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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

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

Watch online every Sunday!

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Letter of Hope
June/July 2026

From the Desk of Pastor Richard
The God of the Unexpected
Finding Holy Ground in Ordinary Places

“Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.”
(Genesis 28:16)

When Jacob spoke those words, he wasn’t sitting in a pew or standing in a temple. He was a man on the run—exhausted, anxious, and sleeping on the hard ground with a rock for a pillow. It was in that lonely, dusty, and altogether “un-spiritual” place that God pulled back the curtain and revealed His presence. Jacob realized that even in the middle of nowhere, he was not alone.

As we move through the rhythms of the summer here at Hope, it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that God only “lives” in the sanctuary. We often compartmentalize our lives: Sunday morning is for God, while Monday through Saturday belongs to the “real world” of spreadsheets, grocery lists, doctor’s appointments, and laundry.

But the beautiful truth and core of the Gospel is that we serve a God who comes down to us. God didn’t wait for us to climb a mountain to find Him; He came to us. Today, through the Holy Spirit, He continues to dwell in the messy, loud, and incredibly ordinary corners of your life.

The Quiet Nudge
We often look for God in the “earthquakes” —the big miracles, the sudden life changes, or the mountaintop experiences. But more often than not, God’s presence is revealed in what the prophet Elijah described as a “still, small voice.”

This quiet voice doesn’t usually shout. Instead, it’s an unexpected call that meets us exactly where we are. It’s that sudden, unprompted thought to check in on a neighbor. It’s the sense of peace that settles over you during a stressful commute. It’s the internal “nudge” to offer a word of forgiveness when you’d rather hold a grudge. These aren’t just random thoughts; they are moments where the Holy Spirit is active, calling you to live out your faith in the exact place He has planted you.

God in Your Vocation
As Lutherans, we talk a lot about vocation. We believe that our “calling” isn’t just something for pastors or missionaries. If you are a parent, a student, a mechanic, or a volunteer, that is your station in life where God is working through you.

When you are washing dishes, you are caring for the family God gave you. When you are doing your job with integrity, you are serving your neighbor. God is present in the steam of the kitchen and the hum of the office. He is visible in the patience you show a difficult coworker and the honesty you bring to your daily tasks. You don’t have to leave your “normal” life to find Him; He is the silent guest at every meal and the companion in every chore.

A Challenge for This Summer
I want to encourage you this summer to keep your “spiritual eyes” open. Look for “God-sightings” in the places you usually ignore. Perhaps He is revealing His grace through:

- The beauty of a sunset during a tired drive home.
- The laughter of a child that breaks a tense moment.
- The strength that shows up just when you thought you were at your breaking point.

Our God is not a distant landlord; He is a loving Father who promised to be with you always, even to the end of the age. That promise holds true in the hospital room, the boardroom, and the living room. May you find comfort this week knowing that wherever you go, you are walking on holy ground.

Peace and Joy!

Pastor Richard

A Prayer for this Month
Lord, open my eyes today. Help me to see Your hand at work in the mundane details of my life. When the world is loud, help me to hear Your quiet voice. Remind me that there is no place I can go where You are not already waiting for me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Weekly Prayers June/July 2026



Sunday – Dear patient God, I pray that you will send people into my life with whom I can share your love.

1 Corinthians 9:23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Monday – Dear God, there are no words to express how wondrous you are. My heart is forever grateful for your love and mercy. In Jesus' name. Amen

Psalms 26:6-7 I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

Tuesday – Dear God, ruler of all, thank you for your overwhelming generosity. Help me to live my life following your example, In Jesus' name. Amen

Romans 12:8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Wednesday - Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your miraculous power. For your work in my life, help me give all glory to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

1 Chronicles 16:28 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Thursday – Dear God, thank you for your big heart. Grant me the grace to be tenderhearted toward others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Friday – Thank you Jesus, for rising from the dead, just as you promised. Strengthen my faith to believe all that you reveal to me. Amen.

Isaiah 40:5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Saturday – Thank you, Jesus, for being my peace in the midst of all troubling storms of life. In your name I pray. Amen.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

A Place to Belong: Monthly Happenings

A Learning Center of Hope Chick-fil-A Fundraiser

Support A Learning Center of Hope at our Chick-fil-A fundraiser on Monday, June 8, from 4:00–8:00 PM at Chick-fil-A!

Place a mobile order and select "Support Community Care Event" at checkout. Use code word: LEARN and a percentage of the sales will be donated back to the school.

