



Dear friends,

When we take a closer look at the Gospel accounts, we very soon discover that Jesus' invitation to His first-century audience was an incredible invitation to relationship with God. Jesus' invitation begins with a simple request—follow Me.

In the pages of the New Testament, Jesus extends His invitation to people who know something's wrong with them and the world around them, but aren't sure what to do about it. In fact, He invites people who know they are not all they ought to be. I find it fascinating that Jesus didn't ask Matthew to clean up his act before following Him. And, incredibly enough, Jesus doesn't ask that of us either. In time, within the context of a relationship with Jesus, Matthew and the other first-century disciples experienced a transformed life. But Jesus' initial request was simply, "Follow me."

In my observation, there are lots of people that think Christianity is all about doing what Jesus says, but, what if, Christianity isn't about a set of do's and don'ts.

Jesus' invitation is an invitation to a living and vibrant relationship with Jesus. Religion says, "Change and you can join us." Instead, Jesus says, "Join us and you will change."

There's a huge difference! Jesus doesn't expect people to be perfect. On the contrary, He just wants them to follow Him. Being a sinner doesn't disqualify anyone from being a disciple.

This summer, I want to encourage you to go on a new and exciting journey through the Gospels as we trace Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow after Him.

As your pastor, I encourage you to follow Him this summer and all the days of your life. Be sure to join us for many opportunities to learn how to follow Jesus.

In Jesus—the best place to be,
Pastor Arthur Andrews

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Hephatha Lutheran Church & School



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JUNE

- 4.** Celebrate Karen Dueker's 30th & Timothy Potthoff's 10th year in Ministry
SUN. 9:30 a.m. service
- 4.** 6:01 Service
SUN. 6:01 p.m.
Meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- 8.** Men's Bible Study: Grace
THUR. 7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
This group meets in Pastor's office.
- 17.** Hike Oak Canyon
SAT. 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
To sign up, contact the church office!
- 18.** Father's Day Car Show
SUN. 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Join us this Father's Day in the Hephatha parking lot for Coffee, Charity, Cars, and Christ.
- 18.** 6:01 Service
SUN. 6:01 p.m.
Father's Day Message in the Fellowship Hall.
- 21.** Bible Study: "Who is this Man"
WED. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
This study meets in Pastor's Office.
- 22.** Men's Bible Study: Grace
THUR. 7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
This group meets in Pastor's office.
- 22.** Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study
THUR. 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
This group meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- 22-23.** Great Commission Summit at Concordia
THUR. 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
FRI. 9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
This is at Concordia University, Irvine.
- 25.** Jr./Sr. High Summer Cinema
SUN. Afternoon Showing
Meet and watch Cars 3 then get dinner & discuss.
- 27.** Taco Tuesday
TUE. 6:15 p.m.
El Torito in Yorba Linda.
- 28.** Bible Study: "Who is this Man"
WED. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
This study meets in Pastor's Office.
- 28.** Youth Beach Night
WED. 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Middle School and High School students are invited to hang out at the beach. Cost: \$5 for parking and food.
- 29.** doSOMETHING: Mary's Kitchen
THUR. 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Help serve breakfast at Mary's Kitchen in Orange.

JULY

- 2.** Family Picnic
SUN. 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Family fun event with bounce house, pizza picnic, shaved ice, a popcorn machine, and more!
- 4.** Firecracker 5k/10k Run (Praise Band & water distribution)
TUE. 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Come and help the runners in this year's Firecracker race with passing out water & supporting our Praise Band!
- 9.** "How do I know God Exists?"
SUN. 9:30 a.m.
Study with Professor Steve Roberge.
- 12.** doSOMETHING: CHOC
WED. 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Help with crafts and setting up fun events for children and their families.
- 12.** Sr. High Summer Cinema
WED. Afternoon Showing
Meet and watch Spiderman Homecoming then get dinner & discuss.
- 15.** Hike Yorba Regional Park
SAT. 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- 16.** 6:01 Service
SUN. 6:01 P.M.
Meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- 18.** doSOMETHING: First Lutheran Feed the Hungry
TUE. 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Help serve dinner at First Lutheran Church.
- 19.** Bible Study: "Who is this Man"
WED. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
This study meets in Pastor's Office.
- 19.** Youth Beach Night
WED. 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Middle School and High School students are invited to hang out at the beach. Cost: \$5 for parking and food.
- 20.** Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study
THUR. 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
This group meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- 23.** "How do I Study the Bible?"
SUN. 9:30 a.m.
Study with Professor Steve Roberge.
- 24-28.** Vacation Bible School
MON.– FRI. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Transitional K-6th grade children are welcome to join us Monday through Friday for Bible studies, fellowship, and FUN in the SON!
- 25.** Taco Tuesday
TUE. 6:15 p.m.
Join us at Moreno's in Orange.

AUGUST

- 3.** doSOMETHING: Mary's Kitchen
THUR. 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Help serve breakfast at Mary's Kitchen in Orange.
- 6.** "How do I Study the Bible?"
SUN. 9:30 a.m.
Study with Professor Steve Roberge.
- 6.** 6:01 Service
SUN. 6:01 p.m.
Meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- 9.** Bible Study: "Who is this Man"
WED. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
This study meets in Pastor's Office.
- 9.** Youth Beach Night
WED. 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Middle School and High School students are invited to hang out at the beach. Cost: \$5 for parking and food.
- 10.** Men's Bible Study: Grace
THUR. 7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Meets in Pastor Andrews' Office.
- 10.** doSOMETHING: CHOC
THUR. 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Help with crafts and setting up fun events for children and their families.
- 15.** doSOMETHING: Vineyard Food Bank
TUE. 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Food distribution to families in our community.
- 20.** 6:01 Service
SUN. 6:01 p.m.
Meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- 24.** Men's Bible Study: Grace
THUR. 7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Meets in Pastor Andrews' Office.
- 24.** Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study
THUR. 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
This group meets in the Fellowship hall.
- 26.** Hike Crystal Cove
SAT. 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- 29.** Taco Tuesday
TUE. 6:15 p.m.
El Cholo in the Anaheim Hills Festival Center.