



Spirit of Hope

Monthly Newsletter of Mount Hope Lutheran Church | April 2019
Preschool and Childcare

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

I was given a book for the Lenten season titled, *From The Grave, A 40-Day Lent Devotion* by A. W. Tozer. It has provided for some deep, meaningful and sometimes convicting thinking and reflecting. Consider these words from the book, *“People are not all right except for minor maladjustments. They are lost, inwardly lost, morally and spiritually lost. That has been the persistent Christian testimony from the first, and human history has shown how correct it is. There is nothing in us that can serve as a model for the new man. Conformity to ourselves, even our better selves, can lead only to ultimate tragedy. It must have help from outside itself, from above itself, if it is to escape the gravitational pull of its own sinful nature. And this help the gospel furnishes in full and sufficient measure.”*

“There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.” Romans 3:10-12



Pastor's article continued

Thankfully lent leads us to the great Resurrection Day. Yes, *“Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory! Through our Lord Jesus Christ!”*

1 Corinthians 15:57

Well, we are in the heart of Lent and it feels like spring might finally be winning. It is an exciting time of year as we anticipate “new life” as things again become green and colorful. Spring gives us a very real picture of life and specifically the new life Jesus brings through the power of His resurrection. What a celebration! Winter, as well as the daily grind, often wear on us and leave us longing. It is certainly good for us to ponder who we are, our shortcoming and failures as we journey through lent. But, even as the long-awaited spring bursts onto the scene bringing new life, we remember our Lord Jesus doing the same as He conquered sin, the devil, and death. Yes, Jesus the first fruits of those who will experience new life. I hope and pray that we all rejoice and celebrate anew the amazing gift Jesus has given to all who put their faith and trust in Him!

And even as we journey and anticipate the glorious celebration of Resurrection Day, I hope that you are thinking about those you could invite to join us. Who needs to hear and experience the power of the resurrection in your life? Research continues to show that 8 out of 10 will say yes to an invite to church from a friend. Share the hope that we all have here at Mount Hope, *Where guests become friends and friends become family.*

*Serving together,
Pastor Fran*



Women of Hope ~ LWML

Join us Thursday, April 11, at 6:30pm for a Salad Supper. Ladies are invited to bring a salad to share. The theme for our program is Fruit of the Spirit based on Galatians 5:22, "But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

LWML Spring Rally

All ladies are invited to attend the Lutheran Women's Missionary League's Spring Rally on Saturday, April 13, at 9:30am at Redemption Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Our speaker will be Monica Groves from The Dwelling Place. Our hands-on mission project that Saturday will be decorating/accessorizing 50 LWML Care Bears for the children of The Dwelling Place. Please bring any accessories you'd like; hats, caps, scarves, cloths, flowers, jewelry, bows and patches. Be imaginative! The bears dimensions are 9" high, 7.5" arm length, 3" body, 3" inseam and 7.5" head. Gifts from the Heart donations are \$10 or \$25 gift cards to Target or WalMart for the National Convention. Tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase from Linda Q at 952 237 5256.



Treasurer's Report January 2019

Income	\$61,073
Expenses	\$58,347

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you to our Thrivent members who designated Mount Hope as the recipient of their Thrivent Choice Dollars. In past years up to \$5000 has been received by Mount Hope. Thank you also to Thrivent for providing this opportunity to its members.

Worship Attendance

Feb 24	8:15	28
	10:45	52
Mar 3	8:15	44
	10:45	48
Mar 6	6:30	82
Mar 10	8:15	30
	10:45	57
Mar 13	6:30	52
Mar 17	8:15	45
	10:45	52
Mar 20	6:30	61

Bible Study

Everyone is welcome to be part of Sunday morning's Bible Studies. Our current study is entitled *Daring Faith*. The Studies meet at 9:30am in both the Adult Education Room and the small Conference Room behind the offices.

***Voters' Meeting
Monday, April 29
6:30pm***



First Friday Book Club

The Book Club will meet Friday, April 5th at 1:30pm at the home of Renata M. They will be discussing the novel, "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker". Newcomers are always welcome. Please contact Renata at 952 881 7160 with any questions.

