew 4:9*

Follow me...

Come and join Him on this beautiful journey. We are being gently guided on a new path, a path filled with boundless Love. At the cross, Jesus unveiled the depths of God's love for us. It was there, with utmost sincerity, that he willingly surrendered his life, carrying the weight of our sins, so that we could find solace in God's embrace.

In this selfless act, any doubts or fears we may harbor about God's love should dissipate. How can we question the love of someone who sacrificed everything for us? Regardless of the trials and tribulations we encounter in life, we can hold fast to the indisputable truth that God's love for us is unwavering and steadfast.

Not only did Jesus illuminate God's love on the cross, but he also fulfilled the requirements of the law on our behalf. We are no longer bound by the struggle to abide by a set of rules and regulations. Instead, we are welcomed into the liberation of the Spirit, guided by an intimate relationship with Jesus.

In this fresh way of existence, everything within us undergoes a remarkable transformation. Our motivations, desires, and actions are reshaped by the love of God that dwells within us. We are no longer confined by legalistic expectations, but rather liberated to bask in the abundance of God's grace.

The long directive now is to follow Jesus. Yet, this is not a command to be dutifully obeyed; it is an invitation to immerse ourselves in the bountiful life that he offers. Jesus loves us more deeply than anyone else in the world, and his sole desire is for our ultimate well-being.

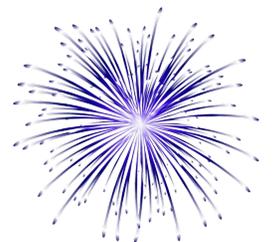
So, let us warmly embrace his invitation with open hearts and eager spirits. Let us embark on this new path of love, fully aware that he will lead us to the fulfillment we were destined for. In his love, we discover genuine freedom and purpose. Come and join Him, for his is the way, the truth, and the essence of life itself.

A follower,

- Pastor Dan



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
AMERICA!**



Dear children of Jesus,

I hope this July finds you celebrating the holiday with family and friends. Fireworks, hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings!

The council is busy this month with the Transition Team in full swing. They should have collected your survey. If you were missed or forgot, please contact Lou Long at (951) 306-8737. This is important for the church and our representation to the Synod.

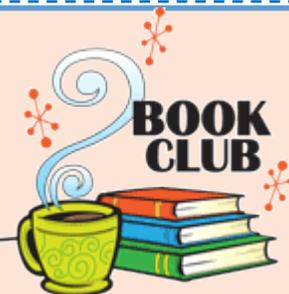
The council will be presenting a Stewardship program called "Flourish" in the next few

weeks. Please be on the lookout for the information in church and in the bulletin. We need help with summer programs, kids camp and preparing for 2 year olds in the pre-school.

This summer we are busy and you can help. Ask one of your council members how...

Have a Safe & Happy Summer!

Lou Long
Council Member at Large



Hope Book Club meets monthly to read and discuss a variety of books. Our next meeting will be **Monday, July 15th**, at **5:00 PM**, at the home of Cheryl Morg. We'll be discussing the book by Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez, *"My Side of the River."* We welcome you and hope you'll join us. If you're joining us for the first time, please text or call Diane Anderson (951-834-3191) or Marta Bills (951-553-0972) to be added to our e-mail group and/or to get further information.



Faith Explorers Summer Break

Faith Explorers will be on Summer Break for the months of June, July and August. Children's materials will be available with bulletins each Sunday until Faith Explorers returns to action in September. Have a great summer kids, and keep on Faith Trekking, remember Jesus didn't take a summer break, so keep living your faith!



Faith Explorers

ARE LOOKING FOR LEADERS

We are looking for volunteers to lead Faith Explorers. Materials are provided to volunteers and our confirmation students are happy to assist. Please contact the Church Office.

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Thursday, August 8, 2024

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HOPE'S MENS GROUP IS TAKING JULY OFF

HOPE'S MENS GROUP: Our next meeting is on Saturday August 17th, 2024 at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall as well as on Zoom. We will study Chapters 15 & 16 of the book, "*He Love Me: Learning to live in the Father's affection,*" by Wayne Jacobsen. Please be prepared for the study on August 5th by reading the prescribe chapters and reviewing the questions at the end of each of the chapters.

