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Why don't you grow up?

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:15-16

"I don't wanna grow up" is a well-known song from the musical Peter Pan. That song captures the sentiment of many people today who dread the idea of having to grow up, become an adult and take on greater responsibilities. They even have a word for it these days. It's called "adulthood." Kids these days dread adulthood and put it off for as long as they can. Even when we are grown up, we all have those moments when we wish we could set aside the burdens of life and go back to those care-free days of childhood. Peter Pan is the embodiment of childhood, and there's something about him that appeals to us all.

As we get into the month of May, students are preparing to enter that Neverland known as summer vacation. No more school. No more homework. No more tests. At least for a few months. Then it's on to the next grade and the shock that another summer is over. They find themselves a year older, a grade higher and a little closer to adulthood than they were the year before. Ugh!

But grow up is not all bad. That's the way God designed it. God created us to grow up, take on more responsibilities, get married, have children and raise up the next generation. This wasn't a part of God's curse on mankind in Genesis 3, but a blessing that he gave to our first parents before their fall into sin in Genesis 1-2. Growing up isn't supposed to be a burden, but a blessing. Another good gift of God that our culture has distorted! We idealize immaturity and irresponsibility instead of maturity and wisdom. How sad!

God's Word urges us to grow up spiritually as well as physically and mentally. St. Paul encouraged the Christians in Ephesus to "grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." As we grow and mature, the body of Christ, the Christian Church builds itself up in love. And that's the goal of our growing up – that we love. Love God. Love one another. Love as Christ loved us.

How does that happen? It begins at Baptism when our heavenly Father adopts us as his beloved children, brothers and sisters of Christ. It continues as we hear his Word and receive Christ's supper. Through these means of grace, God's gives us the faith, hope and love we need to grow up into Christ. We remain connected to Christ and follow him. We learn from him to love and forgive and be more like him day by day. We gain the strength to deal with the challenges of life as we look to him as our Rock and Fortress. We receive encouragement to keep going because of the hope that he has placed into our hearts. As we experience his unconditional love, we learn to love one another more and more.

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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*
May

1	2Sam 5:1-10; 1Chron 11-12
2	Ps 133
3	Ps 106-107
4	2Sam 5:11-6:23;
5	Ps 1-2,15,22-24,47,68
6	Ps 89,96,100-101,105,132
7	2Sam 7; 1Chron 17
8	Ps 25,29,33,36,39
9	2Sam 8-9; 1Chron 18
10	Ps 50,53,60,75

11	2Sam10; 1Chron 19;
12	Ps 65-67,69-70
13	2Sam 11-12; 1Chron
14	Ps 32,51,86,122
15	2Sam 13-15
16	Ps 3-4,12-13,28,55
17	2Sam 16-18
18	Ps 26,40,58,61-62,64
19	2Sam 19-21
20	Ps 5,38,41-42

21	2Sam 22-23; Ps 57
22	Ps 95,97-99
23	2Sam 24; 1Chron 21-22; Ps 30
24	Ps 108-110
25	1Chron 23-25
26	Ps 131,138-139,143-145
27	1Chron 26-29; Ps 127
28	Ps 111-118
29	1King 1-2; Ps 37/71/94
30	Ps 119:1-88
31	1King 3-4; 2Chron 1; Ps 72

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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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 until 5/15/23

All Shut-Ins, especially:

Barb Biller - at home

Linda Stone - at home

Jean Hildebrant - at home

Dolores Kucera - Burr Ridge Sr Living

Ruth Roch - at Aperion Care

Erna Schultz - at Aperion Care

Allen Checca - in hospice care

Kim Ryden - prayers for new opportunities for relief from migraine headaches

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 - prayers for continued healing

Phyllis Neugebauer - prayers for healing

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

Gilbert Schlee (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 PT

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

Harold Dolgner- successful surgery - prayers for healing (3/28)

Bettie Lehman (mother of Kim Ryden) recovering from a stroke (4/10)

Gisela Straley (mother of Sonjia Brandon) surgery on 5/3-endometrial cancer (4/18)

Bill Worley (father of Kim Ryden) recovering from a heart attack (4/18)

Bill Ryden (father of Pastor Ryden) medical tests scheduled for 4/24 (4/19)

Dean O (BIL Barb Miller) hospitalized for tests (4/20)

Lee Maloney - hospitalized (4/21)



Heavenly Father,
giver of life and
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
his weakness and
have confidence in
your loving care;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*

Birthday Wishes to . . .

