

April 2023

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"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Soon we will be entering into the most holy week in the Church year as our Lenten journey reaches its climax. It begins with Palm Sunday, the day on which our Lord rode into Jerusalem as the King who comes to save his people. The next big event happens on Thursday. This was the day when Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples. At that meal he instituted his Holy Supper as the fulfillment of the Passover promise. This was the evening when Jesus gave them the command to love one another as he had loved them, washed the disciples' feet, and then went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Maundy Thursday gets its name from the mandate that Jesus gave his followers to love one another. Maundy is the Latin word for Mandate. Then we come to Good Friday, the day on which out Lord was crucified for the sins of the world. All these events culminate in our Easter celebration when we remember the greatest miracle of all time: the resurrection of our Lord. Together these events make up holy week.

Each of these days are important to the salvation narrative. If you leave out one of them you don't get the whole story. You can't have Jesus celebrating the Passover without first riding into Jerusalem. His death loses its meaning unless we understand that it was to establish a new covenant in his blood for the forgiveness of sins. And the resurrection loses it punch unless we first confront the reality of death. All of these events are important to our faith.

Imagine what would happen if you read only the first chapter of a book and then skipped to the last chapter. You would miss most of the story and the ending wouldn't make sense. So it is when we skip right from Palm Sunday to Easter without pausing to meditate and worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We need to get the whole story.

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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	Jud 6-7
2	Jud 8-9
3	Jud 10-12
4	Jud 13-15
5	Jud 16-18
6	Jud 19-21
7	Ruth
8	1Sam 1-3
9	1Sam 4-8
10	1Sam 9-12

11	1Sam 13-14
12	1Sam 15-17
13	1Sam 18-20; Ps 11/59
14	1Sam 21-24
15	Ps 7,27,31,34,52
16	Ps 56,120,140-142
17	1Sam 25-27
18	Ps 17,35,54,63
19	1Sam 28-31; Ps18
20	Ps 121,123-125,128-130

21	2Sam 1-4
22	Ps 6,8-10,14,16,19,21
23	1Chron 1-2
24	Ps 43-45,49,84-85,87
25	1Chron 3-5
26	Ps 73,77-78
27	1Chron 6
28	Ps 81,88,92-93
29	1Chron 7-10
30	Ps 102-104

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

Pastor & Mrs. Tessaro - LBT missionaries in Nigeria

All of the service men and women, especially:

Zachary Klima - US Air Force

Sgt. First Class Jason Wilck (grandson of Hannelore Wilck) US Army

Lt. Col. Scott Meskimen (cousin of Tom & Melanie Mikuta) - US Air Force

Lt. William Shanahan (son of Mike & Kim Shanahan)- US Marine

Sam Berg (nephew of Steve & Stephanie Fuller) US Navy

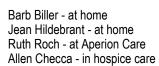
Lance Corporal Trevor Zukauskas - US Marine

Petty Officer Joey Sheppard - US Navy

Jeremy Visnevac - US Marine

Ashley Kristofer (George & Pat Kristofer's granddaughter) US Marine





Linda Stone - at home Dolores Kucera - Burr Ridge Sr Living Erna Schultz - at Aperion Care



J.R. Behymer - prayers for healing

Vickie Lapka - prayers for healing

Diane Kettelson - prayers for healing

Shari Schulz- prayers for healing

Ray & Jo Gast - Thanks and praise to God for another day!

Greg Stytz - surgery was successful, doing well

Phyllis Neugebauer - prayers for healing

Aaron Smith and family (Jon/Wendy Forsberg friend) diagnosed with ALS

Gilbert Schleef (Uncle of Beth Hauser) in hospice care

Mary Paonessa - (sister of Beth Hauser) - cancer treatments

Terry Miller (husband of Barb) - prayers for healing

Tom Wolf (Brenda's husband) - prayers for healing

Reegan Hart (niece of Kim & Pastor Ryden) for courage and peace through Physical Therapy

Sharon & Bob (family of Sue Kiefer) several medical issues (2/28)

Dorothy (mother of Sue Kiefer)) prayers for healing and rehab (2/28)

Kathy (niece of Dolgner's) prayers for healing (2/28)

Nathan Neugebauer - dental surgery on Friday, 3/3/23 (3/1)

Dave Jans (BIL Darlene Fagan) surgery for liver tumor on March 8th (3/3)

