

# HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bonita Springs, FL



# Letter of Hope

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## From the Desk of Pastor Richard

The arrival of January means that we officially say farewell to 2020 and welcome 2021. For many of us, the new year couldn't come quickly enough, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have transitioned our ministry to best serve the people of Hope and the community during this difficult time. Matthew 18:12-14 has served as a guiding light for me in directing Hope's response to the pandemic. Take a moment to reflect on this passage:

*Matthew 18:12-14 What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. (NRSV)*

In this passage, the shepherd's goal is to find and care for the lost sheep; the shepherd goes above and beyond to protect the one lost sheep. By our logic, this sounds absurd. Everyone knows that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the one. But not so with the shepherd, whose care, concern, and love for every sheep is a reflection of how much God loves us. Masks, social distancing, and other safety protocols are how we collectively care for and protect those members of our flock who may be at risk. We do this because we value the other community members and, more importantly, because God loved us enough to call us to new life through Jesus.

In January, the in-person worship schedule will transition to provide the safest possible environment for the entire family of believers at Hope.

**Beginning Sunday, January 3, the 10:30 AM worship service will become a traditional worship service.** The reason for this change is because worshippers at Hope overwhelmingly favor the traditional format. The expectation is that we can provide for better social distancing by offering a worship experience at 10:30 AM that is identical to that of the 9:00 AM worship service. **In addition to the Sunday morning schedule change, we will also be adding a new worship service beginning on Saturday,**

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January 9, at 5:30 PM. The Saturday worship service will be less-formal and will provide another worship outlet. Reservations for all services can be made online or by calling the church office. Online services will continue to be available.

Thank you again for joining together to reflect the shepherd's care and love for all people!

Peace and Joy in 2021!



Pastor Richard

## We are Thankful for your Support!!!

As we head in this new year, we want to Thank You for your continued support during this unusual period.

COVID-19 has brought us unexpected challenges which we have had to deal with in our every day life.

But... As we reflect on this past year, we are grateful how God has continued to use us in unusual ways to share the Word of Jesus Christ.

We have been able to reach many people through online services, Bible classes, online meetings, and the many e-mail updates we have sent out to our Hope Family.

We could not have been able to do all these things without your loving and faithful prayers, your trust, and support.

We want to reach out and ask for your continued support during 2021. We do not know what to expect for next year, but we will be here to share the Word of Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year!!  
Your Hope Family

## SAVE A LIFE!

### — Learn CPR —

*and how to use the AED equipment at church!*

**Friday, January 8, 2021 at 10am**  
in the Fellowship Center.

**Class is FREE**  
for Hope members and friends.

**Call Sheila at 239-919-2295 to register**

**Life Line Screening**, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on Thursday, January 21st and Monday, January 25th at Hope Lutheran Church.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral arterial disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6450, visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word "circle" to 797979.

## **Bonita Senior Center Programs**

### **January 2021**

#### **Funch Bunch Park and Picnic**

Monday, January 4, 11:30am-1:00pm

Bring a chair and sit outside your car socially distanced and **enjoy FREE lunch and**

**Entertainment** at Hope Lutheran Church, Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs, FL, 34135

**CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila@ 239-919-2295 or [sheila@hopebonita.org](mailto:sheila@hopebonita.org)**

#### **Virtual Lee Health**

##### **Learn How to Manage your Chronic Pain**

Wednesdays Jan. 13 - Feb. 17, 9:30-11:30am

Session zero: Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

**Get on living a satisfying and fulfilling life!**

**CALL TO REGISTER: Lee Health Solutions @239-343-9264**

#### **Virtual Lee County Sheriff's Office**

##### **Personal Safety**

Monday, January 11, 10:00-11:00am

**Learn how to recognize potential safety risks!**

**CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila at 239-919-2295 or [sheila@hopebonita.org](mailto:sheila@hopebonita.org)**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/98180037696?pwd=cXdTS](https://zoom.us/j/98180037696?pwd=cXdTSUhPcUJnaHZSb3VuMUZoYm9tZz09)

[UhPcUJnaHZSb3VuMUZoYm9tZz09](https://zoom.us/j/98180037696?pwd=cXdTSUhPcUJnaHZSb3VuMUZoYm9tZz09)

Meeting ID: 981 8003 7696

Passcode: 997018

#### **Virtual Alzheimer's Association**

##### **Know the 10 signs**

Monday, January 25, 1:00-2:00pm

**Learn about 10 common warning signs of Dementia**

**GO ONLINE TO REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/34Pyz4G>**

#### **Do You Need help with Zoom to enjoy these programs?**

You can use these YouTube tutorials:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jiw3oH-OfAo>

**Want more information about The Bonita Senior Center call or email Sheila@239-919-2295 [sheila@hopebonita.org](mailto:sheila@hopebonita.org)**

#### **Hope Lutheran Church Foundation added to Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars program**

Attention all Thrivent Financial Members.

Don't forget to designate your 'choice dollars' that Thrivent has given you for 2020.

Both Hope Lutheran and the Hope Lutheran Foundation are now options for your designation. Thank you for your support!



Thrivent Financial  
"Choice Dollars"

#### **Amazon wants to donate money to your favorite charity**

For those of you who turn to Amazon for your online shopping, don't forget to use the Amazonsmile program, and have Amazon donate ½ of 1% of your purchases to Hope Lutheran Church.

There is no upcharge, or any other changes to your Amazon account, it's just one way for Amazon to give back to local communities.