If you would like a book or have any question regarding Hope's Mens Group, please contact Philip Hansen at: philip717@verizon.net



PRAYER VIGIL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2024

9AM — 12 Noon



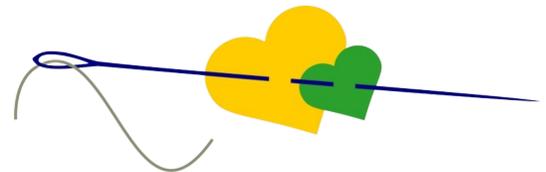
Hope Lutheran Church Transition Team is conducting a prayer vigil for all members of the congregation to participate in on Saturday, August 3rd, from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Prayer stations will be established with different modes of prayer. Folks may come and go as they please and stay however long they choose until noon. Folks participating are encouraged to share in writing to the Transition Team their experiences so that God's direction for this process of finding a pastor for Hope may be instructed by both member opinion and direct prayerful direction from the Lord. Linda Allmon and Scottie Lloyd will facilitate where needed.

This opportunity is to allow the Holy Spirit to work in, with, and through us to help us discern Hope's way ahead with Christ's Gospel ministry in the Temecula community. We prayerfully urge all people and ages to participate including children. As the prophet Isaiah said, "and a little child shall lead them." Thank you for your help and participation. We need the Holy Spirit working through all of us. Questions may be directed to Scottie at (909) 553-5196.

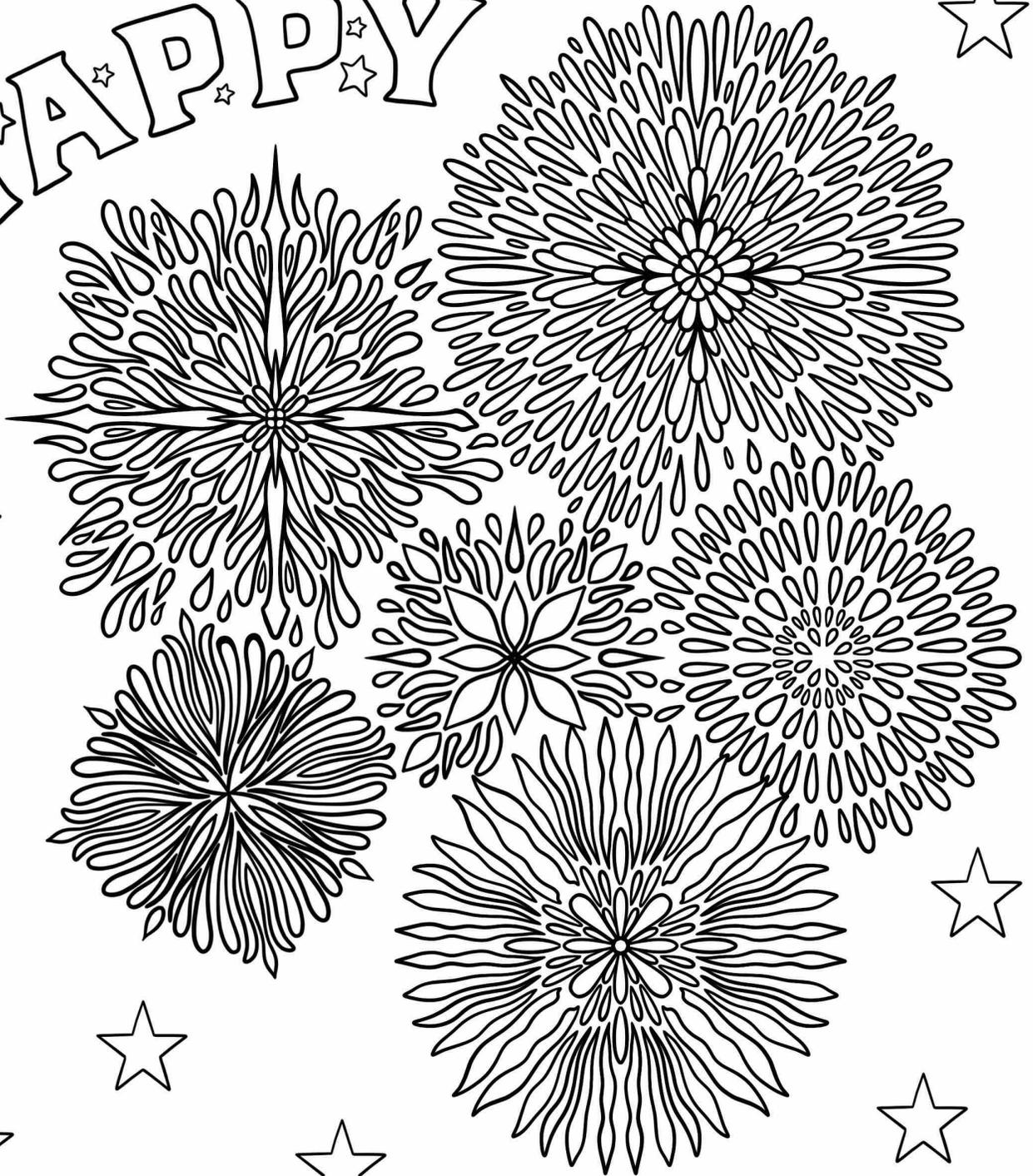
PROJECT PILLOWCASE VI - GREAT WOMEN! GREAT FUN! GREAT GIFT!

