

September 2021

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

Rally Sunday and Fall Kick-off, **September 12, is almost here. We are calling this a Big Day!** What does that mean? It means that we are hoping everyone invites a guest to church. We are beginning a Churchwide Campaign that day titled, **40 Days in the Word**. This six-week series will include our teaching during worship on Sundays and small group opportunities during the education hour and there will also be small group opportunities during the week. We pray that you have been **thinking and praying** about who you might like to invite and what day/time of the week would be best to be a part of a small group. Get ready! **40 Days in the Word, Love the Word, Learn the Word, Live the Word.**

Many times in our Sunday messages this summer, I referred to our opportunity to be a Friendship Center for our friends and neighbors; to be a community where we invite guests to become friends, as those friends become family. We truly desire to **Reach our friends and neighbors with the truth, love, and hope of Jesus Christ while growing as His disciples.**

There are still many questions as we begin a new education year. Are we going back to two services? Will we offer education opportunities for all ages? Add to these, questions on coronavirus, safety, our preschool, Fall Bazaar, and POBLO to realize there is much to consider. We know that on September 12, we are committed to having one service, so please plan for a wonderful celebration and kick-off that day for 9:30 and then a time to sign up for a small group while also enjoying a time of fellowship kicking off *40 Days in the Word*.

Our leadership and staff are taking all of this very seriously and obviously moving somewhat slowly in careful consideration of all variables. We realize that the past eighteen months have been challenging and difficult as we try to establish a new “normal”. We are working to do and offer what is best for all of us, as we also work to do the work our Lord has given us here at Mount Hope. We will communicate all changes as they are made, and we are grateful for the way Mount Hope has remained unified through all of this.

We are continuing to plan for **Tuesdays at Two**, which will begin on September 21. Please come to Mount Hope on **Tuesday afternoons 2:00-3:00** for a time of conversation and coffee. If that’s too late in the day for coffee, we will have other beverages too. All our neighbors are invited; we will specifically begin with invitations to the folks as Applewood Pointe and Penelope Apartments our closest neighbors.

Imagine Mount Hope to be THE Friendship Center of the Twin Cities. **Tuesdays at Two** can grow as we add seminars that could also be offered as webinars. Consider these popular topics: Fall Prevention, Grandparents in Mission, Faith Story: How to Share Your Faith Journey, and Caring for Mind, Body, and Spirit. The possibilities are endless. How will you be involved in **Tuesdays at Two**?

Look for opportunities to serve at our International Friendship Center as well. We offer training in teaching English, cooking classes, sewing, and citizenship. This is such a meaningful and fun way to serve our international friends and neighbors. Please check out the upcoming gathering opportunity with our international friends in this newsletter.

This is such an exciting time to be the church! People are hungry for authentic community and so many people just need a friend. Jesus commands us to *love our neighbors as ourselves*. Let's do that by the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us at The Friendship Center, ***Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family***.

Serving together,

Pastor Fran Green



Activities and Events

VEAP

Our collection of goods for VEAP, was delivered on August 9th, with 5lbs. of food, several used children's books, back to school items, and a check for \$25.00. Once again, thank you for your donations.

Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Rep.

Book Club

First Friday Book Club will meet on September 3rd. Our book for review is: *Evergreen Tidings from the Baumgartners* by Gretchen Anthony. We meet at Renata Melby's home at 10727 Zenith Ave S, Bloomington at 1:30 pm. Renata will be making pineapple upside down cake.

Women of Hope Meeting

The next Women of Hope meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7th at 1:00 pm. We will be discussing and planning the Harvest Bazaar. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Harvest Bazaar is welcome to attend.

Lifelight Bible Study

Lifelight Bible Study begins again! Men and women are encouraged to attend this bible study on Hebrews. We'll meet at the church on Thursdays, beginning on September 16th at 10:00 am. Call Harriet at 952-888-0392 or Candy Frein at 952-250-9826 if you have any questions.

Fall Women's Retreat

Wrap Up in the Psalms: God's Quilt of Comfort, Saturday, September 18th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna. Overnight option, fellowship and servant time available Friday evening. Registration information is available at mnslwml.org. This Fall Women's Retreat is brought to you by the MN South Women in Mission.

Mt. Hope Family Picnic

All are invited to attend a family picnic at Mt. Hope. Get acquainted with our IFC (International Friendship Center) families. You are welcome to invite a friend! There will be free food and games for the children on Friday, September 24th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Fall Bazaar in October

The Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 16th from 9-2pm. Vendor Craft Show, baked goods, pies and coffee and rolls are included this year. Please mark your calendar to attend. This is a great way to share in fellowship with our community.

Our hope is that many volunteers will be willing to help with this mission of our church; men, women, and children. Volunteer Sign ups will be out soon. Look for a fun position where you can help out. Contact Karen Mueller at 952-881-7887 or Linda Quittschreiber at 952-237-5256.

All are asked to bring a baked good item to sell. You can drop off your donation on Friday, October 15th in the morning. Volunteers will pack and price your baked good. Call Jennifer if you have questions 952-451-5860.

Pie making nights will be on Monday and Tuesday, October 4th & 5th. See Karen Mack 952-831-7428 for your opportunity to join in the fun. Pie making night is not just for women-guys are welcome, too!

The proceeds from this sale benefit organizations here in our church, the city of Bloomington, our state, country and world missions.

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Thank You

A new banner was purchased by the the Women of Hope. Our Hope is indeed in Christ!

Dianne and I sincerely thank everyone at Mt Hope for the wonderful potluck and fellowship time we had last Sunday. It was great reminiscing about our past Christmas Open Houses' and Summer Bash cookouts, the ministry and building program, all such awesome memories that we hold dear along with our Mt Hope family. We love our friendships and relationships that have been so special in our lives and we look forward to our return visits. Special thanks to Kirsten B and all who helped to make our sendoff so special. We love you Mt Hope and pray God's continued blessings upon you all-PD and Dianne.



