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Letter of Hope
April 2025

From the Desk of Pastor Richard

Celebrating the Coming of the King

It was with excitement that I purchased tickets to attend what would be my first concert. I left for the concert venue early, eager to get parked and inside. I made it through security and followed the signage that guided me to my seat location. When I found my seat, I was shocked to discover that I was in the last row of the highest section of the arena. I sat and watched as other eager fans entered, and I quickly realized I could not see the stage from my location. I tried standing, but my view was still blocked by the concertgoers in front of me. Everyone in the arena stood and began to cheer when the music started. I knew my only chance to see anything was if I stood on my seat; I climbed onto the seat cushion and balanced myself by holding onto the arena rafters just above my head. Although I was not sure what was happening most of the time, I cheered along with the rest of the crowd the entire time.

Large crowds had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Excitement and anticipation filled the city as people eagerly awaited the coming events. Their excitement could not be contained when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. They grabbed palm branches and headed out to meet Him as he entered the city. When they saw Jesus, they began to cry out, saying:

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” -John 12:13 ESV

Some who cheered on Jesus that day hoped he was a mighty prophet from God. Others imagined he was a conquering king who had come to liberate them from their Roman occupiers. There were also those among the crowd who were unsure what they were witnessing, but they cheered Him on anyway. No one imagined that Jesus had come to Jerusalem as their Passover lamb.

What are we looking for from Jesus? Are we seeking a good and wise teacher? Are we looking for someone to defeat our enemies? Or do we want someone to grant us all our wishes and desires? Jesus did not come to do any of these things. Instead, His reign and rule are visible in a few nails, a cross, and a crown of thrones. Our King came to Jerusalem to bring us life and forgiveness through His suffering and death on the cross.

Peace and Joy!

Pastor Richard

ESV **John 12:13** So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”



Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

Watch online every Sunday!

STAY CONNECTED WITH HOPE'S WEBSITE:

<https://www.hopebonita.org>

Weekly Prayers April 2025



Sunday – Heavenly Father, I am not worthy to come before you. But you are worthy. Thank you for sending Jesus to make me fit for your holiness. In His name I pray. Amen

2 Thessalonians 1:5 This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—

Monday – Dear Jesus, forgive my prejudices. Help me to see and share, by faith through the Holy Spirit's power, my Savior, who has come to set me free. Amen.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Tuesday – Lord God, calm my fears and help me to trust in you always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Isaiah 12:2 "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

Wednesday – Lord Jesus, keep me firm in your word and sacraments and help me to be your living stones to others. Amen.

1 Peter 2:5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Thursday – Dear Jesus, touch me with your love and keep be steadfast in my faith until you return. Amen.














James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Friday – Lord Jesus, thank you for being with me. Strengthen me in time of loss and uphold me by your grace, that I may rest each day in your saving arms. Amen.

Psalms 119:28 My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word!

Saturday – Eternal Lord Jesus, lift our vision and help us to tell your redemptive story to others Amen

Psalms 111:9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

Thurs 17	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	Music Therapy: Drumming 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Chair Yoga 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Crafting Activity 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Fri 18	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	Line Dancing 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM		
Mon 21	CLOSED - EASTER - NO HOT MEAL OR PROGRAMS			
Tues 22	Strength & Stretch Yoga 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chair Yoga 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Nutrition Program 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 	Chair Volleyball 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Weds 23	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Dr. Piper Phone Tech 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM  	
Thurs 24	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	Music Therapy: Drumming 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Blanket Buddies 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM 	Chair Yoga 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Fri 25	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 	Line Dancing 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Creative Art Open to all skill levels! 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Animal Assisted Therapy 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 
Mon 28	Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Caregiver Support 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 	Cards/Dominos/Games 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Tues 29	Strength & Stretch Yoga 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chair Yoga 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Chair Volleyball 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	
Weds 30	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM  		

USE MYACTIVECENTER TO REGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Questions? Call 239-399-4881 or sheila@hopebonita.org

