



Stand Firm

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

Ephesians 6:13

July 2023

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It's Wednesday of VBS as I'm writing this article. Three days down and two more to go. We've been talking about the Armor of God from Ephesians 6:10-18. This is a great passage for kids. It's full of concrete images that they can easily grasp. Not only that, it's fun for them to imagine themselves as knights in shining armor fighting off fierce dragons. What kid wouldn't love that!

Although St. Paul had in mind the armor of a first century Roman soldier when he wrote these words, the idea is the same. We need something to protect us in this world filled with evil. Satan, the ancient dragon as he is called in Revelation 12, is out there to get us. Not only do kids need that protection, everyone needs protection. We would never be able to stand up against Satan on our own. He would easily overpower us. He often gets us to give into temptation and threatens to take us away from our God.

Thankfully we have someone on our side who is stronger than Satan – our King Jesus. He is our knight in shining armor who has defeated Satan by his righteous life, his sacrificial death and his glorious resurrection. Jesus did not give in to temptation whether in the wilderness, in the Garden of Gethsemane or on the cross. Jesus did not avoid the cross, but went there willingly in love. Our Savior rose victoriously on the third day showing that he had overcome all the forces of evil arrayed against us. All praise King Jesus.

Martin Luther wrote about this in his famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." He wrote, "With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected; but for us fights a valiant One, whom God himself elected. Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God; He holds the field forever."

Because of Jesus we are able to stand firm against the evil surrounding us. He equips us with truth as a belt, righteousness as a breastplate, salvation as a helmet, the Gospel of peace as footwear, the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. With these all in place, we stand firm.

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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*
July

1	Oba; Ps 82-83	11	Amos 1-5	21	Hos 8-14
2	2King 1-4	12	Amos 6-9	22	Is 28-30
3	2King 5-8	13	2Chron 27; Is 9-12	23	Is 31-34
4	2King 9-11	14	Micah 1-7	24	Is 35-36
5	2King 12-13; 2Chron 24	15	2Chron 28; 2King 16-17	25	Is 37-39; Ps 76
6	2King 14; 2Chron 25	16	Is 13-17	26	Is 40-43
7	Jonah	17	Is 18-22	27	Is 44-48
8	2King 15; 2Chron 26	18	Is 23-27	28	2King 18:9-19:37; Ps 46/80/135
9	Is 1-4	19	2King 18:1-8; 2Chron 29-31; Ps 48	29	Is 49-53
10	Is 5-8	20	Hos 1-7	30	Is 54-58
				31	Is 59-63

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
Jean Hildebrant - at home
Ruth Roch - at Aperion Care
Allen Checca - in hospice care

Linda Stone - at home
Dolores Kucera - Burr Ridge Sr Living
Erna Schultz - at Aperion 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
Greg Stytz - prayers for healing
Ray & Jo Gast - Thanks and praise to God for another day!
Terry Miller (husband of Barb) - prayers for healing
Tom Wolf (Brenda's husband) - 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) hospitalized (6/2)
Friend of Kari Rieuf's--unspoken request (6/5)
Bill Ryden (father of Pastor Ryden) second biopsy scheduled in July (6/7)
Linda Stone - upcoming heart surgery (6/12)
Barb Biller - prayers for healing (6/12)
Ruth Roch - prayers for healing (6/12)
Alejandra (neighbor f Barb Miller) kidneys/chemo (6/13)
Sue Palmer (friend of the Rieuf's) thyroid storm - undergoing testing (6/13)
Phyllis Neugebauer - in post-surgery rehab (6/16)
Mike & Nikki (Brinkman) Wierman - Blessings on their marriage on 6/16/23 (6/20)
Pray for rain (6/22)

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 and friends of
Lee Maloney, our church organist. We miss him very much.*

*We extend our Christian sympathies to the family and friends of
Bob Woodhead (friend of Steinhauer's) who passed away on 6/27/23*

6/28/23 - During our regular session at **Feed My Starving Children**
meals were packed to feed **71** children for an entire year.
Please keep them in your prayers

Birthday Wishes to . .

Julie	Johnson	7/1
Faye	Wason	7/2
Mark	Schuldt	7/2
Laura	Sterling	7/2
Diane	Kettelson	7/2
Sarah	O'Malley	7/3
R.J.	Steg	7/3
Claire	Dorman	7/5
Gillian	Dorman	7/5
Lena	DePratt	7/5
Kari	Rieuf	7/7
Megan	Seil	7/7
Renee	Wissel	7/9
Tracie	Holmes	7/9
Ryan	Banser	7/9

Martha	Klima-Gamble	7/9
Robert	Kerwin	7/12
Belinda	Newland	7/12
Kari	Ramirez	7/12
Dean	Skedel	7/15
Danielle	Olson	7/16
Gabe	Renteria	7/17
Kim	Ryden	7/17
Benjamin	DePratt	7/18
Christopher	Ramirez	7/18
Mary	Dolgnier	7/19
Richard	Johnston	7/20
Beverly	King	7/21
Lexi	Petrilla	7/22
Caleb	Klima	7/22

