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From the Desk of Pastor Richard

The other day, someone noticed that I often use different versions of the Bible on my sermon outline. They asked me why I do this, and I shared that sometimes one version does a better job of catching the sense and meaning of a verse than another. I was next asked if there is a version of the Bible that I prefer. Now, if you ever consider asking me this question, be forewarned; I love discussing the various English versions of the Bible and can spend hours pointing out the differences between them.

Anyone who has shopped for a Bible recently knows that the sheer number of versions can be confusing. The last time I was in one of our local Christian bookstores, I noticed that their Bible section included the following:

- The King James Version (KJV)
- The New King James Version (NKJV)
- The New International Version (NIV)
- The New International Readers Version (NIRV)
- The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)
- The English Standard Version (ESV)
- The New Catholic Bible (NCB)
- The New American Standard Version (NAS)
- The Message Bible
- The New Living Translation (NLT)
- The New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)
- The New Century Version (NCV)
- The Contemporary English Version (CEV)
- The Good News Translation (GNT)

What is amazing is that there are many more versions besides those listed above. My standard answer as to which is best is that there is no “best Bible.” I then typically encourage individuals to have more than one Bible and compare them to each other. But as I consider my standard answer, I realize that there is a “best version of the Bible” for you. In this case, the best version is the one that is written in such a way that it feels comfortable and that most clearly reveals Jesus to you.

May the Lord bless you as you discover how God’s Word speaks to you!

In Jesus,

Pastor Richard

NIV Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

A Message from Pastor Will Called to Be : God's New Creation

2 Corinthians 5:16-18

There is something magical about a new pair of shoes. I remember going into the JC Penny or Payless as a kid and the ritual of getting a new pair of shoes. I would find my new size. Then there was the trying on, my mom having me stand up as she pressed a thumb on the toe box, making sure there was enough room. Then, if I was lucky, she threw my old shoes in the box while I wore my cool, new shoes out the store. I felt like a new man; a rock star in my new shoes. I was a different person than who had walked in.

Paul, in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians, says of those who belong to Christ, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." Though we may not feel like it - though we may have some of the same old habits and our bodies still seem to get older - we are made brand new in Jesus. Why? Because God says so. Because we belong to Jesus. We are a new creation.

In Christ's death our sins are no longer counted against us, and in his resurrection, Jesus gives us His life to share in - a life that never ends. And so, knowing this, we are called to live as this new creation. We are called to walk in those new shoes, confident in the gift we have received from our good God. We throw our old shoes - our old habits and ways of seeing the world - into the box while we walk in a new path. We have been called to be in a relationship with God, our Father, and offer reconciliation to others through worship, prayer, connecting with our neighbors, and caring for others as Christ has cared for us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Will

Hope Lutheran Foundation

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

At our recent meeting, we reviewed 13 grant requests from all over the world to right here in Southwest Florida. In the coming months we will be sharing the details of the recipients of these grants. We were able to distribute over \$27,000 this year. This is an increase of over \$9000 from 2020. This is due to the support and contributions we receive from you. If you would like to contribute please check with Sonia in the office or contact any member of the Hope Foundation.

It is once again that time of the year, when one might be considering a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to satisfy the terms of Required Minimum Distributions from IRAs. Please contact Ron Anderson or any Foundation Board Member if you would like to make a contribution or utilize the Foundation to satisfy IRA requirements.

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

Bonita Senior Center Programs December 2021

FUNch Bunch

Monday, December 6, 12:30-2:00pm

Enjoy **FREE lunch and Entertainment** for members only at
Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center at
25999 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL
Sponsored by Care Patrol
CALL TO REGISTER: Bonita Senior Center at 239-399-4881 or
sheila@hopebonita.org

Cards and Games

Monday, December 13, 12:30-2:00pm

at Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center at
25999 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL
CALL TO REGISTER: Bonita Senior Center at 239-399-4881 or
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The Stage Holiday Dinner and Show

(FREE Members Only)

Saturday, December 18, 2021 6 p.m.

