



## Remember When?

Remember the wonderous works that he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Israel his servant, sons of Jacob,  
his chosen ones!

1 Chronicles 16:12-13

**June 2023**

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From time to time a notification will pop up on my cell phone prompting me to look at a picture that I had taken some time ago. It usually comes with a catchy title and an indication of when the picture was taken, such as “A special memory... One year ago,” or “Revisit the moment...Four months ago today,” or “Remember when...Five years ago.” These are photos that the Google Photos algorithm thinks I would be interested in looking at again. I’m sure you have several such photos on your phone or around your house.

Photos give us a visual reminder of special people, places and events in our lives. How did people survive before you could take all the photos you wanted and have them with you in your pocket or purse at all times? How could people remember anything before the invention of the camera? My opinion is that the world would be a better place and people would be much better off without the ability to take “selfies,” but that’s just my opinion. Whether it involves pictures or not, it is important for us to remember our past and the grace of God that has been with us every step of the way.

The Bible often urges God’s people to remember the past. Remember his mighty acts. Remember his covenant. Remember his promises. Do this in remembrance of me. This kind of remembering is not just a test of memory. It is a reminder of the ongoing benefits of God’s past actions for his people in the present. Remember his mighty acts because that’s who your God is today. Remember his covenant because that’s what makes you his people. Remember his promises because they are for you. Do this in remembrance of me because the benefits Christ’s death and resurrection are brought to you here and now in bread and wine.

This past Sunday we were blessed to celebrate Holy Baptism and the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:30 service. Afterwards there was the traditional “photo shoot.” The confirmands patiently put up with all the photos their family and friends wanted to take, while the baby was photographed until he became fussy. (Or was it the other way around? The confirmands were on the verge of tears and the baby endured it all patiently. I don’t remember.) Perhaps in years to come these photos will help these young people remember this important day in their faith life and be shown to the baby when Google Photos algorithm prompts his parents to remember the day five years from now. If so, that will be a good thing.

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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*  
**June**

1	Ps 119:89-176	11	1King 5-6; 2Chron 2-3	21	1King 10-11; 2Chron 9
2	Solomon 1-8	12	1King 7; 2Chron 4	22	Prov 30-31
3	Prov 1-3	13	1King 8; 2Chron 5	23	1King 12-14
4	Prov 4-6	14	2Chron 6-7; Ps 136	24	2Chron 10-12
5	Prov 7-9	15	Ps 134/146-150	25	1King 15:1-24; 2Chron 13-16
6	Prov 10-12	16	1King 9; 2Chron 8	26	1King 15:25-16:34; 2Chron 17
7	Prov 13-15	17	Prov 25-26	27	1King 17-19
8	Prov 16-18	18	Prov 27-29	28	1King 20-21
9	Prov 19-21	19	Ecc 1-6	29	1King 22; 2Chron 18
10	Prov 22-24	20	Ecc 7-12	30	2Chron 19-23

## 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

**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 healing

Pastor John - prayers for healing

Terry Miller (husband of Barb) - prayers for healing

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

Harold Dolgner- 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

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

Bettie Lehman (mother of Kim Ryden) recovering from a stroke (5/8)

Bill Worley (father of Kim Ryden) recovering from a heart attack (5/8)

Jay Milkeris (brother of Scott Milkeris - Toy Show) infection led to amputation (5/8)

Bill Ryden (father of Pastor Ryden) second biopsy scheduled in June (5/17)

Frances Louchs (MIL's sister - Dorothy Sieber) chemo treatments for cancer (5/17)

Ruth Roch - prayers for healing (5/19)

Barb Biller - prayers for healing (5/19)

Vivian Cloniger (cousin Dorothy Sieber) cancer diagnosis (5/26)

Phyllis Neugebauer - in rehab with dizzy spells (5/30)

Paul (BIL Judy Wierman) cancer treatments (5/30)

Joyce B. (friend Judy Wierman) broke her hip and femur (5/30)

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.*

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family of Dean Odekirk,  
brother in law of Barb & Terry Miller. He had a short, but brave battle with cancer.

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family of Pastor Bill Chormann  
and his congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, in Marseilles, IL.

