

# HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bonita Springs, FL



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## From the Desk of Pastor Richard

When I think about prayer, I immediately picture Jesus. The reason for this is because Jesus spent a lot of time praying. He often went off on his own to pray, but he also took time to pray with his followers. Jesus even gave us the Lord's Prayer as a model to teach us how to pray. For these reasons, whenever we talk about prayer, we tend to begin and end with Jesus.

But Jesus isn't the only one Biblical figure who prayed; many others prayed some incredible prayers.

One such prayer came from Moses and can be found in Exodus 15. Here's a portion of that prayer:

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

*I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.  
The LORD is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.  
The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.*

*"Pharaoh's chariots and his army he  
cast into the sea;  
his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.  
The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power  
—  
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.  
In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew*

*your adversaries;  
you sent out your fury, it consumed them  
like stubble.  
At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up,  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.  
The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill  
of them.  
I will draw my sword, my hand shall  
destroy them.'  
You blew with your wind, the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.  
"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?  
-Exodus 15:1-11 NRSV*

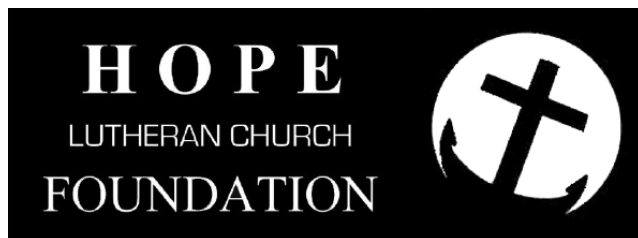
Because prayer is a conversation with God, it can take many forms. In the case of Exodus 15, prayer takes the form of a poem. This particular poem is a prayer of celebration. Moses and the Israelites sang it together to rejoice in the Good News that God had guided them from slavery in Egypt to freedom and new life.

God leads us to new life through the cross of Christ Jesus. We, too, can pray in celebration at the Good News of what God has done for us through Jesus!

Peace and Joy!

*Pastor Richard*

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Your support for the Hope Foundation helps to fund missions and ministries locally and throughout the world. One of the grants we awarded in our November meeting was to support the Fellowship of Elim Fellowship (the Shaw family).

This organization usually has a guest home that functions as their main ministry inlet. Each month, they have multiple groups and meetings that are building and strengthening the local believers and churches in their city of Lima, NY. They also provide safe housing for short-term missionaries that travel to their part of the world, enabling them to focus on the mission they came for.

2020 saw the guest home closed in March so they also used our 2019 grant to assist those in need in their community with groceries, medicine, winter clothing, school supplies and to pay for medical treatment. It was incredible to see God's love pour into these families, single moms, orphans and elderly in a practical way.

If you are not familiar with the Hope Foundation, or if you have questions about our endeavors, visit the church website or contact our Chairman Dean Maggs for more information.

Peace be with you-

Susan Schwinn

Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church Foundation

## ***Bonita Senior Center Programs April 2021***

**FUNch Bunch Park and Picnic  
Monday, April 5, 11:30am-1:00pm**

*Bring a chair and sit outside in the pavilion socially distanced and enjoy FREE lunch and Entertainment at Lietner Park at 26724 Nomad Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
Sponsored by Eric Tibbs at Edward Jones*

**CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila@ 239-919-2295 or  
sheila@hopebonita.org**

**Virtual WellCare Program  
Medicare and You  
Monday, April 12, 10:00am-11:00am  
with Kelli Nielson**

**CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila@ 239-919-2295 or  
sheila@hopebonita.org**

**Join Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81475071330?pwd=bFMwV29jZWpyR2tKZ0VlWWZubVBGdz09>**

**Virtual Area Agency on Aging SWFL  
Magic Show  
Monday, April 19, 2:00pm-3:00pm  
with Paul Draper**

**CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila@ 239-919-2295 or  
sheila@hopebonita.org**

**Join Meeting:  
IN PERSON Program Lee Health**

***Dealing with the Stress of COVID-19:  
Healthy Minds***

**Monday, April 26, 1:00pm-2:00pm  
Bring a chair and sit outside in the pavilion  
socially distanced at Lietner Park at 2**

**6724 Nomad Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
With Dr. Paul Simeone and Lauren Walker  
CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila@ 239-919-2295 or  
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## BIRTHDAYS

Sonia Sciallis	April 1
Kent White	April 1
Jim Larson	April 4
Peg Arnold	April 5
Bruce Breckenfelder	April 5
Beverly Mctarnaghan	April 5
E. Jane McDonald	April 6
Donna Dellinger	April 7
Dianna Vargas	April 8
Greg Sorrells	April 10
Billie Kussro	April 11
Carol Sauder	April 11
Adele Zehnder	April 11
Karen Drake	April 13
Laurel Geiselhart	April 13



Peggie Krueger	Apr 15
Curt Brenner	Apr 18
Janet Ketteler	Apr 20
Margene Angerer	Apr 21
Keith Seleen	Apr 21
Dean Maggs	Apr 24
Emily Davis	Apr 25
Jim Kauffman	Apr 25
Lexxi Killips	Apr 25
Nathan Sorrells	Apr 25
Richard Heinrich	Apr 27
Mark Mahal	Apr 27
Dave Speakman	Apr 27
Dave Holmes	Apr 29
William Murphy	Apr 29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dave and Joyce Speakman	April 5
Mary and Robert Cory	April 10
Christel Jakel	April 10
David and Mary Eberhardt	April 11
Diane and Paul Eggebraaten	April 11
Connie and Dave Hoffman	April 12
Janet and Tom Ketteler	April 12



Candace and Wayne Foreman	April 18
Lillian Neubauer	April 19
Bob and Peggy Prideaux	April 22
Fred and Jean Groth	April 23
Jan and Jim Jonas	April 24
Carol Holland	April 27
Lou and Lydia Stolz	April 29

## Church Council Update

- We have completed and paid for 4 of the 8 air conditioning units in the Worship Center. We requested in our letter that you prayerfully consider donating to help cover the cost of this project and we continue to receive your generous donations. We look forward to completing this project before summer. Thanks for your continued support!
- The Council approved the replacement of the projectors and screens in the sanctuary.
- The Council approved the addition of a live stream camera in the sanctuary. Those of you traveling north for the summer will now be able to join us live each week!
- The Council approved the replacement of lightbulbs in the sanctuary.
- **The spring Voters Meeting is scheduled for April 25 at 11:30 AM.** This meeting will be held virtually. Watch for additional details in the announcements.

## Looking ForVolunteers

Hope Lutheran Church is looking for volunteers to perform a Financial Review of the congregation's financial books.

The purpose of a financial review of the congregation books is to support the congregational treasurer to perform his duties effectively through suggestions generated while the financial review is in process, to verify the financial records are being maintained in an acceptable and consistent manner, and to verify that cash receipts and disbursements are posted consistently, correctly and reconciled with the bank.

If you would like to assist in this review process please contact Sonia Sciallis at **239-227-2069** or email her at **Sonia@hopebonita.org**

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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**

