

March 2019

# Spirit of Hope

Mount Hope Lutheran Church Preschool and Childcare

**Because of our faith in him we dare to have boldness, courage, and confidence in coming to God with freedom and without fear.**

**Ephesians 3:12**

Sunday, February 24, will mark the conclusion to our church-wide study called *Transformed 2019*. It has been a wonderful way to begin 2019. We have been very intentional in asking God to guide and direct our lives, *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2*

We have much to celebrate as we continue to allow God's word to transform our lives in the seven areas studied, Spiritual, Physical, Mental, Emotional, Relational, Financial, and Vocational. We also have several new small groups that are meeting as a result of this campaign. Many of you have mentioned to me that you hope we will move into another study to allow for your small group to continue.

So, beginning on Sunday, March 10 we will begin a new study called *Daring Faith*. The theme of this six-session study is the *Ephesians 3:12* verse shown above. *Daring Faith* is all about taking bold risks. It requires unshakable courage to step up and face your giants as you step out into the unknown. Cultivating a daring faith goes hand in hand with trusting God's will. Where God guides, God provides. This is an opportunity to leave your comfort zone, and bravely move to where God is calling you.

The *Daring Faith* study will go nicely with our Lenten series on the *Sermon on the Mount* authored by our very own President Emeritus of the MN South District, Dean Nadasdy. Please join us and invite your friends, family, and neighbors. It's all about inviting people to this Mountain of Hope where *Guests become Friends and Friends become Family*.

*Serving together,*

*Pastor Fran*

# Upcoming Events

## Gerten's Flowers Fundraiser

Once again Gerten's flowers will be sold at Mount Hope. Flower orders are due by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Your orders will be ready for pick up on May 2 in the Fellowship Hall. If you receive the newsletter by email, please look for the attached order form. Order forms will also be available in the narthex.

## EGG'D

We will be reaching out into our neighborhoods to share that Christ has risen by providing a fun, exciting egg hunt for our neighbors. To prepare for this event, we will be collecting plastic (non-filled) Easter eggs. They can be old, used or new. There will be a collection box in the narthex to drop your donations in. On Wednesday, March 13 and 20, please help us fill Easter eggs between the Lenten meal and worship service. Please sign up near the information bulletin boards if you or your family would like to join the EGG'D event on Saturday, April 13.

## VEAP

March is our Food and Fund Drive for VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People). We will be gathering our donations from March 10th through March 31st. Our goal is to meet, or better yet beat, last year's donation of 665# of food and \$235.00.

VEAP meets 140 - 160 food pantry appointments every day. The greatest challenges facing VEAP clients are: under-employment and/or low wage jobs and the lack of affordable housing in our community. A household needs to make \$23.19 an hour, at a full time job, to afford a modest 2 bedroom rental apartment in this area. This equals an annual income of \$48,235.20 Patient care assistants, cashiers, retail sales, and food prep jobs provide well below what is needed. Since 2008, suburban poverty has increased by 53%. The aging population is also increasing.

VEAP can feed one person for one week for \$1.50. Just \$78.00 will feed one person each week for a year. Can you help?

VEAP has started a pilot shuttle and food delivery to our neighbors at Penelope 35 Apts.

VEAP has set a lofty goal for the 2019 drive of \$175,000 and 75,000 pounds of food.

Place your donations on or near the green shelf in the narthex. Many thanks for your donations.

Karen Mueller, VEAP Ministry Partner Rep.

# Connections

## Family Connections - Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, March 6

**5:30pm** Dinner is served

**6:00pm** Start Lent together with a craft to help your family prepare their hearts and mind for the joy of Easter.

**6:30pm** Worship together at the Ash Wednesday service



### Wednesday, March 13 and 20

Help fill plastic Easter eggs for our EGG'D event.

### Friday, April 5 5:30-7:00pm

We will start the evening with dinner and then enjoy games and a Glow-In-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt.

### Wednesday, May 1 5:30-7:00pm

This will be the last Family Connection Night of the school year. Join us for dinner and May Day basket-making as we prepare for the arrival of summer.

