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## From the Desk of Pastor Richard

Did you know you can have almost anything you could possibly want delivered directly to your home? Delivery services now offer home drop-off of groceries, clothing, furniture, appliances, and fast food. When I needed a new garbage can, I discovered I could have one brought to my home. Amazon recently announced that they will begin selling new cars through their online store; if you purchase one, it will be shipped directly to you. For someone who dislikes shopping, there is nothing better than having the store come to you.

December at Hope is all about preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth. Our preparation begins with the season of Advent. Advent means "coming," which is appropriate since Advent and Christmas remind us that Jesus came into the world and became one of us. He did so because we could not come to him on our own. And so, Jesus responded by coming into the world and bringing us the gifts of forgiveness and new life.

As you prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus, please note the following dates.

## **Midweek Advent Worship**

- December 6 5:00 pm (Preschool Christmas Program)
- December 13 5:00 pm (Christmas Readings & Carols)
- December 20 5:00 pm (Christmas Readings & Carols)

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

- December 24 10:00 am (Combined Sunday Worship)
- December 24 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Candlelight Service)

## **Christmas Day Worship**

• December 25 - 10:00 am

Christmas Blessings!

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Pastor Richard

John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."





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 are privileged to contribute to Yesukan learning center which offers free classes in reading, writing, English as a second language, math, computer training and small business counseling. These classes allow their students to have an easier time with their day to day activities and achieve whatever goals they set for their life.

The Foundation grant has allowed Yesukan to subsidize books for at least 75 students and provide additional books for the volunteers and teachers. They have served 120 students so far and also host special student and family events.

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

## **DECEMBER 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



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

HOTMEAL CLOSED 12/25/23 and 1/1/24

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

Gentle Yoga: New Location
Monday 9:00-10:00am @ Shangri la and Tuesday 10:30-11:30am

NO STABILIZED STEPS or YOGA 12/25/23-1/1/24

FUNch Bunch
Monday, December 4, 12:00-1:30pm
Enjoy FREE lunch and Entertainment
Sponsored by SWFL Insurance

Women's Bible Study
Every Tuesday, 9:30–10:30am in Church Conference Room

PreSchool Christmas Show
Tuesday, December 5, 10:00–11:00am in Hope Lutheran Church

American Heart Association: Move More Thursday, December 7, 10:30–11:30am



Holiday Craft Activity
Thursday, December 7, 1:00-2:00pm

Cards and Games
Monday, December 11, 12:00–1:30pm

Dubin Center Memory Café
Thursday, December 14, 10-:30-11:30am

Dubin Center Caregivers Support Group Monday, December 18 10:30am (Usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month)



Teaching Technology: Bonita High Rotary Interact Students Thursday, December 21 12:00 – 1:30 pm



#### **BIRTHDAYS** Lynne Crews Dec 1 Betty Archer Dec 16 Dec 17 Sally Denno Dec 1 **Bonnie Smith** Ivette Delucca Dec 2 Robert Erber Dec 18 Paul Stolzenfels Dec 2 Jim Hill Dec 20 Dec 20 Dec 3 Michael Walsman Joyce Speakman Dec 10 Mark Greul Dec 21 Phil Jennings Barbara Kuhn Dec 10 Art Knueppel Dec 23 Loretta Waechter Dec 11 Debbie Foerster Dec 24 Dec 28 Dec 12 Andy Frech Mary Eberhardt Anita Parker Dec 12 Dec 30 Dennis Berens Craig Fields Dec 13 Betty Dickerman Dec 30 Dec 14 Dec 30 Bev Reno Liam Murphy Linda Singstock Dec 14 Sheri Tremain Dec 30 Mari Buerkle Dec 15 Timothy Hussey Dec 31 Dec 31 Dec 15 John Kiesling Janet Wiggins Julie Rohrbach Dec 15 Sandy Wohler Dec 31

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

David and Helena Nesbit Dec 9

Timothy and Georgann Shaffer Dec 9

Tom and Patty Steen Dec 20

Dave and Betty Dickerman Dec 26

Mark and Leann Till Dec 28

John and Sharan Weickelt Dec 30

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** 

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