Robert	Miller	5/1
Elizabeth	Kovel	5/2
Catherine	Bukauskas	5/2
Stephanie	Fuller	5/2
Kyle	Koerner	5/3
Lucas	Johnston	5/3
Dayna	Johnson	5/5
Duane	Johnson	5/6
Karina	Klima	5/8
Linda	Moderow	5/8
Linda	Stone	5/9

Abby	Kassab	5/15
Wendy	Forsberg	5/15
Pamela	Seil	5/15
Zoie	Koerner	5/19
Mike	Fisher	5/19
Harold	Dolgnier	5/20
Ray	Hemphill	5/21
Jakob	Savage	5/22
Ava	Forsberg	5/23
Tim	Middleton	5/23
Steve	Fuller	5/24

Lillian	O'Malley	5/25
Benjamin	Baker	5/25
Frank	Skedel	5/26
Jack	Forsberg	5/27
Jackson	Carroll	5/28
Meg	Petrilla	5/28
Paige	Wissel	5/28
Jesse	Wason	5/28
Carol	Yeager	5/28
Noah	Klima	5/29
Dorothy	Sieber	5/29
David	Wierman	5/30

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

Frank & Rhonda	Kovel	5/6
Mike & Kim	Fisher	5/7
Andrew & LeighAnn	Hargreave	5/9
David & Jeanette	Sandei	5/11
Scott & Renee	Wissel	5/13
George & Deborah	Shimek	5/14
Fred & Lori	Dorman	5/24
John & Phyllis	Neugebauer	5/30
Richard & Joanne	Ramey	5/30
Tom & Melanie	Mikuta	5/31

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 !

Follow Him in Generosity



Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15).

We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.



Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

- LCMS Stewardship Ministry:
 - lcms.org/stewardship

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So why don't you grow up? Perhaps because it's easier to remain infants in the faith. No responsibility. No challenge. No chance of failure. But God calls us to grow up into Christ and he blesses us when we do. As we head into the summer months, a time when we often like to set aside some responsibilities and take it easy, consider how God might be calling you to grow up in your faith. Pray about it. Is this a time to get back into God's word or dig into it a little deeper? Instead of missing out on more weekend worship opportunities, perhaps seek them out more. Why don't you grow up this summer? It's a real blessing!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Bill Ryden

Summer Hours for Worship Service

**Beginning Sunday May 28th, we will conduct
one Worship Service at 9am on Sunday.**

Saturday services will continue at 5pm.

**Sunday September 10th, we will resume
our 2 services schedule for Worship.**

Here are Three ways to view Worship Services:

1. 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





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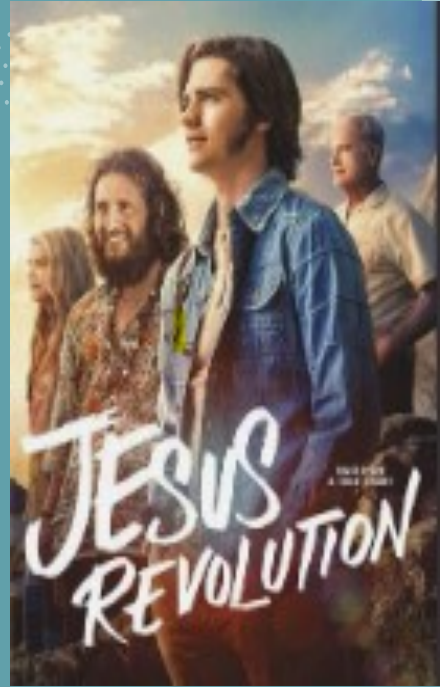
For a short video tour, go to: (ctrl/click)

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

Wednesday, May 17th
at 9:30am

Join the Wednesday
Morning Bible Study to
view **"Jesus Revolution"**

Pack a lunch for
fellowship afterwards.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

**Bible Study
meets at 7pm
in the café.**

**May 24th begins
The Book of
Hebrews**





Spring Cleanup Day at Hope

May 20th

**Signup Sheet
Available in
Narthex**

**Task can be
done any time**

TO ALL WOMEN OF HOPE:

Circle of Friendship has extra funds and many people would like to put some of the \$\$ towards the roof. Officially all women of Hope are members of Circle so we will do a vote the weekend of May 21 & 22. Stop by the table to vote.

VBS
JUN 26-30
9a -11:30a

**CALLING
ALL
GRADE
SCHOOL
YOUTH!**



Blessing

Canned: soups and fruit

Oatmeal

Boxed cereal

Grab & go nutritious snacks

Paper towels

Bench Current Needs



Perhaps 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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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**

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.





Feed My Starving Children in Aurora

Dates are scheduled for

May 4, 10, 16, 24 & 30

Please meet at Hope at 8:15am

Always looking for people to help!

