

mission moments

Hope Lutheran Church



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prayers answered

For months, we've been praying at Hope for God to send new church workers to our congregation. It's a joy to now be able to celebrate how God has chosen to answer those prayers!

Associate Pastor

Seminarian Devin Murphy has been placed as Hope's Associate Pastor. Devin (soon to be "Pastor Devin") and his wife, Melissa, have four children (Penny, Devin Jr., Jamie, Jenny). Devin and Melissa are both from Florida, and Devin is 34 years old.

Devin graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in May 2018, and has been pursuing a doctorate degree in Biblical Studies from the seminary in the intervening years. Devin has completed his doctorate coursework, and is currently tackling his dissertation. Previously, he served his vicarage at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, Florida. During his years of post-graduate study, Devin has served as a tutor and adjunct instructor at the seminary, and has engaged in various pastoral ministry tasks in a nearby congregation.

As Devin's placement at Hope was just announced, we're still working out details regarding his arrival date, and will keep the congregation informed. The Murphy's are very excited about coming to Hope, and we look forward to welcoming and getting to know all of them. It will be great having "Pastor Devin" and his family as part of the Hope family of faith!

*The Murphy Family
Devin, Jenny, Penny, Jamie,
Melissa, Devin Jr.*



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DCE Intern

Margo Adamec, who graduates from Concordia University, Irvine CA this month, has been assigned as a DCE (Director of Christian Education) Intern at Hope for the 2023-24 year. Margo grew up near Houston TX. She began to feel led to serve as a professional church worker during her Confirmation years, and is eager to put her training to work here at Hope. Margo has a passion for working with children and youth, and looks forward to spending time with the young adults of Hope, as well.



*Margo and Pastor Wayne at
Concordia, Irvine (April)*

Margo will begin her year at Hope July 1, and she will have a wide range of ministry experiences during her internship year. She'll be working closely with our 6-8 grade youth group, including the Confirmation program, and spending a good amount of time with the young adult (BREW) ministry. Additionally, Margo will connect with some of Hope's kids and youth ministry events, along with women's ministry and other areas of congregational life.

During her internship year, Margo will not yet be a Called worker in the church; but the congregation will have opportunity to designate her for a permanent Call in early 2024, if both Margo and the congregation are in agreement about that step. More on that in eight months!

Keep Praying!

We are very thankful that God has answered our prayers, by sending Devin Murphy and Margo Adamec to Hope. Please continue to pray for these servants, and ask the Lord to continue to equip them as they finish up their studies, and as they prepare to join us in ministry here in Wake Forest. Pray for their safekeeping as they travel, and for a great start to their ministry careers in our church. God's blessings to Devin and his family, to Margo, and to all the wonderful people of Hope Lutheran Church!

In Christ,

Pastor Wayne Puls



June 26-30, 2023

Volunteers Needed!

Vacation Bible School is around the corner and we need your help. If you could be a star and donate supplies to help VBS, any items below are greatly appreciated. Please return the donation on or before May 28 in VBS donation bin in Narthex hallway. We appreciate everything!

- 2 Liter Bottles
- Tin Cans (any and all sizes)
- Plastic Water Bottles (Empty or Full)
- Paper Towel Rolls (Empty or Full)
- Toilet Paper Rolls (Empty Preferred)
- More Online!



For a full list and other ways to help visit:

hopelutheranwf.org/VBS

news & events



STEPHEN MINISTRY HAS PEOPLE TO HELP Hope has a group of people who are trained to listen when you are going through a difficult time in your life. This could be the death of a loved one, a challenging illness, job loss, divorce, faith issues, or any other time when you feel that talking with a caring fellow Christian would be helpful. Just so you know, all discussions are strictly confidential. If you would like to consider meeting with a Stephen Minister, please speak with Pastor or one of the following: Andy Barrett (919-349-5599), Jerry Garlington (850-376-0488), Wendi Pallozzi (214-880-1813), Rob Bailey (919-518-6984).



STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE

Looking to spread a smile to children who are in need of some comfort this Spring? We will be collecting stuffed animals to give to Duke's Children's Hospital. These stuffed animals will comfort kids as they get the help they need to heal. All stuffed animal donations must be new and around 15-20 inches long. Collections will take place in May. Watch bulletins for collection dates and details!



SPANISH CLUB

Hope Lutheran is blessed to have members and visitors from all over the world. One of the ways we celebrate cultures represented in our community and congregation is through Spanish Club. Anyone who speaks Spanish at a high beginner, intermediate, or advanced/fluent level is invited to attend Spanish Club for conversational practice and fellowship. The next club meeting will occur Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30PM. We will hear a presentation from Mario Godoy about life in his home country of Venezuela in rooms 301/302 at the Church. Please email Hilary Tew at htew@hopelutheranwf.org if you want more information about this presentation or the club.

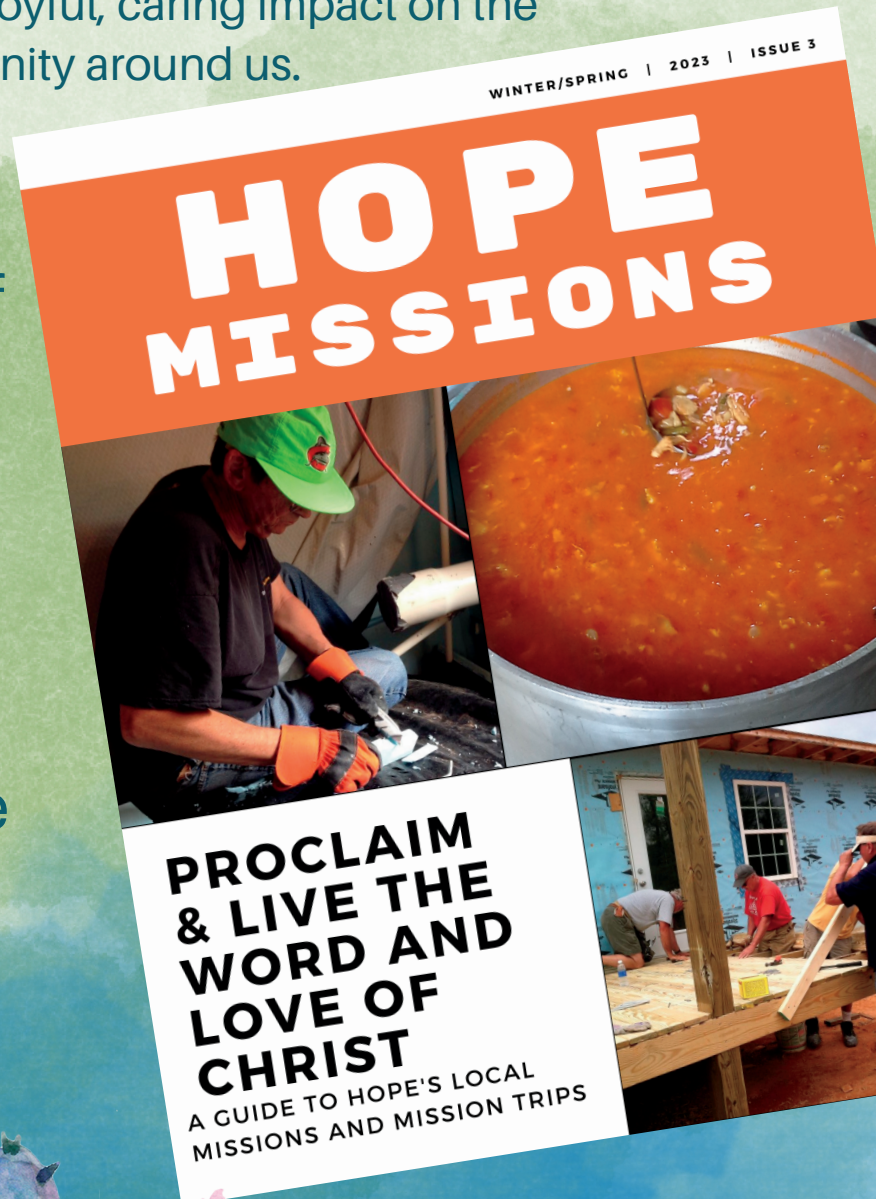
hope missions

The people of Hope Lutheran Church are committed to making a positive, joyful, caring impact on the community around us.

Pick up the latest copy of Hope Missions!

Printed copies can be found at the church anytime.

Digital copies can be found on Hope's Website under newsletters.



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SERVING NEIGHBORS IN WAKE FOREST

Hope volunteers are welcome and needed, to help with home preservation projects in Wake Forest sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, on May 6, May 18-19, and May 25-26. Sign up at <http://vhub.at/northernwake>, and bring your own lunch. Questions: Pastor Wayne (wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org), or Roger Madariaga (RogerMadariaga@aol.com.)

THE TOTALS ARE IN

Brown bag results are in. Sweet 82 Salty 56. The contest might be over, but Brown Bag is still going. With an event on the third Saturday of each month. Join Hope's Brown Bag Ministries for fellowship and service. We will assemble a bagged lunch on May 20 from 11AM - 1PM. For signup, go to Hope Missions List.