Can't make it? No worries! You may also support the school by writing a check payable to A Learning Center of Hope and placing it in the offering basket.

Weekend Galaxy VBS – July 18 & 19

Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love!

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure at our Weekend Galaxy VBS on July 18 & 19!

We are excited to welcome children for a fun-filled weekend of Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and faith-building activities centered on God's love.

If you have a heart for helping children grow in their faith, we would love for you to join our volunteer team. Please reach out to learn how you can help make this exciting ministry a success!
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Ruth Anderson - Choir Director
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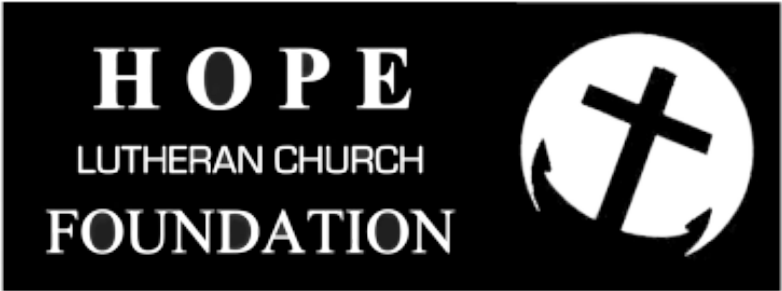
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It would not be possible to help any of these organizations doing God’s work without your help and the contributions you give to the Hope Foundation. If you are not contributing to the Hope Foundation, we would ask you to prayerfully consider it.

This year it was our privilege to contribute to Christ The King church in LaBelle. The funds are earmarked for their education program. They want to give their students a closer opportunity to interact with the world that God created as they continue to teach the Christian faith in light of new technologies. Their goal is to help these students grow in their love toward God and one another as they embark on their middle school, high school and college journey. They are also offering vocational training to those who are interested in a non college path.

They believe as Lutherans, we have a rich heritage and a solid confession of faith and practice. More schools in SWFL mean more opportunities to teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all as a beacon of hope in the community. It is their vision to see two more micro schools in the next 5 years and they would love to partner with the Hope Foundation to further this goal.

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

A Place to Belong

We are thankful for everyone who calls Hope Lutheran Church their church home! If you have been worshiping with us for some time but have not officially become a member, we invite you to take that next step by filling out a membership form available in the lobby and leaving it at the church office.

Church membership is more than a commitment—it helps us stay connected with you, support you in your faith journey, and keep you informed about opportunities for fellowship, service, and ministry involvement. We would love the opportunity to officially welcome you into the Hope family!

Email us at Info@hopebonita.org or call the church office at (239)992-6952 to get involved—we’d love to connect you to a place to serve!



Summer Wellness: Caring for Body, Mind, and Spirit

By Tina Browning BSN, RN, FCN



Summer offers a wonderful opportunity to renew our health and well-being. Here on campus we are excited to again mark Wellness Week from June 22–26 as we focus on caring for the body, mind, and spirit. This week the staff, preschool children, and seniors will explore ways to encourage healthy living. Wherever you are this summer I encourage you to participate and focus on your wellness.

Monday, June 22 – MINDFUL MONDAY

Start your week with intention this Mindful Monday. Take a few moments to breathe deeply, ground yourself, and set a positive tone for the days ahead. Whether it's quiet reflection, a prayer or simply pausing to appreciate the present moment, mindfulness helps bring clarity and calm to your busy life. Embrace today with awareness and purpose—you've got this.

Tuesday, June 23 - TASTY TUESDAY

Eating healthy is a great way to fuel your body and feel your best, and it can also be a fun opportunity to try new foods. Exploring different fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and global flavors adds variety to your meals and keeps things exciting. You might discover new favorites while giving your body the nutrients it needs. Healthy eating isn't about restriction—it's about balance, enjoyment, and nourishing yourself one bite at a time.

Wednesday, June 24- WORKOUT WEDNESDAY

Working out is a powerful way to boost your energy, improve your mood, and strengthen your body. Whether it's a quick walk, a gym session, or a dance class, moving your body helps reduce stress and builds confidence. The key is to find activities you enjoy and stay consistent. Every workout, no matter how small, brings you one step closer to a healthier, stronger you.

Thursday, June 25 - THIRSTY THURSDAY

Staying hydrated is essential for maintaining good health, as water supports vital functions like regulating body temperature, transporting nutrients, and flushing out toxins. Even mild dehydration can lead to fatigue, headaches, and poor concentration. It's important to drink water regularly throughout the day, especially during hot weather or physical activity. While individual needs vary, a general guideline is to aim for about 8 glasses (2 liters) of water daily, adjusting based on activity level and environment.

