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From the Desk of Pastor Richard

Have you ever been impacted by someone's faith? If so, how did that individual serve as a model of faith for you and help you grow as a follower of Jesus?

The faith of a young follower of Jesus named Timothy was transformed when he met Paul. Paul, a messenger of Jesus tasked with sharing the message of Jesus throughout the world, was traveling through the city of Lystra, located in modern-day Turkey when he met Timothy. There was an immediate connection between the two, and Timothy quickly became one of Paul's closest and most well-known travel companions. The older and more experienced Paul served as a mentor and guide to Timothy, while Timothy looked to Paul for guidance and direction. Their bond is evident in Paul's first letter to Timothy. Take a moment to reflect on Paul's greeting to his young friend and companion:

1 Timothy 1:1-2a Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy, my true child in the faith. ESV

Paul refers to Timothy as his true child in the faith. I suspect that Timothy equally saw Paul as a father figure and model of what faith looked like in action.

One of the biggest challenges in Timothy's life likely came when Paul urged him to stay in Ephesus while Paul left the area to continue his work. On his own and without the support and wisdom of Paul, it didn't take long for rival teachers to challenge his authority. Questioning and doubting himself, Timothy wondered what to do. Thankfully, in the middle of his doubt and despair, Timothy received two letters of encouragement from Paul. These letters urged him to persevere in his faith and belief in the gift of forgiveness and new life through the cross of Jesus.

What lessons can we learn from Paul and Timothy? One lesson is to recognize those individuals who've shared their faith with us; Like Timothy, we, too, have grown in faith through the witness of others. Another lesson is that our life is filled with opportunities to share our faith with others.

May the Lord bless you as your faith is made visible and serves as a witness of the grace of God through Jesus Christ!

Peace and Joy!

Pastor Richard



**JUNE AND JULY 2023
Bonita Senior Center Programs**

You Must CALL TO REGISTER for all Programs

Bonita Senior Center at 239-399-4881 or
sheila@hopebonita.org

Programs are at Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center
25999 Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs, FL, 34135

Senior Friendship Centers Hot Meal Program:FREE
Monday-Thursday 11:30-1:30
Senior Friendship Centers



Come in and try it and sign up if interested!
Need to be age 60 and Lee County Resident

Monday, July 3 CLOSED for 4th of July

FUNch Bunch

Monday, June 5, 12:00-1:30pm
Monday, July 10, 12:00-1:30pm

Enjoy FREE lunch and Entertainment
Sponsored by American House

American Heart Association: How to Manage BP
Thursday, July 6, 10:30-11:30am

Dubin Center: Memory Café
Thursday, June 8, 10:00-11:00am
Thursday, July 13, 10:00-11:00am

Cards and Games
Monday, June 12, 12:00-1:30pm
Monday, July 17, 12:00-1:30pm

Preschool kids Intergenerational activity
Thursday, June 15, 10:30-11:30
Thursday, July 20, 10:30-11:30

Lee County Sheriff's Office: Internet Safety
Monday, June 19, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Bonita High School Rotary Interact Students:
Teaching Technology
Thursday, June 22, 10:30-11:30

*Bring your phone, tablet, computer for tutoring

Senior Blue Book University LUNCH and LEARN:
Smart Money: ways to pay for care
Monday, June 26, 12:00-1:30pm



Monday, July 24, 12:00-1:30pm

Right at Home: What to expect from Home Care
Thursday, July 27, 10:30-11:30

Bonita High School Rotary Interact Students: Teaching Technology
Monday, July 31, 12:00-1:00

*Bring your phone, tablet, computer for tutoring

Stabilized System (improves balance) exercise Program
Every Monday and Wednesday 10:30-11:30am

Getting to know... Ruth Anderson



Tell us about your background I am Ruth Anderson and I am the choir director here at Hope Lutheran Church. I was born in Phil. PA during WWII where my father worked in the shipyards. After the war, we moved to Detroit, MI where there were greater job opportunities.