*Invite your friends and neighbors to join in the fun!*

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# Bible Studies

## Sunday Morning Connecting Time

Please join us at Mount Hope for Sunday morning Bible Study. All our groups begin at 9:30am. One group meets in the small conference room and the other in the Adult Education/Library. You are welcome to join either group at any time. Our new study is entitled *Daring Faith*.

## In-Home Bible Study

Please watch the bulletin for an announcement regarding the time and place of the next In-Home Bible Study gathering.

## Sunday School

Sunday School is offered every non-holiday Sunday. The group is having fun learning about Jesus and developing friendships with each other. They will be preparing our Palm Sunday breakfast this year. It is exciting to see a new group take on this event. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping them out.

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# What's New? Connections

You have probably noticed the use of "Connections" in Mount Hope's publications .It has been a goal of the staff and church leadership to look for opportunities for the members of Mount Hope to connect with each other and those in our community. Working through the TRANSFORMED studies has provided additional opportunities for connections to be made. In keeping with that goal, Kelly Rosner has taken a position with Mount Hope to oversee our Connections program. We, as a congregation, are to be intentional in our ministry, seeking out opportunities to connect with our friends and neighbors.

Mount Hope also has a new website, allowing us to better connect with those seeking a church family. Our new website is [www.mthopelutheran.org](http://www.mthopelutheran.org). Along with a new website come new email addresses. We will be switching over to the new emails in the coming weeks. Our new website also has a Giving tab. You can now give to Mount Hope through an online PayPal payment. Please ask if you have questions.

# Women of Hope

Thursday, March 14, 2019

## Program: Rooted in the Word

We'd love to have you come to our next Women of Hope program: Rooted in the Word. Trees have many roots. Their main task is to provide nourishment for the tree. We want to send our spiritual roots down into Christ and draw nourishment on the Word of God. Hear all about it at our March meeting!

- ~ Bring an unusual or special Bible for "Show and Tell."
- ~ Enjoy our special treat: Root Beer floats.
- ~ Bring the completed word search puzzle included below for a prize.

### WORD SEARCH - ALL ABOUT TREES

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K S Y C A M O R E G R C P  
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B I R C H W O M L E R P L  
D A P P L E T R E E T S L

#### WORD LIST:

ACORN  
APPLE TREE  
ASPEN  
BALSAM  
BARK  
BEECH  
BIRCH  
BRANCH

CEDAR  
CHLOROPHYLL  
COTTONWOOD  
CYPRESS  
ELM  
GINGKO  
LEAVES  
MAPLE

OAK  
PALM  
PINE  
ROOT  
SPRUCE  
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#### USE THE LEFTOVER LETTERS TO SEE A MESSAGE:

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Join Us for Lent at Mount Hope

# *The Sermon on the Mount*

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 Dinner and Connecting Time 6:30 Worship

