

# HI Hope

## August 2020

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## Some Things Never Change

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*

*Hebrews 13:8*

Here we are in August and finally we are able to celebrate first communion for five of our youth and to rejoice in the Rite of Confirmation for eight more youth. It has been a long time in coming. And within a few weeks we will be starting another year of Youth Discipleship Class all over again with another group of young people. While there are a lot of things that have changed in the past few months and we are forced to make changes in how we proceed in the coming months, we find peace in knowing that some things don't change.

First and foremost on that list of things that don't change is the faithfulness of our God who has given us many and great promises, each of which find their "yes" in Jesus Christ. Because of his faithfulness and his precious promises, we, the Church of God, will continue to bring people into his family through the waters of Holy Baptism. We will continue the mission of teaching disciples, young and old, the truth of God's Holy Word. We will continue to instruct his followers toward the faithful reception of his body and blood in his Holy Supper. We will live in faith, hope and love each and every day.

Another thing that won't change is his call to us to faithfully follow our Lord Jesus Christ. In a world filled with hate, political division, pandemics and riots, chaos, uncertainty and death, we look to God in Christ through his Word. There we find what we truly need: unconditional love, an identity as his beloved child, security that the world cannot give, a higher purpose, a sense of meaning and eternal hope. This is why we put our faith in him as God. Only he can give these things. And then by faith we go forth in obedience to him in prayer, worship, witness, learning, serving, stewardship and fellowship. The formats and expression of these marks of discipleship has had to change, but we continue to do them.

Who would have thought that we would have had to worship at home by watching videos online? Who would have guessed that we would have to express fellowship from six feet away? Who would have imagined that we would have been given such a great opportunity to share our faith and hope with our friends and neighbors? Who would have known that our humble acts of service could have such a powerful impact that political and racial walls could be torn down and that prayer could open our hearts to love one another as Christ has loved us?

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The cross symbolizes the hope Christians have in Christ and the firm faith which keeps Christians steady in the storms of life. These ideas are based on Hebrews 6:19 which reads: "We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain." (NRSV).

# Through the Bible in a Year



*Scripture  
Reading*

**August 2020**

1	2 Kings 20, 21	11	Jeremiah 21-23	21	Lamentations 1-5
2	Zephaniah 1-3	12	Jeremiah 24-26	22	1 Chronicles 1-3
3	Habakkuk 1-3	13	Jeremiah 27-29	23	1 Chronicles 4-6
4	2 Kings 22-25	14	Jeremiah 30-32	24	1 Chronicles 7-9
5	Obadiah Jeremiah 1, 2	15	Jeremiah 33-36	25	1 Chronicles 10-13
6	Jeremiah 3-5	16	Jeremiah 37-39	26	1 Chronicles 14-16
7	Jeremiah 6-8	17	Jeremiah 40-42	27	1 Chronicles 17-19
8	Jeremiah 9-12	18	Jeremiah 43-46	28	1 Chronicles 20-23
9	Jeremiah 13-16	19	Jeremiah 47-49	29	1 Chronicles 24-26
10	Jeremiah 17-20	20	Jeremiah 50-52	30	1 Chronicles 27-29
				31	2 Chronicles 1-3

## Tips on Reading the Bible

1. *Start today - There is no better time, and there's no reason to wait.*
2. *Set aside a specific time each day. Set your schedule, and then stick to it. Mornings are great, but feel free to use any time that works consistently for you.*
3. *Read for the sake of learning, not simply to accomplish your next reading. Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking for Him to give you wisdom and understanding, then be refreshed by the words you read!*

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# In Our Prayers

HI HOPE

Pastor & Mrs. Tessaro - LBT missionaries in Nigeria

All of the service men and women, especially:

Zachary Klima - US Air Force - stationed in San Antonio, TX

Corporal Abigail Kassab (Klima) - Parris Island Marine Band

Jason Wilck (grandson of Hannelore Wilck) at Fort Stewart, GA

Scott Meskimen (cousin of Tom & Melanie Mikuta) - USAF stationed at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi

Lt. William Shanahan (son of Mike & Kim Shanahan)- Marine serving in Afghanistan

Sam Berg (nephew of Steve & Stephanie Fuller) - US Navy on-the-job training at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA

Reiss DeSandre (nephew of Sally DeSandre & Kathy Wright) US Army

Lance Corporal Trevor Zukauskas - US Marine, soon to be deployed overseas.

