

# HI Hope

September 2020

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## Back Home Again

Last Sunday I told a story from a vacation that my family and I took when I was a young teenager, about 13 or 14 years old. We drove to Colorado to see the Rocky Mountains. Since Sunday I have reminisced about that vacation and recalled something else that happened as we traveled there and back.

As any parent knows, keeping kids occupied and out of trouble on a long car trip is not an easy task. I'm sure my brother and I got on each other's nerves from time to time, but what I remember most about the car trip was playing the license plate game. My parents told us to look for license plates from different states to see how many we could find. To sweeten the pot they offered to pay us money for every plate we found – 10 cents for every U.S. state and 25 cents for every Canadian province or other unique plate. During that whole, long car trip I found every state license plate (including Hawaii in a parking lot near Pike's Peak), every Canadian province, a Mexican plate, a U.S. government plate and a few others, EXCEPT Delaware. To this day I hold a grudge against the entire state of Delaware!

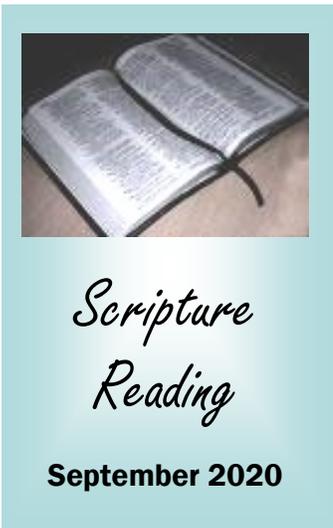
That experience has impacted me to this day as I still notice license plates when I drive. (I just saw another Hawaii license plate on I-55 on Monday. That makes 7 times over all, but whose counting?) From time to time states will change the design of their license plate and I have to learn to recognize the new designs. Such was the case with the Indiana license plate several years ago. At the time of that vacation Indiana had a license plate with the slogan "Wander" in bright red letters across the top. (See picture.) Then, a few years later the state changed the design of their plates and it made me laugh. This time the slogan was in blue and it said, "Back Home Again." (See other picture.) It made me laugh because I figured they needed to make the change because everybody in Indiana must have "wandered" off and now the state had to tell people that it was time for them to come "back home again."



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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



1	2 Chronicles 4-6	11	Ezekiel 1-3	21	Ezekiel 34-36
2	2 Chronicles 7-9	12	Ezekiel 4-7	22	Ezekiel 37-39
3	2 Chronicles 10-13	13	Ezekiel 8-11	23	Ezekiel 40-42
4	2 Chronicles 14-16	14	Ezekiel 12-14	24	Ezekiel 43-45
5	2 Chronicles 17-19	15	Ezekiel 15-18	25	Ezekiel 46-48
6	2 Chronicles 20-22	16	Ezekiel 19-21	26	Daniel 1-3
7	2 Chronicles 23-25	17	Ezekiel 22-24	27	Daniel 4-6
8	2 Chronicles 26-29	18	Ezekiel 25-27	28	Daniel 7-9
9	2 Chronicles 30-32	19	Ezekiel 28-30	29	Daniel 10-12
10	2 Chronicles 33-36	20	Ezekiel 31-33	30	Esther 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	Leona Schmidt - at home
Barb Biller - at home	Ruth Roch - at Westchester
Emma Bill - at Alden	Adelaide Holm - at Senior Star
Shirley Jacksa - at Rock Run Place	Mary Jean White-at Alden
Linda Stone - at home	Shirley Patchett - Solstice
Dolores Kucera - at home	

Italy Wallace (Annamariaa Atkinson's daughter) unspoken prayer request (8/4/20)

Mindy Cloninger (Dorothy Sieber's sister-in-law) fell and broke her leg and her opposite foot. (8/5/20)

Pat (Terri McFarland's mother) hospitalized with complications from leukemia. (8/6/20)

Barb Biller - for peace and justice (8/7/20)

Becky Jasinski (Mike & Kari Rieuf's sister-in-law) - leiomyosarcoma - treatment for recurring tumors; increased complications (8/14/20)

Kari Rieuf - newly diagnosed thyroid issues (8/14/20)

Carla Ripsch - hospitalized with a kidney stone infection. (8/18/20)

Fran Martens - having knee surgery on Aug. 27th (8/19/20)

Mrs. Elizabeth Lee (a relative of Darlene Fagan ) in nursing home w/ Covid-19 (8/20/20)

Kim Ryden - continued relief after treatments in hospital (8/21/20)

Joanne Ramey - recovering from surgery on 8/12 - broken bone in foot (8/21/20)