Wednesday, Mar 6

*Blessed Are You*

Wednesday, Mar 13

*Salt and Light*

Wednesday, Mar 20

*Prayer and Fasting*

Wednesday, Mar 27

*Do Not Worry*

Wednesday, Apr 3

*Judge Not*

Wednesday, Apr 10

*Build on Rock*

Palm Sunday, Apr 14

8:15am/10:45am *Ask, Seek, Knock*

9:30am Palm Sunday Breakfast

Maundy Thursday, Apr 18

6:30pm

*The Golden Rule*

Good Friday, Apr 19

6:30pm

*The Tree and Its Fruit*

Easter Sunday, Apr 21

8:15/10:45am *Treasures in Heaven*



# Daily Devotional

March 1	Gen 35:1—29	Mark 9:33—50
March 2	Gen 37:1—36	Mark 10:1—12
March 3	Gen 39:1—23	Mark 10:13—31
March 4	Gen 40:1—23	Mark 10:32—52
March 5	Gen 41:1—27	Mark 11:1—19
March 6	Gen 41:28—57	Mark 11:20—33
March 7	Gen 42:1—34, 38	Mark 12:1—12
March 8	Gen 43:1—28	Mark 12:13—27
March 9	Gen 44:1—18, 32—34	Mark 12:28—44
March 10	Gen 45:1—20, 24—28	Mark 13:1—23
March 11	Gen 47:1—31	Mark 13:24—37    Gen 48:1—49:28
March 12	Gen 49:29—50:7, 14—26	Mark 14:1—11
March 13	Ex 1:1—22	Mark 14:12—31
March 14	Ex 2:1—22	Mark 14:32—52
March 15	Ex 2:23—3:22	Mark 14:53—72
March 16	Ex 4:1—18	Mark 15:1—15
March 17	Ex 4:19—31	Mark 15:16—32
March 18	Ex 5:1—6:1	Mark 15:33—47
March 19	Ex 7:1—25	Mark 16:1—20
March 20	Ex 8:1—32	Heb 1:1—14 (Psalm 118)
March 21	Ex 9:1—28	Heb 2:1—18    Lam 1:1—22
March 22	Ex 9:29—10:20	Heb 3:1—19    Lam 2:1—22
March 23	Ex 10:21—11:10	Heb 4:1—16    Lam 3:1—66
March 24	Ex 12:1—28	Heb 5:1—14    Lam 4:1—22 (Psalm 31)
March 25	Ex 12:29—32; 13:1—16	Heb 6:1—20    Lam 5:1—22 (Psalm 22)
March 26	Ex 13:17—14:9	Heb 7:1—22
March 27	Ex 14:10—31	Heb 7:23—8:13
March 28	Ex 15:1—18	Heb 9:1—28
March 29	Ex 15:19—16:12	Heb 10:1—18
March 30	Ex 16:13—35	Heb 10:19—39
March 31	Ex 17:1—16	Heb 11:1—29

# First Friday Book Club

Everyone is invited to First Friday Book Club. On March 1, we will meet in the church Library at 1:30pm. We will do a preview discussion on LIFE WORD. Some of us have read it, and Pastor plans to have a discussion group about it in the future. Come and get acquainted with the book, with us, and with the library. We will, as usual, have goodies!

Renata Melby

## Labels and Box Tops for Education

Thank you to everyone for the years of donations made through the collection of Campbell Soup labels and Box Tops for Education. Unfortunately, the Labels for Education program has ended and those can no longer be redeemed. Mount Hope's Preschool and Childcare does not qualify any longer for the Box Top program as they work exclusively with K-8 schools. The Box Tops we collected most recently were donated to Bethany Academy. If you would like to continue to collect BoxTops, you can drop them off in the office and they will be donated to a Christian school in the metro area.

## Celebration Days

### Happy Birthday

4 Al Johnson  
10 Lila Pietenpol  
10 Orpha Radford  
10 Emily Vogland  
11 Jennifer Adamek  
16 Erica McMullen  
18 Debbie Lingen  
20 Maria Killam  
21 Lloyd Quittschreiber  
21 Bella Blauvelt  
24 Darlene Buelow  
27 Vivian Brantner  
27 Rev John Stern

### Baptismal Anniversary

2 Drew Blauvelt  
4 Harriet Buelow  
5 Kim Wuebke  
6 Katie Jacob  
18 Zachery Brantner  
20 Candy Frein  
20 Al Johnson  
20 Todd Mack  
23 Karen Mack  
23 Anika Quittschreiber  
27 Charlotte Rosner  
27 Jack Rosner  
27 Penelope Rosner



### Wedding Anniversary

1 Kirk & Dorene Vogland  
8 Jerry & Harriet Buelow  
16 Wayne & Caryl Markel  
24 Bart & Maria Killam  
24 Paul & Shannon Hinz



## Worship Attendance

January 27	8:15am - 38	10:45am - 56
February 3	8:15am - 38	10:45am - 62
February 10	8:15am - 35	10:45am - 45
February 17	8:15am - 52	10:45am - 60

## Preschool and Childcare

Registration for the 2019-20 school year has really taken off. We have filled all our childcare spots.. There are still some spots open for our traditional preschool program which runs from 9:00-12:00 daily.

During February the Center hosted two Special Persons Days. The children were able to invite someone important to them into the classroom for a portion of the morning to meet their friends and teachers and participate in some activities together. Each classroom put together a short presentation for their special guests.

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place during March. The staff enjoys this time spent with families. Often we are the first Parent-Teacher conference they attend. This year we are offering conference times three Thursday evenings in a row. This has been a big help to the Lead teachers as they prepare assessments to share with the parents.

