

# Hope Happenings

## July 2026

*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*



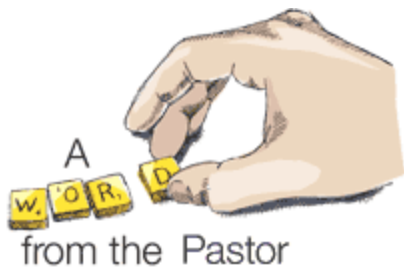
**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Hope Children's Center Preschool

An ELCA Congregation

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## *Christian Citizenship at 250 Years Old*

This July represents a milestone for our nation celebrating 250 years of government by and for all the people unlike human history has ever experienced. Our existence is a gift from God. The odds were against a revolution versus the most powerful empire of the 18th century. We were a loose fledging of fiercely independent adolescent colonies attempting to discover who we are and our place in life and history.

On our knees in prayer and upright in the march into battle, people of all colors, creeds, and society struggled by faith to find a better way to live together. Key to this miraculous success in freedom was faith in God. Faith in God kept the soldiers at Valley Forge from freezing to death and deserting. Faith in God kept our founding fathers and mothers engaging all the colonies and views of freedom to find at least a start for this great experiment in democracy. Faith was critically needed for the long haul to nationhood.

The free gift of God, faith in our Creator and Redeemer, is still in demand today. Perhaps the greatest challenge on this 4th of July is applying our focused faith upon the rights and freedoms for all our citizens.

I call upon all our Hope Lutheran Church members in celebration remember the words of St. Paul as marks of true Christian citizens of our nation and world.

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:9-20)

Living by God’s love and faith with this holy guidance, we can continue to bless the world and our nation to be the true gift of freedom we started on 4 July 1776.

Enjoy your celebration. Be safe. Be faithful. By the grace of God working through his faithful people, our nation lives and thrives.

Blessings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Scottie Lloyd

Parishioner and Pastor



July greetings from Hope's Church Council. Summer is truly in swing We've already had some pretty hot days with more to come. July 4th traditionally is hot dogs, apple pie, ice cream and fireworks. Whether you are at home that day, with family and friends, camping, on vacation or just chilling out, this year is extra special as we celebrate the 250th year of the founding of our Country. May God continue to bless the USA!

Hope doesn't take a vacation. Thank you to all the folks who help keep the Church running. I invite you to peruse the Volunteer Time & Talents Book in the Narthex. What is most striking is all the opportunities for one to serve. Visitation Volunteers will be added to the book at the end of July.

Thank you to those who have given to Hope Children's Center Ministry. Christian education at an early age is so important. How beautiful it is to have children also spread the word of Christ.

As a congregation, we have grieved along side members and families who have lost loved ones this year.

Pastor Scottie Lloyd has given so much time, comfort and ministering to our congregation. Council wishes to convey our deepest thanks, Pastor Scottie, for your unwavering love and support. It has been at those times of loss that our need for you has been so great. Hope has been truly blessed with your presence.

Council will be hosting the Project Touch dinner for the month of July.

Have a safe and happy July 4th and all throughout the month.

Your sister in Christ,  
Kathllen Kovich





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# PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

## A PRACTICAL ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP



REGISTER HERE or visit  
[socalsynod.org/synodevents/estateplanning](https://socalsynod.org/synodevents/estateplanning)

A **free** two-part online workshop designed to help you plan with confidence and peace of mind.

Many people know they should have an estate plan, but aren't sure where to start. This two-part workshop offers practical, easy-to-understand guidance on **wills, trusts, probate, charitable giving, and other tools** that can help you care for your loved ones and plan for the future. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

### SESSION 1 - BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION AUGUST 12, 2026, 2PM-4PM (ONLINE)

**You will learn about:** *Wills and trusts, Probate basics, Joint ownership, Common estate-planning misconceptions, Working with professional advisors*

### SESSION 2 - STRENGTHENING YOUR PLAN AUGUST 19, 2026, 2PM-4PM (ONLINE)

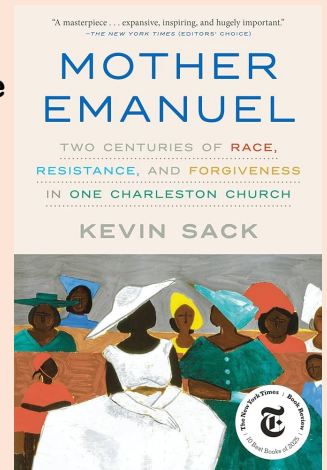
**You will learn about:** *Trusts and asset protection, Reducing estate administration expenses, Donor-advised funds, Charitable gift annuities, Charitable remainder trusts, Legacy giving options*

**FREE TO ATTEND • REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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**HOPE'S MENS GROUP:** Have a great summer, Hope's Mens Group will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, August 1st, 2026** at **8:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. We are thrilled to have Pastor Scottie Lloyd lead our Bible Study of the Book of Ephesians. Ephesians addresses the Power of Christ in our Lives and the Unity of the Church. We completed our study of Martin Luther's "The Freedom of a Christian" on Saturday 6/6/26. For our study of the Book of Ephesians, we will not have a Zoom option available. If you have any question regarding Hope's Mens Group, please contact Philip Hansen at: [philip717@verizon.net](mailto:philip717@verizon.net)