Dean O (BIL Barb Miller) had brain surgery, starting radiation (3/6)

Kinley Nash & family (friends of Sonjia Brandon) Sanfilippo Syndrome diagnosis (3/6)

Paul (BIL Judy Wierman) recent cancer diagnosis (3/8)

Harold Dolgner- surgery scheduled for 3/27 (3/21)

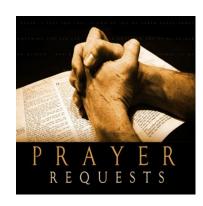
Jim (Kelly Stytz's Dad) - released from hospice, prayers for comfort (3/21)

We pray for the success of the *Faithful Famílies* Ministry in our congregation.

3/28/23 During our session at Feed My Starving Children, meals were packed on to feed 58 children for an entire year. Please keep them in your prayers.

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family of Dawn Deufel (niece of Mary & Harold Dolgner) who passed away March 20th, after a long battle with cancer.

We pray for the maternity home supported by Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries bringing together congregations, agencies and spirit-led individuals to assist real people in need, through Christ, the perfect Servant and Savior we are privileged to serve



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

Birthday	Wishes	to.		
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Chase	Hansen	4/1
Mason	Pilon	4/1
Nicole	Thompson	4/2
Kelly	Stytz	4/2
Kaitlyn	Thompson	4/4
Becky	Rohr	4/4
Laura	Klima	4/7
Kyle	Ruchala	4/8
Megan	Rozanski	4/8
Warren	Seil	4/9
Janice	Vanacora	4/10
Karen	O'Connell	4/10
Joe	Sheppard	4/11

Kyle	Sheppard	4/11
Glen	Utes	4/14
Richard	Ramey	4/16
Julie	Powers	4/17
George	Kristofer	4/17
Matt	Ferdon	4/18
Evie	Savage	4/18
Cody	Wason	4/19
Darlene	Gura	4/19
Beth	Hauser	4/20
Carolyn	Powers	4/20
Jason	Holmes	4/21
Barb	Miller	4/21

Christopher	Lindstrom	4/22
Ed	Blatnicky	4/22
Jean	Hildebrant	4/22
Kevin	O'Connell	4/22
Nikki	Skedel	4/24
Melanie	Mikuta	4/24
Beth	Sterling	4/24
Jordan	Minniti	4/25
Luke	Johnson	4/26
Jessica	Mikuta	4/26
Ronald	Schehr	4/26
Kayla	Thompson	4/27
Karen	Rousculp	4/28

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

Robert & Angela	Poland	4/3
Hector & Jacqueline	Ortiz	4/12
Scott & Wendie	Gleim	4/29

May God continue to Bless these Marriages! If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, please let us know at office@shorewoodhopelutheran.org or

Drop a note in the mailbox in the Admin corridor or

Call the office at 815-741-2428.

We would love to include you!

A Better Way

The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, "How much should



I give?" But this question really means, "Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?" Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn't necessary because it isn't expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no "Thus saith the Lord," or "should" concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn't tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won't be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians *should* tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn't specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one's income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here's another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? "The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism's Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we're not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let's answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I'm glad you're still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God's promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I'd really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we're ecstatic that you're giving, and that you're giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your

gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.

Online Giving! With Vanco Mobile App.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship (Continued from Cover)

As we enter into holy week, I want to encourage everyone to make every effort to get the whole story. Come and rejoice with the crowds as we hail Jesus as the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Accept his invitation to join him in his most holy meal. Follow him to the judgment hall and to calvary. Watch with John and Mary as they witness the greatest act of love in human history, the death of the Son of God. Then lift your alleluias with hundreds of millions of your fellow Christians on the day of our Lord's resurrection.

This Holy Week come hear the blessed gospel of our Lord's live, death and resurrection for you and me. Come and get the whole story.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Bill Ryden



Here are Three ways to view Worship Services:

- On our website: shorewoodhope.org.
 Go to Resources Tab/Worship at Home
- 2. On Facebook: Shorewood Hope Lutheran Church
- 3. On YouTube: Shorewood Hope Lutheran Church



LWML ZONE 17

Invites you to Join us for a SPRING RALLY

Saturday, April 29, 8:30-11:30 am Our Savior Lutheran Church 1910 Black Road, Joliet, IL 60435



Love in Action

Be Devoted To One Another In Love

Romans 12:10

COME HEAR DEACONESS, SARAH GAFFNEY, VOICE OF CARE MINISTRY FACILITATOR, SPEAK ON VOLUNTEER RESPITE COMPANION CARE MINISTRY

Voice of Care offers a volunteer Respite Caregiver Training Program for adults and teenagers, enabling volunteers to provide temporary relief to family caregivers in planned settings and emergency situations.