Jack Fuller (Steve Fuller's dad) in a nursing home dealing with several medical issues, especially progressive lung disease. (8/21/20)

Stephanie Fuller - still being evaluated for neurological issues (8/21/19)

Toni Coble (Client of Annamariaa Atkinson) stage 4 pancreatic & liver cancer (8/21/20)

Joe (Stephanie Fjeldheim's uncle) bladder cancer - chemo treatments(8/21/20)

Nicole Thompson & family - front line medical personnel (8/21/20)

Jim Shimek (George Shimek's brother) cancer (8/21/20)

Aaron Smith & family (Jon & Wendy Forsberg's friend) diagnosed with ALS (8/21/20)

Julia Dasovic (Ella Rasokat's daughter) prayers as she recovers from surgery (8/24/20)

Jessica Moore and family - (Stephanie Fjeldheim's friend) - personal (8/26/20)

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

*We extend our Christian sympathies to Ray and Darlene Fagan on the death of Darlene's sister Mary Jean Jans.*

*We extend our Christian sympathies to Adelaide Holm and family on the death of her daughter Cathy Griffin.*

*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.*

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.

## September Birthday Wishes to . . .

Mary Rittgarn	9/2	Richard Newland	9/9	Kylie Wissel	9/15
Sofia Petrilla	9/3	Ella Rasokat	9/10	Karen Jensen	9/16
Kenneth Wernli	9/3	Angela Aegerter	9/12	Adrianna Koepke	9/16
Leigh Ann Hargreave	9/4	Christopher Koch	9/12	Sally DeSandre	9/17
Sherri Bianchetta	9/6	Phyllis Neugebauer	9/12	Megan Johnson	9/22
Rebekah Ryden	9/6	Riley Bryll	9/13	Zachary Adolphson	9/24
Declan Fisher	9/7	Emily Bellettini	9/14	Kyle Ripsch	9/24
Hansel Howard	9/8	Caleb Bourgeois	9/15	Joshua Gautschy	9/28
				Edward Visnevac	9/30

**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

Doug and Nicole Skedel	9/1
Richard and Belinda Newland	9/4
Dave and Victoria Bourgeois	9/5
Craig and Kim Pankiewicz	9/5
Shawn and Nicole Thompson	9/5
Tim and Deneen Middleton	9/10
Cliff and Amy DePratt	9/20
Jeffrey and Deborah Rozanski	9/20

*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,

Another year of Youth Discipleship Class has begun. One of my favorite parts of teaching the sixth graders is studying The Ten Commandments. The eighth commandment is one that traps all of us at one time or another: "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." The meaning as given by Martin Luther explains that "We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way."

We have all been part of a conversation about someone. So often we think that the guilty party in this is the one who is speaking, but it is just as dishonorable to lend an ear to the conversation. It is simply a matter of being an active or passive participant. Think about it. . .if the hearer refused to listen, the one speaking would not have an audience!

I remember Pastor Klima sharing a poem a LONG time ago. I have looked for it before and FINALLY found it online this morning. It was written by Harry Gray who was the CEO of United Technologies, and it was part of an ad in the Wall Street Journal from the late 70's through the early 80's:

### "The Snake That Poisons"

It topples governments,  
wrecks marriages,  
ruins careers, busts reputations,  
causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion,  
spawns suspicion, generates grief,  
dispatches innocent people to cry in their pillow.

Even its name hisses.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

It's called gossip.

Office gossip, shop gossip, party gossip.

It makes headlines and headaches.

Before you repeat a story, ask yourself:

Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not, SHUT UP!

I have a very irrational fear of snakes, so it does not surprise me that this poem had an impact on me. Another way of checking ourselves is to use the acronym THINK. Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it inspiring? Is it necessary? Is it kind? Hopefully one of these methods will have an impact on you. (\*I have a feeling that most of our youth never see/read my letters. Please let this poem be one that you share with them. I would appreciate it.)

MAKING DISCIPLES is an EVERYDAY ADVENTURE with JESUS!

Prayers that all of us remain safe and healthy! Kari

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This pandemic has radically altered our lives in so many ways. Words and phrases like social distancing, quarantine, self-isolation and lock down have become a part of our every day conversations. We have been cut off from some of the most important personal connections that we all crave. We were even cut off from our time to gather for worship for a while. At first everything went online. Then we were able to gather in small groups. In late March we started a phone ministry for those without internet access. Thankfully we can now gather once again with limited numbers and proper precautions. Our worship services look very different from what they were like back in January. Hopefully will be able to gather more fully in the months to come.

