

Spirit of Hope

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Preschool and Childcare

March 31, 2021

Maundy Thursday

Join us for the Places of the Passion special service for Maundy Thursday. In this service we climb the stairs to the Upper Room to join the disciples in receiving the body and blood of Christ in bread and wine. We are reminded here that Jesus sets a place at the table for each of us, even though he knows all that we have done. Amazingly, we find that he is willing to give completely of himself to forgive us.



The Upper Room - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Good Friday

Join us for the Places of the Passion special service for Good Friday. We stand at the foot of the cross on Golgotha, the Place of the Skull, where the crucified Christ breathes his last for our sake. His suffering is in plain view, as well as his great love. His death redeems us all.



Golgotha - GOOD FRIDAY

Easter

Join us for the Places of the Passion special service for Easter Sunday. In this service we marvel with the women at the garden tomb—now empty—and hear the good news from the angel: “He has risen, just as he said.” All fear is gone because Jesus is alive and all faith is found in his words of comfort and peace.

The places where the passion of our Lord took place hold special meaning to Christians the world over. These places remind us that Jesus walked this earth and stood in locations we can still find today to carry out his mission of salvation. This was no sightseeing trip for our Savior. There was a serious reason he came to be at certain places and at particular times to suffer and die and rise again. He was fulfilling the will of his Father who desired that we be forgiven and given a place in heaven with him forever.

PLACES of the PASSION

The Garden Tomb - EASTER SUNDAY

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As always, we will make our service available online. If you are not comfortable with attending at this time or are part of a high-risk population, the safest place for you is in your home.

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Easter Services- 8:15 & 10:45

Call to Reserve your Seat

Easter In-Person Worship - COVID-19 Reminders

We look forward to celebrating Easter (Sunday, April 4) with you. Mount Hope is offering in-person worship at 8:15 and 10:45 on Easter Sunday. You must call the office at 952 888 5059 or email Kim at church@mthopelutheran.org to reserve a seat. It is possible we will receive more requests than available seating.

Masks must be worn properly and social distancing guidelines followed while in Mount Hope. The doors will open fifteen minutes prior to the start of worship. Hand sanitizer is available at the doors and you should find your seats promptly after arrival.

If you or anyone in your household is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, you may not attend worship.

Please limit time spent in the narthex socializing. We understand the desire to visit with our friends and neighbors, but ask that you take these visits outside into the open air.

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Message from Pastor Fran

“What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.” Yes, by God’s grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.” (Hebrews 2:9 NLT)

It was wonderful to return to worship yesterday after four weeks of recovering from my knee replacement surgery. I continue to express my sincere thank you for all of the prayers, cards, calls, and well-wishes to all of you. You are truly a wonderfully loving, serving, and generous group of people.

We marked the beginning of Holy Week yesterday with our celebration of Jesus’ Triumphal Entry, or Palm Sunday, celebrating our Humble King. We hope and pray that you are able to take some time this Holy Week to worship this King through a variety of online and in-person opportunities. Please see Easter Sunday services information later in this newsletter.

Invite a guest to join us in person at 8:15 or 10:45 each Sunday or via live streaming on our YouTube page Mount Hope Lutheran Church - YouTube or catch it at a later time either on our website mthopelutheran.org or call for a DVD copy. Remember, there are a lot of people “out there” who need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

You may have noticed that we have begun offering communion on Sundays and we plan to continue this practice. However, if you are unable to participate on Sundays, we will offer private communion by appointment during the week for those who are able to come in to church. Please contact the church office to get your spot to receive Holy Communion, Wednesday, April 7.

Also, I plan to resume home visits as facilities allow and as you are comfortable with those visits. As always, the Lord’s Supper will be included.

Hope to see you Sunday when we will once again shout out, He is Risen!!

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

We are Mount Hope, Where Guests become Friends, Friends become Family!

Serving together,

Pastor Fran Green

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The new 2021 Flower Calendar is up on the bulletin board in the information hallway. Please sign up for a date that you would like to recognize a special date or want to beautify the church. The arrangements are \$30.-Make your check payable to *The Women of Hope* and place it and your dedication in Karen Mack's mailbox or call her at 952-831-7428. There are many spots available to choose from. Sign up today!

Flowers given on Sunday, March 28 were given by Lorraine Wolden--to the Glory of God for all the great things He has done.

