



Spirit of Hope

July 2019

Newsletter of Mount Hope Lutheran Church Preschool and Childcare

When George Washington took the oath as the first President of the United States, he spontaneously added four words to the end: "So help me God". Adding those words became customary in the oaths of many officials entering office and in use by witnesses in courts and legal proceedings.

Immediately after taking the oath, Washington gave his first inaugural address. He said that it would be improper if, in his first official act, he did not make supplication to the Almighty Being who rules over the universe to give his benediction to consecrate the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States. In other words, Washington acknowledged God and offered a prayer for America in his first official act as president.

In that first address, Washington also warned that "the propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained."

Seventy-one years later, when Abraham Lincoln was elected President and was about to leave his home in Springfield, Illinois, to go to Washington, he made a speech to his friends. Lincoln referred to President Washington's reliance on God, and Lincoln said, "A duty devolves upon me which is greater perhaps than that which has devolved upon any other man since the days of Washington. He never would have succeeded except for the aid of Divine providence, upon which he at all times relied. I feel that I cannot succeed without the same Divine aid which sustained him, and on the same Almighty Being I place my reliance for support."

At key times in history, America has been blessed to have leaders who acknowledged God and turned to God for wisdom and blessing. May God continue to give us such leaders.

56 gallant men signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Of the 56, five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes sacked, looted, occupied by the enemy, or burned. Two lost sons in the army. Nine died from hardships or from bullets in the War of Independence. A great price was paid for America's freedom.

As we celebrate America's birthday on this Fourth of July, may God make us thankful for our freedom, and may he give us wisdom to live according to his Word, so that we may continue to enjoy freedom. God bless America!

– Pr. Rokke

News and Events

Book Club

The July Book Club selection is one everyone will enjoy; *A Dog's Purpose* by Cameron. We meet July 5, first Friday in July, at 1:30pm on Renata Melby's screen porch for food and conversation. Y'all come! Contact the office for Renata's contact information.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

Our 9:30am Bible Studies continue this summer. Please join us for either the small group discussion-style study in the small Conference Room behind the offices or the larger group study in the Library/Adult Education room.

Fall Bazaar Planning Meeting

Help plan and organize the Fall Bazaar. The planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, at noon at Mount Hope. Bring a dish to share. We'll have lunch together and then get busy with deciding on the details of our fundraiser this fall. Even if you have never helped before, we'd love your help. Call Jennifer at 952-451-5860 if you have any questions.

Mt. Hope Church App

In your App Store on your phone, look for Our Church - by churchdev.com and download it. Then once the app has downloaded, open it and select church. In the search bar type Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (Minneapolis, MN) after selecting your church if you will become your default church. In our church app you will be able to listen to the Sermons, check the Event Calendar, see all editions of the Newsletter and access our Online Contribution Page!

Summer Kids Theater

You have two opportunities in July to enjoy the fun of Summer Kids Theater. July 10th we will be showing *The Lion King*, and on July 24th *Dumbo* is the feature film. The fun starts at 5:30pm. Visit the website or find us on Facebook for more details.

Faith Day at Target Field

The MN Twins will be hosting Faith Day at Target Field, presented by PraiseLive, on Sunday, August 25th. The event will feature a postgame program with live worship music and testimonies. Mount Hope has reserved a section of tickets in the Homerun Porch for members and friends. Handicap reserve seating is available as well. Tickets are \$12.00. Orders are due by August 2, payable to Mount Hope Lutheran Church. Order forms are available in the office.

Sunday, July 7

Join us at either 8:15am or 10:45am for a patriotic service celebrating America's independence. Invite your friends and family! Fellowship time will be enjoyed during the 9:30 Connecting Time.

**We'll Spot
you at VBS!**

We are looking for some friendly faces, and welcoming people to help support VBS this year! Is that person you? The following positions are places where there is a need! Contact Christina with any questions!
cbrantner@mthopelutheran.org
or 218-3831-3215 (call or text)

- **Registration**
- **Crew Leader**
- **Asst. Crew Leader**
- **Kitchen Crew**

ROAR!
Life is wild * God is good

Time Commitment:
Orientation
Sun., July 28th @12:30-1:30pm
VBS Week
July 29th -Aug 1st 5-8pm

Parents, come 30 minutes before pick-up time every day to see your kids shine!

There are so many opportunities to be involved. We have jobs that allow for sitting, we have “take-home” projects to help us prep the stations and decorations, and we have a great need for prayer. Pray that Satan is not allowed to do his work in hindering kids to attend this year. Pray for hearts that are willing to volunteer. Pray for guidance of the volunteers as they prepare for their roles in teaching, and above all, pray that God will continue to do HIS work each and every day of VBS so each and every child can hear HIS word!

