



Spirit of Hope

Mount Hope Lutheran Church
June 2021

“Stand silent! Know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation in the world!” Psalm 46:10 (The Living Bible)

I have no doubt that you have read and heard many such verses and prayers offered to help all of us remember that the Lord God is still on His throne. Jesus continues to rule and reign. That is the truth to which we cling, that is our sure and confident hope. I wrote those words for the April 2020 newsletter at the time we were stopping all in-person gatherings at Mount Hope over one year ago.

But, life at Mount Hope is returning to normal! I took the ropes down today, masks are no longer mandatory, and we can fill the sanctuary to capacity. We are preparing for a gathering on Sunday that should feel just like it did prior to the interruption of the global pandemic. Praise God!

In an effort to promote community and unity as we come back together at Mount Hope, we are going to offer **one worship service Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to re-connect as we worship our Lord and enjoy fellowship with one another. So, this coming Sunday, **May 30 through September 5**, worship will begin at 9:30 am. Also, on Sundays, other than holiday weekends, such as Memorial Day and Labor Day, we will offer an education hour for adults at 10:30. Who are you looking forward to seeing? Who might you invite to join us?

Currently, we are working our way through a wonderful study in our education hour, titled, *Cultures in Conflict*; a Ray Vander Laan hosted study from ***That the World May Know, Paul Proclaims Jesus as Lord***. How do you live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity? Join us as we join Ray in the city of Athens, Greece where we will travel in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul to see if we can discover how to live in our own Athens.

Finally, the **Women of Hope** are at the beginning stages of preparations for our Harvest Bazaar. We are planning on focusing on this wonderful community outreach event as a church to make it the best one ever. There will be many opportunities to be involved; we can all begin even today, praying for the Lord’s guidance, provision, and blessing on this event.

“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

Would you like to make a dedication or in memorial of with signing up for Altar Flowers? The 2021 Flower Calendar is up on the bulletin board in the information hallway. Please sign up for a date and place your \$30 check, payable to the Women of Hope, in Karen Mack's mailbox in the information hallway. Karen Mack phone number is 952-831-7428.

Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers and cards during this time of our loss. Butch, Marcy and family.

Music Part-time Hire Accepted

The music ministry is excited to welcome Kayla Gundermann to the team beginning in June 2021. Kayla will be supporting the music ministry during the services over the summer to learn and grow in the worship needs of Mt Hope. Kayla is a junior at Concordia College in St Paul, MN and brings experience in music worship leading from around the Twin Cities metro area. To have Kayla on board the music ministry, will help support Sunday morning worship through accompaniment on piano and organ. This will allow more opportunities to focus on music ministry growth and outreach throughout the year. Welcome, Kayla! Please see Kayla's bio included below, and help me welcome her to Mt Hope! - Christina Brantner

Kayla Gundermann is a junior at Concordia University, St. Paul, studying Lutheran Music Education! Her goal after graduation is to become a music teacher; if possible in a Lutheran setting. She comes from a very musical family that started her on the piano before she could talk. Kayla has lead the music side of worship at numerous places around the Twin Cities, and especially for chapels at her school. She organizes two of the weekly evening chapels at Concordia and they are the highlights of her week. Kayla is excited to worship with you all soon!



VEAP REPORT

A delivery of VEAP food donations, of 127 pounds, was delivered on May 3rd, bringing our total this year to 304.6 lbs. of food. A huge thank you to the folks at Penelope Apartments, among others, who continue to share their bounty with VEAP.

VEAP'S March Food and Fund Drive was a wonderful success, bringing together hundreds of community members in the fight against food insecurity. Collectively VEAP received a total of 148,252 lbs. of food, nearly twice their original goal of 75,000 pounds. They also raised \$322,591,00 in donations. This is fifty percent more than they were expecting. Because of everyone's participation, VEAP's Food Pantry will be well stocked into the warmer months of the year. Keep up the good work, so we can hopefully keep ahead of the demand moving forward. Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Rep.

Fall Bazaar Planning Meeting and Lunch

The leaders of the Fall Bazaar are invited to attend the Fall Bazaar Planning Meeting and Lunch at the church on Tuesday, July 13 at 12:30 pm. Lunch will be Jimmy John's.