Learn more at <https://www.bonitaseniorcenter.com/>

Mon - Fri				
Hot Meal Program 11:30 AM				
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
Tues 01	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
Weds 02	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM		
Thurs 03	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Music Therapy: Drumming 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Chair Yoga 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Crafting Activity 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Fri 04	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Line Dancing 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM		
Mon 07	Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Steps CANCELLED	Strength Training CANCELLED	FUNch Bunch 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Dominos/Cards/Games 12:15 PM - 3:00 PM
Tues 08	Strength & Stretch Yoga 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chair Yoga 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Nutrition Program 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Chair Volleyball 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Weds 09	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	MyActiveCenter Training 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	
Thurs 10	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Memory Café 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Chair Yoga 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	
Fri 11	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Memory Screening (by appointment) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Line Dancing 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Mindfulness 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Animal Assisted Therapy 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Mon 14	Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Strength Training 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Dominos/Cards/Games 12:15 PM - 3:00 PM
Tues 15	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
Weds 16	Stabilized Steps 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	MyActiveCenter Training 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	

A message from our Parish Nurse: Tina Browning

April is a time to shine a spotlight on Parkinson's disease (PD), a progressive neurological disorder affecting nearly one million people in the United States. With 90,000 new diagnoses each year, raising awareness is more important than ever.

Parkinson's disease impacts both motor and non-motor functions, leading to symptoms like tremors, stiffness, and balance issues, as well as challenges such as depression and sleep disturbances. While there is no cure yet, treatments and lifestyle changes can help manage symptoms and improve quality of life.

Within the Bonita Springs vicinity there are several programs that connect individuals with personalized navigational support, education, movement classes, peer to peer enrichment groups, and social opportunities, all keys to living well with Parkinson's. If you or your loved one has received a Parkinson's diagnosis I invite you to contact me for local recommendations to support you in this journey.

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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 are privileged to contribute to Capstone Ministries. This organization has an objective to reconcile the street children of Western Kenya with God and family. Street children (mostly Boys) are the most vulnerable in Kenyan society. Separated from family by dysfunction and compromise of the family setup.

Capstone seeks to reconcile these children again and stabilize the family through Christian counseling. The trained staff works with the children and their family to accomplish reconciliation. In addition there are 22 small group Bible studies, and an annual camp for the most recent boys reconciled at home.

Capstone provides Bibles and catechisms as well as "A child's Garden of Bible stories" in Swahili for enhanced devotions for parents with their children. Capstone's staff visits families regularly to encourage education, spiritual development and parental responsibility.

The objectives of the grant is to provide Bibles and catechisms needed for the small group Bible studies as well as communication equipment for phone and internet use. This allows the staff and management in Kenya to have immediate communication and over site by the directors who reside mostly in the United States now.

Capstone is not supported by LCMS or the Kenya government. All sources of income are through individuals in LCMS churches and mission-minded churches of other denominations, along with related foundations of individuals and LCMS churches. No other source for funding the items on this grant are applied for elsewhere.

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

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Online Giving

As we step into April, we celebrate the blessings and generosity that strengthen our faith community. Online giving provides a simple and consistent way to support our ministries and outreach efforts, ensuring we can continue to grow, serve, and share God's love in every season.

Your faithful support makes a lasting impact, and we are grateful for your commitment to our mission!

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



THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

7:00 AM (SUNRISE) | 9:00 AM (TRADITIONAL) | 10:30 AM (CONTEMPORARY)

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Kent White Apr 1
Peg Arnold Apr 5
Bruce Breckenfelder Apr 5
Donna Dellinger Apr 7
Greg Sorrells Apr 10
Billie Kussro Apr 11
Carol Sauder Apr 11
Martin Watkins Apr 11
Adele Zehnder Apr 11
Karen Drake Apr 13
Laurel Geiselhart Apr 13
Peggie Krueger Apr 15

Paul Geiwitz Apr 16
Curt Brenner Apr 18
Janet Ketteler Apr 20
Deanne Schmidt Apr 20
Keith Seleen Apr 21
Jim Kauffman Apr 25
Nathan Sorrells Apr 25
Richard Heinrich Apr 27
Mark Mahal Apr 27
Dave Speakman Apr 27
William Murphy Apr 29

April Anniversaries

Dave & Joyce Speakman Apr 5
Bob & Mary Cory Apr 10
David & Mary Eberhardt Apr 11
Paul & Diane Eggebraaten Apr 11
Grant & Beverly Van Bavel Apr 13
Bob & Peggy Prideaux Apr 22
Jim & Jan Jonas Apr 24

Happy Anniversary