At The Stage Restaurant
9144 Bonita Beach Rd, SE Bonita Springs, FL
Bid on our Silent Auction Fundraiser!
CALL TO REGISTER: Bonita Senior Center at 239-399-4881 or
sheila@hopebonita.org

Holiday Reminiscing

Monday, December 20, 12:30-2:00pm

at Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center at
25999 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL
CALL TO REGISTER: : Bonita Senior Center at 239-399-4881 or
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Christmas Break NO PROGRAMS

Monday, December 27

December 2021 Church Council Update

- Haleigh Albano has joined the staff of Hope as the office assistant. Please join us in welcoming Haleigh!
- The next Voter's Meeting is scheduled for December 12 at 11:30 am in the church sanctuary. The meeting will also be available online.
- The Council is preparing for a financial audit. Please contact Sonia in the church office if you would like to volunteer to help.
- The Council is in the early planning stages of expanding fellowship opportunities and space at Hope. For more details or to get involved, contact the church office.
- Please join us for coffee, food, and fellowship on December 5 between services.

BIRTHDAYS

Lynne Crews	Dec 1
Sally Denno	Dec 1
Marlene Fiala	Dec 1
Ivette Delucca	Dec 2
Paul Stolzenfels	Dec 2
Mike Peet	Dec 3
Joyce Speakman	Dec 3
Cliff Kasdorf	Dec 5
Jerry Sankovich	Dec 5
Carol Paavo	Dec 7
Phil Jennings	Dec 10
Barbara Kuhn	Dec 10
Loretta Waechter	Dec 11
Dennis Birkholz	Dec 12
Mary Eberhardt	Dec 12
Anita Parker	Dec 12
Bev Reno	Dec 14
Mari Buerkle	Dec 15



Julie Rohrbach	Dec 15
Betty Archer	Dec 16
Bonnie Smith	Dec 17
Robert Erber	Dec 18
Jim Hill	Dec 20
Michael Walsman	Dec 20
Art Knueppel	Dec 23
Debbie Foerster	Dec 24
Scott Gerrish	Dec 25
JoAnn Pedersen	Dec 25
Andy Frech	Dec 28
Dennis Berens	Dec 30
Betty Dickerman	Dec 30
Liam Murphy	Dec 30
Sheri Tremain	Dec 30
Timothy Hussey	Dec 31
Janet Wiggins	Dec 31
Sandy Wohler	Dec 31

ANNIVERSARIES

David and Helena Nesbit	Dec 9
Timothy and Georgann Shaffer	Dec 9
Vance and Nancy Benjamin	Dec 12
Bill and Cheri Minor	Dec 13
Eric and Yesenia Brown	Dec 19
Tom and Patty Steen	Dec 20



Dennis and Janice Weigman	Dec 21
Dave and Betty Dickerman	Dec 26
Herb and Jackie Eggerding	Dec 28
Jean and John Marnocha	Dec 28
Mark and Leann Till	Dec 28
John and Sharan Weickelt	Dec 30

LIFE LINE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Thursday's, January 13 and 27, 2022 at Hope Lutheran Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or call 1-866-229-0469 to receive your discount and preferred appointment time.

Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center Caregiver Support Group

The 4th Monday of each month Monday January 24, 2022
10:30am – 12:00pm in the Office Conference Room

Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention

8 Week Workshop: January 12– March 2, 2022
Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00am–10:00 am
in The Fellowship Center
Call or Email AREA AGENCY ON AGING to register 239-652-6914
or workshops@aaaswfl.org

Lee Health Virtual Workshop:

Learn how to manage your chronic pain:

Wednesdays 1:00–3:00p.m.

January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2022

Call 239-343-9264 for more information or to register

Isle Craft Workshop for you crafty folks!

Friday, January 21, 2022 10:00–11:30am

Call Sheila to register at 239-919-2295 or
sheila@hopebonita.org

A Learning Center of Hope:

As we meet our financial goals and responsibilities I am looking for creative ways to utilize our space to up our enrollment while keeping our center homely and our care and curriculum the highest quality.

Our first goal is building a high quality library with thematic books to supplement our curriculum. We will be doing fundraisers and book drives to start this process. Look for more information to follow.

God has truly blessed me in my new position as the Director of A Learning Center of Hope.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Ms. Steph

Blessings!

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DIAPER DRIVE

*Help a family by donating a box of diapers! (Sizes Newborn, 1, 6 and 4T,5T Pullups are needed)
All donations benefit Café of Life | Thank you for keeping our babies clean, dry and healthy!*

Date: Sunday January 2 thru January 30, 2022

Location: Hope Lutheran Church

Hosted by: Parish Health Ministry

DID YOU KNOW?

- * 'Diaper need' is a hidden consequence of poverty.
- * A baby requires up to 12 diapers per day, toddlers about eight.
- * Babies who remain too long in a soiled diaper are exposed to potential health risks.
- * Most child care centers require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers.
- * Many parents cannot go to work or school if they can't leave their babies at child care.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