During March we will begin rehearsing for our Spring Musical. The Musical will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 9:30 and 10:45am. The congregation is invited to attend either or both of the shows. The children love an audience.

# Those Who Serve in March

Altar Guild Ashley C & Darlene W  
Sunday Coffee Prepare: Shannon H Clean-Up: Faith A (first 2 Sundays) Karen M (last 3 Sundays)  
Kitchen / Reception Committee Carol T & Eileen D

## March 3

Elder	Lloyd Q	
	<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Reader	Conrad N	Renata M
Greeters	Linda C & Harriet B	Karen M
Ushers	Jerry B, Bob T & Al B	Joel S, Dave S & Armand B
Counters	Kirk V & Kim W	

**March 6 (6:30pm)** Elder – Lloyd Q Ushers – John & Karen M, Conrad & Marilyn N

## March 10

Elder	Dave S	
	<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Reader	Bart K	Kim W
Greeters	Gene & Pat R	Linda Q
Ushers	Arnie B, Gene R, Mike R & Armand B	Kirsten B, Steve Schmidt & Betty S
Counters	Jenny & Cody R	

**March 13 (6:30)** Elder – Dave S Ushers – Jeff, Faith & Colin A & Eileen D

## March 17

Elder	Steve S	
	<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Reader	Paul H	Tammy G
Greeters	Pauline V & Sue H	Betty S
Ushers	Jerry B, Bob T & Al B	Lloyd Q, Judy M & Eileen D
Counters	Joel & Betty S & Kirsten B	

**March 20 (6:30)** Elder – Steve S Ushers – Arnie B, Gene R, Mike R & Butch C

## March 24

Elder	Matt F	
	<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Reader	Faith A	Betty S
Greeters	Conrad & Marilyn N	Eileen D
Ushers	John & Karen M, Conrad & Marilyn N	Bob T, Bill R & Kirk V
Counters	Jerry & Harriet B	

**March 27 (6:30)** Elder – Matt F Ushers – Judy M, Betty S & Eileen D

## March 31

Elder	Al J	
	<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Reader	Conrad N	Karen M
Greeters	Hope & Arnie B	Jennifer A
Ushers	Jeff, Faith & Colin A & Eileen D	Lloyd Q, Bill R & Steve Sundseth
Counters	Kirk V & Kim W	

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10:00am IFC 1:30pm Book Club	2
3 8:15am Worship 9:30am Connecting Hour 10:45am Worship	4 5:00pm IFC	5 8:00pm AA Meets	6 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC 5:30pm Dinner & Family Connection Event 6:30pm Lent Worship	7	8 10:00am IFC	9
10 8:15am Worship 9:30am Connecting Hour 10:45am Worship 1:00-3:30 Facility Use – Mack, T&M	11 5:00pm IFC	12 8:00 p AA Meets	13 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC 5:30pm Dinner Connecting Time 6:30pm Lent Worship	14 6:30 Women of Hope Event	15 10:00am IFC Bethesda Thrift Shop Work Day	16
17 8:15am Worship 9:30am Connecting Hour 10:45am Worship GERTEN'S ORDER DUE DATE	18 5:00pm IFC	19 8:00pm AA Meets	20 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC 5:30pm Dinner Connecting Time 6:30pm Lent Worship	21 5:00pm Church Staff Meeting 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting	22 10:00am IFC	23
24/31 8:15am Worship 9:30am Connecting Hour 10:45am Worship	25 5:00pm IFC	26 8:00pm AA Meets	27 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC 5:30pm Dinner Connecting Time 6:30pm Lent Worship	28	29 10:00am IFC	30

## Sunday Worship Schedule

8:15am Traditional Worship Service  
9:30am Connecting Hour  
Bible Study / Sunday School  
10:45am Praise Worship Service

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## Mount Hope's Staff

Fran Green	Pastor
Candy Frein	Administrative Assistant
Christina Brantner	Music Director
Kathy Sundseth	Custodian
Kelly Rosner	Connections Director
Kim Wuebke	Preschool and Childcare Director
	Administrative Assistant
Steve Sundseth	Custodian
Sam Killam	Custodian

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