At the age of 4½, I began my education in a one room mission church [Resurrection] school. I remember only one teacher for 4 grades. It closed after three years and I transferred to Mt. Calvary which is just down the street from Denby high school where Pastor Mike went. I attended Lutheran High East and the U. of Michigan where

I received my BSN degree and also met my wonderful husband, Ron, at University Lutheran Chapel. After we were married, Ron's job at McDonnell-Douglas took us to St. Louis, where he helped develop military aircraft. Upon retirement in 2000, we were snowbirds for 5 years and then decided to make Florida our home.

My Family Ron and I have 4 children: Christine, who is a lawyer in St. Louis; Debbie, who is in finance in Chicago and a member of the Thrivent Board of Directors; Mark who was a Navy F-18 pilot and now flies for FedEx living in Virginia Beach; and Kathleen, who is also in finance in Chicago. God has blessed us with 9 grandchildren: 4 girls and 5 boys. Even though we are separated by many miles, we love getting together at the family cottage in Wisconsin, not a fancy place but one filled with 92 years of memories.

My musical experience I've always loved singing, especially Christian music. My Mom said that as a little child she would sit me in the corner to discipline me and I would entertain myself by singing. My first recollection was in the first grade singing with my school choir "The Church is One Foundation". Back then we had to memorize everything. Since then I have been in many choirs, including the Lutheran Hour Choir which is broadcast world-wide.

When we moved to Chesterfield [a suburb of St. Louis] in 1976, we joined a mission church [Lord of Life]. We were worshipping for several years in an office building which we had to set up every Sunday. All other meetings were in our homes. And for special occasions I got a group together to sing. That's how I started directing. At one point I had an adult choir, a children's choir and a teen choir. The teen choir only lasted 2 years but the other two I directed for almost 18 years.

When we retired I thought my days of directing choir were over, but in fall of 2002 an elder approached me and asked if I would temporarily lead the choir. As it turned out, I am still the temporary choir director.

What do I like most about directing the choir I have to say the joy of sharing God's word in music with the members of choir and those who worship at Hope. I try to find music that correlates with Pastor's message of the day that is easy to sing and has a good melody. The choir members are very dedicated and do their very best. And we could not do it without our talented and devoted accompanist, Alan Lomicka. He is so good that if we make a mistake, he is quick to set us right. He makes us sound good. I can feel the Holy Spirit working and I delight when someone says: "I couldn't get that song out of my head all week." The words of God are at work.

Favorite Vacation Destination? That is a good question. We have had the opportunity to visit many countries: Australia, New Zealand, China, Thailand, Indonesia, UK, Ireland, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Russia, France, Italy, the Greek Islands, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Alaska, Hawaii, Spain, Portugal and the good old USA. God has created a beautiful world and it is interesting to see the differences in topography and culture.

My Free Time I enjoy watching things grow, so caring for plants fills much of my time. I only wish that the weeds didn't grow so fast or be so plentiful. I learn more about God as I lead women's Bible class and that gives me more knowledge and peace in my life. My newest hobby is diamond painting. I was given a painting by a childhood friend in Sept. 2021 and since then I have done 26 paintings of my own. I have 2 favorites – one is of the risen Christ and the other is The Prince of Peace. Right now I am working on Jesus and the woman at the well.

Thank you It has been a blessing to me to have the opportunity to lead the choir at Hope. The Lord says in Ps. 100 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." I hope that the songs the choir sings enriches your life and worship.



BIRTHDAYS



Delberth Jennings	Jun 1
William Denno	Jun 2
Samuel Weiss	Jun 2
Kent Witzel	Jun 2
Betty Hilliard	Jun 5
Debra White	Jun 5
Isabella Till	Jun 6
June LaBar	Jun 7
Annette Williamson	Jun 8
Carol Hansis	Jun 9
Beverly Smith	Jun 10
Larry Drake	Jun 12
Marie Hacker	Jun 12
Donna Selle	Jun 13
Sophia Till	Jun 13
Marla Reichert	Jun 14
Siegfried Claussner	Jun 16
Cindi Nielsen	Jun 17
Karen Bradley	Jun 18
Becky Headington	Jun 18
Dale Rustad	Jun 18
Larry Brown	Jun 19
Karen Berens	Jun 20
Gloria Birkholz	Jun 20
Ron Knautz	Jun 20