This project is blessing on blessing on blessing! Thrivent Financial supports us through the Action Teams, purchasing all the fabric and lunch for the participants. The ladies enjoy fellowship and mentorship as we pin and sew and iron and sew and turn and sew, helping and coaching each other along the way. Our scraps are donated to a member who turns them into other new products and our finished pillowcases bring a little joy to children who may feel scared and alone.

Our next event will be Saturday, September 14th, from 9 AM—1 PM. We hope you will join us! If you can pin or iron or sew or want to learn how to pin or iron or sew, you are welcome! If you wish to be on the email contact list, send a message to Barbara Meinke at tb.meinke5@verizon.net. Let's keep the blessings flowing!



HAPPY



4TH OF JULY

Faith, Freedom and Compassion: Lutherans and Civic Duty*By Nelson H. Rabell-González (June 28, 2018)*

Freedom is a quintessentially Lutheran and American ideal. Yet as ELCA members approach Independence Day, it's important for us to acknowledge where Lutheran and American notions of freedom diverge.

A founding parent of the United States, Benjamin Franklin, said, "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Franklin's vision of liberty may inspire one to strive for complete and absolute freedom, nevertheless it should be interpreted in the context of civil life and emancipation from a colonial power. On the other hand, Martin Luther spoke of freedom in terms of liberation *from* something and *for* something. In his 1520 treatise, *On the Freedom of a Christian*, Luther wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." As members of the ELCA, how can we reconcile this tension between our political and theological understandings of freedom?

Freedom or liberty, in a political or civil sense, is the ability to speak, act, live and think without restrictions. Therefore, in the American Revolutionary War of the 18th century, the famous Patrick Henry quotation, "Give me liberty or give me death!" shows revolutionaries believed there was no viable option but freedom. Freedom was understood by many in the 13 colonies as a gift from God. As they struggled to free themselves from the British colonial rule, the early Americans used this divine sanction to justify the American Revolution as morally righteous and virtuous. Thomas Jefferson, another founding parent, wrote of a "God who gave us life [and] gave us liberty." Luther's theological contribution to Christian thought and practice is reflected in this ideology, albeit, I believe the founding parents' individualistic understanding of freedom is devoid of Luther's concern for the well-being of others.

Luther's understanding of freedom and liberty is grounded on his understanding of God's grace. He would agree with Jefferson that God gave us life and freedom. Yet Luther would argue that Christians are freed *from* sin, death and the devil—the realities that get in the way of our communion with God and each other. Moreover, he believes we are freed *from* this trinity of evil *for* the sake of the world.

While he might agree with our founding parents that freedom is a gift from God that enables us to experience life without restrictions, Luther would ask, who benefits from our liberty? For Luther, the answer is our neighbors, not ourselves. We are no doubt beneficiaries of God's gift of freedom, but, as I have heard in some congregations, "we are blessed to be a blessing for others." This concern for others, in Luther's view, is not limited to the welfare of the nation but rather the whole world. Therefore, Christians have been called by God in baptism to serve in the nation in which they live but not at the expense of other nations or peoples. Just like we are called to be subject to all, *for* their sake, we are freed in our baptism to proclaim in word and deed the cosmic love of God for all nations.

Luther started his critique of the medieval Roman Catholic Church precisely because there was no freedom of conscience and thought within the ecclesiastical structures at the time. Here lies another parallel between the Reformation and the American Revolution. The pursuit of freedom to openly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ led Luther to question the indulgences and the authority that sanctioned them. His concern though, was not just about individual rights but about the purity of the church's ministry and practice. Luther, like American revolutionaries, raised his voice against an oppressive institution.