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Decorating Stations are created to ease the stress of anyone who feels they are not "creative" enough!
This is meant to be a one-stop assembly time!
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Decorating Day!
Assemble Savannah Huts
Assemble 3D savannah grass
Assemble Watering Hole
Assemble Poster Displays

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Time Commitment:
Saturday July 27th
10:00-12noon

Parents, come 30 minutes before pick-up time every day to see your kids shine!

Decorating Day is designed to be assembly and quick projects! Each year, it usually takes only 2 hrs with 10-15 volunteers. We have sit-down assembly jobs, creative hallway assembly jobs, and easy glue and cut assembly jobs. A pizza lunch is served for all volunteers. If you cannot be there for the whole 2 hrs, come when you are able!

Women of Hope


The Women of Hope meetings are on a break during
July and August!
Enjoy your summer, ladies.

We will be sharing pictures and information in the
August newsletter from the National Lutheran Women's
Missionary League Convention which took place in
Alabama in June.

Mount Hope's Prayer Ministry

Don't have time to pray?
Stop that way of thinking!

Disconnecting with God is as foolish
as expecting a lamp to turn on when
it's not connected to its power
source. We must stay connected
with God even when we're on
vacation. Do take God along as your
"traveling companion" this summer.
He will be your power source of
direction, provision and protection.
Have a wonderful summer.



Greetings Mount Hope family!

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Ephesians 1:3

I thought it was time to give you an update. I have provided updates through others and when visiting Mount Hope; however, I know that many are wondering on my status. In hindsight, I suppose it may have been helpful if we had created a CaringBridge or another site for frequent updates. However, this would have been one more task for my wife to complete in the first several weeks so we decided against it.

First, we are grateful and truly humbled at the outpouring of support you have given us. It has been an overwhelming experience. We are blessed and filled with joy in being a part of the Mount Hope family. Thank you all! We are also grateful, as I know you are, for Pastor Rokke. His willingness to step in and serve so selflessly has been an incredible gift to all of us. Thank you also to the amazing staff and leadership of our church family, you have continued without missing a beat. We pray for you all every day!

Finally, the update. I am feeling good and gaining strength daily (Thank you for the prayers!). As of my last visit with the surgeon, all fracture areas are stable and in place. The next appointment is July 3. Apparently, this visit will determine whether I am able to be free of all external braces to begin physical therapy or if I will need additional surgery. I have shared with many of you that I feel strong in my neck area, although I have been cautioned by both the surgeon and a friend who is a radiologist, that there is still a possibility that the cervical fractures are not growing together properly. The surgery that I had in early April used a bone graft and titanium plates to stabilize fractures in the C6-7 vertebrae. I am told that the graft sometimes needs attention. And I also have fractures at C1-C2 that are being immobilized by the external collar I wear. This is the area that may need surgery to place rods in the vertebrae to stabilize if not healing properly. The fractures at T12 and L1 will most likely not require surgery unless pain or alignment issues occur in the future.

We are prayerful and hopeful that I will not need additional surgery in July. If it is the Lord's will, I hope to be freed from the external hardware to begin rehab. I hope to return to my duties early to mid-July. One major lesson that has been repeated throughout this incident is TRUST. I know it almost sounds cliché for us to say, but it is still so true; we trust in God's guidance, provision, and timing. We miss you deeply and have enjoyed our brief "chats" at church. The Lord's Blessings to you!!

Pastor Fran and family

Daily Devotional

1 July	Josh 6:6—27	Acts 10:18—33	
2 July	Josh 7:1—26	Acts 10:34—48	
3 July	Josh 8:1—28	Acts 11:1—18	
4 July	Josh 10:1—25	Acts 11:19—30	Josh 10:28—22:34
5 July	Josh 23:1—16	Acts 12:1—25	
6 July	Josh 24:1—31	Acts 13:1—12	Judge 1:1—36
7 July	Judg 2:6—23	Acts 13:13—41	
8 July	Judg 3:7—31	Acts 13:42—52	
9 July	Judg 4:1—24	Acts 14:1—18	Judge 5:1—31
10 July	Judg 6:1—24	Acts 14:19—15:5	
11 July	Judg 6:25—40	Acts 15:6—21	
12 July	Judg 7:1—23	Gal 1:1—24 Judge 7:24—12:15	
13 July	Judg 13:1—25	Gal 2:1—21 Ruth 1:1—4:22	
14 July	Judg 14:1—20	Gal 3:1—22	
15 July	Judg 15:1—16:3	Gal 3:23—4:11	
16 July	Judg 16:4—30	Gal 4:12—31	Judge 17:1—21:25
17 July	1 Sam 1:1—20	Gal 5:1—26	
18 July	1 Sam 1:21—2:17	Gal 6:1—18	
19 July	1 Sam 2:18—36	Acts 15:22—41	
20 July	1 Sam 3:1—21	Acts 16:1—22	
21 July	1 Sam 4:1—22	Acts 16:23—40	Acts 17:1—34
22 July	1 Sam 5:1—6:3, 10—16	Acts 18:1—11, 23—28	
23 July	1 Sam 6:19—7:17	Acts 19:1—22	Acts 19:23—21:14
24 July	1 Sam 8:1—22	Acts 21:15—36	
25 July	1 Sam 9:1—27	Acts 21:37—22:16	
26 July	1 Sam 10:1—27	Acts 22:17—29	
27 July	1 Sam 12:1—25	Acts 22:30—23:11	
28 July	1 Sam 13:1—18	Acts 23:12—35	
29 July	1 Sam 14:47—15:9	Acts 24:1—23	
30 July	1 Sam 15:10—35	Acts 24:24—25:12	
31 July	1 Sam 16:1—23	Acts 25:13—27	