The next Hope Book club meeting will be **Monday, July 27th, 4:45pm-6pm** at the home of Erica Kreske. Our June and July selection is *"Mother Emanuel: Two Centuries of Race, Resistance, and Forgiveness in One Charleston Church"* by Kevin Sack. We'll be focusing on the second half (Chapters 11-End) and our general impression of the entire book. If you're joining us for the first time, please call or text Diane Anderson (951) 834-3191 or Marta Bills (951) 553-0972. Hope you can join us!



## JOY CIRCLE & MARTHA CIRCLE

**NO MEETINGS FOR JULY & AUGUST**

We will not be meeting again until September. Have a Great Summer.

God Bless!



## Project Pillowcase



Our next project date is set for **Saturday, September 5th, 9AM-1PM**. It will be **Project Pillowcase XI: It's Raining Cats and Dogs!** All who wish to help, whether or not you sew, are welcome! We need folks to pin, sew, turn, iron and parade the finished cases. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us as we sew up some very fun donated fabrics featuring furry friends! Materials and instructions will be provided. Contact Barbara Meinke (951) 312-0458 (talk or text) or email at [tb.meinke5@verizon.net](mailto:tb.meinke5@verizon.net).

# Project T.O.U.C.H.

Collaborating with Project T.O.U.C.H. – (Together Our Unity Conquers Homelessness) continues to have tremendous support from Hope members.

Project T.O.U.C.H. operates year-round emergency beds for Southwest Riverside County for our most vulnerable citizens, men, women and children serving approximately 40-50 people every day.

Our Hope members have been providing a meal to the shelter residents on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Our groups have gotten very creative in providing this Sunday evening meal, along with breakfast items for the next morning and delivery to the shelter.

Many “Thank You” go out to the host groups that provided meals for April-June 2026. April-The Hope bunco group pooled their funds and provided pizza and salad for the shelter. May was a group effort from the Hope’s Men’s Ministry cooking up sloppy joes and baked beans for the residents. June was provided by the fabulous Hope book club led by Diane Anderson. Each group uniquely provided a hot meal and breakfast for 45 much appreciative guests.

Our Project Touch pantry is overflowing with breakfast food and paper goods thanks to the generosity of many, many Hope members. So many of you have come forward to supply staples for the shelter. As a reminder we only need shelf staple breakfast items. Cases of water are greatly needed at this time. All of this is a blessing for the shelter and provides needed supplies for the monthly host groups.

We have several groups that will be providing the meals for the next few months. All the groups found it to be very rewarding. As Winston Churchill once said. “We make a living by what we get but make a life by what we give to others.” Hope is a caring community of love, service, kindness and an example of giving to others.

If you want more information or on being a host, contact Karen Hansen via email:

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## 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.

## 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."

- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Communion Assistant for Worship in the month of June: Kathleen Kovich, Cherie Gero and Lin Hodkinson.
- ◆ Thanks to the following for volunteering as Reader for Worship in the month of June: Cherie Gero, Heather Haworth, Bruce Hodkinson and Lynn Petroff.
- ◆ Thanks to Lou Long, Polly Brody and Brian Glahn 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.*

# Hope Hysterical History

~First, thank you to Shirley who conjured up these marvelous memories!~

It's July --- National Picnic Month! (If that's not a real thing, it should be!) For Hope Lutheran Church, it used to be PICNIC TIME. The feast was always potluck, the equipment was "bring your own" chairs, eating utensils, drinks, tablecloths, music, games, etc. The first picnic (c.1980) was hastily rearranged - it was raining! When we were having only one service, we came in our casual clothes, then headed for the picnic site. When we had two services, non-picnic folks went to the early service; picnic people headed for the picnic site where a service was held before the eating. The locations were varied: Lake Skinner (it got so cold and windy we had to wrap up in tablecloths); Linfield Christian graciously allowed us to use their outdoor lunch area (it was well-attended, so we were well-fed, but squished). Ronald Regan Sports Park was always fun and games; we were there a few times. About 1990, we were at a marvelously equipped picnic area in Menifee. Well, there was one disadvantage - it was near a dairy. . . warm weather. . . odors . . . flies. Other than that, it was great! Saving the best for last, in the first decade of 2000s, we carted all the necessities to Fallbrook's Live Oak Park. The necessities (along with food) included all of the speaker system and instruments for the Temple Band. Musical service outdoor . . . enjoying God's creation and sharing the good news of Jesus' love. Just a few of Hope's highlights!