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

Members of Hope

Our recent Voter's Meeting on April 22nd was very productive. Three issues were brought before the congregation and voted upon:

Approval of the final Board Member

Extension of six months added to each term of Board Members

Proposed 2023 Budget

Our final Board Member, Chris Johnson, volunteered to serve in the position of At Large, the last open position on the Board. He agreed to a one-year term. He was approved unanimously by the congregation.

As the Board had a late start in finalizing 2023 issues due to having to deal with the emergency new roof, the church converting over to a Policy base system, and completely new members, the Board offered to extend their terms by an additional 6 months. This, too, was approved unanimously by the congregation.

Our final vote was to accept the 2023 Proposed Budget. After discussion with Karen and myself, a motion was made to accept the budget, which was seconded. The vote was taken by written ballot. The budget passed with a 95% approval rate.

As promised, I can speak about the new roof payment concerns. Thank you to all who have and continue to donate to this fund. The Board is currently reviewing accounts for which we have money that is specified for general use that can be converted to the roof payment fund. We have also discussed using funds from the parking lot fund. The dispersal of funds is available on the chart in the Narthex for your review. Next month I should have more information on the roof payment.

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

Proposed Budget Passed

	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	\$100,158
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
<i>Contributions</i>		\$343,573	
Increase	\$12,811		
Percent Increase	3.71%		

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 Sept & Oct**



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



**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

*Faithful
Families*

**Please join us!
Family and Friends
are Welcome!**

**Sunday May TBA
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

5/20 - Spring Cleanup Day at Hope

5/20 & 21 - Circle of Friendship Vote

5/21 - Confirmation Sunday

Last Sunday Morning Ministries until fall

5/28 - Summer Worship Hours begin

*Save
the
Date*

May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	2 6pm - AA Meeting	3 10am - Women's Bible Study 7pm - Bible Study In café	4 8:15am FMSC	5 6pm - AA Meeting	6 Mite Box Collection 8am - Men's Group 5pm - Worship Service
7 Mite Box Collection 8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries 10:30am - Worship Service 7pm - Adult Open Basketball	8 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	9 6pm - AA Meeting	10 8:15am FMSC 10am - Women's Bible Study 7pm - Bible Study In café	11	12 10am - Quilt tying 6pm - AA Meeting	13 8am - Men's Group 10am - Toy Show 10:30am - Timbers 5pm - Worship Service
14 8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries 10:30am - Worship Service 7pm - Adult Open Basketball	15 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	16 8:15am FMSC 6pm - AA Meeting	17 10am - "Jesus Revolution" and Lunch 7pm - Bible Study In café	18 6pm - Bereaved Parents of Will Cty	19 6pm - AA Meeting	20 Spring Cleanup Day 9am - Gym rental 8am - Men's Group 5pm - Worship Service Circle vote
21 Confirmation Sunday 8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries 10:30am - Worship Service Baptism Circle Vote 7pm - Adult Open Basketball	22 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	23 11:30am - Ivy League 6pm - AA Meeting	24 8:15am FMSC 10am - Women's Bible Study 7pm - Bible Study In café	25	26 10am - Quilt tying 6pm - AA Meeting	27 5pm - Worship Service
28 9am - Worship Service 7pm - Adult Open Basketball	29 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	30 8:15am FMSC 6pm - AA Meeting	31 10am - Women's Bible Study 7pm - Bible Study In café			

Serving The Lord



DATE	LAY MINISTER	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR DUTY	STEWARDSHIP	FLOWERS	MEDIA
5/6 5PM	Fuller	Fuller	Gura	Fagan/Gura		Rousculp's	
5/7 8AM	Sieger	Hauser	Martens	Sieber	Gura	imo	
10:30AM	Wolf		Yeager/Newland	Turnell		Robert Roseen	
5/13 5PM	Bennett	Kerwin	O'Connell	Fagan/Gura			
5/14 8AM	Wernli	Steinhauer	Steinhauer	Wernli	Kristofer	Karen Bartleman	Wernli
10:30AM	Hargreave	Hargreave	Lapka	Hargreave			
5/20 5PM	DePratt	Fuller	Kerwin/Kerwin	Herrington			
5/21 8AM	Bianchetta	Branz	Branz	Branz	Remus	Confirmation	
10:30AM	Wolf		Boyd	Talkington			
5/27 5PM	Fuller	Fuller	Dolgnier	Kerwin/O'Connell		Stering's	
5/28 9AM	Rousculp	Wernli	Sieber/Rasokat	Miller	Sieber	imo	
Summer Hours Begin						David Sterling	

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