I thank God for providing us with alternative ways to bring his Word to people in their homes. But I wonder if this pandemic has caused some people to wander. They have become used to not gathering for worship. At first it was necessary, but then it became habit. There's a phrase that comes to mind: "Seven days makes one week, but seven days without God's word makes one weak". I want to encourage everyone to be in God's Word during these challenging times. I also want to remind everyone that worship is an essential part of our spiritual life and relationship to our God. We need his gifts for life! And while there may be reasons that some continue to worship at home, I also want to call people to come "back home again." There is no substitute for gathering in person as a community of faith to receive God's gifts and respond in prayer and praise.

Here's what I am saying. If there is a reason that you need to take special precautions against the COVID-19 virus, please do so by all means, and make use of the worship opportunities that are being provided so that you can hear God's word and receive his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation to see you through this time. However, if you find that the unusual circumstances we are faced with has simply caused you to wander, then perhaps it's time to come back home. If you are afraid, perhaps arming yourself with the most up to date research and recommendations from the CDC, IDPH and other reliable sources will help you overcome your fears, and through prayer and thoughtful consideration you might find that returning to worship with your brothers and sisters in Christ is possible.

Please pray and consider coming "back home again" to worship this Saturday at 5:00 or Sunday at 8:00 or 10:30. Sunday school and Bible study will be starting again soon too. Come and be strengthened in your faith. No, I won't give you a dime or quarter like my parents did, but I'll be happy to tell you about Jesus and provide you with his forgiveness, life and salvation through his Word and Sacrament. I hope to see you soon. If you want to talk, please call. I'd be happy to hear from you.

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Bill Ryden

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!

## *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:

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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!!

## All Good Things Must Come to an End

Earlier this summer, I was excited to let you all know that we were approved for the federal Payroll Protection Program loan, which provided us eight weeks of payroll payments for our church staff; a real blessing for sure. We followed all of the requirements and are anticipating that the loan will be forgiven. The bad news is that the last payment from that pot of money was made approximately one month ago, so we're back to relying solely on the weekly offerings to cover all of the church's expenses, including payroll. With our average weekly worship attendance being 35-40 percent lower than it was prior to COVID-19, it is more important than ever that our members faithfully make their offerings by bringing them to worship, dropping them off or mailing them to the office; or by using the on-line payment tool found on our web site.

The Lord has blessed our little church in many ways and it is up to all of us to show our gratitude by managing and maintaining it to the best of our ability. Please keep Hope Lutheran Church, its staff, members, and families in your prayers.

God's blessings,  
Steve Fuller

## 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".*



## 2020 Golf Outing Recap

The Men's Group would like to thank everyone who sponsored a hole, donated door prizes, bought raffle tickets, and participated in this year's Reverend George A. Klima Memorial Golf Outing.

While participation was down this year because of COVID restrictions, it was still a very successful event.

The \$3,500 that was raised will be used for the betterment of our church, its members, and the local community. Also, congratulations to the three raffle winners; Ed Sterling (Grill), Mike O'Donnell (TV), and Kari (Ring Door Bell Camera). Make plans now to join us next August for our 2021 outing.

## 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.

## 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.



Jr. High Youth are invited to join us for an "EVENING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE" at Hope.

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

6-9pm

\*Bring something for yourself



to enjoy for dinner, and we'll make s'mores!



