



## Fully Rely On God

*"Let not your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God; believe also in me."*

John 14:1

**August 2023**

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We Lutherans love our acronyms. Let me give just a few examples: LSB (Lutheran Service Book). LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League). LCMS (Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod). LLL (Lutheran Laymen's League). LCC (Lutheran Church Charities). NID (Northern Illinois District) Acronyms help us to communicate quickly and concisely, although they can be a bit confusing to the uninitiated.

I like using acronyms in my teaching too. If you've taken a class or Bible study with me you might have heard me use acronyms such as G.R.A.C.E (God's Riches At Christ's Expense as a definition for grace). S.O.S. (Shows our Sin/Shows our Savior to teach about Law and Gospel). A.C.T.S. (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication to teach about different types of prayers). I'm sure there are many more in my repertoire.

It's not just Lutherans in general or me in particular who love their acronyms. Christians have long used them to convey pithy sayings such as the famous WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) And others like J.O.Y (Jesus first, Others next, Yourself last). Recently, I've had a constant reminder of another cute acronym F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God.) As people who constantly struggle with doubts and uncertainties, we need to be constantly reminded to Fully Rely On God. He is certainly worthy of our trust.

The reason why I've been thinking of that acronym lately is because over the last few months I have noticed that little frogs have mysteriously shown up in random places around the church. At first, I thought some child lost their little toy. When it wasn't reclaimed, I picked it up and threw it out. Then I saw another one. Then another. I collected them and threw them away too. It wasn't long before they showed up again, but in different places. That's when I realized something must be going on. Since then, I've left them where they were placed. But I couldn't stop wondering who might have placed them there and why.

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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*  
**August**

1	Is 64-66
2	2King 20-21
3	2Chron 32-33
4	Nahum 1-3
5	2King 22-23; 2Chron 34-35
6	Zephaniah
7	Jer 1-3
8	Jer 4-6
9	Jer 7-9
10	Jer 10-13

11	Jer 14-17
12	Jer 18-22
13	Jer 23-25
14	Jer 26-29
15	Jer 30-31
16	Jer 32-34
17	Jer 35-37
18	Jer 38-40; Ps 74/79
19	2King 24-25; 2Chron 36
20	Habakkuk

21	Jer 41-45
22	Jer 46-48
23	Jer 49-50
24	Jer 51-52
25	Lam 1:1-3:36
26	Lam 3:37-5:22
27	Ezek 1-4
28	Ezek 5-8
29	Ezek 9-12
30	Ezek 13-15
31	Ezek 16-17

## 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  
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  
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 Checra - in hospice care  
Dolores Kucera - Burr Ridge Sr Living  
Erna Schultz - at Aperion Care

Take Them A Meal: [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com)

Pastor John Neugebauer Password:2165

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

Phyllis Neugebauer - prayers for healing

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

Terry Miller (Barb's husband) - 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

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

Vivian Cloninger (cousin Dorothy Sieber) cancer diagnosis

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

Robert Ryden (Uncle of Pastor Ryden) treatment for multiple blood clots (7/7)

Jack (friend of Kiefer's Granddaughter) prayer for healing & improvement (7/11)

Bill Ryden (father of Pastor Ryden) second biopsy scheduled on July 24th (7/20)

Blessings on the marriage of Ryan Bellas and Rachael Konrad on 7/20 (7/21)Barbara

Roseen (mother - Karen Rousculp) for courage and peace through PT(7/21)

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

A Memorial Fund has been opened in memory of Lee.  
Contributions may be made out to Hope Lutheran Church.  
Please indicate : Lee Maloney Memorial.

We extend our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of  
Anne Steinhauer Chakos, who passed away on 7/29/23.



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 . . .