daily bible reading plan



The ACTS Challenge

Join other members of Hope in reading through the book of Acts. These inspired narratives tell the amazing story of how the Holy Spirit moved the early followers of Jesus Christ to spread the Good News far and wide. Stay on schedule with a short reading every day, or read through Acts at your own pace.

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| April 10 | Acts 1:1-11 |
| April 11 | Acts 1:12-26 |
| April 12 | Acts 2:1-13 |
| April 13 | Acts 2:14-41 |
| April 14 | Acts 2:42-47 |
| April 15 | Acts 3:1-26 |
| April 16 | Acts 4:1-36 |
| April 17 | Acts 5:1-16 |
| April 18 | Acts 5:17-42 |
| April 19 | Acts 6:1-15 |
| April 20 | Acts 7:1-32 |
| April 21 | Acts 7:33-60 |
| April 22 | Acts 8:1-25 |
| April 23 | Acts 8:26-40 |
| April 24 | Acts 9:1-19a |
| April 25 | Acts 9:19b-43 |
| April 26 | Acts 10:1-23 |
| April 27 | Acts 10:24-48 |
| April 28 | Acts 11:1-18 |
| April 29 | Acts 11:19-30 |
| April 30 | Acts 12:1-19 |
| May 1 | Acts 12:20-25 |
| May 2 | Acts 13:1-12 |
| May 3 | Acts 13:13-52 |
| May 4 | Acts 14:1-28 |
| May 5 | Acts 15:1-21 |

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| May 6 | Acts 15:22-41 |
| May 7 | Acts 16:1-15 |
| May 8 | Acts 16:16-40 |
| May 9 | Acts 17:1-15 |
| May 10 | Acts 17:16-34 |
| May 11 | Acts 18:1-17 |
| May 12 | Acts 18:18-28 |
| May 13 | Acts 19:1-22 |
| May 14 | Acts 19:23-41 |
| May 15 | Acts 20:1-12 |
| May 16 | Acts 20:13-38 |
| May 17 | Acts 21:1-26 |
| May 18 | Acts 21:27--22:1 |
| May 19 | Acts 22:2-21 |
| May 20 | Acts 22:22-30 |
| May 21 | Acts 23:1-22 |
| May 22 | Acts 23:23-35 |
| May 23 | Acts 24:1-27 |
| May 24 | Acts 25:1-22 |
| May 25 | Acts 25:23-27 |
| May 26 | Acts 26:1-23 |
| May 27 | Acts 26:24-32 |
| May 28 | Acts 27:1-26 |
| May 29 | Acts 27:27-44 |
| May 30 | Acts 28:1-16 |
| May 31 | Acts 28:17-31 |

adult education

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

"Peter: Learning to Be Like Jesus"

One of the most complex and compelling of all Bible characters, Peter spent a lifetime learning to follow the example of his Lord. How does the story of Peter's relationship with Christ impact your faith life? Join in the Bible study and discussion each week.