Luther believed freedom is a gift from God, not just for our sake but for the sake of the world. As Lutherans, we believe we are free so that we can free others. We are called to experience this freedom of movement, thought and speech so that others within our nation and abroad may also experience joy, happiness and the pursuit of freedom. But we need to be mindful that freedom, or our version of freedom, is never meant to be imposed on others. If we do, we become agents of slavery and domination.

This Independence Day, let us celebrate freedom as Luther would have us ... not with fireworks but by serving our neighbors with a faith active in love. Amen.

Source: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2018/06/faith-freedom-and-compassion-lutherans-and-civic-duty/>

HOPE'S HYSTERICAL HISTORY

QUESTION:

MS. SHIRLEY DEVELOPED MANY MINISTRIES FOR HOPE YOUTH. CIRCLE TWO OF THEM.

- 1) BAKING BREAD FOR FIRST COMMUNION
- 2) MARDI GRAS/SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER
- 3) TRUNK OR TREAT
- 4) GOD SQUAD
- 5) DRAMA CAMP
- 6) CROSS-GENERATIONAL MINISTRY
- 7) PUPPET MINISTRY
- 8) ADVENTURE

FIND THIS ICON IN THIS JULY ISSUE FOR THE ANSWERS! —>



Thank You to our Servants in Service

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." - 1 Corinthians 12:12

It takes ALL of us to be Christ's body here at Hope. While it is impossible to thank everyone individually for all their acts of discipleship, each month we try to highlight a few folks who have been "especially supportive."

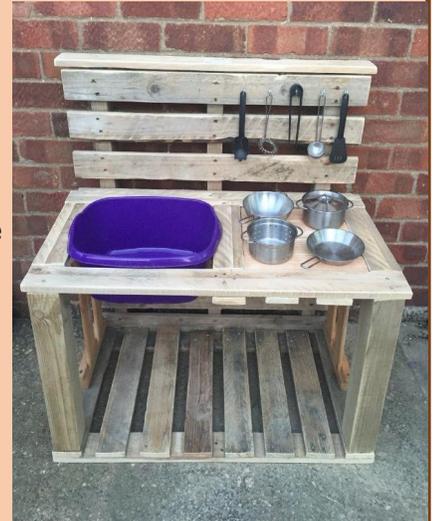
- ◆ Tony Chavez and Bob Danek for replacing the emergency lights as needed.
- ◆ Erica Kreske for volunteering to chaperone youth camp.
- ◆ Paula Arlich for leading our fantastic choir.
- ◆ Paulina Escamilla for organizing summer camps for the pre-school this summer.
- ◆ Bruce Hodgkinson for managing the facility use at Hope.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Readers for Worship in the month of June: Pam Danek, Kerri Haynes, Ken Wertz, Heather Haworth, Celia Lamke.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Communion Assistant for Worship in the month of June: Carrol Kent, Debbie Engelhart, Celia Lamke.
- ◆ Thanks to Bob Danek, Kurt Holms and Craig Cotten for faithfully covering usher duties during Worship.
- ◆ Thanks to Thomas Schwalbe for volunteering as Music Leader in the month of June.

*If you know of someone quietly serving Hope...
Please let the church office know so they can be recognized here.*

Can You Build Me?



Do you enjoy working with wood or making toys for children? The HCC Preschool playground needs a spruce! Take a look at these pictures for ideas to make our preschool playground more exciting for our students. Sign-up during worship via your Yellow Sheet, or contact the church office.



For The Kids!



**BECOME A
PART OF HOPE'S
PRAYER GARDEN**



Hope Women's Ministry invites you to dedicate an engraved brick to honor your friends & family, to remember loved ones and pets, or to glorify God. Celebrate occasions such as birthdays, wedding or baptismal anniversaries, confirmation, graduation or other special events.

The cost of the brick is \$50, and order forms can be picked up in the church narthex. This is a wonderful way to leave a lasting mark for the future of Hope and the larger Temecula community as a whole. Payment needs to be made out to "Hope Women's Ministry" with a memo stating "Prayer Garden Brick." Blessings upon you all.

Hope Women's Ministry



We are so happy to report that we have our 50 Pillowcases for the second quarter ending June 30th. But don't stop sewing now. We will need 100 more pillowcases by the end of this year. Thank you.