Petty Officer Joey Sheppard - stationed in Port Hueneme, CA

Jeremy Visnevac - US Marine - Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan

Ashley Kristofer - (George & Pat Kristofer's granddaughter) Parris Island Boot Camp



All Shut-Ins, especially:

Dr. Bob Dahms - at Sunrise

Barb Biller - at home

Emma Bill - at Alden

Shirley Jacksa - at Rock Run Place

Linda Stone - at home

Dolores Kucera - at home

Leona Schmidt - at home

Ruth Roch - at Westchester

Adelaide Holm - at Senior Star

Mary Jean White-at Alden

Shirley Patchett - Solstice

Pastor John Neugebauer - at home, released from Sunny Hill Nursing Home(7/2/20)

Merle Williams - recovering at home from surgery (7/3/20)

Julia Dasovic (Ella Rasokat's daughter) in hospital with bronchitis. (7/6/20)

Hans Howard - recovering at home from stints put in. (7/10/20)

Jack Fuller (Steve Fuller's dad) in a nursing home dealing with several medical issues, especially progressive lung disease. (7/14/20)

Stephanie Fuller - still being evaluated for neurological issues (7/14/19)

Toni Coble (Client of Annamariaa Atkinson) stage 4 pancreatic & liver cancer (7/14/20)

Becky Jasinski (Mike & Kari Rieuf's sister-in-law) - leiomyosarcoma - treatment for recurring tumors (7/14/20)

Nicole Thompson & family - front line medical personnel (7/14/20)

Jim Shimek (George Shimek's brother) cancer (7/14/20)

Aaron Smith & family (Jon & Wendy Forsberg's friend) diagnosed with ALS (7/14/20)

Italy Wallace (Annamariaa Atkinson's daughter) unspoken prayer request (7/14/20)

Joanne Ramey - broken bone in foot - will need surgery (7/24/20)

Mary Jean Jans (Darlene Fagan's sister) - in hospice (7/27/20)

*Elizabeth House - a new maternity house to be established in the Joliet area.*

*We extend our Christian sympathies to Hannelore Wilk on the death of her brother Ludwig "Lug" Mitterer.*

*We extend our Christian sympathies to Bill & Annamariaa Atkinson and family on the death of Bill's sister Jean Baldwin.*

*We extend our Christian sympathies to the Klima family on the death of Nathan Klima.*

*We pray for the sick, those in fear, those who have lost loved ones, those who are working hard to combat this virus and our leaders who have to make difficult decisions. Let us continue to live in faith trusting in God's love and mercy, serving family and neighbor, showing Christ's compassion to all and giving witness to the power and promise of God at times like this.*

*John Herrington would like to say "thank you" to everyone who sent a card, phone calls, and prayers for his recent surgery. Recovery coming along slowly and, "I am looking forward to seeing my Hope family soon."*

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servant, and give your power of healing to those who minister to his needs, that he may be strengthened in his weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## August Birthday Wishes to . . .