9:45-10:45AM, Room 301 May 7-21



"I AM"

In the midst of peoples' troubles and grief, Jesus makes some interesting claims about himself and what he came to do. He said: "I am the bread of life." "I am the good shepherd." "I am the way, the truth, and the life." All of Jesus' claims are still true for us today in the midst of our troubles, and they still give us hope. Dive in with Vicar Ryan as we unpack more of Jesus' "I am..." statements on Sunday mornings this spring (May 28, June 4-18) from 9:45-10:45AM, in Room 301.



BREW YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BREWERY & BIBLE STUDY

Would you be interested in connecting with other young Christian professionals in the area? Young adults 25-35 years old are invited to our monthly gathering. We get together on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Norse Brewery for good drinks & discussion. The next meeting is on 5/18 at 7:00PM. In BREW, we're all about Building Relationships and Exploring the Word. Questions? Conor Hellmann (919-426-9530).

adult events

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Friday Night on White

May 12 6:00PM

Meet us at the Remax and bring a chair.

Questions: Valerie Miceli
glitterygirl68@gmail.com



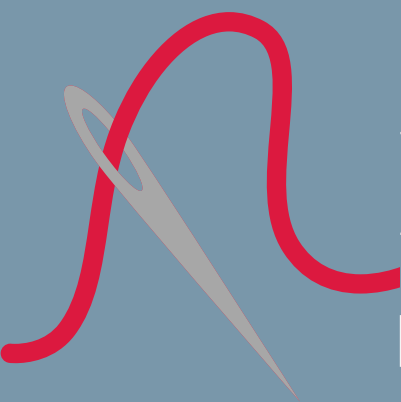
Axe Throwing



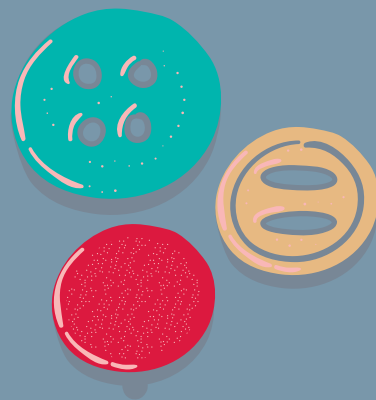
B.R.E.W.
Ages 18-35

HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us on May 5 for
some axe throwing fun
@Epic Axe of Wake Forest,
No experience, no problem.
Questions? Contact Connor
Hellmann (919-426-9530)



stitches of hope



May Meeting Schedule

May 2 - Mission Quilts - Do your own thing!

May 9 - All day workshop-watch for details. Hope & Vines will have a presentation mid-day.

May 16 - UFO Swap Day - bring that project (quilting, sewing, crocheting, knitting) that you know you are not going ever to finish and swap it for somebody's project they don't want!

May 23 - Do your own thing - get some tips from others, share an idea - sit and chat a bit!



hope is hiring

- **LITTLE BLESSINGS PARENTS' MORNING OUT PROGRAM** is looking for enthusiastic people who love to work with kids to join our Team, working 4-5 hours per day, 2-3 days per week. Children ages 0-2 come to this program to gain social skills and build a foundation for their education. Teachers are responsible for story time, music with the kids, the safety of the children, and providing a loving Christian environment for these families. Please send your resume to Tracy Zwickis, Director of Little Blessings, at littleblessings@hopelutheranwf.org.
- **NURSERY.** We are looking for paid workers to care for children ages birth to 4 years old for Sunday morning services, Sunday School, and Bible studies. Please reach out to Lead DCE Beth Agner (bagner@hopelutheranwf.org) if interested.
- **XPLORE.** Need a summer job? Have fun with kids? Want a job with flexibility? Then Xplore is the place for you! Join us for a fun-filled summer full of games and activities. We are hiring Lead and Assistant Counselors. Competitive pay. Questions? Xplore@hopelutheranwf.org.



