

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH- LCMS**

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*Worship Schedule*

**Sunday Worship**

**7:45 am - Classic Lutheran Worship (1/5/25 - 4/6/25)**

**9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service**

**10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service**

**Watch online every Sunday!**

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**www.hope-bonita.org**



*Letter of Hope*  
February 2025

*From the Desk of Pastor Richard*

**Jesus and His Disciples**

Jesus chose His twelve disciples for an extraordinary mission. Their stories contain faith, doubts, courage, and human struggles. But what stands out is how Jesus worked in and through them.

**Peter: The Rock** Peter, a fisherman named Simon, was renamed Peter, which means the Rock, by Jesus. Despite his impulsive nature—walking on water one moment, denying Jesus the next—Jesus chose him to be a foundational leader. Through Peter, Jesus showed that even those who falter can become strong pillars of faith.

**Andrew: The First Called** Andrew, Peter's brother, was another fisherman. Known for quietly bringing people to Jesus, Andrew's story highlights how Jesus uses simple, consistent actions to introduce others to His love. Jesus didn't need grand gestures; He worked powerfully through Andrew's quiet evangelism.

**James and John: The Sons of Thunder** These fiery brothers were transformed by Jesus' guidance. Known for their zeal, Jesus channeled their passion into leadership within the early Church. Through James and John's journey, Jesus shows how spiritual maturity and purposeful action can reshape lives.

**Matthew: The Tax Collector** Matthew's call to discipleship is a powerful example of Jesus' transformative grace. As a tax collector, Matthew was despised, but Jesus saw his potential and called him to a higher purpose. Jesus' calling of Matthew reminds us that Jesus' grace extends to everyone, no matter their past.

**Thomas: The Doubter** Thomas is famous for his doubt, but Jesus met him in his skepticism. Through Thomas' eventual confession of faith— "My Lord and my God"—Jesus demonstrates that doubt is part of the journey to truth and belief.

**Judas Iscariot: The Betrayer** Even Judas, who betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, was part of Jesus' plan. His story is a stark reminder of human sinfulness and highlights the importance of repentance and Jesus' capacity for forgiveness.

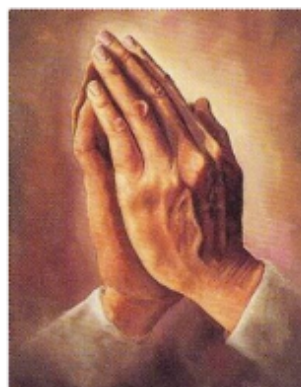
**All the Disciples: A Unifying Legacy** The other disciples—Philip, Bartholomew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot, and Matthias (who replaced Judas)—each brought their unique backgrounds and personalities. Jesus worked through their diversity to build a unified mission, exemplified by their varied gifts coming together for a common purpose.

How and where is Jesus calling you to use your gifts to share Jesus' name? However Jesus may be calling you to use your gifts, my prayer is that you would do so in the name and to the glory of Jesus.

*Peace and Joy!*

*Pastor Rick*

## Weekly Prayers



Sunday – You alone are Lord of all, O God. I trust in your salvation, in Jesus name. Amen.

Psalm 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Monday – Thank you, Jesus. Though I have failed you many times, you have never failed me. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Tuesday – Lord God, let me be mindful of your abiding and continued presence in my life. In Jesus name. Amen.

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

Wednesday – Lord Jesus Christ – fix my eyes on you alone as my hope in this life. Amen.

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Thursday – My life lies ever before you, Lord. Be my God in every moment, giving me all that I need, according to your plan and in your time. In Jesus' name. Amen.









Jeremiah 29:11-13 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Friday – Lord Jesus, my truest friend, help me to love others as you love me. Amen.

John 13:35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Saturday – Lord Jesus, thank you for making me an heir of all the benefits of your kingdom. Amen.

















Galatians 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<b>Weds 19</b>	<b>Stabilized Steps</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Stabilized Steps</b> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>BINGO</b> 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM  	
<b>Thurs 20</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	<b>Strength &amp; Stretch Yoga</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Music Therapy: Drumming</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Chair Volleyball</b> 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
<b>Fri 21</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	<b>Line Dancing</b> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Leadership Estero</b> 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	
<b>Mon 24</b>	<b>Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Stabilized Steps</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Stabilized Steps</b> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Caregiver Support</b> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 
<b>Tues 25</b>	<b>Strength &amp; Stretch Yoga</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Chair Yoga</b> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Puzzles</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Chair Volleyball</b> 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
<b>Weds 26</b>	<b>Stabilized Steps</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Stabilized Steps</b> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Dr. Piper Phone Tech</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 	<b>BINGO</b> 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
<b>Thurs 27</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	<b>MyActiveCenter Training</b> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 	<b>Blanket Buddies</b> 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM 	
<b>Fri 28</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	<b>Creative Art</b> Open to all skill levels! 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM		

USE MYACTIVECENTER TO REGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Questions? Call 239-399-4881 or [sheila@hopebonita.org](mailto:sheila@hopebonita.org)



