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## Re:Vitality

The board of directors of Hope Lutheran Church is gathering information that will help guide the direction of the ministry of our congregation for years to come and we need your help. In addition to information about our demographics, finances, and facilities, the board wants your opinion. To that end, we will be participating in the LCMS Re:Vitality program.

The key component in “vitality” is the word “vital.” Vital means essential or necessary, but it also has the idea of life. We believe that wherever the Word of God is proclaimed in its purity and the Sacraments are rightly administered according to our Lord’s promise and command, there he is giving life to his people – new life, spiritual life, eternal life! The Re:Vitality program is designed to build upon the congregation’s spiritual vitality and guide it towards positive action for sustainable, adaptable, focused and healthy ministry for years to come.

We are asking everyone 18 and older to give honest feedback about our congregation through the Re:Vitality survey. A link will be emailed out to everyone on November 12, 2023 with a Logon Code for you to participate. If you are not able to access the survey online, printed copies will be made available for you to complete. Your responses will be entered for you anonymously.

It is important that we hear from as many people as possible. Whether you’ve been a lifelong believer, or a new Christian; whether you are a member, frequent attendee or occasional visitor; we want to hear from everyone. Each member of a family who is 18 or older should fill out their own survey.

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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*

**November**

1	Matt 20-21
2	Luke 18:15-19:48
3	Mark 11; John 12
4	Matt 22; Mark 12
5	Matt 23; Luke 20-21
6	Mark 13
7	Matt 24
8	Matt 25
9	Matt 26; Mark 14
10	Luke 22; John 13

11	John 14-17
12	Matt 27; Mark 15
13	Luke 23; John 18-19
14	Matt 28; Mark 16
15	Luke 24; John 20-21
16	Acts 1-3
17	Acts 4-6
18	Acts 7-8
19	Acts 9-10
20	Acts 11-12

21	Acts 13-14
22	James 1-5
23	Acts 15-16
24	Gal 1-3
25	Gal 4-6
26	Acts 17-18:18
27	1/2Thess
28	Acts 18:19-19:41
29	1Cor 1-4
30	1Cor 5-8

## 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!*



## CONTACTING PASTOR RYDEN

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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

Vickie Lapka - Meadowbrook Rehab



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

J.R. Behymer - 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

Keith Buhs (friend of Sonja Brandon) pancreatic cancer (9/26)

Cindy Atkinson (friend of Sonja Brandon) - seriously ill from complications after one chemo treatment (9/26)

Chris Urben (friend of Mikuta's) 3rd degree burns over 18% of his body (9/26)

Bob Geisel (friend of Mikuta's) dove into a lake & sustained spinal cord injury (9/26)

Joanne Ramey - prayers for healing (10/11)

Cliff DePratt - torn Achilles tendon (10/23)

Alejandra (neighbor of Barb Miller) - chemo/ kidneys (10/23)

David Jans (BIL Dar Fagan) multiple cancers, awaiting treatment options (10/23)

Byron Seagrave (Dar Fagan brother) grieving the loss of Fay, his wife (10/23)

Elena Wernli (Wernli granddaughter) sprained ankle (10/23)

Jo Gast - surgery scheduled for 11/14 (10/30)

Bill Johnson - surgery scheduled for 11/1 (10/30)

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 Mike Boone,  
LeighAnne Hargeave's Uncle, who recently passed away.*

*We extend our Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Fay Seagrave,  
sister-in law of Darlene Fagan, who passed away on 10/21/23.*

## Birthday Wishes to . . .

Frank	Kovel	11/1
Kalesia	Williams	11/1
Lillian	Jungles	11/2
Jillian	Banser	11/3
Merrick	Dowhen	11/4
Lois	Checca	11/5
Richard	Branz	11/6
Alex	Adolphson	11/7
Judy	Wierman	11/7
Zachary	Klima	11/8
Kooper	Fisher	11/8
Fred	Dorman	11/11

Kevin	Sterling	11/11
Tammy	Cook	11/12
Vickie	Lapka	11/12
Daniel	Schulz	11/14
Eleanora	DePratt	11/15
Kayli	Rieuf	11/16
Evangeline	Zima	11/16
Samantha	Minniti	11/17
Edward	Sterling	11/18
Douglas	Bukauskas	11/19
Liz	Mueller	11/19
Mattisen	Ziech	11/21

Jarrett	Cook	11/23
Cliff	DePratt	11/24
Carolyn	Mikuta	11/24
Gayle	Kettelson	11/25
Gregory	Stytz	11/25
Nathanael	Ryden	11/25
Arlene	Branz	11/26
Patrick	Carroll	11/28
Emile	Wisdom	11/28
David	Peterson	11/29
Julian	Rosenbach	11/30

***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

Ken & Cathy	Wernli	11/1
George & Pat	Kristofer	11/6
Bradley & Arlene	Sorensen Sr.	11/13
William & Annamariaa	Atkinson	11/17
Gary & Sharon	Schulz	11/18

*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 !*

## Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!



Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heav-enly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more dili-gent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all —

even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.



Stewardship Newsletter Article  
November 2023



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Your responses will be completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and we will not see individual responses. It is important that we receive honest feedback so that we can have an accurate assessment about where we are as a congregation. We want to know “**where are we...really?**”

Thank you for submitting your responses by December 3, 2023.

God's blessings,  
The Board of Directors

**RE:VITALITY**  
LUTHERAN REVITALIZATION



## 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



Voters meeting for the 2024 budget will be after services Nov 18 & 19.  
Please look over next year's budget and ask questions of any board member.

Hope Lutheran Church  
Proposed 2024 Budget

	2024 Proposed Budget	2023 Estimated Actual	2023 Budget
<b>Administration</b>			
Office	\$3,500	\$3,187	\$4,600
Payroll			\$172,854
Salaries			
Administrator	\$26,000	\$23,102	
Pastor	\$45,000	\$42,000	
Housing/Transportation (Pastor)	\$33,600	\$33,600	
Benefits	\$45,000	\$41,963	
Taxes	\$2,000	\$2,280	
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$151,600</b>	<b>\$142,945</b>	
LCMS	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400
Properties			\$67,900
Property & Building			
Lawn & Snow Service	\$17,000	\$10,456	
Insurance	\$9,000	\$7,500	
Elevator	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Maintenance/Repair	\$12,000	\$23,732	
Utilities			
Gas/Electric	\$15,000	\$14,500	
Garbage/Water	\$2,500	\$2,018	
Phones	\$2,750	\$2,500	
Information Technology	\$2,700	\$2,500	
<b>TOTAL PROPERTIES</b>	<b>\$63,950</b>	<b>\$66,206</b>	
Mortgage	\$100,158	\$100,158	\$100,158
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$322,608</b>	<b>\$315,896</b>	<b>\$348,912</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Ministry</b>			
Worship			\$3,000
Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,500	
Resources	\$600	\$502	
Music	\$7,550	\$7,550	
Education/Youth	\$2,890	\$2,067	\$2,890
Witness	\$650		\$650
Stewardship	\$600	\$563	\$700
Fellowship	\$500	\$186	\$1,000
Ministry Opportunities	\$1,000		\$1,000
<b>Total Mission &amp; Ministry</b>	<b>\$15,790</b>	<b>\$12,368</b>	<b>\$9,240</b>
<b>Total budget</b>	<b>\$338,398</b>	<b>\$328,264</b>	<b>\$358,152</b>
Contributions		thru 10/29 \$294,081	
Increase	<b>-\$19,754</b>		<b>\$12,811</b>
Percent Increase			<b>3.71%</b>



# NEWS



**Sunday, November 12, 2023  
9:15am - 10:15am in the café.**

Please bring old Christmas Cards and Scissors.

We'll be making NEW Christmas Cards for Vets.

"Coffee and" will be served.

"Hope" you can come and join us in assembling the cards.



## 2023 Annual Pie & Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 16 from 9am to ???

This is Circle of Friendship's only fundraiser and we hope everyone will get involved!!

"Cookie slips" will be handed out over the next few weeks. Please fill one out and turn it in so we have a good idea of how many pies, cookies, and help we'll have.

This year we will also have invitations you can hand out to friends & family so we can

bolster the number of our customers.



For more information, talk to  
Karen Rousculp and Cherie Sieger





Boxes are supplied and collected by Scott Milkeris - Toy Show Director.

**HOPE IS SUPPORTING**

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



**Collection Box inside front entrance**



**Thank you to  
George Kristofer**

For building a  
replica of our pulpit  
for use as our  
new lectern!

## Blessing Bench Current Needs

Canned: soups and fruit

Oatmeal

Boxed cereal

Grab & go nutritious snacks

Paper towels



**Order your Poinsettia plant  
now.**

**Sign-up on table in the  
narthex**



Once again we have the opportunity to share God's abundant blessings. We team up with Jewel/Osco to provide Holiday Meals to those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves.

**It's easy, fun and so rewarding!**

Questions? Speak with  
Pastor, Dwight or Beth.

Volunteers needed to collect  
**Holiday Meal Donations**  
at Jewel/Osco in Shorewood  
**Fridays 4p-7p**  
**Saturdays & Sundays 11a-2p**

Sign up on Fellowship Board



# Faithful Families

**Sunday 11/19**

**10:30am:** *Worship*

**Noon:** *Lunch*

**12:30pm:**  
*Faith Building!*  
**for the entire family**

## 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

## Manna is now



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

**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**  
**November 2, 9, 16, 21 & 28**

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

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

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# See Something - Say Something!

