



From the Desk of Pastor Richard

Of the thirty-nine books in the Old Testament, one bears the name of an individual named Habakkuk. Recently, I've grown in my appreciation of Habakkuk and the message he delivered, especially in light of recent world events which, in many ways, mirror those faced by Habakkuk. Habakkuk was a prophet, which means God called him to serve as a messenger to the Israelite people. God regularly gave prophets the unenviable job of delivering difficult messages in less than ideal circumstances, and Habakkuk was no exception to this reality.

Habakkuk lived during the final years of the southern kingdom of Israel, which was a time of idolatry and injustice. The constant threat of invasion by the Babylonians also loomed large over Israel. Rather than get angry with the people, Habakkuk instead went to God with his feelings and questions. He asked, *'How can God be good when there's so much evil in the world?'* I suspect that world events have many of you contemplating this same question too.

Habakkuk called out to God with this question and God answered. Part of God's answer can be found in Habakkuk 2:4, which says this:

*"Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith."*

-Habakkuk 2:4 (NRSV)

God's response is meant to help us consider where we place our faith. Do we put our faith in our wisdom, confidently and proudly imagining that we have all the answers? Or does our faith rest in the promises of God, who truly does have all the answers? Habakkuk reveals where his faith was placed when he said:

*"GOD, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
and makes me tread upon the heights."*

-Habakkuk 3:19 (NRSV)

In a world that can so often be uncertain, tumultuous, and marked by evil, God is our strength. God guides us with that great and unfailing love that comes from God alone, and which is most visible to us through the cross of Christ Jesus.

Peace and Joy!

Pastor Richard



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Thankful for our blessings Thankful for your support

The Hope Lutheran Church Foundation will be awarding our 2020 grants in November and this is a time for us to express our thankfulness.

Each year we receive various requests for the funding of multiple needs. The requests cover mission, outreach, and scholarships. They can be found locally, nationally, and world-wide. The needs are varied and genuine. Spreading the Gospel and doing the Lord's work is everywhere.

It is for this reason we're thankful. Thankful to be able to help such awesome work, and thankful to live in an area where we are free to worship and gather in His name.

Finally, we are blessed and thankful to have your support. Through September, we have received over \$20,000 in contributions from the congregation and it's that support that allows the Foundation to award our grants. Thank you for your stewardship!

Next month we'll provide an update on the grants that are awarded so you know the ministries being supported. In the meantime, we wish you Peace and good health as we observe Thanksgiving and enter the holidays.

Grace be with you!

Dean Maggs

Chair, Hope Lutheran Church Foundation

Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention FREE VIRTUAL 8 Week Program

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
January 5-February 25
1:00pm-2:00pm**

Must pre-register by calling:

Sherry Young at 239-652-6900 Ext 58240,
Sherry.Young@aaaswfl.org
or Deborah Pierce 239-652-6900 Ext 58262,
Deborah.Pierce@aaaswfl.org

Provided by: Area Agency on
Aging and Elder Affairs

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **Thursday, January 21st and Monday, January 25th at Hope Lutheran Church.**

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral arterial disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6450, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word "circle" to 797979.

"Funch Bunch" ***Park and Picnic*** **Monday, January 4th 11:30am -1p.m.**

Come and eat, *FREE LUNCH* provided, and have fun listening to an entertainer outside while sitting safely at your car!

**Please call Sheila to register for this event
at 239-919-2295**



BIRTHDAYS

George Nedved November 2
 Jim Sauder November 2
 Ryker Cirou November 4
 Carmen Jones November 4
 Deborah Meyer November 4
 Sandy Stead November 7
 Elizabeth Murphy November 8
 David Piper November 8
 Dick Taylor November 8
 Steve Coomer November 10
 Kevin Harstad November 10
 Dave Hoffmam November 10
 Georgann Shaffer November 10
 Susan Browning November 11
 Don Selfors November 11
 Stephen Imbrock November 12
 Ronald Maassen November 12
 Sarah Brenner November 13
 Ed Hill November 13



Paul Eggebraaten November 14
 Jean Groth November 14
 Lillian Neubauer November 16
 Tony Pordon November 17
 Wilmer Bultemeier November 18
 Kathy Frech November 19
 Nancy Koch November 19
 Marnie Seleen November 20
 Linda Riley November 21
 Patty Steen November 23
 Duane Halverson November 23
 Ann Henningsen November 23
 John Wilmer November 24
 Bruce Harvey November 28
 Jim Jonas November 28
 Ed Golob November 29
 Gloria Jones November 29
 Donna Benoit November 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Alexandra and William Murphy
 Al and Pat Spicer
 Jim and Sandy Nelson
 Herb and Nancy Tschischik
 Dave and Virginia Holmes



November 8
 November 11
 November 17
 November 20
 November 28

Memorial Gifts Given

In Memory of...

Barbara Bunge

from

Judith and Rich Beumer



In Loving Memory

of

John Holland

Born: March 20, 1944

Died: September 5, 2020

We extend our sympathy to
his wife.



Memorial Gifts Given

In Memory of...

Amalia Gerrish

from

Judith and Rich Beumer
Jim and Anne Gienapp

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Sunday Morning Church Services

Please make a reservation to attend by going on online to our website <https://hlcbonita.org/worship-reservation>, by calling the church office at 239-992-6952 or calling Dianna at 239-410-3427.

Plan to arrive a few minutes early | Wear a mask

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00AM & 10:30AM