Join us for continental breakfast, bible study, LWML news and our special speaker.

RSVP BY APRIL 22ND

KATHY HARRINGER 815-546-4437 KJHARR2001@YAHOO.COM OR KARLA KUSE-JESSEN 815-823-3124 KARLAJESSEN 1@AOL.COM

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

Sat 5p Sun 8a & 10:30a

Maundy Thursday 11:30a & 7p Good Friday 11:30a & 7p

First Communion

Ryan Banser Caleb Bourgeois Eleanora DePratt Zoie Koerner Brooke Park





Easter Egg Hunt April 2nd PreK thru 5th grade

During Sunday School

Easter Sunday 8:45 -10:15 a.m.



Call the office to sign up

Men's Group
will be
serving their
famous
Easter
Breakfast.
All are invited
to attend.

Blessing

Bench Current Needs

Canned: soups and fruit

Oatmeal

Boxed cereal

Grab & go nutritious snacks

Paper towels



<u>Perhaps</u> you've heard of the Ark Encounter and the Creation
Museum in Kentucky.

Perhaps you've considered visiting these inspirational sites.

Perhaps you've been there and look forward to visiting again.

Here is your perfect opportunity: plans are in the works for several Hope Members to travel there May 8th thru the 11th.

This includes a day to drive there, one day at each of the sites and one day to drive back.

More details will follow in the weekly announcements.

What a wonderful way to be inspired by God's power and love!



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Youth
Discipleship
Class
Sunday
9:15am

Women's
Bible Study
Wednesday at
10:00am

Bible Study Wednesday 7pm in café

Men's
Bible Group
Saturday
8am in café



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initial deposit of \$500.00!

For a short video tour, go to: (ctrl/click)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?



Feed My Starving Children in Aurora Dates are scheduled for April 6, 11, 18 & 25 (8:15am until 11:30am)

Please meet at Hope at 8:15am Always looking for people to help!

Please contact Kari (815) 355-4673 to join us.



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 Announcement Loop.

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 check/cash in a separate envelope.

> Thank you for helping to decorate the Altar! Openings in April & May

Church Cleaning Sponsorships Available

There are 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 chart in the narthex, put your \$20 donation into an envelope marked "Church Cleaning for the Week of ___", include your name and place it in the offering plate.

Thank you for supporting this effort to keep our church clean.

2023 Chart Available



Prayer,

Ahawl

We continue to collect Pop & Beer Tabs for Ronald McDonald House!

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: 815-741-2428, or email: office@shorewoodhopelutheran.org



Please join us! Family and Friends are Welcome!

Sunday April 23rd Worship 10:30a Lunch Noon Faith Building for Entire Family 12:30p

We continue to accept donations for the replacement of our roof last fall. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this project.

Planning Ahead

4/1 & 2 - Palm Sunday

4/02 - Sunday School Egg Hunt

4/06 - Maundy Thursday - 11:30am & 7pm

4/07 - Good Friday - 11:30am & 7pm

4/8 & 9 - Easter - Sat 5pm, Sun 8am & 10:30am

4/09 - Easter Breakfast - 8:45a - 10:15a

4/23 - Faithful Families @ 10:30am

4/29 - LWML Spring Rally at Our Savior



Message from the Board President 2023 Proposed Budget

You know that feeling you get when something you have been working on for a while finally gets done! Whether it's a personal project at home or at work. Its that euphoria that all the hard work you put into it is finally done and this is the end result. You're happy it's over and usually feeling deep pleasure or satisfaction of how it came out.

That is how I, and the rest of the Board, I think, feel about this budget. After a few months of discussing, analyzing, and adding up numbers, the 2023 Hope Budget was approved. It will now go to you, the members, for the final approval on Saturday, April 22nd at 6:00pm.