## Birthday Wishes to . .

Amber	Vanacora	6/1
John	Herrington	6/2
Payton	Bourgeois	6/3
Peter	Mikuta	6/3
Joshua	Klima	6/3
Paige	Visnevac	6/6
Griffith	Ratazak	6/7
Liam	Ratazak	6/7
Javier	Hernandez Jr	6/7
Brian	Johnson	6/7
Jacqueline	Ortiz	6/7

Daniel	Remus	6/8
Michael	Affarano	6/9
Eric	Johnson	6/10
Michael	Niess	6/10
Jeffrey	Rozanski	6/11
Tyler	Aegerter	6/13
Patti	Ferguson	6/14
Drew	Ashack	6/15
Sherry	Park	6/15
Micah	Klima	6/16
Sharon	Schulz	6/16

Steven	Bukauskas	6/17
Robert	Kiefer	6/17
Chrisette	Klima	6/20
Amy	DePratt	6/20
Cody	Newland	6/24
Lucas	Stock	6/24
Merrilee	Talkington	6/24
Vince	Skedel	6/27
Jordan	Hargreave	6/27
William	Atkinson	6/29
Michael	McDormett	6/29
Tom	Gura	6/30
Chris	Johnson	6/30

**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

Tony & Becky	Rohr	6/1
Rodney & Carol	Yeager	6/4
Edward & Beth	Sterling	6/7
Tom & Darlene	Gura	6/8
Duane & Julie	Johnson	6/10
Paul & Julie	Powers	6/13
Michael & Sandra	Affarano	6/26
Patrick & Amy	Carroll	6/26
Harold & Mary	Dolgner	6/30
Ray & Lisa	Hemphill	6/30
Warren & Pamela	Seil	6/30

May God continue to Bless  
these Marriages!

If your Birthday or Anniversary  
is not listed, please let us know at  
[office@shorewoodhopelutheran.org](mailto: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 !

## What Do You Want?



One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.

The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry:  
[lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)



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Whether we have a million photos, just one, or none, let us not fail to remember and give thanks for all of God's goodness and blessings to us. Let us remember and hold fast to our baptismal covenant that makes us his people today. Let us remember his promises that get us through this life. Let us remember Jesus and his grace that is with us day by day.

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](http://shorewoodhope.org).  
Go to Resources Tab/Worship at Home
2. On Facebook: Shorewood Hope Lutheran Church
3. On YouTube:  
Shorewood Hope Lutheran Church





# *Experience the* **HOLY LAND**

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# **2023 VBS**

## **June 26<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **9am – Noon**

### **Ages 3 - 12**

**Register in person  
or online (Facebook - website - QR)**

**VBS Registration**

**Facebook: Shorewood Hope Lutheran Church**

**website: [shorewoodhope.org](http://shorewoodhope.org)**





## Multiple ways to help Hope's VBS be a blessing:

**PRAY** for the students and staff members!!!!

**INVITE** your neighbors, friends, and relatives-- and all their kids!  
We Need Children!!! Encourage early registration.  
\*And then offer transportation for them!?!)

**VOLUNTEER** to stuff door hangers—materials in the office.  
\*And then distribute them in your community or  
in the communities around Hope—June 14-19.

**DONATE** The following items are needed. Sign your name  
and phone# next to your donation on the list in the narthex  
or let the office know to sign you up.

**Fruit Loops—2 large boxes**

**Cheddar Goldfish—1.87 pound box**

**Dixie cups, bathroom-sized—minimum 50**

**Wet Wipes—2 plastic packages**

**Small jar of honey**

**Popsicles on a stick—one per child**

**Pizza dough for 2 9"x14" pizzas**

**Bugles—minimum 150 pieces (great to have extra)**

**Colorful plastic spoons--one per child**

**9-ounce clear plastic cups—one per child**

**Frozen strawberries and frozen peaches—4 pounds total**

**Napkins, Kingdom-themed or bright colors—one per child  
per day (great to have extras)**

**THANK YOU!** Hope to see **YOU** June 26-30 at **VBS!**

## Blessing

## Bench Current Needs

Canned: soups and fruit

Oatmeal

Boxed cereal

Grab & go nutritious  
snacks

Paper towels



## *Bereavement Notice*

*On the evening of Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> our beloved organist, Lee Maloney, died and was called home to our Lord. We thank our Lord for his many years of service to our congregation and will miss him greatly. A funeral service has not been planned yet, but when information becomes available, we will share that with the congregation. Please lift up prayers to our Lord to bring comfort to all who mourn his death.*

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**Youth  
Discipleship  
Class  
Sunday  
9:15am**

**Women's  
Bible Study  
June  
Hiatus**

**Bible Study  
Wednesday  
7pm in café**

**Men's  
Bible Group  
Summer  
Hiatus**

### *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  
**June 7, 13, 22 & 28 plus**  
**Saturday June 17th**

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

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



**Be a part of**  
**Something Greater!**



## Message from the Board President

Now that the 2023 budget is finalized, the Board and I are working on ways to pay off the rest of the roof loan. As of May, the church still owes about \$30,000 on the loan. The church has oil stocks that will be cashed in soon with approximate value around \$18,000. That will leave Hope with around \$12,000 to come up with.

