



# Spirit of Hope

## Mount Hope Lutheran Church

### July 2021

***Running the Race...Looking to Jesus*** was the theme of the ***Lutheran Women's Missionary League's (LWML) 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention***, held June 24-27 in Lexington, Kentucky. I was privileged to be invited to attend this incredible event.

You may be asking, as I've been asked frequently by many, why would a man attend this women's convention. It's a very good question and I'll briefly say that, first, many men are in attendance. Some join their wives and make a little vacation out of the time. Others, like myself, hold specific offices in the LWML. The role that I serve is just one example of the ways men are involved in the LWML. I serve as a District Pastoral Advisor for the Minnesota South District.

This convention, like the national convention of the LCMS and our district conventions, is a time when the organization gathers to conduct business, such as electing officers and other typical administration matters like reviewing and modifying the bylaws, budget, and such.

But this convention was so much more than a business meeting. It was also a time to grow in faith through worship, singing, Bible studies and speakers sharing the work that God has called them to, providing motivation for all to offer support, but also to be encouraged in one's own mission and walk with the Lord. Did you know that the LWML has given over 100 million dollars used in 43 countries to various people and organizations to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ? This past week the Mission Goal for the 2021-2023 Biennium voted on was \$2,221,176.15 to be distributed to 28 organizations. Wow! Praise the Lord!!

This is an incredible group of servants who truly live out the mission of the LWML, *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.*

I will be sharing more about the LWML and my time at the convention as part of a message series the next few weeks.

We will use the convention's theme verses and theme, ***Running the Race...Looking to Jesus. Hebrews 12:1-2***

See you in worship,

Pastor Fran

## Announcements

### Monday, July 5 Church Office and Center Closed

#### 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.

#### Tech Booth Volunteers Needed

Want to have fun with tech? Volunteer to run the Powerpoint on Sundays! Contact Christina Brantner at [cbrantner@mthopelutheran.org](mailto:cbrantner@mthopelutheran.org).

## Music Part-time Hire Accepted

The music ministry is excited to welcome Matthew Thomforde as part-time music director. Matthew and Kayla will be co-sharing this position.

Here's a short bio from Matthew. Hello! I am a senior at Concordia University, Saint Paul studying Vocal Music Education. My emphasis is in choral conducting, but I also enjoy accompanying traditional worship services and leading other ensembles. In addition to music, I enjoy all sports, cooking, and spending time outdoors. I am excited to join and contribute to the ministry at Mount Hope!



## Memorial Service Held for Will Herman

A Memorial Service for Will Herman will be held at Mt. Hope on Saturday, July 17 at 11 a.m. with a lunch following in the fellowship room. Will was a member of Mt. Hope for 62 years. He passed away on November 22, 2020.

## Memorial Service Held for Conrad Nelson

A Memorial Service for Conrad Nelson will be held at Mt. Hope on Saturday, August 14. Lunch will follow at REALIFE COOP-8641 Wentworth Ave S in Bloomington, in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome to attend. Conrad was a member of Mt. Hope for 61 years. He passed away on March 31, 2021.

## Baptism

Baby Schleifer will be baptized on Sunday August 22nd, 2021 by Pastor Dan Ritter at the 9:30 am church service. David and Jenn Schleifer will have a luncheon reception following the Bible Study at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

## Book Club

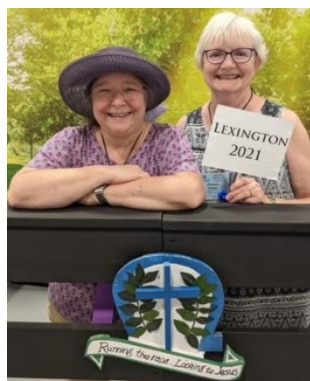
First Friday Book Club will meet July 2 for next book club even though it is a holiday weekend. Our next book to read together is *THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS* by Ruth Hogan. We meet at 1:30 pm at Renata Melby's home 10727 Zenith Ave S, Bloomington. Join us as we sit on Renata's porch and sip coffee and eat dessert. Check us out-it's a real fellowship.

## LWML – Lutheran Women in Missions

The National LWML Convention was June 24-26 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Pictured to the right is our MN South District banner. This banner was hand made. A parade of banners of all US districts begins the convention.

Sue Moss is pictured at the voting tables. The LWML members voted to donate over 22 million dollars to Missions via Grants in 2021-2023.



Checked in and roommates found!  
Sue Moss and Pamela Hunter

Pastor Fran says "Gary Thies, one of my favorite featured speakers, motivated all of the attendees to **action**. Gary started Mission Central in the basement of an Iowa farmhouse, praying to the Lord to raise up "not normal" people who would join him and take the mission of bringing Jesus to the world. *Running the Race... Looking to Jesus* (theme of the convention) was filled with so many opportunities to learn and grow."

## 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-contact Jennifer to place your order.

## Thank You

Thank You! We would like to thank all of you for your continued prayers and support for Matt's brother, Paul, during this last year. We also thank you for the many cards and messages we have received these past few weeks when Paul passed away. Love, Matt, Candy, and Victoria Frein

Thank you for all the prayers and cards while I've been recuperating. I greatly appreciate everyone's well wishes. Pauline Von Deylen

## VEAP-Gently used children's books at home? We want'em!

Did you know VEAP's Food Pantry is also home to a small bookshelf for kids visiting our pantry? During the pandemic, VEAP's volunteers have distributed reading materials to children and teens whose parents are receiving food. But our book supply is now running low.

We're looking for new or gently-used children's books (all age levels) to pass along to kids in our community. As many different families utilize our services, please refrain from donating faith-based book. Books in English and Spanish are especially welcome@ Thank you. Place your book donations on the green VEAP shelf in the entry-way at church.



## Join us July 12-30, 2021

Thousands of students in the Bloomington, Richfield and Edina school districts need help filling their backpacks this fall. Help us support their academic success by making sure they have all the supplies they need for the year. VEAP will be collecting items and distributing to the school districts with the support of local faith communities, businesses and partners. Backpacks and calculators (scientific or otherwise) are high-demand items as well as headphones, washable markers, and everything in between. Lace your donation in the blue tote by the green VEAP in the entry-way at church. Thank you.



## July Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

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

### Baptism Anniversary

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 Wuebke  
25 Dawn Vogland  
28 Jerry Buelow

### Wedding Anniversary

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

### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

9:30 am In-Person Worship

10:30 am Adult Bible Study

Services Online at

[www.mthopelutheran.org/sermons](http://www.mthopelutheran.org/sermons)

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