Because of the last Board having to deal with the emergency new roof, the church converting over to a Policy base system, and a completely new board, the budget was unfortunately not ready by January. This board will be working on the 2024 budget in the next few months and should be ready by next January. The 2023 Budget is on page 17, and also one is posted on the bulletin board in Admin corridor. The new format should be easier to read and I hope, to understand! Over the next three weeks, if you have any questions, please call, text, email, or see me in person and I will do my best to answer any questions.

Next up on the agenda is the roof and how Hope will pay for that. That I will talk about next month. Just want to say "thanks" for all those who called, sent me letters, or have talked to me in person. Please continue to do so, I love hearing from you. Hope to see everyone during Holy Week. Have a Blessed Easter.

As usual, If you want to talk to me you can catch me at church at 8:00 am, leave a note in my church mailbox, email me at cds5764@gmail.com, or text or call me at 815-474-7485 before 9pm. If you are up early, I am on the road at 4:50am for an hour, we can talk then!

Your servant in Christ,

Dwight Sieger President, Hope Lutheran Church Board President

	2023 Proposed Budget	2022 Actual	2022 Budget
Administration			
Office	\$4,600	\$2,950	\$2,800
Payroll	\$172,854	\$175,559	\$178,958
LCMS	\$3,400	\$850	\$1,200
Properties	\$67,900	\$48,313	\$55,450
Mortgage	\$100,158	\$100,158	\$100158
TOTAL	\$348,912	\$327,830	\$338,566
Mission & Ministry			
Worship	\$3,000	\$1,962	\$1,000
Education/Youth	\$2,890	\$2,255	\$3,750
Witness	\$650		\$1,000
Stewardship	\$700	\$503	\$525
Fellowship	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
Ministry Opportunities	\$1,000		
TOTAL	\$9,240	\$5,042	\$6,775
Total Budget	\$358,152	\$332,872	\$345,341
Contributions		\$343,573	
Increase	\$12,811		
Percent Increase	3.71%		

April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Mite Box Collection 8am - Men's Group 10am - Toy Show 2:30pm - First Communion Class 5pm - Palm Sunday Worship Service
PALM SUNDAY 8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Moming Ministries & EGG HUNT 10:30am - Worship Service 7pm - Adult Open Basketball	3 6am -Ivy League 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	6pm - AA Meeting	5	6 8:15am FMSC 11:30a - Maundy Thursday service 7pm First Communion Maundy Thursday Service	7 11:30a - Good Friday service 6pm - AA Meeting 7pm - Good Friday Service	8 8am - Men's Group 0:30am - Timbers 5pm - Easter Worship Service
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8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries 10:30am - Worship ce 7pm - Adult Open Basketball

Serving The Lord Serving The Lord

D	ATE	LAY MINISTER	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR DUTY	STEVARDSHIF	FLOVERS	MEDIA
4/1	5PM	Fuller	Fuller	Gura	Kerwin/O'Connell		O'Connell	
4/2	8AM	Sieger	Hauser	Hauser	Sieber	Gura	imo	Mikuta
	10:30AM	Wolf		Lapka	Turnell		Pat O'Connell	
4/6	11:30AM	Fuller	Hauser		Fagan/Gura			Vernli
	7pm				Branz			
4/7	11:30AM	Fuller	Fuller		XXX			Vernli
	7pm		Hargreave		xxx			
4/8	5PM	Bennett	Kerwin	Dolgner	Fagan/Gura		Easter	
4/9	8AM	Vernli	Vernli	Sieber/Rasokat	Vernli	Kristofer	Flowers	
	10:30AM	Hargreave	Hargreave	Boyd	Hargreave			
4/15	5PM	DePratt	Fuller	O'Connell	Herrington			
4/16	8AM	Bianchetta	Branz	Markley	Branz	Remus		Mikuta
	10:30AM	Wolf		Yeager/Newland	Talkington			
4/22	5PM	Petrilla	Kerwin	KerwinłKerwin	Kerwin/O'Connell			
4/23	8AM	Rousculp	Steinhauer	Sieger	Vernli	Sieber		Vernli
	10:30AM	Hargreave	Hargreave	Lapka	Miller			
4/29	5PM	Fuller	Fuller	Gura	Fagan/Gura			
4/30	8AM	Wernli	Vernli	Krabbe	Vernli	Yeager		Mikuta
	10:30AM	Volf		Boyd	Ripsch			

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Adult Basketball
Sundays at 7pm
Bring a friend!