<p>Paul Powers            8/3</p> <p>Aaron Klima            8/4</p> <p>Cassie Dowhen        8/5</p> <p>Amy Carroll            8/6</p> <p>Raymond Gast         8/6</p> <p>Abigail Jungles        8/7</p> <p>Jake Ramey             8/7</p> <p>Veronica Nagel        8/9</p>	<p>Marsha Herrington    8/9</p> <p>Joanne Ramey         8/9</p> <p>Cheryl Schehr         8/9</p> <p>Troy Talkington       8/9</p> <p>Michael Schulz        8/9</p> <p>Doug Skedel            8/10</p> <p>Brandy Petrilla        8/15</p> <p>Ray Fagan              8/16</p>	<p>Todd Rousculp         8/20</p> <p>Amy Wise                8/21</p> <p>Roy Ogren              8/21</p> <p>Annamariaa Atkinson 8/23</p> <p>Collin Carroll         8/24</p> <p>Raygen Pilon          8/25</p> <p>Logan Pulido          8/26</p>
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***BirthDay Prayer** - Father in heaven we come to you today thanking you for (insert name). We are glad that you have brought us together and allowed us to know (insert name). On this day we ask for your special blessing and a day filled with hope, joy and optimism. We pray that this coming year might be one that will bring personal success and fulfillment and accomplishment for (insert name). Father we know that you delight in blessing your children and so we ask for this. May we all be grateful for your goodness. This we ask in the name of our loving Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*

## Happy Anniversary

Tom and Carolyn Powers	8/1
Todd and Karen Rousculp	8/9
Noah and Laura Klima	8/16
Ray and Darlene Fagan	8/28

*May God continue to bless these Marriages*

### LWML Mite Boxes.

*All Mite Box donations to the Northern Illinois District can once again be dropped off at the church.*

*Mite Boxes are collected on the first Weekend of the month.*



Dear fellow members of Hope,

COVID threw my succession of commandments off with each month matching the commandment, but it cannot throw God's Word or His plan off—EVER! There will always be an order in which God expressed His design for us to live by. So, this month's focus is the seventh commandment: You shall not steal. According to Luther, this means "We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income."

During this unusual time, as a country, we have seen both ends of the spectrum. We have witnessed "stealing" through rioting, looting, and vandalism: we have witnessed people coming together in order to help those who have been out of work and/or displaced by COVID. We have seen the government in a heightened attempt to aid people and organizations during this time as well. (I am very grateful for the fact that I have been able to continue working and that I have not been without a paycheck. THANK YOU for continuing to support Hope and the ministry that begins here.)

So often our youth (and maybe some of us) think of "stealing" as literally taking something from someone (ie. burglary/robbery) or somewhere (ie. shoplifting). However, stealing comes in many forms. . .cheating in school, misrepresenting important numbers (perhaps on taxes), being idle during work, misusing relationships in order to get "free" stuff, etc.) Many situations that might be considered "unharmful"—or so the devil would have us believe.

The example that I like to share in Youth Discipleship class has to do with something that they might be likely to encounter at some point in their lives. . .that friend who works at McDonald's or somewhere else. . .that friend who is willing to pass a free shake across the counter or to extend a free video rental or tanning session. Both parties often think of this as seemingly harmless given all of the money that those establishments seem to make. However, at a young age so much is not understood regarding overhead, wages, etc. I had a friend who worked at an ice cream stand and several of my friends took advantage of that. I never did, and I could not get them to understand that it was WRONG—though I tried. I have encouraged out youth to think of it from the owner's perspective. . .every item sold (or stolen) affects the bottom line and eventually has the potential of making/breaking someone's livelihood.

My hope is that all of us experience the joy that comes with following God's path for us. . .that we experience the look on a person's face when we give them back money when they have perhaps given us too much change back, or that we experience the surprise when we let them know that we have been undercharged or that they have missed an item. The look on their face is one to smile about, and the feeling surrounding honesty is incredible!

MAKING DISCIPLES is an EVERYDAY ADVENTURE with JESUS!

Prayers that all of us remain safe and healthy! Kari



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Some things have changed. The world in which we live has changed. The ways in which we respond to the world has had to change. But Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. He is our God. His promises are there for us today just as surely as they were last year. They will continue to be there no matter what happens in the future. It is with this hope that we confirm this year's class of confirmands and begin the next year of instruction. It is with this hope that we all move forward in faith, hope and love.

