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# From the Desk of Pastor Richard

This month brings us to another Holy Week, and, to fully understand the meaning and significance of these events, we must pause and reflect on everything that happened and the individual at the center of it all.

The simple fact is that Jesus knew what He was doing and where He was going. As He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Jesus realized that, for Him, it meant being misunderstood, mistreated, rejected, and persecuted. He also recognized that He would be subject to hatred, the cross, and ultimately, death. And yet, despite this, Jesus chose to walk this path from the very start. Holy Week is an opportunity for us to witness as Jesus journeys along the way of obedience that leads to the cross. Jesus calls us, as His followers, to travel with Him. As we do so, He gathers us beneath the cross, where we experience the gift of life that comes through Jesus' life, suffering, death, and resurrection.

#### As a reminder, our Holy Week worship schedule is as follows:

- Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 9:00 am & 10:30 am.
- Maundy Thursday with Pastor Paul Oman: Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm.
- Good Friday: April 15, 2022, at 11:00 am & 5:00 pm.
- Easter Sunday: April 17, 2022, at 7:00 am (outside), 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:00 pm (outside).

May the Lord bless and keep you as Jesus once more gathers you beneath the cross.

#### **Easter Blessings!**

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#### Pastor Richard

*NKJV* Luke 19:36–38 And as (Jesus) went, many spread their clothes on the road. <sup>37</sup> Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying:

" 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"





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# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

It would not be possible to help any of these organizations doing God's work without your help and the contributions you give to the Hope Foundation. If you are not contributing to the Hope Foundation, we would ask you to prayerfully consider it.

One of our grant recipients was Reverend Erber and his ministry in Accra, Ghana. The funds were used to help equip four senior pastors to serve as seminary instructors for the Lutheran seminary in Ghana. They will train the next generation of pastors for the church. There is a great need for new pastors, as they have identified that 20 of their 60 active pastors are 60 years of age and above, and half are 55 years of age or older.

One of focus' for these pastors, is on their development as Lutheran theologians as they study in a non-Lutheran context. Being challenged by others and defending their Lutheran positions is strengthening their own understanding and appreciation for their Lutheran identity.

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

## Hope Lutheran/Bonita Senior Center *Programs* April 2022

#### **FUNch Bunch**

Monday, April 4, 12:30-2:00pm Enjoy FREE lunch and Entertainment At Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center 25999 Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs, FL, 34135 sponsored by - LIFE Home Health CALL TO REGISTER: Bonita Senior Center at 239-399-4881 or sheila@hopebonita.org

Cards and Games *Monday, April 11, 12:30-2:00pm* 

27180 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 CALL TO REGISTER: Bonita Senior Center at 239-399-4881 or sheila@hopebonita.org

#### NO PROGRAMS Easter Monday, April 18

## Wonder Gardens Tour Monday, April 25, 12:30-2:00pm

Meet at 27180 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 CALL TO REGISTER: Bonita Senior Center at 239-399-4881 or Sheila@hopebonita.org

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program AAASWFL April 4 – May 25 Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00am 27180 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 CLASS SIZE LIMITED Register 239-652-6914

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#### **Hope Stitchers**

#### **Every Monday 1:00pm**

at Hope Lutheran Church, Office Conference Room 25999 Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs *CALL TO REGISTER:* Joann Voth at 847-404-8547



		BIRTHDAY	5	
Sonia Sciallis	Apr 1		Haleigh Albano	Apr 15
Steven Weber	Apr 1		Peggie Krueger	Apr 15
Kent White	Apr 1		Paul Geiwitz	Apr 16
Jim Larson	Apr 4		Curt Brenner	Apr 18
Peg Arnold	Apr 5		Janet Ketteler	Apr 20
Bruce Breckenfelder	Apr 5	١	Margene Angerer	Apr 21
Beverly McTarnaghan	Apr 5	£	Keith Seleen	Apr 21
E. Jane McDonald	Apr 6		Anita Powers	Apr 24
Donna Dellinger	Apr 7	have	Emily Davis	Apr 25
Greg Sorrells	Apr 10	Amp	Jim Kauffman	Apr 25
Billie Kussro	Apr 11		Lexxi Killips	Apr 25
Carol Sauder	Apr 11		Nathan Sorrells	Apr 25
Martin Watkins	Apr 11		Richard Heinrich	Apr 27
Adele Zehnder	Apr 11		Mark Mahal	Apr 27
Karen Drake	Apr 13		Dave Speakman	Apr 27
Laurel Geiselhart	Apr 13		William Murphy	Apr 29

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

David & Joyce Speakman Robert & Mary Cory David & Mary Eberhardt Paul & Diane Eggebraaten Tom & Janet Ketteler Apr 5 Apr 10 Apr 11 Apr 11 Apr 12



Wayne & Candace Foreman	Apr 18
Robert & Peggy Prideaux	Apr 22
Frederick & Jean Groth	Apr 23
Jim & Jan Jonas	Apr 24

## **April 2022 Church Council Update**

- The next Voters Meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 11:30 am.
- The Elders continue to seek additions to their Board. Please keep the Elders in your prayers as they seek volunteers to serve.
- The church sign on Old 41 will be replaced. The sign will be updated to better reflect our current ministries.
- The financial audit continues and should be completed this month.

Watch for upcoming Fellowship events including:

• Church Picnic (April 9)

- $\circ$  Fellowship between services (The first and third Sunday of each month.)
- The Council is continuing to look into expanding fellowship opportunities and space at Hope. Contact the church office for more information.

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