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Devoted

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching.”

Acts 2:42

Obviously, the word of God is important to God’s people. It is the foundation of our Christian faith and life. It is the revelation of Jesus Christ as humanity’s only Savior. It is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe. The word of God is the most important thing in the Christian Church. I dare say it is the most important thing in life. As Jesus said, “What good does it do for a person to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?” And again, “man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

No wonder the early Christians were devoted to the apostles’ teaching. The apostles were commissioned by Christ to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. They spoke the words of life from Christ to his people. They wrote letters to encourage and support the church scattered throughout the Roman Empire in their faith and life. Those congregations revered those letters. They copied them and shared them with neighboring congregations. The word of God was precious to them and they devoted themselves to hearing, reading, learning and taking to heart the word of God.

In today’s world, it is still an admirable thing to be devoted to something. More and more though people value being able to walk away from anything that doesn’t suit them from jobs to churches, from cell phone plans to marriages. True devotion is hard to find. Yet what happens when we walk away from God’s word? We die! We may not die physically, but we begin to die spiritually until faith, taking its last breath, becomes cold. And then the very real danger is eternal death. Someone once shared a saying with me: Seven days makes one week; seven days without the word of God makes one weak. We become weak when the word of God is not there to nourish us and bring us life in Christ. After several weeks, months and years increased weakness leads to death.

But the word of God is able to make us alive. It creates, sustains and renews faith. Our Lord Jesus is the expert at taking that which is dead and calling it back to life. He is the resurrection and the life. And he uses his Word to make us alive – now and forever.

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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	Luke 1; John 1:1-14
2	Matt 1; Luke 2:1-38
3	Matt 2; Luke 2:39-52
4	Matt 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
5	Matt 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
6	John 2-4
7	Mark 2
8	John 5
9	Matt 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6
10	Matt 5-7

11	Matt 8:1-13; Luke 7
12	Matt 11
13	Matt 12:22-50
14	Matt 13; Luke 8
15	Matt 8:14-34; Mark 4-5
16	Matt 9-10
17	Matt 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
18	John 6
19	Matt 15; Mark 7
20	Matt 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27

21	Matt 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62
22	Matt 18
23	John 7-8
24	John 9:1-10:21
25	Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
26	Luke 12-13
27	Luke 14-15
28	Luke 16-17:10
29	John 11
30	Luke 17:11-18:14
31	Matt 19; Mark 10

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
Lance Corporal Trevor Zukauskas - US Marine
Petty Officer Joey Sheppard - US Navy
Jeremy Visnevac - US Marine

All Shut-Ins, especially:

Ruth Roch - at Aperion Care Erna Schultz - at Aperion Care
Allen Checca - in hospice care Jean Hildebrant - at home
Dolores Kucera - Burr Ridge Sr. Living - in hospice care

Kim Ryden - prayers for new opportunities for relief from migraine headaches
and the healing of her foot

J.R. Behymer - prayers for healing
Vickie Lapka - prayers for healing
Diane Kettelson - prayers for healing
Shari Schulz- prayers for healing
Phyllis Neugebauer - for courage and peace through PT
Ray & Jo Gast - Thanks and praise to God for another day!
Barbara Roseen (mother - Karen Rousculp) for courage and peace through PT
Terry Miller (Barb's husband) Thanksgiving for improvements
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
Vivian Cloninger (cousin Dorothy Sieber) cancer diagnosis
Reegan Hart (niece of Kim & Pastor Ryden) for courage and peace through PT
Bob Geisel (friend of Mikuta's) dove into a lake & sustained spinal cord injury (9/6)
Chris Urben (friend of Mikuta's) 3rd degree burns over 18% of his body (9/6)
Byron Seagrave (Dar Fagan brother) blood clot in lung & pneumonia (9/6)
Fay Seagrave (SIL Dar Fagan) in hospice care - very near end of life (9/6)
Cindy Berg (Steve Fuller's sister) prayers for healing from heart surgery (9/11)
Art Martens - prayers for healing (9/13)
Eleni Stytz (Grandchild of Greg & Kelly) - 17 monts old - prayers for healing (9/14)
Bob Jasinski (brother of Kari Rieuf) undergoing testing at Mayo Clinic (9/18)
Delores Kucera - in hospice care (9/19)
Keith Buhs (friend of Sonja Brandon) pancreatic cancer (9/26)
Cindy Atkinson (friend of Sonja Brandon) - seriously ill after 1 chemo treatment (9/26)
Alejandra (neighbor of Barb Miller) - chemo/ kidneys (9/26)

9/26/23 - During our regular session at Feed My Starving Children meals were packed to feed 64 children for an entire year. Please keep them in your prayers

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family of Laura Kristofer, niece of George and Pat Kristofer, who recently lost her battle with cancer.