Paul	Powers	8/3
Robert	Reilly	8/4
Aaron	Klima	8/4
Shane	Newland	8/5
JR	Behymer	8/5
Ray	Gast	8/6
Amy	Carroll	8/6
Jake	Ramey	8/7
Abigail	Jungles	8/7
Troy	Talkington	8/9
Michael	Schulz	8/9

Joanne	Ramey	8/9
Cheryl	Schehr	8/9
Veronica	Nagel	8/9
Marsha	Herrington	8/9
Taylor	Zukauskas	8/10
Doug	Skedel	8/10
Bradley	Sorensen Sr.	8/11
Brandy	Petrilla	8/15
Todd	Rousculp	8/20
Scott	Gleim	8/21

Amy	Wise	8/21
Daniel	Nagel	8/22
Annamariaa	Atkinson	8/23
Zachary	Affarano	8/23
Kyle	Affarano	8/23
Colin	Carroll	8/24
Jeffrey	Baker	8/24
Raygen	Pilon	8/25
Logan	Pulido	8/26
Lily	Reszke	8/31

**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



Tom & Caroline	Powers	8/1
Todd & Karen	Rousculp	8/9
Noah & Laura	Klima	8/16
David & Sandy	Peterson	8/18
Gordon & Joyce	Davis	8/21
Darlene & Ray	Fagan	8/28

*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 !*

## Define Your Life by How You Give



Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us cit-izens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and mak-ing a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relation-ships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our fo-cus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and be-come more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).



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



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So if you've seen those little frogs around the church and wondered why they're there, you're not alone. And if you need that constant reminder to Fully Rely On God, you're not alone either. And if you're the one who placed the frogs around the church and you're reading this article, please satisfy my curiosity and let me know who you are and why. It's not because I'm mad or anything. I'm just really curious and would like to solve the mystery for my sanity's sake. And thank you for helping me to remember that I should Fully Rely On God too.

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

## Message from the Board President

Hope everyone is having a relaxing summer! I love this time of the year with warm days and cool nights. Plus, with the long daylight hours where it doesn't get dark to almost 9pm, I'm outside as much as I can. Just have to find a pool when this intense heat and humidity hits!

So even though summer is here, things are still happening at church. The first item the board is dealing with is the church music. With the passing of Hope's great organist Lee Maloney, for the first time in many years the church organ is silent. For the time being, recorded church music is being used to get us by. But it's time to find a long term solution. It would be great to find a new organist, but the shortage of organists keeps growing. When Hope bought this new organ a few years ago, Lee our organist, made sure that it had many upgrades. One feature that will help Hope immensely, is a recording feature on it. That techie feature will allow us to record hymns and the liturgical services as well. SO finding an organist(s) who will come in and record is our next task. When all is recorded, which is going to take some time, the organ will once play the heavenly music!

Next, in the Fall, Hope will be participating in one of the LCMS *re: Vitality* resources called CADD. It stands for Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status. This 95 question survey, in which the whole congregation participates, is designed to objectively answer the question: "Where are we...really?" This will help the board and Pastor figure out where we are now and what direction to go in the future. More details will be coming in the next few weeks. Until then, enjoy the rest of the 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

## Blessed news from Our Savior Lutheran Church

It is with great joy and thanksgiving to the Lord of the Church that we announce that God has answered our prayers to send a new pastor to serve Him among us at Our Savior!

You are cordially invited to join us for a Divine Service which will include the Ordination into the Holy Ministry as well as the Installation of Pastor-elect Matthew Carlson, who completed his studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. The service will be held on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00pm. Rev. Dr. Allan Buss, NID President, will serve as Officiant during the Ordination and Installation service.

You are invited to remain for the dinner following the conclusion of the service. (Please RSVP to Our Savior Lutheran Church at 815-725-1606 or [oursaviorjoliet@gmail.com](mailto:oursaviorjoliet@gmail.com) by August 11<sup>th</sup> for the dinner).

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ, our Savior,

Our Savior Lutheran Church





**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**

**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

## Bench Current Needs

Canned: soups and fruit

● Oatmeal

● Boxed cereal

● Grab & go nutritious snacks

Paper towels



### **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](mailto: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.**

## Manna is now



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[hopemanna@gmail.com](mailto:hopemanna@gmail.com)**

**Youth  
Discipleship  
Class  
Summer  
Hiatus**

**Women's  
Bible Study  
Wednesday  
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**  
**August 3, 8, 17, 24, 31**

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

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



**We can't show  
you Hafsa's  
face.**

**We can't even  
tell you the  
country where  
she lives.**

**And, to tell you the truth,  
her name isn't actually Hafsa.**

Sharing any of those details, simple as they seem, could place Hafsa and her family — as well as our local partner — in grave danger.