For more information, go to

**<https://smile.amazon.com/>**

and choose Hope Lutheran Church as your charity. Since joining the program we have earned over \$500 from this program. Well done Amazon shoppers, thank you for your stewardship!

**amazonsmile**



## Parish Health Report 2020

### Visitation/1:1 Contact:

Male: 645  
Female: 964

Age: 0-17 5  
> 18 88  
> 55 1516

**Faith Community: 1349**  
Community: 260

Home Visits: 373  
Hospital/Rehab: 94  
Telephone: 941  
Church Campus: 157  
Dr. Office/Agency: 36  
Hospice: 8

*(Total Individuals Served: 1609)*

### Literacy Council Education Programs:

1/16 Healthy Body Healthy Soul 18 adults

### Pueblo Bonito Vaccines:

10/19 25 adults

### NCH Bloodmobile:

11/10 25 adults  
3/8 23 adults

### Pain Management Program:

2/5-3/11 12 adults

### Hope Pre-K Health Education:

1/27 Screentime 30 kids  
2/24 Sportsmanship 30 kids  
11/11 Strangers 30 kids

*(Total: 90 Kids)*

### AED/CPR Course:

11/14 8 adults  
2/13 10 adults

### Identity Theft

2/21 5 adults

### Lifeline Screening:

1/27 86 adults

### Hearing and Memory

1/29 14 adults

### Caring for the Caregiver

2/7 15 adults

### End of Life Series

1/16 Having The Conversation 9 adults  
1/23 Legal issues 13 adults  
1/30 Funeral planning and cremation 11 adults  
2/6 Senior Living 8 adults

Yoga 64 adults

Line Dancing 25 adults

Walgreens Flu Vaccine 10 adults

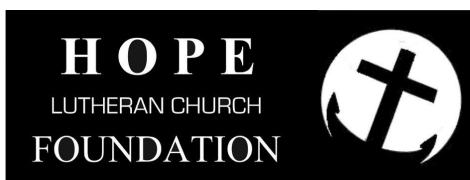
## Community Outreach and Education

**Programs Total 746 individuals**

## FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for an upcoming service, please mark the Flower Chart which is located in the Narthex hallway. The price of the flowers is \$35 per arrangement. Money can be put in your offering envelope marked "Flowers".





When you support the Hope Lutheran Church Foundation, you are helping to fund missions and ministries locally and throughout the world. In November, the following 2020 grant awards were made:

***Local Ministries and Impact***

<b><i>Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Lee County</i></b>
<b><i>Harvest Time Ministries</i></b>
<b><i>Love INC.</i></b>
<b><i>Pelican Lutheran – Haitian Community Outreach</i></b>
<b><i>Yesukan</i></b>

***Global Missionaries and Ministries***

<b><i>Barnett Family</i></b>
<b><i>Capestone Ministries</i></b>
<b><i>David Erber</i></b>
<b><i>Kepha Mwangi</i></b>
<b><i>Shaw Family</i></b>

Overall, we gave \$18,000 in grants last year, thank you for your stewardship. Please keep our 2020 grant recipients in your prayers for blessings on their efforts. As we begin our fundraising efforts in 2021, please consider renewing your support for the Foundation so we can make it our best year ever! If you aren't familiar with the Foundation, or if you have questions about our endeavors, visit the church website or contact me for more information.

*Peace be with you –*

Dean Maggs

Chair, Hope Lutheran Church Foundation

## ***BIRTHDAYS***

Linda Rustad	January 1	Bill Baldwin	January 13	Eric Brown	January 19
Henry Bauermeister	January 2	Marilyn Haller	January 13	Betty Trimble	January 19
Raymix Denis	January 2	Jack Simon	January 13	Nadine Myers	January 20
Jean Boyer	January 3	Gloria Raguse	January 14	Wanda Nyhus	January 21
Bob Prideaux	January 3	Vonnie Ray	January 14	Amber Piper	January 21
Elaine Fiore	January 4	Jinny Rupp	January 14	Aiden Murphy- McGill	January 22
Gayle Repetto	January 4	Scott Krawec	January 15	Lukas W. Browning	January 24
Glenn Riley	January 5			Anita Greenwald	January 25
Fred Marunde	January 7			Dee Golob	January 27
Ron Anderson	January 8			Judith Hamed	January 30
Debbie Coomer	January 8			Bill Barnes	January 31
Phyllis Erber	January 8			Jared Brenner	January 31
Marilyn Herrli	January 8			Mary Kay Fieldman	January 31
Marilyn Halverson	January 10			Jan Mahal	January 31
Bob Endres, Sr.	January 11			Bill Mink	January 31



## ***ANNIVERSARIES***

Jim and Beverly Kauffman	January 1	Shirley Hite	January 23
Vonnie and Dan Ray	January 5	Ron and Gloria Knautz	January 28
Larry and Karen Drake	January 7	Janice Johnson	January 28
Paul and Janis Daniska	January 22	Kathy and Andy Frech	January 28
Steve and Gayle Repetto	January 22	Joe Burton	January 28



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34135

STAY CONNECTED WITH HOPE'S WEBSITE:  
**[www.hope-bonita.org](http://www.hope-bonita.org)**



# SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SERVICES

*Please make a reservation to attend by going on online to our website*

**<https://hlcbonita.org/worship-reservation>**

*by calling the church office at **239-992-6952***

*or calling Dianna at **239-410-3427***

**Plan to arrive a few minutes early | Wear a mask**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY WORSHIP  
9:00AM & 10:30AM**