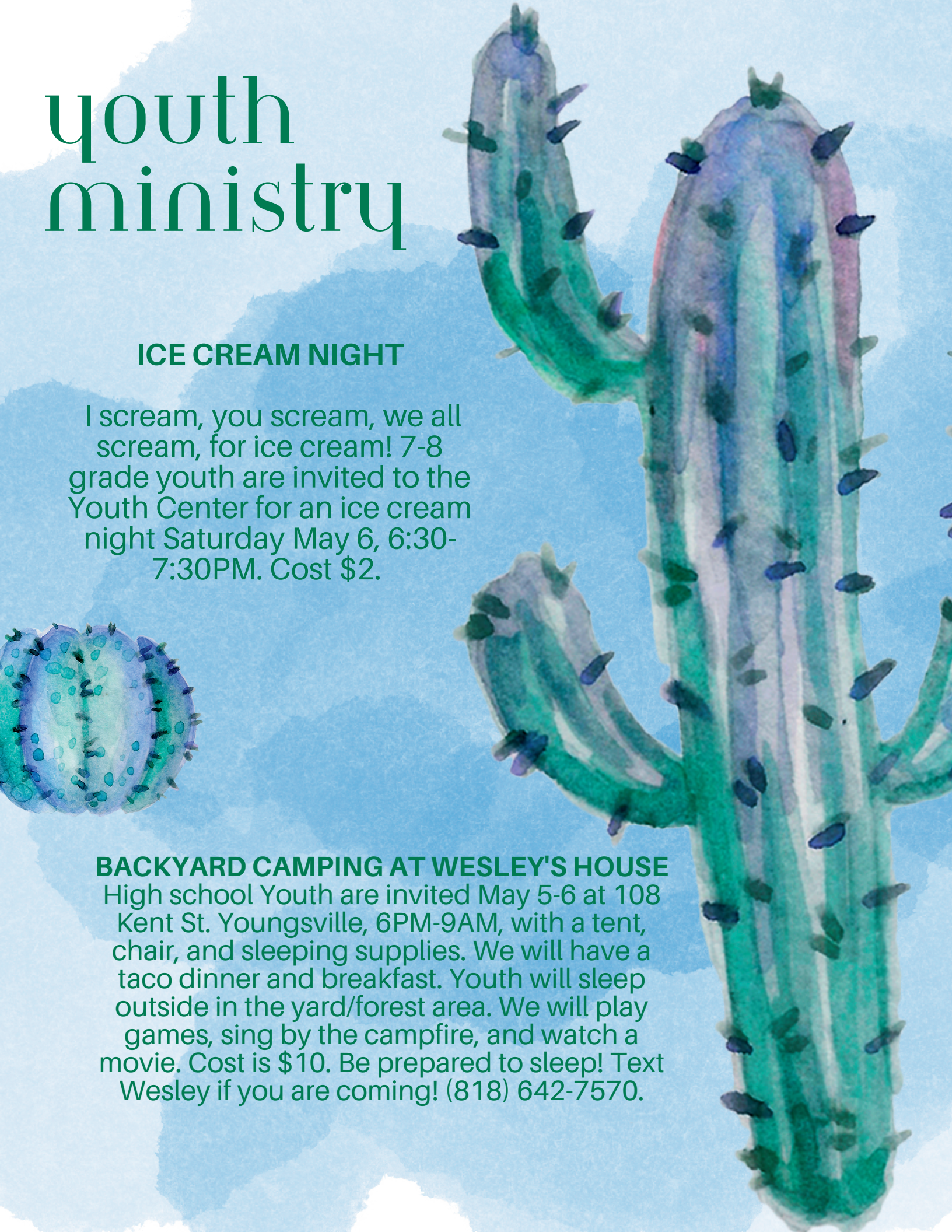
youth ministry

ICE CREAM NIGHT

I scream, you scream, we all
scream, for ice cream! 7-8
grade youth are invited to the
Youth Center for an ice cream
night Saturday May 6, 6:30-
7:30PM. Cost \$2.

BACKYARD CAMPING AT WESLEY'S HOUSE

High school Youth are invited May 5-6 at 108
Kent St. Youngsville, 6PM-9AM, with a tent,
chair, and sleeping supplies. We will have a
taco dinner and breakfast. Youth will sleep
outside in the yard/forest area. We will play
games, sing by the campfire, and watch a
movie. Cost is \$10. Be prepared to sleep! Text
Wesley if you are coming! (818) 642-7570.





youth mission trips

6-8 GRADE

JULY 9-14

This year our current 6-8 graders will be traveling to Jacksonville, NC to serve in a unique way. We'll be partnering with Calvary Lutheran Church to plan and provide a Vacation Bible School Program. Then in the evenings we will go to the beach, and explore the area! Sign up online now to secure your spot.

HIGH SCHOOL

JULY 23-29

Our current 9-12 graders will travel to Asheville, NC, to serve uniquely this year. We'll partner with Emmanuel Lutheran School to plan and provide a Vacation Bible School Program. This will allow them to connect with their community and reach kids and families in their area with Christ's love. We'll take everything we've learned from hosting our VBS at Hope and use those skills to support a smaller congregation's rebuilding efforts. Participants will gain a broader perspective on serving Christ, valuable leadership skills, and lasting memories. We'll bond through hikes, free time, and other local adventures. Sign up now online to secure your spot.