Flowers given on Sunday, April 4 are given by John and Karen Mack--In thanksgiving for our Risen Lord Thank you to the HYMN Bible Study Group for providing the beautiful Easter Lilies and Calla Lilies around the altar on Easter Sunday.

Closed Good Friday

The Mount Hope office and the Preschool and Childcare Center will be closed on Friday, April 2nd to observe Good Friday. Thank you, teachers and staff for all your hard work you have done so far this year 2021! Have a wonderful day off!

Thank You

Thank you card received from New Life Family Services:

Thank you for your generous donation to New Life last month! We are so grateful that you chose to support our mission in this truly impactful way. Know that your generosity is not only a great blessing to us as a ministry but also to the lives of the men, women and families that we serve and who find hope, healing, and wholeness every day. We could not do this restorative work without your support and consider your members a sweet gift to the life and strength of this ministry! In much gratitude-Naomi, New Life Family Services.

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers for healing for my mom. Your kindness is overwhelming. They made such a difference for her mental and physical health. She's doing relatively well. Praise God! Al Johnson

HYMN Bible Study

Our next HYMN Bible Study will be on Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting in the sanctuary again to be able to maintain our 6ft. social distancing. Please read Month 6. We will be completing the Month 6 Monthly Reflection together.

International Friendship Center

The International Friendship Center meets here at Mount Hope Lutheran Church and has now begun meeting in person once again. The Center offers citizenship classes, English classes, knitting classes, cooking classes, computer classes, and sewing classes. No matter where you are from...you are welcome to attend our free classes! If you would like to volunteer and help, please call our missionaries: Nadar at 402-968-6486 or Georgette at 402-889-6162.

Thank You Christus Choir

We would like to extend our thanks to the Christus Chorus, of Concordia University, St. Paul for all the beautiful choral music and videos supplied for our Lenten season! Dr. David L. Mennicke, is conductor. Emily Woodhall is a choral member at the school.

Email received from **Jane Wilke, BA '75** Concordia University, St. Paul-Director of Church Relations

We are delighted to share the Christus video of the Schutz Passion According to St. John.

The address is: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IWS0PkI8-S_vqdFwjN1qWfTa5UQqKbUf?usp=gmail

The folder includes four separate recordings, as well as a Word document that includes the text.

This performance was recorded on March 16, 2021, in Concordia's Graebner Memorial Chapel (COVID style, of course!). The role of Jesus is sung by CSP 2019 music/theatre graduate Maurice Fields, and the role of Pilate is sung by CSP 2020 music/English graduate Noah Klemp. The narration parts are sung by the members of the Christus Chorus. Groups of the choir stand and sing to represent the mob, the priests, and the soldiers.

David Trembley recorded the audio. Christus Chorus member Ryan Skille did the video editing, and CSP Theatre Technical Director Justin Hooper oversaw the production.

We pray that this offering is a blessing for your Holy Week observance.

Feel free to reach out with any questions you might have.

Blessings!

Jane Wilke, BA '75

Concordia University, St. Paul

Director of Church Relations



VEAP March Food & Fund Drive

MARCH 1st thru APRIL 11th, 2021, and is Minnesota's biggest annual drive. During this pandemic, in 2020 VEAP provided 4,663,561 million pounds of healthy and nutritious food to 33,349 households. They helped nearly 2,100 households remain secure in their homes by distributing close to \$3.6 million in rental and utility assistance. Even though we kept an ongoing collection this past year, March is our designated VEAP campaign, and presently the most needed items are as follows:

Baking essentials (flour, sugar, cooking oil, etc.)

Birthday items for our young visitors (cake mixes, frosting, candles, etc.)

Laundry detergent

Personal care & household items (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream toiletries, etc.)

Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins)

Gluten-free products (whole grains like brown rice, wild rice, quinoa, cornmeal, nut flours & butters, rice crackers etc.)

Whole grain cereal (like Shredded Wheat, Kashi, bran cereals, Chex, etc.)

Paper bags (They always need your extra paper grocery bags.) Not plastic grocery bags.

VEAP'S goals for 2021 are 75,000 pounds of food and \$175,000. Every \$10.00 they receive equals enough food for families to make 30 meals. If you choose to support VEAP with \$, please place a check in my mailbox at church. Place food items on the green shelf in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support of VEAP. It is much appreciated-Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Representative.



Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30am In-Person Worship

Services Online at

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Preparing for Easter