We often refer to countries like Hafsa's as "sensitive countries." Humanitarian aid is fragile. Critical, lifesaving work like food distribution is the only reason that local officials will allow our partners to continue their ministry — and, often,

***they are forbidden from sharing the name of Jesus.***





# Church Picnic

## August 27th



**Come:**

**To Worship at 9am**

**For Fellowship (following Worship Service)**

**Snacks at 10:30am**

**Lunch at 11:30am (bring a dish to pass)**

**Campfire for s'mores (weather permitting)**

**To Play**

**Bingo**

**Bean Bag Toss**



**Water Balloon toss (weather permitting)**

**Bounce House**



**Sign up on Fellowship Board**





## 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)*

# Are you interested in attending a class: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University?

- How to pay off debt-
- The truth about credit cards-
- About debt consolidation-

**If so, please contact Judy Wierman**

**815-922-2482**

A class might be forming near you!

We continue to accept donations for the replacement of our roof last fall.  
Please prayerfully consider contributing to this project.  
Thank you to those who have and continue to donate to this project.  
Final payment is December 1, 2023.

## *Planning Ahead*

Summer Worship Hours  
Sat 5pm & Sun 9am

- 8/19 - Annual Golf Outing
- 8/20 - Circle of Friendship Brunch
- 8/27 - Church Picnic at 11am
- 9/10 - Sunday Morning Ministries Begins

*Save  
the  
Date*

# August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm - AA Meeting	2 10am - Women's Bible Study	3 8:15am FMSC	4 6pm - AA Meeting	5 Mite Box Collection 5pm - Worship Service
6 Mite Box Collection 9am - Worship Service	7 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	8 8:15am FMSC 6pm - AA Meeting	9 10am - Women's Bible Study	10 Pastor Ryden on vacation	11 10am - Quilt tying 6pm - AA Meeting	12 10am Toy Show 10:30am - Timbers 5pm - Worship Service
13 Pastor Ryden on vacation 9am - Worship Service	14 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	15 6pm - AA Meeting	16 10am - Women's Bible Study	17 8:15am FMSC 6pm - Bereaved Parents of Will Cty	18 6pm - AA Meeting	19 7am - Gym Rental Noon - Annual Golf Outing 5pm - Worship Service
20 9am - Worship Service 10:30am - Circle of Friendship Brunch	21 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	22 6pm - AA Meeting	23 10am - Women's Bible Study	24 8:15am FMSC	25 10am - Quilt tying 6pm - AA Meeting	26 5pm - Worship Service
27 9am - Worship Service 10am - Church Picnic	28 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	29 6pm - AA Meeting	30 10am - Women's Bible Study	31 8:15am FMSC		

# Serving The Lord

## AUGUST

DATE	LAY MINISTER	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR DUTY	STEWARDSHIP	FLOWERS	MEDIA
8/5 5PM	Fuller	Fuller	Kerwin/Kerwin	Fagan/Gura		Ripsch	
8/6 9AM	Sieger	Branz	Lapka	Branz	Sieber	imo	
						Holly Rawlins	
8/12 5PM	Bennett	Kerwin	Gura	Herrington		Wernli	
8/13 9AM	Wernli	Wernli	Boyd	Turnell	Yeager	Thanksgiving for	Mikuta
						Elena	
8/19 5PM	DePratt	Wolf	Dolgnier	Kerwin/O'Connell		Krabbe	
8/20 9AM	Bianchetta	Hauser	Hauser	Ripsch	Gura	imo	Mikuta
						Patti Lynn Krabbe	
8/26 5PM	Petrilla	Fuller	O'Connell	Fagan/Gura		Talkington	
8/27 9AM	Rousculp	Steinhauer	Sieber/Rasokat	Turnell	Kristofer	imo	Wernli
						Dale	

## Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Shorewood Hope  
Lutheran Church

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

## ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF HOPE!!!

Did you know that as a member of Hope you are automatically a member of

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP too ???

Covid pretty much shut a lot of things down; so we wanted to rev things up a bit and invite you to a **Sunday morning brunch on Aug 20 at 10:30 am.** This will be a great chance to see old friends and hopefully make a few new ones. Plus Circle's bank account is big and we need to decide what to do with the funds. Historically, Circle has always put these funds towards local charities that impact women's, kids, and family issues. If you know of a local group that could use some help, please let Karen Rousculp know before the brunch.

**Sign up on the Circle bulletin board in the narthex so we know how much Food to order. Thanks!**