Thank you to everyone for the calls, cards, and memorials given at the time of Will's passing and his memorial service. I thank God for our Mount Hope family-Marlys Herman and family.

Prayer Chain Ministry

Fran Wallin has been named head of the Prayer Chain Ministry. Congratuations Fran! Please send your prayer requests to her at fratwocor489@aol.com or phone her at 952-707-1881. This is change will happen on September 1st. Candy Frein will contine as back-up whenever Fran may need her. Many thanks to Marilyn Nelson who has lead, promoted and cared for this ministry for so many years.

Jumpstart2School 2021 Back-to-School Backpack Event

I volunteered to help with packing backpacks Thursday evening, August 18th. When I got to St. Bonaventure's Activity Center the volunteers were unloading and sorting 3 pallets full of school supplies and backpacks from the VEAP offices. Once we had them organized, we began an assembly line to fill the backpacks. Hundreds of backpacks were packed by volunteers. Distribution night happened on Thursday, August 19th. Eileen Daak and Karen Mueller volunteered at the registration tables. Families received backpacks full of school supplies, food pack supplies, and children's books. Thanks for donating and helping our neighbors and making a difference-Jennifer Adamek.



Mount Hope Preschool and Childcare Update

The Center staff is ready to kick off a new school year. We are welcoming 20 new students this fall to join the group of returners from last school year. It is a very fun group, as nine of the new children are younger siblings of children who previously attended.

A few staffing changes are taking place. Ms. Jean, who has been providing our food service since 2014, retired on August 27. We will miss her. We are also welcoming a new Teacher to the staff. Ms. Jody started in late August. We are very excited to have her join our Mount Hope family.

Have you seen our crazy pumpkin patches? Pumpkin plants kept popping up all over the "backyard" this summer. The children are thoroughly enjoying watching them grow. They have observed the bees hard at work, learned the importance of fully watering plants, and followed along as the vines climbed up the fence. Along with catching crickets and a random toad, the gardens have been a big hit.

Thank you for your support of the Center. We truly are reaching our friends and neighbors!



LWML-Fall Conference Rally

The Great Commission

Running the Race...Looking to Jesus

All Women are Invited to Attend



Guest Speakers

Rev. Fungchatou Lo and Dr. Kalia Sayaovong Lo
Missionaries serving the Hmong people of S.E. Asia

Gifts from the Heart

School Supplies for students in Thailand:
Pencils, Markers, Pencil Sharpeners,
Small Notebooks, and Crayons

Servant Event

Assemble Witness Bracelets
Create Prayer Cards for students in
Thailand

Special Music

Rev. Lo plays hymns on
his pipe and Hulusi

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021

8:30 am Registration, Caribou Coffee
and Fellowship
9:00 am Program
Asian/American Lunch Served

Shepherd of the Grove
Lutheran Church
11875 Eagle Lake Dr.
Maple Grove

\$10 a Ticket, includes lunch

Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 30

Get Your Ticket From:

Jennifer Adamek 952-451-5860

Mount Hope Celebrations in September

Happy Birthday

3 Cindy Klemenhausen

5 Jessica Schuett

5 Alex Woodhall

9 Bob Melbostad

10 Carole Reichert

10 Mandi Wendt

10 Rania Nazy

11 Betty Weberg

12 Bart Killam

12 Gordy Moss

13 Drew Blauvelt

13 Dawn Vogland

16 Kirk Vogland

Birthdays Continued

17 Jack Melbostad

18 David Killam

20 Jim McMullen

22 Kirsten Buelow

24 Marlys Herman

25 Al Borgen

29 Bill Reichert

27 D.J. Fox

28 Hannah Gliten

29 Kaylee Lumives

30 Peggy Martin

31 Kayla Vogland

Baptism Anniversary

1 Hannah Borgen

1 Carol Tolzin

8 John Mack

9 Bella Blauvelt

10 Chris Nazy

19 Jonathan Moss

20 Matt Frein

20 Arlene Oleson

23 Les Peecher

Wedding Anniversaries

4 Todd & Mary Mack

4 Pastor Dan & Dianne Ritter

4 Lloyd and Linda Quittschreiber

15 Butch & Marcy Caspersen

16 Bill & Carole Reichert

24 Cody & Jenny Rosenlund

24 Zachary & Dawn Vogland

27 Joe & Kelly Rosner

30 Joel & Betty Schleifer

Altar Flowers

Would you like to make a dedication or in memorial of someone special by signing up for Altar Flowers? Altar flower arrangements are placed in front of church to beautify the sanctuary every Sunday. The 2021 Altar Flower Sign Up 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 for any questions you may have.

September 5 🌸 Pastor Dan and Dianne--in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary

September 12 🌸 Dawn Vogland--in celebration of her 40th birthday and Betty Weberg--in celebration of her 96th birthday

September 19 🌸 Butch and Marci Casperson--in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary

September 26 🌸 Fran and Dave Wallin--in celebration of the wedding anniversary of their daughter (Jessica) and son-in-law(Matt)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday ¹	Thursday ²	Friday ³	Saturday ⁴
			10:00am IFC Communion by appointment	10:00am POBLO Advisory Board Mtg	10:00am IFC 1:30pm Book Club	
⁵ 9:30am Worship	⁶ Labor Day Center and Office Closed	⁷ 1:00pm Bazaar Planning Mtg 8:00pm AA	⁸ 10:00am IFC Communion by appointment	⁹ 9:00am Circuit Pastors Mtg 10:00am LifeLight Bible Study Kick off Mtg.	¹⁰ 10:00am IFC	¹¹
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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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