Book Club

First Friday Book Club will meet June 4 at 1:30 pm at Renata Melby's home. The book is THE GIRL WHO CAME HOME by Hazel Gaynor. This is an easy read about an Irish girl from steerage who survived the sinking of the Titanic- a story of courage and luck. I guarantee you will enjoy it. If you can't get it in time, join us anyway as we sit on Renata's porch and sip coffee and eat dessert. Check us out-it's a real fellowship.

Prayer Chain

Have a prayer request? Email Marilyn Nelson at conradmarilyn@usfamily.net or call her at 952-881-0014.

Bible Studies

Our HYMN Bible Study will be meeting in June on Tuesday the 15th at 6:30 pm. Read and meditate on our final chapter, Month 8, pages: 56-67. We will be meeting at Jennifer Adamek's home this evening at 9117 Yukon Ave S, Bloomington. Bring an appetizer to share as we conclude our bible study for the year 2020-2021!

Tech Booth Volunteers Needed

Want to have fun with tech? Volunteer to run the powerpoint on Sundays! Contact Christina Brantner at cbrantner@mthopelutheran.org.

Stamps for Missions

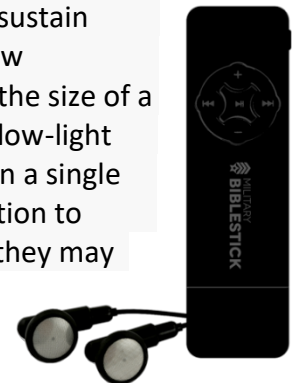
Stamps for Missions-The stamps on your everyday mail can earn money for missions. Just cut around the stamp leaving at least a ¼" paper margin and place them in Wayne Markel's church mailbox. Thank you!

LWML – Lutheran Women in Missions

The National LWML Convention is June 24-26. Pamela Hunter from Holy Cross Lutheran Church is our delegate from our SW Suburban Zone. Susan Moss from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church is the delegate attending from the Minneapolis zone. Pastor Fran Green is attending also, as a Pastoral Counselor. Please keep these three and all the women attending the Convention in Lexington, KY in your thoughts and prayers! Safe travels and wishing you a joy-filled and inspiring time together!

Military Bible Sticks Freewill Offering - Sunday, June 20

Around the world the men and women of the U.S. military are defending our freedom. Many of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines live in cramped quarters, working hard and putting in long hours every day — too tired to read a Bible, even if they have one. Military BibleStick can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances. It contains the entire Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms chosen specifically for “warriors,” yet it's only about the size of a pack of chewing gum. Designed to military specifications for safe and discreet use in low-light conditions, it features a matte black finish and red-light-only operation — and runs on a single AAA battery! Each service member who receives a Military BibleStick also has the option to request a free Audio New Testament or Kids Bible for family back home — although they may be separated from loved ones, they know they are listening through the Word together. Military BibleSticks provide real hope for our heroes!



June Celebrations

Happy Birthday

7 Marcy Caspersen
8 Christina Brantner
13 Corinne Kroonblawd
13 Kathi Rokke
17 Hadley Lang
17 Holden Lang
18 Kristen Melbostad
19 John Mack
19 Vance Melbostad
19 Joel Schleifer
20 Pat Roehrick
20 Elizabeth Mack
21 Elijah Mack
22 Arlene Oleson
22 Bob Tolzin
25 Claire Woebke
28 Jeff Alt

Baptism Anniversary

1 Armand Boehnke
1 Marjule Boehnke
5 Josh Adamek
11 Paul Hinz
11 Wayne Markel
12 Missy Quittschreiber
14 Lila Pietenpol
18 Emily Vogland
20 Emily Woodhall
23 Kayla Vogland
23 Wyatt Vogland
26 Claire McMullen

Wedding Anniversary

1 Tim & Kim Woebke
12 Cory & Christina Brantner
12 Richard & Stephanie Hinz
13 Bob & Carol Tolzin
20 Vern & Pauline Von Deylen
21 Arnie & Hope Berg
23 Al & Kathy Borgen
23 Jon & Ashley Cleveland

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am In-Person Worship

10:30 am Adult Bible Study

Services Online at

www.mthopelutheran.org/sermons

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