"Around the World"– Sat May 11

Salad Luncheon/Quilt Auction at Redemption Lutheran Church. This is a fundraiser for Trinity First Lutheran School in Minneapolis and is enjoyed by many Twin Cities LCMS women and their friends. Join us for this great fellowship event that supports Christian education. Look for posters and advance ticket sales in April. If you would like to participate by donating a quilt, silent auction item or a salad, please call Michelle Borchardt @ 952 884 9719. The deadline for donations is Monday, April 29th.

Celebration Days

Happy Birthday

5 Ashley Cleveland
16 Tricia Mack
19 Renata Melby
19 Linda Quittschreiber
20 Chris Nazy
20 Kim Kunkel
21 Ramona Duncan
22 Tim Wuebke
23 Randy Lingen
24 Andrew Nazy
29 Nathan Moss

Baptism Anniversary

1 Caleb Mack
8 Eunice Marose
15 Darlene Buelow
16 Maria Killam
25 Rev John Stern

Wedding Anniversary

11 Greg and Janice Elbert

Family Connections

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 19:14

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. Thank you to everyone who has been donating eggs. 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.

Gerten's Flowers Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who ordered plants through our Gerten's Fundraising event. Your orders will be ready for pick up on May 2 in the Fellowship Hall.

Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Eggs Hunt Friday, April 5 5:30-7:00pm

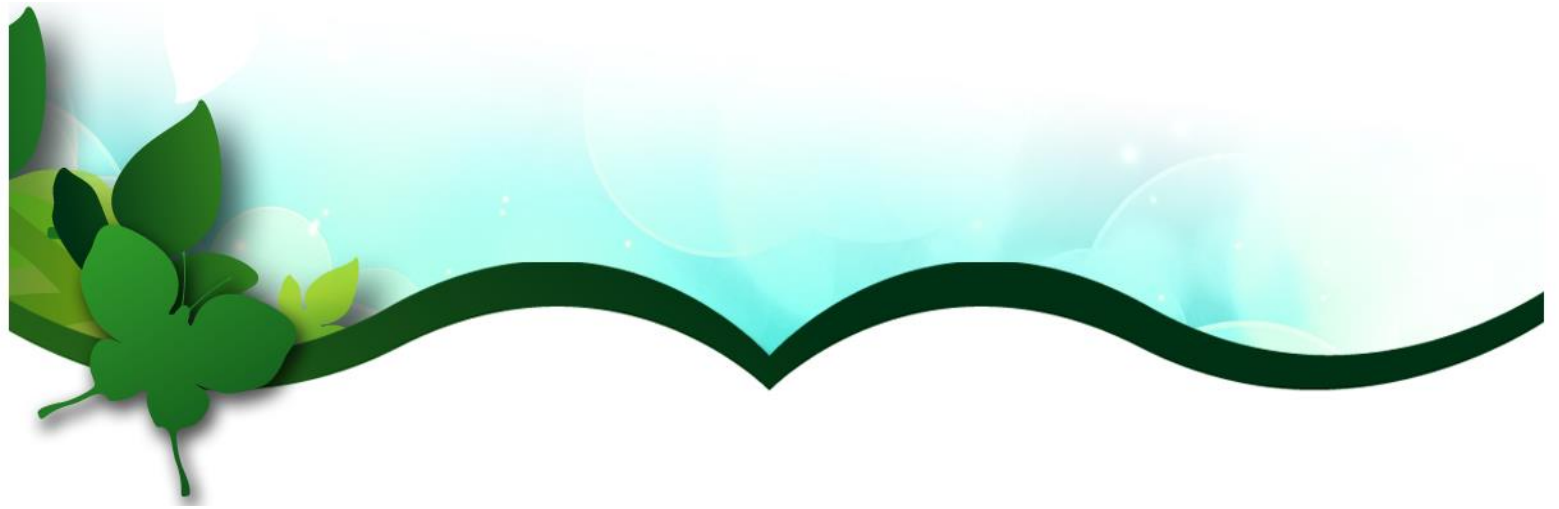
Enjoy dinner, games and an Easter Egg Hunt as we prepare to celebrate Easter!