Pat	Schieberl	7/22
Rubecca	Schmidt-Rutkoski	7/23
Madelyn	Reed	7/24
Wendi	Gleim	7/25
Dolores	Kucera	7/26
Cherie	Sieger	7/26
Isabella	Rosenbach	7/27
Jeff	Nagel	7/29
Lisa	Gunier	7/30
Scott	Wissel	7/31
Jake	Saunders	7/31
Lucas	Boyd	07/18
Shawn	Davis	07/27
Daniel	Brandon	07/30

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



Christopher & Toni	Lindstrom	7/8
Jon & Wendy	Forsberg	7/11
Bill & Kim	Ryden	7/15
Greg & Kelly	Stytz	7/18
Al & Lois	Checca	7/20
Steve & Stephanie	Fuller	7/23
Christopher & Kari	Ramirez	7/23
John & Catherine	Bukauskas	7/25
Glen & Pat	Schieberl	7/26
Richard & Kathy	Johnston	7/30

*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 !

Go ... Sell All You Have?



“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22). When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock. This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.



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LCMS Stewardship Ministry:
lcms.org/stewardship

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I pray that these 62 young people who are coming to our VBS will learn to trust in our Lord Jesus all the more as their King and Protector so that they may stand firm in faith. I also pray that each of us will trust all the more in our Lord Jesus, put on the whole armor that he provides and stand firm during these evil days.

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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Beyond Church Walls Meal Ministry

“He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.”

Luke 24: 35b

Do you know an individual or family in our congregation in need of a meal due to health issues, hospitalization, family crisis, birth of a baby, in mourning or just simply needs a break? Are you or your family in need of a meal? Making someone a meal is faith in action, it's loving, it's helpful, it's healing and it reaches beyond our church walls. . .

What does a “meal” look like?

- ☐ **Homemade**
- ☐ **Take out**
- ☐ **Gift cards**
- ☐ **Freezer Meal**
- ☐ **Breakfast casserole**

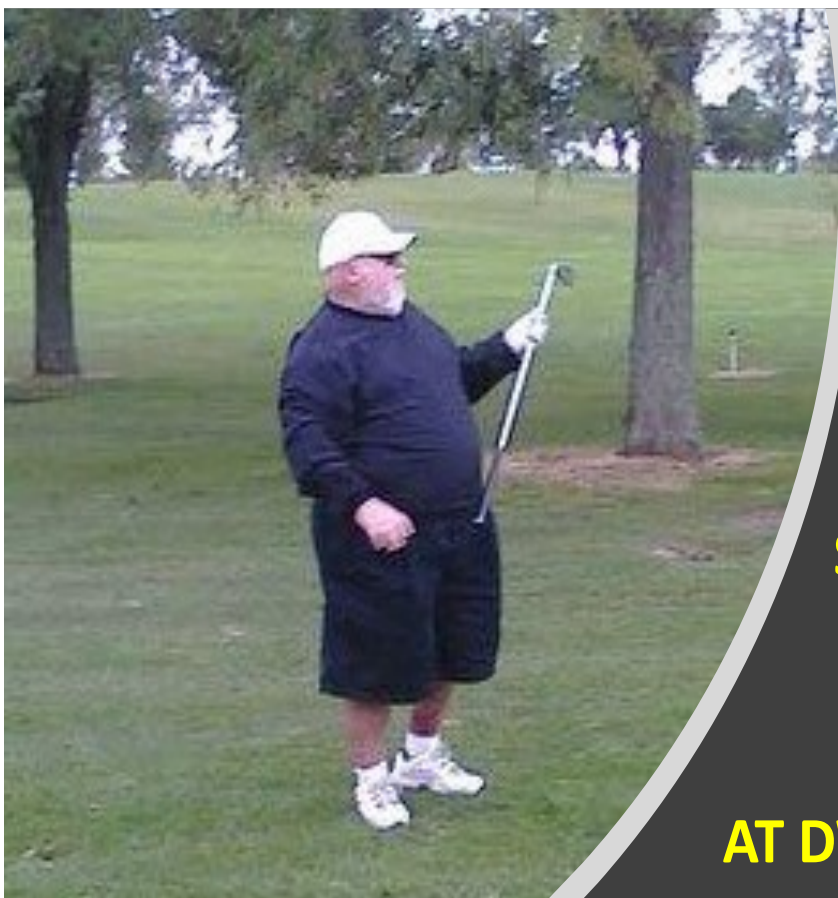
If you would like to request a meal, please feel free to contact Judy Wierman. She will collect all the pertinent information; including allergies, time of drop off, etc. Her contact information is 815-922-2482 or jawierman@yahoo.com Once a request has been received, an email will be generated by Cathy Wernli to sign up through the website Take Them aMeal. No worries if you do not have access to the website—you can contact Judy to be added to the list of those bringing a meal!

Any questions, please feel free to connect with Judy.



**Meeting
July 1st
3:30pm**

Mission Project – July 29th



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

The George A. Klima Memorial Golf Outing is open to all congregation members, relatives, friends, etc.

WE DO NOT TURN ANYONE AWAY!

Because we use the 4-person best ball (or best shot) format, everyone is teamed up with 3 other golfers, so you don't have to be an experienced golfer to participate...