What promises of God do you need to hear again? What message from Scripture will sustain you through these troublesome times? What encouragement will keep you grounded in faith and propel you forth in faithful living today? You will find what you need in God's Word, the same Word that has been there for his people for thousands of years. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Some things never change.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Bill Ryden

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## **New Board Openings**

Your Church Board has openings this year for Directors  
of the following Administrative Boards:

**Assistant Executive Director - OPEN**

**Treasurer - OPEN**

**Properties - OPEN**

**Lay Ministry - Nomination Accepted (Frank Bianchetta)**

**Evangelism - Nomination Accepted (Nikki Skedel)**

If you're interested in volunteering for one of the positions  
or would like more information,  
please contact Steve Fuller or Pastor Ryden.

## Online Giving!

We've signed up for GivePlus, an online giving option which is available on the website as well as through a smartphone app.

The online link is at the top of our website: [Shorewoodhope.org](http://Shorewoodhope.org)  
And can also be reached by clicking here:

WebPay Link:

[https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?)

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Once you've logged into the giving, online or the smartphone app you will have options to give once or reoccurring.

Remember, you can still give by mailing your offerings in to the church or bringing them to weekend worship too.

Thank you for continuing to support the church!!

Kari is looking for addresses of all of our  
**COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

Please get them to her personally or via e-mail:  
( [hopeyouth@shorewoodhopelutheran.org](mailto:hopeyouth@shorewoodhopelutheran.org) )

Thank you!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

*The calendar is posted in the Narthex so don't miss out on getting your special occasion listed. Your name and occasion will be printed in the bulletin. Every week the Altar flowers are delivered fresh. The cost is \$ 40 for the weekend. Please place a separate check or cash in your weekly offering envelope and mark it Altar Flowers or simply place the offering in a separate envelope but don't forget to put your name and mark it Altar flowers. Thank you for helping to decorate the Altar!*



## Church Cleaning Sponsorships Available

There opportunities for individuals and families to sponsor a week of cleaning during the year. If interested, please sign up for an open week on the poster in the narthex, put your \$20 donation into an envelope marked "Church Cleaning for the Week of \_\_\_\_\_," and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for supporting this effort to help keep our church clean.



## Get the essentials during COVID-19

Shop using gift cards so your dollar goes further

Many businesses are temporarily closing their doors, so it's hard to know where you can get the things you need. You can still buy all your household essentials, and help support your family and organization, with the brands below.

### Grocery stores



### Pet supply stores



### Gas stations and convenience stores



### Take-out or delivery restaurants



### Pharmacies



### Office supply shops



### Hardware and home improvement



### General purpose



+ MORE BRANDS

Shop at [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com) or on your phone at [MyScripWallet.com](http://MyScripWallet.com)

Please call Kari in order to set up a family account so that you are able to place an order on your own, or call her to let her know what she can order for you. Orders will be placed every other week. (Aug. 4th and 18th will be the next order dates.) Cards are great for gifts and for personal use. Remember teachers, parents, graduates, newlyweds, and so many of our essential workers during this time!!!



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**THE REVEREND GEORGE A.  
KLIMA  
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING  
Saturday, August 22nd  
Dwight Country Club**

Golfers and sponsors are needed.

Four person teams; Best Ball format;

Tee times every 8 minutes starting at 9:30 a.m.

Starting times and order of door prize selections determined by  
blind draw on or about 8/16.

Create your own foursome or the Outing Committee will assign you to one.

Free goodie bags and raffle tickets for each foursome;

Numerous door prizes.

Each foursome will enjoy a delicious steak meal and select their door prizes immediately after they complete their round, then leave in order to maintain social distancing and state mandated COVID-19 protocols.

Masks are required indoors, except when eating.

The drawing for the two grand prizes, a 5 burner gas grill and a 50 inch smart TV, will be conducted by the committee and golf course staff at the end of the event. Winners will be notified and arrangements made for pickup of prizes.

Cost is \$85 per golfer.

Sponsorship of a hole is \$300 (includes fees for 2 golfers).

Door prize donations are greatly appreciated.

**Please sign up no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information, contact Steve Fuller 630-234-6139 or

Todd Rousculp 815-693-3434.