Mon - Fri <b>Hot Meal Program</b> 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 				
Weekly Program	Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La Mondays Strength & Stretch Yoga Tuesdays Chair Yoga Tuesdays Stabilized Steps Mondays & Wednesdays Tai Chi Thursdays & Fridays Use MyActiveCenter to reserve your spot Weekly programs will continue as normal			
<b>Mon 03</b>	Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Steps CANCELLED	Stabilized Steps CANCELLED	FUNch Bunch 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Dominos/Cards/Games 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM 
<b>Tues 04</b>	Strength & Stretch Yoga 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chair Yoga 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Trivia 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Chair Volleyball 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
<b>Weds 05</b>	Stabilized Steps 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	MyActiveCenter Training 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
<b>Thurs 06</b>	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	Music Therapy: Drumming 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Puzzles 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Crafting Activity 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
<b>Fri 07</b>	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	Line Dancing 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	OAA FREE Legal Clinic 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM 	
<b>Mon 10</b>	Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Step 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Dominos/Cards/Games 12:15 PM - 3:00 PM
<b>Tues 11</b>	Strength & Stretch Yoga 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chair Yoga 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Build Your Own Credit 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 	Chair Volleyball 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
<b>Weds 12</b>	Stabilized Steps 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	MyActiveCenter Training 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	Memory Café 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 	Mindfulness 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM 	Puzzles 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
<b>Fri 14</b>	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	Line Dancing 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM		
<b>Mon 17</b>	<b>CLOSED - NO PROGRAMS OR HOT MEAL</b>			
<b>Tues 18</b>	Strength & Stretch Yoga 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chair Yoga 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Trivia 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Chair Volleyball 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

**February is American Heart Month**, a time dedicated to raising awareness about heart health and encouraging us to take care of our most vital organ. Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, but the good news is that many heart conditions are preventable through healthy lifestyle choices.

During this month, focus on maintaining a balanced diet, staying physically active, and managing stress. Regular exercise, like walking or jogging, and eating heart-healthy foods such as fruits, vegetables, and whole grains can significantly reduce the risk of heart disease. It's also essential to monitor your blood pressure and cholesterol levels and avoid smoking to keep your heart strong and healthy.

While we work to care for our physical hearts, let us not forget the importance of our spiritual hearts. **God's love** is a powerful force that strengthens and sustains us. **Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."** This unconditional, eternal, and unchanging love offers us peace and healing that surpasses anything the world can provide.

This month, let's take care of our bodies by making heart-healthy choices and reflecting on and nurturing our spiritual hearts. God's love is the ultimate source of strength, healing, and renewal. As we prioritize our health, may He open our hearts to His love, allowing it to guide us toward better health, peace, and joy.

If you have any health questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact Tina Browning, our Faith Community Nurse. She is available to offer support, answer any questions, and help guide you toward the care you need.



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 The Pelican Lutheran Church. Pelican church was recently chartered as a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation. The church is fully Spanish and supports seven other ethnic ministries in SW Florida. As they are serving Hispanic and Haitian immigrants, they are heavily dependent upon the generous donations from English-speaking Lutherans.

Although Pastor Mark Eisold started the church and is involved in all aspects of the overall goals and objectives, he cannot manage the various deacons, vicars, ESL Program, worship services, Bible studies and new Deaconesses by himself. There is a gentleman named Maximo, aged 72, who assists Pastor Eisold. Maximo is in charge of the actual building and makes sure all the rules and limitations are followed. He is also in charge of the music and the power point presentation for the Sunday Worship Services.

Maximo was also instrumental in helping to start the first Hispanic LIONS Club in SW Florida, in conjunction with his own local club, the Naples LIONS club. The grant money supplied by your Hope Foundation will help pay Maximo a decent salary for 2025 for all he does for that congregation.

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



## Ministry Contacts

### Staff

Richard Browning - Senior Pastor  
Nikki Boocock - Preschool Director  
Stephanie Stanley - Administrator  
Gigi Torres Perez - Admin Assistant & Marketing

Tina Browning - Faith Community Nurse

David Gomez- Music Director  
Ruth Anderson - Choir Director  
Alan Lomicka - Organist

### Council Members

Julie Marquardt President/Treasurer  
Jim Gienapp - Vice President  
Sarah Brenner - Secretary  
Chris Corrie - Elder Representative/Treasurer  
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Bob Imig - Director  
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### Foundation Committee

