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**At Hope**

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## **From the Desk of Pastor Richard**

One of the notes that appears regularly on my weekly prayer list says this: “Help us, Lord, to find new and unique ways to be the church in our community.” As I reflect on these words, I can’t help but think about how new and unique everything about the church feels right now. Before COVID, I was guilty of taking many of our activities for granted. It wasn’t until we didn’t have our Harvest Fest, in-person worship services and Bible studies, choir, or fully functioning preschool that I truly realized how vital each of these is to Hope’s mission and ministry. Now, as the schedule at Hope resumes where it left off, we’re blessed to have an opportunity to make our ministries better, stronger, and more impactful! Already, I see this happening in our preschool, which has more students attending than ever before. I also see it in the Harvest Fest, which will seem familiar but will have different games and events this time around. In addition, worship now welcomes people both in person and virtually, which never happened at Hope before COVID. Right now, we stand at the beginning of a new season in the life of the church. How will we respond individually and collectively to God’s call to “go and make disciples” in this new season? Even as we consider this question, God reminds us that we, too, are made new through Jesus. 2 Corinthians says it this way:

*NRSV 2 Corinthians 5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

In the weeks and months ahead, I invite you to seek ways to make disciples in this new season at Hope.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you in the joyous and joy-filled news that you are a new creation through Jesus!

*Pastor Richard*

Pastor Richard

## A Message from Pastor Will Called to Be - God's People (Mark 3:31 - 35)

One of the difficult things about having a mobile phone is that the expectation is that I'm always available. And nothing makes me feel worse than realizing that I've missed a text or phone call from a family member! I should make them a priority. And when I miss a call, I feel like I may be missing something important. How does the old saying go: "Blood is thicker than water?"

In Mark 3:31, Jesus is teaching and his family arrives and needs to see them. And his response? "Who is my family? It's those that do the will of God." Doesn't that sound like a harsh statement? How could anyone be as important to us as our family.

As we move through the Gospels, however, we start to see that in Christ, something deep happens. We are bound together by something so deep than even the strongest family bonds don't compare. We are called to be the children of God and are bound together by the blood of Christ. Our forgiveness in Christ and new life makes us a new family.

In fact, that old saying - "Blood is thicker than water" - has its origins in a very old church phrase, **"The blood of Christ is thicker than the water of the womb."** In other words, our new life in Christ pulls us closer than even family bonds. And if we are family, and we know how important family is, it helps us to see how we are to love each other as Christ loved us. We love each other with the same seriousness that we would reserve for our own families. A love that sacrifices for and builds up one another the way that makes the world take notice.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Will

## Hope Foundation

Your support for the Hope Foundation helps to fund missions and ministries locally and throughout the world.

In the coming months we will be reviewing requests for financial aid for our 2021 meeting in November. We ask for your prayers that our efforts will be pleasing to God and through your support we can help others to carry on His work.

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 Ron Anderson for more information.

Peace be with you-

Susan Schwinn  
Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church Foundation



We are asking for volunteers to serve on the Hope Lutheran team at Café of life. We serve once a month. You may make your favorite dish or just come to help serve. We meet at 9:30 – 9:45 and we are done usually before 11 am. If you are interested please contact Susan Schwinn (239) 221-7493 for information. We will serve during this upcoming season beginning in September and ending in May.

## Bonita Senior Center Programs

### ALL IN PERSON PROGRAMS!

Mask required for unvaccinated seniors

#### FUNch Bunch

Monday, October 4, 12:30-2:00pm

Enjoy FREE lunch and Entertainment  
at Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center at  
25999 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL, 34135

Sponsored by: Senior Choices at Home

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

#### Columbus Day

Monday October 11 - no program

#### Cards and Games

Monday, October 18, 12:30-2:00pm

at Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center at  
25999 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL, 34135  
CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila@ 239-919-2295 or  
sheila@hopebonita.org

#### Senior Living Options-Senior Choices at Home

Monday, October 25, 12:30-2:00pm

at Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center at  
25999 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL, 34135  
CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila@ 239-919-2295 or  
sheila@hopebonita.org

#### Area Agency On Aging of SWFL Tai Chi class

Every Monday and Wednesday  
October 18 – December 8, 2021, 9:00am-10:00am

at Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center at  
25999 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL, 34135  
CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila@ 239-919-2295 or  
sheila@hopebonita.org



## BIRTHDAYS

Carol Holland	Oct. 1
Clara Bellucci	Oct. 4
Connie Ashline	Oct. 5
Heath Brenner	Oct. 5
Carol Brenner	Oct. 6
Peggy Ramsey	Oct. 6
Paul McDonald	Oct. 9
Karen Center	Oct. 10
Gary Pinkerton	Oct. 10
Cheri Wolkerstorfer	Oct. 10
Chad Abel	Oct. 11
Zoe Colucci	Oct. 11
Marlene Bartels	Oct. 14
John Csenger	Oct. 15
Bob Selle	Oct. 15
Jackie Eggerding	Oct. 16



Trudy LoCricchio	Oct. 16
Cheri Minor	Oct. 16
Joyce Masters	Oct. 17
Joann Voth	Oct. 17
Don Almond	Oct. 18
Mark Till	Oct. 19
Georgia Landgraf	Oct. 20
Diana Bineau	Oct. 21
Judy Dykman	Oct. 22
Gary Injaian	Oct. 22
Bob Herrli	Oct. 23
Darnell Wettels	Oct. 23
Chris Corrie	Oct. 24
Sheila Morales	Oct. 25
Phil Benton	Oct. 28
Ramona Kolstedt	Oct. 29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Paul and Marcia Stolzenfels	Oct. 1
Dave and Dianne Mahnke	Oct. 2
Stephen and Gamet Imbrock	Oct. 6
Chad and Tova Abel	Oct. 8
John and Barbara Bambule	Oct. 10



Curt and Sarah Brenner	Oct. 11
Bruce Harvey and Joyce Masters	Oct. 17
Keith and Mamie Seleen	Oct. 21
David and Cheryl Hughes	Oct. 22
Mike and Casey Monti	Oct. 22

## Support Our New College Student!

If you would like to send  
a care package to:

**Lukas Browning**  
please send to

7000 FGCU Campus Housing  
PAL 340A  
Fort Myers FL 33965



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STAY CONNECTED WITH HOPE'S WEBSITE:

**[www.hope-bonita.org](http://www.hope-bonita.org)**



### **AHA AED/CPR CLASS**

*FREE for Members or Friends of Hope!*

Thursday, November 4, 2021 | 10:00am-12:30pm

Call Sheila to register at 239-919-2295 or [sheila@hopebonita.org](mailto:sheila@hopebonita.org)

### **DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE 3 LIVES!**

Sunday November 21, 2021 | 8:30am-12:00pm

Sign-ups Sunday November 14, 2021!

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service**

**10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service**