A big thank you to Chris Lindberg, Marta Bills and Linette Hodgkinson for heading up this event. Thanks to all you who took part in our gathering of gifts for the Foster Children's gift baskets. What a haul and blessing we are sharing with them.

The **Joy** and **Martha** Circles will not be meeting in July and August. We will resume our meetings in September. Have a great summer!

CORRECTION ON HOPE'S HYSTERICAL HISTORY FROM JUNE ISSUE

Question (B) — Where was it held?

Answer Given was 3) Longbranch Saloon

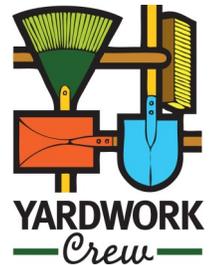
Correct Answer was 4) Rancho Community Chapel (Now Julian Charter School)



Thank you to Robin Wesley for her care of our altar here at Hope Lutheran. Are there others interested in forming an Altar Guild to help with caring for the altar and preparation for worship? If you are feeling called to assist with this important ministry, please contact Cheryl Morg.

Blessings, and feel out your soul to determine your call to volunteer here at your church, our church, Hope Lutheran.

HCC is looking for a few dedicated volunteers to help maintain the HCC Playgrounds. Weed control and tree/bush trimming are the areas of biggest concern. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to take this challenge on by maintaining the grounds on a bi-weekly basis. If you are interested please contact the Church Office.



Hope's Hysterical History Answers

Ms. Shirley developed many ministries for Hope youth. Circle two of them.

Answer: YOU ARE CORRECT! Any two that you circled are correct because Shirley blessed Hope with ALL of them (and many more).



July Birthdays

02 - Ella Loschky
03 - Tony Chavez
04 - United States of America
Nancy Miller
Mack Jones
Carson Ellinger
05 - Amber Hanson
08 - Dick Bates
Stephen Enochs
Dave Baggest
09 - Michelle Wesel
Kenneth Wertz
Luke Revell
10 - Bryan Dirkes

11 - Rebecca Check
12 - Janelle Garland
14 - Javier Varisco
Steve Gabrielson
Audrey Healy
15 - Kathy Peterson
Brian Veron
17 - Scott Garland
Jackson Doty
19 - Steve Healy
22 - Bill Harrison
23 - Fran Foresta
28 - Nadine Lundberg
29 - Betsy Schork

30 - Phyllis Lorenz
31 - Dylan Enochs
Brenda Wright
Kristi Harrison



At Hope Lutheran, we also like to celebrate baptismal anniversaries. If your baptismal anniversary is not listed, please call the church office to add!



July Baptism Birthday

01 - Nadine Lundberg
Sarah Martinez
Susan Garland
07 - Pete Loschky
09 - Dave Koltvet
Brinda Jarratt
11 - Allyssa Gallup

14 - Mary Peterson
15 - Jim Allmon
19 - Bailey Koltvet
20 - Ruth Kaumeyer
26 - Stacy Goetting
27 - Kathy Peterson
28 - Nolan Strom



05 - Kyle & Tyler Salesky (3)
06 - Tom & Pat Schwalbe (33)
07 - David & Katie Bradley (34)
12 - Hannah Dixon & Dustin Parker (18)
13 - Cory & Sandy Sanders (28)
17 - Philip & Karen Hansen (43)



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Counters 9am-10am HCC Summer Camp 9am-2pm	2 HCC Summer Camp 9am-2pm Band Practice 3:30pm-6:30pm	3 HCC Summer Camp 9am-2pm Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	4-Independence Day HCC Summer Camp 9am-2pm	5 HCC Summer Camp 9am-2pm	6
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Have a question? Idea to share? Concern?

The Church Council would like to hear from you. Contact the Church Office to get their contact info.

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with your time, talents and financial support!

1. To give a ONE-TIME or RECURRING gift online: go to www.hopetemecula.org and choose "GIVE" in the menu bar OR scroll down and click "ONLINE GIVING." The button will take you to a secure page with easy, step by step instructions. Update your giving preferences any time.
2. TEXT "hopetemecula" to 73256 and follow the prompts for a one-time gift.
3. Mail a check to Hope Lutheran Church, 29043 Vallejo Ave., Temecula, CA 92592

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Our Mission: Anchored in Christ...to Build and Grow Faith

Our Purpose: To share Jesus' love by reaching out and welcoming all

Our Vision: We will: *TRUST GOD* in the midst of what makes us anxious
CHOOSE FAITH instead of fear and
SERVE MISSION instead of our own comfort