The cost will again be \$90 per golfer or \$350 for a foursome,

which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, a raffle ticket (everyone wins a door prize), a free drink ticket, a gift bag, and a delicious steak dinner in the club house right after golf. It really is the best deal in town.

Blessing

Canned: soups and fruit

Oatmeal

Boxed cereal

Grab & go nutritious snacks

Paper towels

Bench Current Needs



The Wreath of Christ

(Swedish: *Frälsarkransen*; Danish and Norwegian: *Kristuskransen*), also known as the **Lutheran rosary**, are a set of [prayer beads](#) developed in 1995 by [Swedish Evangelical Lutheran](#) bishop emeritus [Martin Lönnebo](#).^[1] The Wreath of Christ contains 18 beads, which are known as "pearls", with many including a [crucifix](#). They are an often used devotion in the [Lutheran Church](#) after their popularization through the text *Pearls of Life*; the Wreath of Christ has been used in [ecumenical Christian](#) settings as well



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**Women's
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Starts July 5th
At 10am**

**Bible Study
Wednesday
7pm in café
Summer Hiatus**

**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
July 6, 11, 20 & 26

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!

Vacation Bible School Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth!

Thank you

**to parents for bringing their children - ages 3 to 12,
to all of the volunteers: teaching, making/serving snacks,
making/assembling crafts, providing music/dance,
supervising games, keeping us safe and
manning the reception desk,
To all those who donated their time and treasures.**

**As a result, we registered 62 children (at this writing)
Who were taught and modeled the love of their God for
them. Children came to our VBS from Hope and the
surrounding area.**

**Our mission project benefitted the
Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry, currently building a
maternity home in Dundee, IL.**

**God Truly blessed Hope Church
and this important outreach.**

Director of VBS

*Thank You to those who provided food items, money or
hands-on help so that our VBS kids could snack well.*

You are appreciated!

*Beth Hauer
Snack Lady*

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

VBS MISSION PROJECT: REDEEMING LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**The mission project for 2023 VBS benefitted
the Maternity House in East Dundee, IL.**

During the week we collected a donation \$251.36.

**There will also be a special collection taken
at both services this weekend.**

**All monies received will go toward
the renovation of the house.**

Thank you

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

Planning Ahead

Summer Worship Hours
Sat 5pm & Sun 9am

7/1 - Meeting re: Mission Project @ 3:30pm

7/7 - Funeral of Lee Maloney at 3pm

7/29 - Mission Project

8/19 - Annual Golf Outing

8/20 - Circle of Friendship Brunch

*Save
the
Date*

July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Mite Box Collection 3:30pm - Mission Project meeting 5pm - Worship Service
2 Mite Box Collection 9am - Worship Service	3 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	4 6pm - AA Meeting	5 10am - Women's Bible Study	6 8:15am FMSC	7 3:30pm - Funeral Lee Maloney 6pm - AA Meeting	8 10am Toy Show 10:30am - Timbers 5pm - Worship Service
9 9am - Worship Service 1pm - Gym Rental	10 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	11 8:15am FMSC 6pm - AA Meeting	12 10am - Women's Bible Study	13	14 10am - Quilt tying 6pm - AA Meeting	15 5pm - Worship Service
16 9am - Worship Service	17 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	18 6pm - AA Meeting	19 10am - Women's Bible Study	20 8:15am FMSC 6pm - Bereaved Parents of Will Cty	21 6pm - AA Meeting	22 5pm - Worship Service
23 9am - Worship Service 9am - Worship Service 30	24 5:30pm - scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon 5:30pm scouts 256 7pm - Al-Anon 31	25 6pm - AA Meeting	26 8:15am FMSC 10am - Women's Bible Study	27	28 10am - Quilt tying 6pm - AA Meeting	29 Troop #75726 - Overnight Mission Trip 5pm - Worship Service

Serving The Lord



DATE		LAY MINISTER	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR DUTY	STEWARDSHIP	FLOWERS	MEDIA
7/1	5PM	Fuller	Fuller	O'Connell	Herrington		Kerwins McGraths O'Connells	
7/2	9AM	Sieger	Hauser	Krabbe	Talkington	Sieber	imo	
							John Kerwin	
7/8	5PM	Bennett	Kerwin	Kerwin/Kerwin	Kerwin/O'Connell		Forsbergs	
7/9	9AM	Wernli	Wernli	Martens	Wernli	Yeager	Thanksgiving	
							25th Anniversary	
7/15	5PM	DePratt	Wolf	Gura	Fagan/Gura		Krabbe	
7/16	9AM	Bianchetta	Branz	Branz	Branz	Gura	imo	
							Arthur Krabbe	
7/22	5PM	Petrilla	Fuller	Dolgnier	Herrington		Ella Rasokat	
7/23	9AM	Rousculp	Steinhauer	Steinhauer	Miller	Kristofer		Wernli
7/29	5PM	Wolf	Kerwin	O'Connell	Kerwin/O'Connell		Rousculps	
7/30	9AM	Hargreave	Hargreave	Yeager/Newland	Hargreave	Remus	Thanksgiving	
							43rd Anniversary	

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