Worship Attendance

May 26	8:15 = 48	10:45 = 45
June 2	8:15 = 32	10:45 = 55
June 9	8:15 = 57	10:45 = 45
June 16	8:15 = 40	10:45 = 46
June 23	8:15 = 39	10:45 = 69



July Celebration Days

Birthdays

7 Zeke Green
8 Cory Brantner
9 Sheila Carlson
11 Jonathan Moss
13 Victoria Frein
14 Connie Fitzgerald
14 Jon Cleveland
16 Jerry Buelow
16 Carl Fox
16 Philip Hinz
17 Anna McGraw

Baptismal Anniversaries

1 Marcy Caspersen
2 Tricia Mack
11 Bob Tolzin
14 Kristen Melbostad
15 Madyson Ford
15 Samarah Ford
15 Sabrina Ford
17 Pastor Dan Ritter
21 Claire Woebke
28 Jerry Buelow
Dawn Vogland

Wedding Anniversaries

6 John & Karen Mack
10 Jerry & Kayla Kuhlman
11 Rev. John & Sue Stern
14 David & Jenn Schleifer

BOOK SALE

For the American Cancer Society

Saturday July 20th, 9- 3

Sunday July 21st, 10-2

(Sunday books are \$5 per bag)

**New & used hardcover fiction, paperbacks,
old and antique books, comics, music,
classroom and kid's books, movies and games**

Redemption Lutheran Church

927 E. Old Shakopee Rd.

Bloomington

Relay For Life / Hope Lodge information available

Organized by Becky's Believers, a Relay For Life team.



**All proceeds go to HOPE LODGE (Minneapolis location),
and American Cancer Society for patient services.**

Matching funds received from CH Robinson / Thrivent.

Those Who Serve in July

Sunday Morning Coffee
Kitchen / Reception Committee
Altar Guild

Prepare: Harriet B
Sue S, Fran W
Shannon H

Clean Up: Betty S

July 7

Elder Dave S
8:15
Reader Paul H
Greeters Linda C & Harriet B
Ushers Arnie B, Gene R, Butch C, Mike R
Counters Joel & Betty S, Kirsten B

10:45
Renata M
Karen M
Joel S, David S, Ron F, Armand B

July 14

Elder Lloyd Q
8:15
Reader Faith A
Greeters Pat & Gene R
Ushers John & Karen M, Conrad & Marilyn N
Counters Harriet & Jerry B

10:45
Kim W
Darlene W
Kirsten B, Lloyd Q, Steve Schmidt

July 21

Elder Steve S
8:15
Reader Conrad N
Greeters Pauline V & Sue H
Ushers Jeff, Faith & Colin A, Al B
Counters Kirk V, Kim W


10:45
Kelly R
Shirley F
Judy M, Bill R, Kirk V

July 28

Elder Matt F
8:15
Reader Bart K
Greeters Conrad & Marilyn N
Ushers Al B, Jerry B, Bob T
Counters Jenny & Cody R

10:45
Karen M
Eileen D
John M, Steve Schmidt

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00pm IFC	2 8:00pm AA Meets	3 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC	4 Office/Center Closed 	5 10:00am IFC 1:30pm 1 st Friday Book Club	6
7 8:15am Worship 9:30am Fellowship Time – No Bible Study 10:45am Worship	8 5:00pm IFC	9 8:00pm AA Meets	10 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC 5:30pm Summer Kids Theater	11	12 10:00am IFC	13
14 8:15am Worship 9:30am Connecting Hour 10:45am Worship	15 5:00pm IFC	16 8:00pm AA Meets	17 9:00am Prayer Group 10:00am IFC	18 5:00pm Ministry Staff meeting 6:30pm Governing Board meeting	19 10:00am IFC Bethesda Thrift Shop Work Day	20
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Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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