Palm Sunday Breakfast

The children of the congregation along with their families invite you to join them in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am on Palm Sunday for breakfast. What a wonderful time for fellowship. Some donations of food have been requested. If you would like to donate, please sign up on the board in the narthex.

Sunday School

Sunday School takes place in the Green classroom Sunday mornings at 9:30 during the Connecting Hour. Children ages 3- fifth grade are welcome to attend.



Mount Hope has a new website!

Go to www.mthopelutheran.org to see the changes and newly added features.

Please also note the following email address changes and watch for more in the coming month.

Pastor Fran Green fgreen@mthopelutheran.org

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Administrative Assistant

Communication Reminders

Announcements for Sunday bulletins should be given to Candy F by Tuesday afternoons for the coming Sunday.

Submissions for the monthly newsletter are due by the 15th of the preceding month. Those articles should be sent to Kim W.

If you are interested in having an item put on the bulletin board that is not part of a current Mount Hope ministry, please bring it to the office and we will gladly take care of it for you.



Join Us at Mount Hope

The Sermon on the Mount

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 Dinner and Connecting Time 6:30 Worship

Wednesday, Apr 3

Wednesday, Apr 10

Palm Sunday, Apr 14

Maundy Thursday, Apr 18

Good Friday, Apr 19

Easter Sunday, Apr 21

Judge Not

Build on Rock

8:15am/10:45am

Ask, Seek, Knock

9:30am

Palm Sunday Breakfast

6:30pm

The Golden Rule

6:30pm

The Tree and Its Fruit

8:15/10:45am

Treasures in Heaven

Those Who Serve in April

Sunday Morning Coffee
Kitchen / Reception Committee
Altar Guild

Prepare & Clean-Up: Eileen D
Betty S & Dianne R
Renata M

April 3 6:30pm
Elder Al J
Ushers Jerry B, Bob T, Gene R

April 7 8:15 10:45
Elder John M
Reader Bart K Renata M
Greeters Linda C & Harriet B Karen M
Ushers Arnie B, Mike R, Gene R Joel S, Dave S, Armand B
Counters Jenny & Cody R

April 10 6:30pm
Elder John M
Ushers Arnie B, Mike R, Gene R

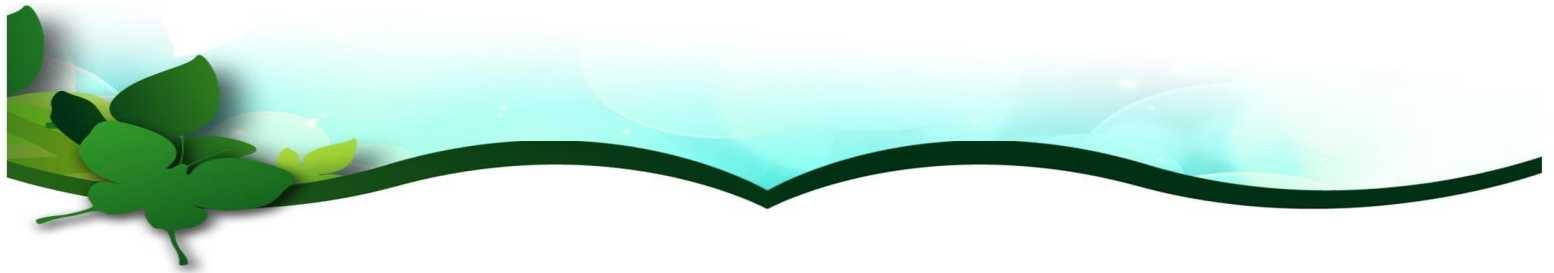
April 14 8:15 10:45
Elder Lloyd Q
Reader Paul H Kim W
Greeters Pat & Gene R Darlene W
Ushers John & Karen M, Conrad & Marilyn N Kirsten B, Steve Schmidt, Lloyd Q
Counters Schliefers & Kirsten B