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family of Patricia Murdoch (mother of our FMSC friend, Debbie), who passed away on Sunday, 9/17

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Michael McDormett, who passed away on Saturday, September 23rd.



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 . .

Benjamin	Ramirez	10/1
Joe	Broadway	10/1
Taylor	Cook	10/1
Drew	Hargreave	10/2
Gary	Banser Jr.	10/2
Ashley	Lang	10/5
Ruth	Howard	10/5
Nicole	Ortiz	10/6
Kiley	Saunders	10/8
Jon	Forsberg	10/8
Jacob	Foster	10/11
Mariah	Hernandez	10/12
Jeremy	Scott	10/12

Vicki	Bourgeois	10/12
Nadine	Klima	10/12
Lauryn	Pulido	10/14
Trevor	Zukauskas	10/14
Denisse	Rosales	10/15
Angela	Stock	10/15
George	Shimek	10/17
Keith	Kettelson	10/18
David	Ruchala	10/19
Chase	Sanderson	10/20
Dawn	Rosenbach	10/21
Brooke	Plowman	10/22
Michael	Rieuf	10/22

Cathy	Wernli	10/23
Jacob	Schmitt	10/24
Brian	Cook	10/25
Olivia	Boyd	10/26
Diane	Lang	10/27
Rodney	Yeager	10/28
Michael	Wierman	10/29
Francine	Martens	10/29
Mitch	Schoener	10/30
Rachael	Wierman	10/30
Lori	Dorman	10/31
John	Bukauskas	10/31

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



Jeffrey & Annamarie	Baker	10/1
Kirk & Carla	Ripsch	10/3
David & Janet	Ruchala	10/3
Lucas & Angela	Stock	10/6
Jeff & Ronnie	Nagel	10/7
Ray & Jo	Gast	10/8
Aaron & Tamatha	Boyd	10/11
Michael & Kati	Rieuf	10/14
Aaron & Sherrie	Klima	10/15
Chris & Dayna	Johnson	10/30
John & Marsha	Herrington	10/15

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 !

It's in the Way that You Use It



Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Je-hovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.



It's all in the way that you use it!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry:

lcms.org/stewardship

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Since we have such a gracious and powerful Savior, and since he has given us such a life-giving, precious word, why would we not be devoted to it? I want to encourage you to reflect on and rejoice in the blessing of having the word of God in your life. Praise God for the Gospel message of Jesus Christ that it proclaims to you every time you read it or hear it read. Draw encouragement from all those who have gone before you, from those early Christians referred to in Acts 2, to the martyrs and ministers who have lived and died for the word of God in the centuries since, to the members of Hope who have gone before you in faith. Consider their faith and devotion to the word of God.

The word of God creates, sustains, and renews faith in you. It saves. It declares forgiveness. It blesses. It gives peace, joy, hope and life. May we be devoted to the word of God in our day as Christ's holy people.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Bill Ryden



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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October is Church Worker Appreciation Month

Thank God for the faithful
church workers who
serve in our congregation

**Lutheran
World
Relief**

**Annual
in-gathering
of Quilts**





LWML MISSION SUNDAY, October 8th



Gathering in Service

**Join us for fellowship
as we assemble
“Salvation Message”
bracelets for kids.**

**Coffee and sweets
served**

**Sunday, Oct 15th at 9:15am
(between services)**

Blessing

Canned: soups and fruit

Oatmeal

Boxed cereal

Grab & go nutritious snacks

Paper towels

Bench Current Needs



2023-2024 Bible Study Schedule **Wednesday @ 6pm**

FROM	TO	TOPIC
9/20	11/29	How to Study and Understand the Bible
12/6		The Holy Trinity - Father
12/13		The Holy Trinity - Son
12/20		The Holy Trinity - Spirit
1/10	3/27	Mysteries of the Faith (Adult Instruction)
4/24		Catechism Review - Ten Commandments
5/1		Catechism Review - Apostles' Creed
5/8		Catechism Review - Lord's Prayer
5/15		Catechism Review - The Means of Grace
5/22		Catechism Review - Confessing the Faith

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

**Men's Group
Bible Study
Saturday
8am in café**

**Women's
Bible Study
Wednesday
at 10am**

**Bible Study
Wednesday
at 7pm**

Call Karen Rousculp for
location

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

October 3, 10, 17 & 26

Please meet at Hope at 8:15am

Always looking for people to help!

