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From the Desk of Pastor Richard

Whenever Easter draws near, my attention shifts to the events of Holy Week. The reason why is that Holy Week is when Jesus changed the world through his actions. This year, Holy Week begins on March 24, so to prepare to reflect on these events, I included a brief description of each day of the week below.

Sunday (March 24) - Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on this day. In so doing, he fulfilled the words of the prophet Zechariah (See Zechariah 9:9). This Sunday is commonly known as Palm Sunday because the crowds welcomed Jesus into the city by waving palm branches and shouting Hosanna! (See Mark 11:1-11)

Monday (March 25) - Jesus entered the city again and went to the temple, where he drove out those who had made the temple into a marketplace. (See Mark 11:12-18)

Tuesday (March 26) - Jesus returned to the temple again to teach and preach. (See Luke 11:47-48)

Wednesday (March 27) - The Bible does not tell us what Jesus did on the Wednesday of Holy Week. This day is sometimes referred to as Spy Wednesday as a reference to Judas's betrayal of Jesus. (See Matthew 26:14-16)

Thursday (March 28) - The Thursday of Holy Week is also known as Maundy Thursday. The word Maundy means command and refers to the command Jesus gave His followers as He gathered with them for the Passover meal. Jesus was arrested shortly after the meal. (See John 13:34)

Friday (March 29) - On what is known as Good Friday, we remember that Jesus was tried and crucified for our sins. He was placed on the cross around 9:00 AM and breathed His last breath around 3:00 PM. His body was quickly buried before Sabbath restrictions would have kept a small group of His friends and followers from doing so. (See Matthew 26:57 - 27:66)

Saturday (March 30) - The Saturday of Holy Week is often observed as the Vigil of Easter in remembrance of Jesus' time in the tomb.

Easter Sunday (March 31) - The events of Holy Week all build to Jesus' resurrection. His victory over the grave joyfully announces that He has defeated sin and death and offers us forgiveness and eternal life through the cross.

Peace and Joy!

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Matthew 28:5-6 The angel said to the women, *"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."*



MARCH 2024 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

NEW HOURS: Open M-TH 10:30am–1:30pm

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

Stabilized System (improves balance) Exercise Program
Every Monday and Wednesday 10:30–11:30am
Except Monday March 4 CANCELLED

Gentle Yoga

Monday 9:00-10:00am @ Shangri la and
Tuesday 10:30–11:30am
March 12 will be at 1:00pm instead of 10:30am

Women's Bible Study
Every Tuesday, 9:15–10:15am
in Church Conference Room

Walking with Ease AAASWFL



Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30–10:30am
NO CLASS on March 18

FUNch Bunch

Monday, March 4, 12:00–1:30pm
Enjoy FREE lunch and Entertainment
Sponsored by American House

NO STABILIZED STEPS Monday March 4
due to FUNchBunch!

Seniors and Mental Health NAMI of Lee County
Tuesday, March 5, 12:45–1:45pm

Cards and Games
Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 12:45–1:45pm

Lee Health Lung Cancer Prevention



Thursday, March 7, 10:30am-11:30am

Lee County Human Services Veterans Services
Thursday, March 7, 12:45–1:45pm

Naples Bird Field Trip
Friday, March 8 at 11:30 meet at Hope
\$5 fee for gas and donation

Arts Bonita "Telling your Life's story"
Monday, March 11 12:45–1:45pm

FGCU Students Storytelling Activity
Wednesday, March 13 at 1:30–2:30pm

Dubin Center Brain Booster



Thursday, March 14, 10:30–11:30am

My Senior Center training



Thursday, March, 14 12:45–1:45pm

Senior Expo
8:00am-1:00pm Bonita Springs YMCA, 2700 Kent Rd
Free Breakfast for first 150 seniors

Spirituality and Health: Lee Health
Tuesday, March 19, 12:45–1:45pm

Intergenerational Pre-School Activity
Thursday, March 21, 10:30–11:30am

Teaching Technology
Thursday, March 21, 12:45–1:45pm

SBB University: Smart Money
Monday March 25 12:45–1:45pm

Hospice 101: VITAS
Tuesday, March 26, 12:45–1:45pm

Art Therapy
Thursday, March 28, 10:30am–11:30am

Blanket Buddies Life Home Health
Thursday, March 28, 12:45–1:45

BIRTHDAYS

Gabriel Browning	Mar 1
Martha White	Mar 3
Beatrice Maassen	Mar 5
Mike Rohrbach	Mar 5
Charles Fieldman	Mar 8
James Foerster	Mar 11
Barbara Bambule	Mar 13
Whitney Curry	Mar 14
Sandra Nelson	Mar 14



Robert Kolstedt	Mar 17
Susan Little	Mar 19
Sandra Brown	Mar 20
Joe Burton	Mar 23
David Hughes	Mar 24
Ruth Anderson	Mar 26
Barbara Perry	Mar 26
Robert Wilson	Mar 28
Diane Patch	Mar 30

ANNIVERSARIES

George and Maureen Nedved	Mar 2
Gary and Debbie Gotsch	Mar 10
Steve and Margo Wirtjes	Mar 12



Robert and Donna Koch	Mar 14
Greg and Heather Sorrells	Mar 15
Scott and Maria Krawec	Mar 27

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.

In 2023 it was our privilege to award a grant to Bethlehem Haitian Church in Immokalee.

These funds will be used to make payments on a van. This van is used to transport parishioners who do not have adequate transportation on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays to church.

Bethlehem offers church on Sundays from 5:00 pm. to 9 pm. On Wednesdays, they have a Bible Study from 6:30 pm. to 9:30 pm., and on Fridays they have prayer services from 6:30 pm to 9 pm.

They currently service 70 parishioners. Originally, Bethlehem was using the facilities of Amigos En Cristo in Immokalee. However, that building was sold and Pastor Andre Mezilus has had to rent space for these services. They cannot hold services in the morning at the current site, however.

They are praying and searching to find a new location. This is a temporary transitional period. Please keep them in your prayers so that they are able to find a better facility where morning services can be held.

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. We are looking for an additional member beginning in January 2024. Please join us to help this worthwhile ministry grow and have the ability to help those in need.

Peace be with you-

Susan Schwinn

Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church Foundation

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MARCH 2024

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

- **Hope's next Voters Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2024, at 11:30 am** in the sanctuary. Please plan to take part in guiding the mission and ministry of Hope. The primary topic of discussion will be the Fellowship Pavilion project.
- **Stephanie Stanley was hired as Hope's new Administrator.** Please join us in welcoming Stephanie!
- **Pastor Randy Schoemann will return** from November 2024 to April 2025 as Hope's Winter Assistant Pastor.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7:45 am - Traditional Worship Service

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