Friday, June 26 - FEEL FAB FRIDAY

Self-care is the practice of taking time to care for your physical, mental, and emotional health. It involves simple actions like getting enough sleep, eating well, staying active, and setting boundaries to protect your well-being. Taking time for yourself isn't selfish—it's necessary for maintaining balance and reducing stress. Regular self-care helps you feel more energized, focused, and better able to handle daily challenges.

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Happy Birthday !!!

Happy Birthday to all celebrating in June & July!
May God bless your year ahead!

Del Jennings Jun 1	Siegfried Claussner Jun 16	Lauren Kolstedt Jul 1	Vicki Liesmann Jul 17
Damaso Pasalodos Jun 1	Cindi Nielsen Jun 17	Heather Sorrells Jul 1	Andrew Mancl Jul 17
Bill Denno Jun 2	Arlene Strawn Jun 17	Marie Morton Jul 4	Jim Nelson Jul 17
Samuel Weiss Jun 2	Karen Bradley Jun 18	Helena Nesbit Jul 4	Beverly Kauffman Jul 19
Kent Witzel Jun 2	Dale Rustad Jun 18	Becky Weber Jul 4	Debbie Gotsch Jul 20
Betty Hilliard Jun 5	Larry Brown Jun 19	Judith MacGregor Jul 9	Wrenley Pasalodos Jul 20
Catherine Janes Jun 5	Karen Berens Jun 20	Dick Cornish Jul 11	Olivia Sorrells Jul 21
Debbie White Jun 5	Ron Knautz Jun 20	Deanna Marner Jul 11	Herb Eggerding Jul 23
Isabella Till Jun 6	Jonathon Little Jun 21	Tina Thomas Jul 11	Ken Keyes Jul 23
June LaBar Jun 7	Brenda Wuggazer Jun 23	Merle Horst July 11	Charlotte Stuff Jul 25
Annette Williamson Jun 8	Diane Eggebraaten Jun 26	Deb Viviani July 12	Yvonne Baremore Jul 26
Carol Hansis Jun 9	Vance Benjamin Jun 26	Lyle Raguse Jul 13	Beverly Marsland Jul 27
Beverly Smith Jun 10	Douglas Kuhn Jun 26	Timothy Shaffer Jul 13	Jean Marnocha Jul 31
Larry Drake Jun 12	James Lieske Jun 27	Robert Ryan Jul 14	Susan Truelson Jul 31
Marie Hacker Jun 12	Al Schafer Jun 28	Ed Boerman Jul 15	
Donna Selle Jun 13	Robert Cory Jun 29	Marge Claussner Jul 15	
Sophia Till Jun 13	Tim Evenson Jun 30	Paul Bradley Jul 17	
Marla Reichert Jun 14			



June & July Wedding Anniversaries



Fred and Joan Wenk Jun 1	Erik and Debbie White Jun 17	Jim and Judith MacGregor Jul 12
Steve and Debbie Coomer Jun 2	Michael and Judith Hamed Jun 20	Robert and Kristin Ryan Jul 14
Robert and Phyllis Erber Jun 2	Ken and Susan Schwinn Jun 20	Douglas and Barbara Kuhn Jul 15
John and Susan Browning Jun 5	Christopher and Collin Davis Jun 23	Art and Barb Knueppel Jul 16
Dennis and Susan Vosberg Jun 5	Mike and Marla Reichert Jun 23	Glen and Patsy Lose Jul 17
Ed and Jan Boerman Jun 7	Richard and Carol Heinrich Jun 24	Mark and Cindi Nielsen Jul 17
Bob and Donna Selle Jun 7	Rich and Judy Beumer Jun 25	Mark and Jan Mahal Jul 19
Ron and Ruth Anderson Jun 12	Dick and Evelyn Taylor Jun 25	Bob and Diana Bineau Jul 22
Damaso and Kelli Pasalodos Jun 12	Don and Karen Center Jun 27	Dale and Linda Rustad Jul 24
Merly & Kay Horst June 13	Bill and Shari Mink Jun 30	John and Pam Wilmer Jul 24
Tim and Karen Evenson Jun 16	Bob Imig and Julie Marquardt Jul 9	Bob and Marlene Wilson Jul 31

Did we miss your Birthday or Anniversary? Let us know by emailing us at info@hopebonita.org.