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



See Something - Say Something!

**Thank you to all of the volunteers who
contributed to the success of :**

**our Cross-County Parking Lot Fundraiser
and
our Garage Sale!**

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.

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 Oct * Nov



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.**

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

Sunday 10/22

10:30am: *Worship*

Noon: *Lunch*

12:30pm:
Faith Building
for the entire family

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.

Planning Ahead

10/08 - LWML Sunday

10/15 - Circle of Friendship - Gathering in Service

10/22 - Faithful Families @ 10:30a

*Save
the
Date*

October Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries 10:30am - Worship Service	2 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	3 8:15am FMSC 6pm - Girl Scouts Troop 75638 6pm - AA Meeting	4 10am - Women's Bible Study 6pm - Study/ Understand the Bible 7pm - Bible Study	5 6pm - Lay Ministry Meeting	6 6a - Ivy League 6pm - AA Meeting	7 <div>Mite Box Collection</div> 8am - Men's Group 5pm - Worship Service
8 <div>Mite Box Collection</div> <div>LWML SUNDAY</div> 8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries 10:30am - Worship Service 11:30am - Board Meeting	9 6a - Ivy League 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	10 8:15am FMSC 6pm - AA Meeting	11 10am - Women's Bible Study 6pm - No Class 7pm - Bible Study	12	13 10am - Quilt tying 6pm - AA Meeting	14 8am - Men's Group 10am - Toy Show 5pm - Worship Service
15 8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries & COF Gathering 10:30am - Worship Service	16 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	17 8:15am FMSC 6pm - Girl Scouts Troop 75638 6pm - AA Meeting	18 10am - Women's Bible Study 6pm - Study/ Understand the Bible 7pm - Bible Study	19 6pm - Bereaved Parents of Will Cty	20 5pm - gym rental 6pm - AA Mtg	21 8am - Men's Group 5pm - Worship Service
22 8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries 10:30am - Worship Service & <i>Faithful Families</i> 12pm - gym rental	23 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	24 6pm - AA Meeting	25 10am - Women's Bible Study 6pm - Study/ Understand the Bible 7pm - Bible Study	26 8:15am FMSC	27 10am - Quilt tying 6pm - AA Meeting	28 8am - Men's Group 10:30am - Timbers Service 5pm - Worship Service
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Serving The Lord

October

DATE	LAY MINISTER	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR DUTY	STEWARDSHIP	FLOWERS	MEDIA	ORGAN
9/30 5PM	Fuller	Fuller	Kerwin/Kerwin	Kerwin/O'Connell				
10/1 9AM	Sieger	Hauser	Brandon	Sieber	Kristofer	Gura	Mikuta	
10:30AM	Wolf		Yeager/Newland	Ripsch				
10/7 5PM	Bennett	Kerwin	Dolgnier	Herrington				
10/8 8AM	Wernli	Wernli	Martins	Brandon	Remus	Remus	Steinhauer/ Wernli	
10:30AM	Hargreave	Hargreave	Boyd	Turnell				
10/14 5PM	DePratt	Fuller	Gura	Fagan/Gura				
10/15 8AM	Bianchetta	Branz	Branz	Branz	Sieber	Rieuf	Sieger	
10:30AM	Wolf		Skedel	Talkington		17th Anniversary		
10/21 5PM	Petrilla	Kerwin	O'Connell	Kerwin/O'Connell				
10/22 8AM	Rousculp	Steinhauer	Steinhauer	Wernli	Yeager	Nadine Klima	Wernli	
10:30AM	Hargreave	Hargreave	Yeager/Newland	Hargreave		80th Birthday		
10/28 5PM	Fuller	Fuller	Kerwin/Kerwin	Fagan/Gura				
10/29 8AM	Wernli	Wernli	Sieber/RasoKat	Wernli	Gura	OPEN	Steinhauer	
10:30AM	Wolf		Boyd	Miller				

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