April 18 6:30pm
Elder Lloyd Q
Ushers John & Karen M, Conrad & Marilyn N

April 19 6:30pm
Elder Lloyd Q
Ushers Karen M, Judy M, Karen Mueller, Eileen D

April 21 8:15 10:45
Elder Dave S
Reader Faith A Tammy G
Greeters Pauline V & Sue H Betty S
Ushers Bob T, Gene R, Arnie B Bill R, Dave S, Armand B
Counters Jerry & Harriet B

April 28 8:15 10:45
Elder Steve S
Reader Conrad N Betty S
Greeters Conrad & Marilyn N Eileen D
Ushers Jeff, Faith & Colin A, Al B Judy M, Bill R, Kirk V
Counters Kirk V & Kim W



April Daily Devotions

April 1	Ex 18:5—27	Heb 12:1—24	
April 2	Ex 19:1—25	Heb 13:1—21	
April 3	Ex 20:1—24	Luke 4:1—15	
April 4	Ex 22:20—23:13	Luke 4:16—30	
April 5	Ex 23:14—33	Luke 4:31—44	
April 6	Ex 24:1—18	Luke 5:1—16	
April 7	Ex 25:1—22	Luke 5:17—39	Ex 25:23—30:38
April 8	Ex 31:1—18	Luke 6:1—19	
April 9	Ex 32:1—14	Luke 6:20—38	
April 10	Ex 32:15—35	Luke 6:39—49	
April 11	Ex 33:1—23	Luke 7:1—17	
April 12	Ex 34:1—28	Luke 7:18—35	
April 13	Ex 34:29—35:21	Luke 7:36—50	Ex 35:22—38:20
April 14	Ex 38:21—39:8, 22—23, 27—31	Luke 8:1—21	
April 15	Ex 39:32—40:16	Luke 8:22—39	
April 16	Ex 40:17—38	Luke 8:40—56	Lev 1:1—7:38
April 17	Lev 8:1—13, 30—36	Luke 9:1—17	
April 18	Lev 9:1—24	Luke 9:18—36	
April 19	Lev 10:1—20	Luke 9:37—62	Lev 11:1—15:33
April 20	Lev 16:1—24	Luke 10:1—22	
April 21	Lev 17:1—16	Luke 10:23—42	
April 22	Lev 18:1—7, 20—19:8	Luke 11:1—13	
April 23	Lev 19:9—18, 26—37	Luke 11:14—36	
April 24	Lev 20:1—16, 22—27	Luke 11:37—54	
April 25	Lev 21:1—24	Luke 12:1—12	
April 26	Lev 23:1—22	Luke 12:13—34	
April 27	Lev 23:23—44	Luke 12:35—53	
April 28	Lev 24:1—23	Luke 12:54—13:17	Lev 25:1—55
April 29	Lev 26:1—20	Luke 13:18—35	
April 30	Lev 26:21—33, 39—44	Luke 14:1—24	Num 1:1—2:34

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00pm IFC	2 5:00pm Staff Mtg 8:00pm AA Meets	3 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC 5:30pm Dinner Connecting Time 6:30pm Lent Worship	4	5 10:00am IFC 1:30pm 1st Friday Book Club 5:30 Family Connection Event	6 Fun Shop 7:30am set-up 8:30-12:30 event
Noisy Offering 7	8 5:00pm IFC	9 8:00pm AA Meets	10 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC 5:30pm Dinner Connecting Time 6:30pm Lent Worship	11 6:30pm Women of Hope	12 10:00am IFC	13 EGG'D event 9:30am LWML Spring Rally @ Redemption
14 8:15am Worship 9:30am Palm Sunday Breakfast 10:45am Worship	15 5:00pm IFC	16 8:00pm AA Meets	17 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC 6:30pm Governing Board Mtg	18 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship	19 10:00am IFC Bethesda Work Day 6:30 Good Friday Worship	20
EASTER 21 8:15am Worship 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:45am Worship	22 5:00pm IFC	23 8:00pm AA Meets	24 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC	25	26 10:00am IFC	27 9:30/11:00 Preschool Spring Musicals
28 8:15am Worship 9:30am Connecting Hour 10:45am Worship	29 5:00pm IFC 6:30pm Voters' Meeting	30 8:00pm AA Meets				

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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