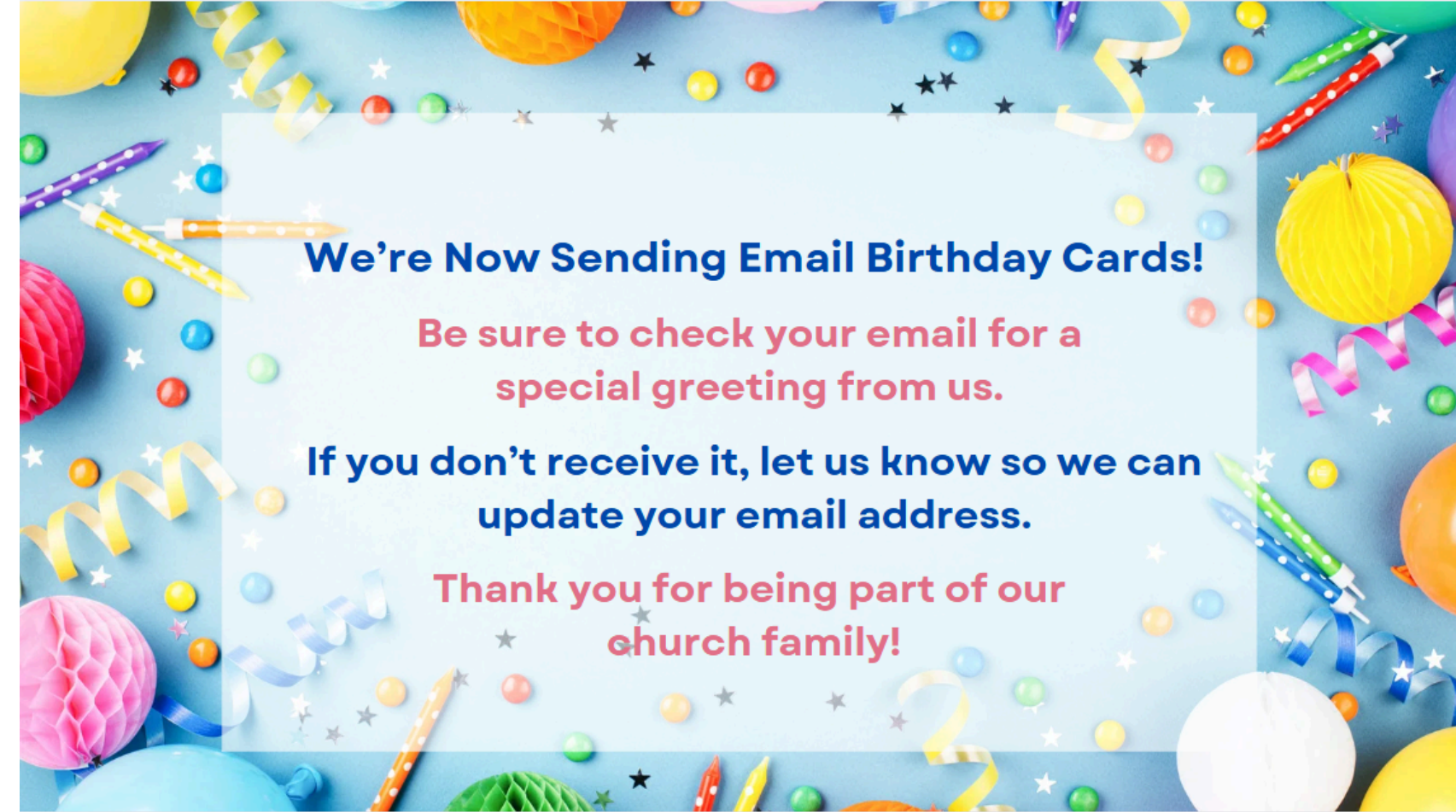
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Bob Cory  
Dennis Vosberg  
Craig Fields  
Chuck Wolkerstorfer  
Dick Cornish



## February Birthdays

*Happy Birthday*

Millie Bittner Feb 01  
Leann Till Feb 01  
Sharon Kaufmann Feb 05  
Julie Bauermeister Feb 09  
Donna Breckenfelder Feb 09  
Mike Monti Feb 09  
Diane Simon Feb 09  
Laura Stillman Feb 09  
Julie Born Feb 10  
Linda Keyes Feb 12

Mike Reichert Feb 12  
Steve Wirtjes Feb 13th  
joyce Hussey Feb 15  
Kathleen Weiss Feb 15  
Hazel Steinmetz Feb 16  
Janice Weigman Feb 16  
Wendy Bonar Feb 17  
K.F. Marner Feb 17  
Gordan Rehse Feb 19  
Scott Lay Feb 20

Kristin Marunde Feb 22  
Rich Beumer Feb 26  
Fred Busch Feb 26  
Christopher Davis Feb 26  
Sue Mcdonald Feb 26  
Lloyd Barge Feb 27  
Axel Till Feb 27  
Chris Pinkerton Feb 28  
Barb Knueppel Feb 29

## February Anniversaries

Henry & Julie Bauermeister Feb 5  
Richard & Marie Hacker Feb 6  
Chuck & Cheri Wolkerstorfer Feb 6  
Paul & Sue McDonald Feb 21

*Happy Anniversary*

## Online Giving

As we step into February, we continue to reflect on the many blessings and generosity that sustain our faith community. Online giving is a simple and consistent way to help sustain our ministries and outreach efforts throughout every season.

By choosing online giving, you can ensure that our church continues to grow, serve, and share God's love with those around us. Thank you for your faithful support and commitment to our mission! Thank you for your commitment to sustaining our faith community!

To give online, visit: [Secure.myvanco.com/L-Z447/home](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z447/home)