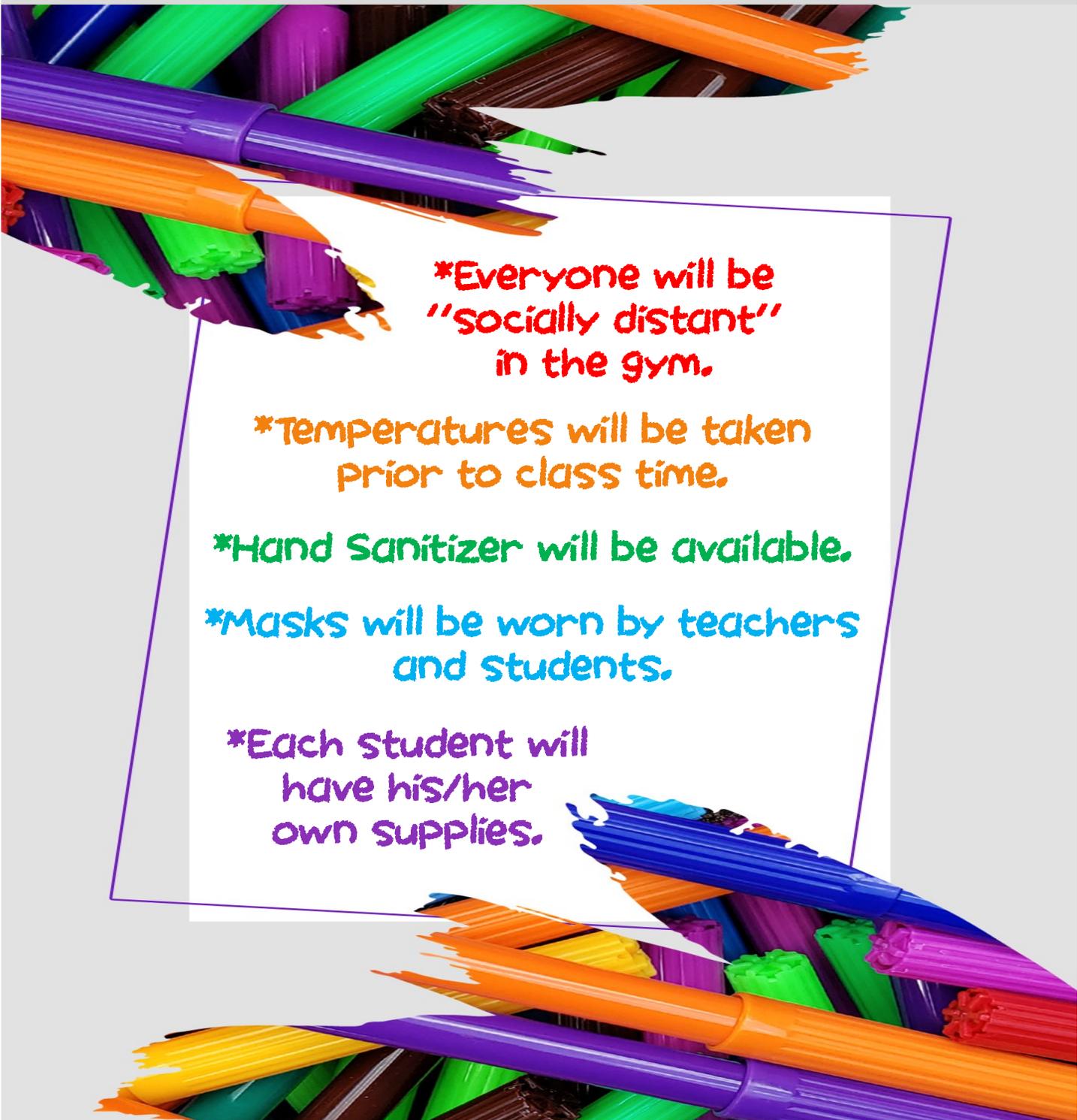
Sr. High Youth are invited to join us for an

"EVENING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE" at Hope. Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

7-9pm

\*Come for some "hangout time" and s'mores!

**IT'S TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!**  
We have figured out how to safely return to Sunday  
Morning Ministries and  
**WELCOME YOU and your CHILDREN** to join us.  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> From 9:15-10:15am**



**\*Everyone will be  
"socially distant"  
in the gym.**

**\*Temperatures will be taken  
prior to class time.**

**\*Hand Sanitizer will be available.**

**\*Masks will be worn by teachers  
and students.**

**\*Each student will  
have his/her  
own supplies.**

## 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!

Enjoy a physically distanced fun social event



**WALCAMP**  
*...into the outdoors*

# An Evening Under the Stars

Food - Fun - Fellowship

Bring your sweetheart to a  
Ravinia style evening for adults  
in the Great Outdoors



Music provided by  
*Nostalgia Entertainment*

Desserts by  
*Nothing Bundt Cakes*

**SEPT 26 4:30 PM**

**Pre-order your tickets by September 15, 2020!**

[www.WALCAMP.org](http://www.WALCAMP.org) **815-784-5141**

# 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)

## GOT JUNK?

The Youth Group is (HOPEFULLY) hosting another RUMMAGE SALE and would love to receive your stuff so that it can be someone else's treasure. We are collecting everything (starting NOW) ~ from clothing to books, electronics, and furniture.



(Hopefully) October 3rd  
8AM-1PM

Donation forms are available for tax purposes if you need one!  
(Anything that does NOT sell will be donated to  
The Blessing Bench Food Pantry for their sale or to the  
MorningStar Treasure Chest resale shop.)

**\*HELP WILL BE NEEDED DURING THE WEEK  
PRECEDING AS WELL AS THE DAY OF THE SALE.  
PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE YOUTH BOARD!**

Proceeds from the sale will be used for  
upcoming Mission Trips as well as the  
National Youth Gathering 2022  
(Houston, TX).