**In case you missed it, our  
new Maple Tree has been  
planted!**

## Message from the Board President

Around this period of the year, I always think and reflect about TIME. The end of daylight savings time means it will get dark before dinner now along with the shorter daylight hours. The colder weather adds another layer to the shorter days. It is also the end of the church year which talks about the end of time. Yet, God is timeless. He is the Alpha and the Omega. It's hard to imagine how it will be without time! Everything in our everyday life has a time and a time limit.

Speaking of time, the board will be presenting the proposed 2024 budget in the next week. The proposed budget is attached in this newsletter for you to review. Discussion and questions answered will be held at all 3 church services on the weekend of November 11-12. The ballot vote occurs on the weekend of November 18-19 after services.

Also starting November 12<sup>th</sup>, Re:Vitality, a congregational survey to all members will start. Members will go to the survey via a link or QR code. Re:Vitality will provide opportunities to strengthen our congregation for years to come. In order to make the most of this program, we need your input to know where to start. We *want* your opinion. Please answer this survey in a timely manner. More information about the survey in the newsletter.

If you have any questions on either the budget or survey, please reach out to me.

Give Thanks to God for all your blessings and Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

As always, 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](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

## 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 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)?*

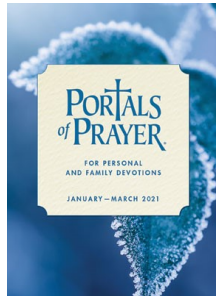


*If so, please contact Cathy Wernli  
by phone: 815-741-2428,  
or email:  
[office@shorewoodhopelutheran.org](mailto:office@shorewoodhopelutheran.org)*



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Each daily devotion includes a Bible reading, meditation and prayer to apply to your daily life, published in pocket-size books – very convenient and easy to use.



Published quarterly.  
Pick up your copy in the Narthex  
Available online as well.

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*

Now thru 12/15 - Holiday Meal Donations

11/12 - COF Servant Event 9:15am



11/18 & 19 - "2024" Budget Vote

11/19 - Faithful Families

11/22 - Thanksgiving Worship Service 7pm

*Save  
the  
Date*

# November Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am - Women's Bible Study	2 8:15am FMSC	3	4 Mite Box Collection
			6pm - Study/ Understand the Bible 7pm - Bible Study	6pm - Lay Ministry Meeting	6pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Youth Bible Reading	8am - Men's Group 5pm - Worship Service
5 Mite Box Collection	6	7	8 10am - Women's Bible Study	9 8:15am FMSC	10 10am - Quilt tying	11 8am - Men's Group
8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries 10:30am - Worship Service	5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	6pm - AA Meeting	6pm - No Class 7pm - Bible Study		6pm - AA Meeting	10am - Toy Show 10:30am - Timbers Service 5pm - Worship Service
12 8am - Worship Service 9:15am - Sunday Morning Ministries & COF Servant Event 10:30am - Worship Service 11:30am - Board Meeting Noon - gym rental	13 5:30pm - Boy/Girl scouts #256 7pm - Al-Anon	14 5pm - Girl Scouts Troop 75638 6pm - AA Meeting	15 10am - Women's Bible Study 5pm - gym rental 6pm - Study/ Understand the Bible 7pm - Bible Study	16 8:15am FMSC 5pm - gym rental 6pm - Bereaved Parents of Will Cty	17 6pm - AA Mtg	18 8am - Men's Group 5pm - Worship Service & Budget Vote
19 Budget Vote after each service	20	21	22	23	24	25 8am - Men's Group Noon - gym rental 5pm - Worship Service
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# Serving The Lord

# November

DATE	LAY MINISTER	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR DUTY	STEWARDSHIP	FLOWERS	MEDIA	ORGAN
11/4 5PM	Bennett	Kerwin	Dolgnier	Herrington				
11/5 9AM	Sieger	Hauser	Hauser	Sieber	Kristofer	OPEN		
10:30AM	Hargreave	Hargreave	Skedel	Ripsch				
11/11 5PM	Fuller	Fuller	Gura	Fagan/Gura				
11/12 8AM	Wernli	Wernli	Bergman/Markley	Wernli	Remus	Branz		
10:30AM	Wolf		Yeager/Newland	Turnell				
11/18 5PM	Petrilla	Kerwin	O'Connell	Kerwin/O'Connell				
11/19 8AM	Bianchetta	Branz	Sieger	Branz	Sieber	Wernli	Sieger	
10:30AM	Hargreave	Hargreave	Boyd	Hargreave		Tyler's Birthday		
11/23 7pm	Bianchetta	Kerwin		Wernli			Wernli	
11/25 5PM	Fuller	Fuller	Kerwin/Kerwin	Herrington				
11/26 8AM	Rousculp	Steinhauer	Krabbe	Brandon	Yeager	Klima	Wernli	
10:30AM	Wolf		Skedel	Talkington				

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**WE'RE ON FACEBOOK:**

**Shorewood Hope  
Lutheran Church**

*Have you moved?*

*New phone number?*

*Let us know.*

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