**THIS IS THE PRIMARY FUNDRAISER FOR THE MEN'S GROUP**

## Here are FOUR ways to listen to Pastor Ryden's Sermons:

1. On our website: [shorewoodhope.org](http://shorewoodhope.org)  
Go to Resources Tab
2. On Facebook:  
Shorewood Hope Lutheran Church
3. On YouTube:  
Shorewood Hope Lutheran Church
4. Over the Phone:  
Call Hope Lutheran Church's  
Sermon Phone Number  
(815) 317-3640



Share with Family and Friends!

### FROM YOUR FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

God's Grace and Mercy be with each of us during this time and daily. As each of us deal with our daily struggles we are blessed with the knowledge that God is with us and without him we are nothing. It is so wonderful to see our Church family worshipping together again. Thank you to everyone who is working so hard to keep us safe and to keep our building sanitized.

Not much going on with fellowship within the building, but it is so nice to hear voices or see faces. Please remember to keep in contact with our members. Fellowship is not just us meeting in the building, we can do so much fellowshipping by using our phones, ink pens, hands. Just think a call or a friendly card sent to someone is fellowshipping, a drive by wave is awesome if you have been Shelter-in-place at home alone for a while. Let us use our talents to fellowship with our Church Family, our neighbors and our own families. Remember the definition of fellowship is: **Fellowship** is a feeling of friendship that people have when they are talking or doing something together and sharing their experiences... a sense of community and **fellowship**.

FAITH OVER FEAR. If you need anything, please let us know.

Your Fellowship is working for you

Annamariaa Dorsey-Atkinson, Committee Chairperson... 815-922-4455



# Postponed till June 7-16, 2022

An opportunity has come up for Pastor Ryden to participate in a 13-day trip to Israel and Jordan in April of 2021. He will get a chance to experience the Holy Land in an up-close-and-personal-way and to bring his experiences back to Hope in the form of bible studies, sermons, teachings and stories.

The trip will take place between April 28 – May 11th, 2021. Areas that will be visited include Galilee, Bethlehem, Bethany, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Mt of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Upper Room, Mt Nebo and many other locations. The full cost of the trip, which includes air fare, hotel, most food, taxes, gratuity, visas and trip



insurance is \$6,000. That equates to approximately \$425 per day. Additional information is included in the brochure on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Won't you prayerfully consider helping to fund the cost of the trip? Full payment is required by December 31, 2020.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

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## Organ Campaign Update

So far we have received pledges and donations totaling approximately \$26,000 or 30% of our goal. Our sincere thanks to everyone that has participated so far. If you have not had the opportunity to make a pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. Payments can still be mailed in.

Once we reach our goal of \$80,000, an order for a new instrument will be placed with delivery approximately three months later.

I think you'll agree that music plays an important role in our church; not only for worship services, but for weddings, funerals, and other special occasions or events. Having a modern, reliable organ will enable us to continue to provide quality accompaniment to all the members and visitors of Hope Lutheran Church.

Blessings always,  
Steve Fuller  
Executive Director



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**WE'RE ON FACEBOOK:  
Shorewood Hope  
Lutheran Church**

Have you moved?

New phone number?

Let us know.

[office@shorewoodhopelutheran.org](mailto:office@shorewoodhopelutheran.org)

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will give **millions** to churches across the country through Thrivent Choice. So please **Direct Choice Dollars today**. Thrivent Choice allows eligible members of Thrivent Financial to recommend where some of Thrivent Financials' charitable dollars are distributed.

To make your direction, simply:

- Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice), or
- Call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say, "Thrivent Choice."

## Prayer Shawls

*Do you need a prayer shawl for someone who is homebound, recovering from illness/surgery or experiencing a major event (wedding, birth, loss of loved one, promotion, etc)?*

*If so please contact Cathy Wernli  
by phone: 815-725-9644, or  
email: [cathywernli@yahoo.com](mailto:cathywernli@yahoo.com),  
"K. & C. Wernli".*