As of now the roof payments are coming from money that was given to us by Troy School. We are discussing how much money to leave in there for when the parking lot needs to be recoated. Also, Hope has been blessed by members who are donating to the roof fund which has lowered the unfunded amount. This means that by the next meeting the unfunded amount may be less. THANKS to all who have donated to the roof fund.

At the next board meeting, we will figure out how to pay the last couple of payments! If you have any ideas on how to pay the rest of the loan please let me know.

Until then, get outside and enjoy the warm and sunshine days of Summer!

As usual, If you want to talk to me you can catch me at church at 9:00 am, leave a note in my church mailbox, email me at [cds5764@gmail.com](mailto: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

## Additional VBS Opportunities in the Community



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Grades: Preschool - 6th



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Want to help with VBS?  
Contact the Church Office (815) 436-9847



## 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](mailto:office@shorewoodhopelutheran.org)*



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**THE REVEREND**  
**GEORGE A. KLIMA**  
**MEMORIAL GOLF**  
**OUTING**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 NOON**  
**SHOTGUN START**  
**AT DWIGHT COUNTRY CLUB**

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

## *Planning Ahead*

5/28 - Summer Worship Hours begin  
 Sat 5pm & Sun 9am

6/17 - FMSC Saturday Event 8:15am

6/26 - 6/30 - VBS 9am - noon

8/19 - Annual Golf Outing

*Save  
the  
Date*

# June Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <b>Mite Box Collection</b>  5pm - Worship Service  6pm - AA Meeting
4 <b>Mite Box Collection</b>  9am - Worship Service & Baptism  7pm - Adult Open Basketball	5  5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256  7pm - Al-Anon	6  6pm - AA Meeting	7 8:15am FMSC  7pm - Bible Study In café	8	9  10am - Quilt tying  6pm - AA Meeting	10 10am Toy Show 10:30am - Timbers 5pm - Worship Service
11 9am - Worship Service  7pm - Adult Open Basketball	12  5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	13 8:15am FMSC  6pm - AA Meeting	14  7pm - Bible Study In café	15  6pm - Bereaved Parents of Will Cty	16  6pm - AA Meeting	17  <u>8:15am - FMSC SATURDAY EVENT</u>  5pm - Worship Service
18 9am - Worship Service  7pm - Adult Open Basketball	19  5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	20  6pm - AA Meeting	21  7pm - Bible Study In café	22 8:15am FMSC	23  10am - Quilt tying  6pm - AA Meeting	24  5pm - Worship Service
25  9am - Worship Service  7pm - Adult Open Basketball	26  5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	27  6pm - AA Meeting	28  8:15am FMSC 7pm - Bible Study In café	29  9am - Noon	30	

# Serving The Lord



DATE		LAY MINISTER	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR DUTY	STEWARDSHIP	FLOWERS
6/3	5PM	Fuller	Fuller	O'Connell	Fagan/Gura		Burke
6/4	9AM	Sieger	Hauser	Sieger	Hargreave	Yeager	imo
							Delores Heartt
6/10	5PM	Bennett	Kerwin	Kerwin/Kerwin	Herrinton		Krabbe
6/11	9AM	Wernli	Wernli	Hauser	Turnell	Gura	imo
							Rev. Don Krabbe
6/17	5PM	DePratt	Wolf	Gura	Kerwin/O'Connell		Kerwin, O'Connell, Mcgrath
6/18	9AM	Bianchetta	Branz	Bianchetta	Ripsch	Kristofer	imo
							Margerat Kerwin
6/24	5PM	Petrilla	Fuller	Dolgnier	Fagan/Gura		Dolgnier
6/25	9AM	Rousculp	Steinhauer	Bergman/Markley	Sieber	Remus	in thaksgiving
							51st Anniversary

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