events

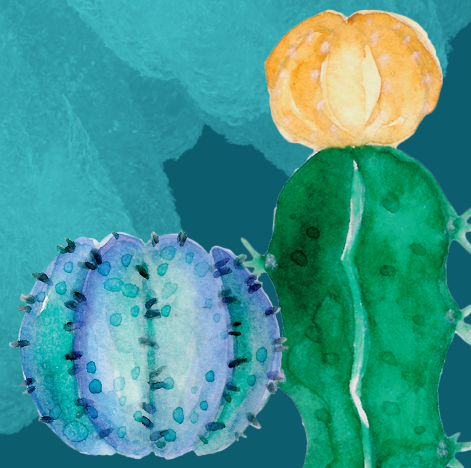
Strawberry Picking with Mom

What a great time of year to spend outside with the important women in your life! Our 1-4 grade and their mothers, or another important woman in your life, will be heading to Hunts Strawberry Farm on May 7 from 2-3PM. Sign up on the Hope Lutherans website under Kids Ministry to let us know if you will be joining us! You pay by the gallon with cash at the end of picking!

coming soon

CLUB 45

Come and see what club 45 is all about. Our new ministry for grades 4 and 5 is kicking off this fall, and you don't want to miss a minute of the fun. Join us for our orientation to this new group on Sunday, June 4, at 12:15 pm. Parents and youth are encouraged to join us as we eat pizza and introduce you to this new program that includes Bible overview education, pre-confirmation lessons, monthly fellowship and services events, family retreats, and 1st communion classes.



senior choir news



Our Senior Choir is going to perform the National Anthem on Sunday, June 18 at the Durham Bulls game. Celebrate Father's Day and cheer on the Senior Choir as they kick off the game with the National Anthem! If you have any questions, please contact Rob Varner at rwv@912@gmail.com.

To sign up visit Hope's website under events.