Sandra Selfors	Jun 20
Jonathon Little	Jun 21
Brenda Wuggazer	Jun 23
Diane Eggebraaten	Jun 26
Douglas Kuhn	Jun 26
Al Schafer	Jun 28
Robert Cory	Jun 29
Timothy Evenson	Jun 30
John Weickelt	Jun 30

Lauren Kolstedt	Jul 1
Heather Sorrells	Jul 1
Marie Morton	Jul 4
Helena Nesbit	Jul 4
Rebecca Weber	Jul 4
David Eberhardt	Jul 9
Judith MacGregor	Jul 9
Tina Clark	Jul 11

Richard Cornish	Jul 11
Deanna Marner	Jul 11
Lyle Raguse	Jul 13
Timothy Shaffer	Jul 13
Edwin Boerman	Jul 15
Marjorie Claussner	Jul 15
Paul Bradley	Jul 17
Vicki Liesmann	Jul 17
Andrew Mancl	Jul 17
James Nelson	Jul 17
Lydia Stolz	Jul 18
Beverly Kauffman	Jul 19
Debbie Gotsch	Jul 20
Arlene Baldwin	Jul 22
Herbert Eggerding	Jul 23
Kenneth Keyes	Jul 23
Donna Kacheline	Jul 24
Charlotte Stuff	Jul 25
Yvonne Baremore	Jul 26
Beverly Marsland	Jul 27
Jean Marnocha	Jul 31
Susan Truelson	Jul 31

ANNIVERSARIES



Fred and Joan Wenk	Jun 1
Steve and Debbie Coomer	Jun 2
Robert and Phyllis Erber	Jun 2
John and Susan Browning	Jun 5
Dennis and Susan Vosberg	Jun 5
Al and Julie Schafer	Jun 5
Ed and Jan Boerman	Jun 7
Bob and Donna Selle	Jun 7
Ron and Ruth Anderson	Jun 12
Tim and Karen Evenson	Jun 16
Michael and Elaine Walsman	Jun 17
Erik and Debbie White	Jun 17
Gordon and Lynda Rehse	Jun 18
Michael and Judith Hamed	Jun 20
Ken and Susan Schwinn	Jun 20
Christopher and Collin Davis	Jun 23
Mike and Marla Reichert	Jun 23
Richard and Carol Heinrich	Jun 24
Bill and Arlene Baldwin	Jun 25

Rich and Judy Beumer	Jun 25
Dick and Evelyn Taylor	Jun 25
Chuck and Mary Kay Fieldman	Jun 26
Don and Karen Center	Jun 27
Bill and Shari Mink	Jun 30

Tom and Becky Headington	Jul 1
Jim and Judith MacGregor	Jul 12
Douglas and Barbara Kuhn	Jul 15
Art and Barb Kneuppel	Jul 16
Glen and Patsy Lose	Jul 17
Mark and Cindi Nielsen	Jul 17
Mark and Jan Mahal	Jul 19
Tony and Jan Pordon	Jul 21
Bob and Diana Bineau	Jul 22
Dale and Linda Rustad	Jul 24
John and Pam Wilmer	Jul 24
Bob and Marlene Wilson	Jul 31

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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.

This year, we were privileged to give assistance to Capstone Ministries. Founded in 2005 with the objective of reconciling street children in Western Kenya with God and family. In the beginning, reconciliation efforts were almost non-existent in Kenya.

During the 17 years of ministry, the effort has been to seek to reconcile children instead of housing them in an institution. God has blessed Capstone's efforts over the years. To date 633 children have been reconciled with their families. The

spiritual development of families is the overall objective to the ministry. The staff has been trained using a "spiritual toolkit" of Scriptural Bible stories which they share on follow-up visits with family members.

The intensive spiritual program of Capstone Camp has also helped the children to make great strides spiritually. They have initiated 17 small group Bible studies with the parents of reconciled children. This helps the family to grow together and to rely on God.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