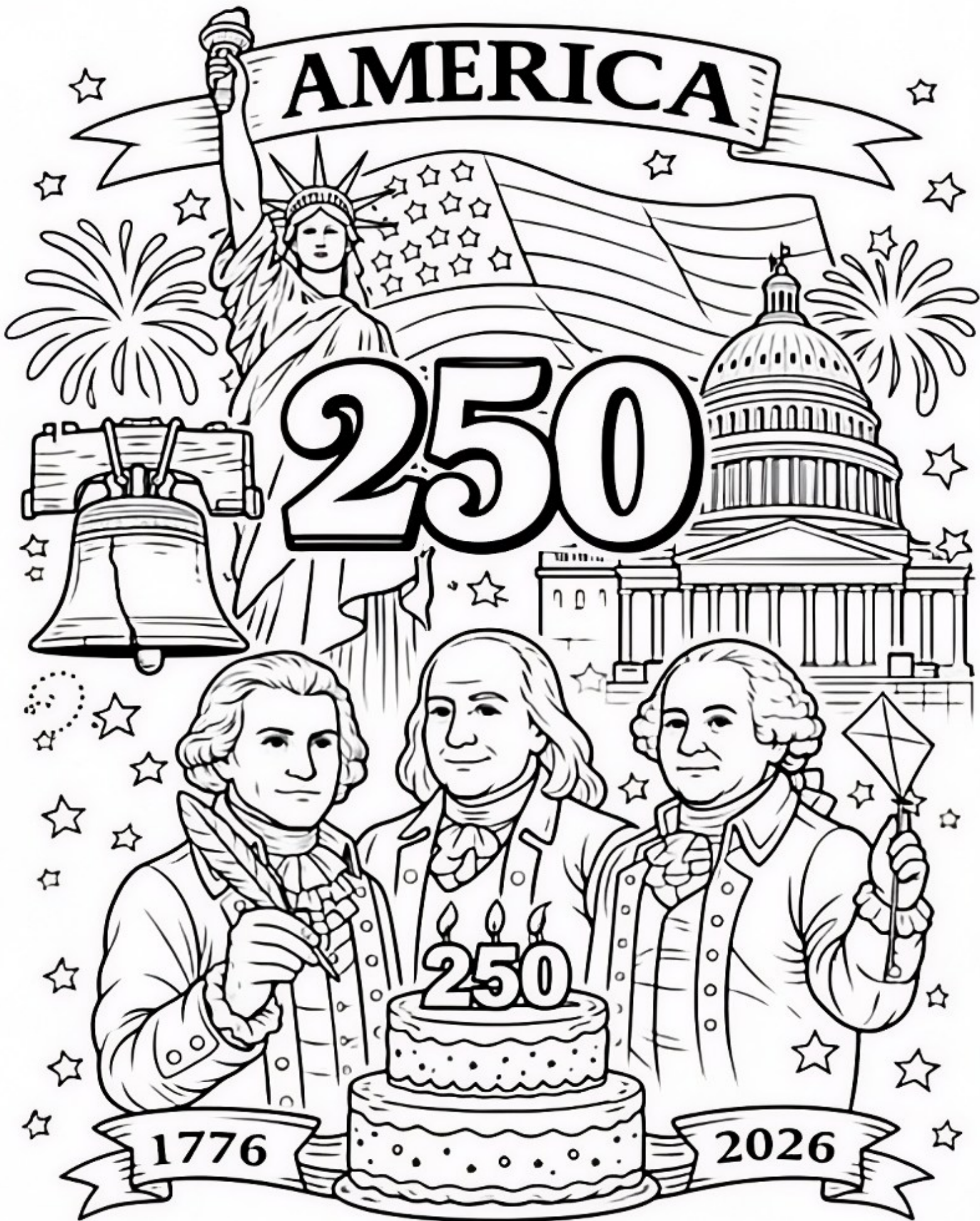


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# July Birthdays

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  
28 - Nadine Lundberg  
29 - Betsy Schork  
30 - Phyllis Lorenz

31 - Dylan Enochs  
    Brenda Wright  
    Kristi Harrison



# 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


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



05 - Kyle & Tyler Salesky (5)  
06 - Tom & Pat Schwalbe (35)  
07 - David & Katie Bradley (36)  
12 - Hannah Dixon & Dustin Parker (20)  
13 - Cory & Sandy Sanders (30)  
17 - Philip & Karen Hansen (45)



# July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	2 AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	3 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	4-Independence Day 
5 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm	6 Counters 9am-10am	7 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	8 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	9 Bunco 5:00pm-7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	10 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	11
12 Worship 9:30am-10:30am Love Church Worship 1:00pm-6:00pm Bradley Band Practice 6:00pm-10:00pm	13 Counters 9am-10am	14 Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm	15 Adult Bible Study 10:00am-11:00am	16 AA Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm	17 Love Church 7:00pm-10:00pm	18
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## **Hope's 2026 Church Council**

### **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

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Lou Long, V. President

Elsa Arbues, Secretary

Paul Davis, Treasurer

### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Bryan Dirkes

Kathleen Kovich

Thomas Schwalbe

### **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.

Thank you to all supporting

## **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

with your time, talents and financial support!

1. To give a ONE-TIME or RECURRING gift online: go to [www.hopetemecula.org](http://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

