

February 2022

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. John 15:15 NLT

We are amid a sermon series, Everyone needs a friend, here at Mount Hope. It is so appropriate and relevant for us because Mount Hope is a place Where Guests become Friends, Friends become Family. Friend is at the center of all we do here. What is that slogan AT and T is using now? It's not that complicated. Isn't that true for us in the church as well? It's not complicated; we know what to do and that we are to love the Lord above everything and that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. It's not that complicated and can be summed up in a word – Friend. Everyone can be a friend. Who are your friends? Who is Jesus asking you to befriend?

I'm not sure if you've ever given it much thought, but I'd like to remind you that there's something special going on here at Mount Hope among friends. It's not anything we can take credit for though; it's all a gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is working in our community of friends and the world desperately needs what we have!

In kicking off this series on January 23, I suggested that our One Word for 2022 to be Friend. Could a focus on this one-word help renew us or empower us to keep our Friend Jesus at the center and outreach, making friends, our priority? Could one word spur us to participate more fully in Jesus' Mission? I believe it can because we don't go alone.

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 ESV

And, We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us (and He calls us friends). So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters (Friends). 1 John 3:16 NLT

As we continue into this new year, we will all be challenged to grow and use our gifts. It will take all of us. 1 Peter 4:10, God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

It's going to be an amazing year!!

Your Friend,

Pastor Fran Green

Activities and Events

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Make a financial impact by directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to our nonprofit church.

Thrivent Choice dollars from the previous year (all 4 quarters) can be designated at once to our church. Go online or call Thrivent between Jan.1-March 31 to designate your 2021 Choice Dollars to Mt. Hope Lutheran Church for the church to receive these funds. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 or go online to *thrivent.com*

Audio Assisted Hearing Devices

Did you know Audio Assisted hearing devices are available for you during church services? The hearing device is worn around your neck and has a mic that attaches to one ear. The volume can be turned up or down for your convenience. The neckloop goes around your neck and the earpiece is placed over one ear. Stop at the tech booth in the sanctuary if you would like to try one out this Sunday!

Book Club

First Friday Book Club will meet on February 4th 1:30 pm at Renata Melby's home at 10727 Zenith Ave S, Bloomington. February's book is *Our Souls at Night*-a book about 2 lonely old people making a home together. The March selection will be *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner-an Irish immigrant desperate to get out of a New York tenement that she answers a mail-order bride ad in San Francisco.

Tuesdays at Two

Conversation and coffee is now at Mt. Hope during the week-Tuesdays at 2! All our neighbors are invited; we will specifically begin with invitations to the folks at Applewood Pointe and Penelope Apartments our closest neighbors. Imagine Mount Hope to be THE Friendship Center of the Twin Cities. How will you be involved in ***Tuesdays at Two?***

Lifelight Bible Study

Men and women are encouraged to attend this bible study on Genesis, part 1. We meet together at the church on Thursdays at 10 am. Call Harriet at 952-888-0392 or Candy Frein at 952-250-9826 if you have any questions.

Women of Hope Meeting

The next Women of Hope meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1st at 12:30 am. We will be discussing and planning the Valentine's Tea.

VEAP

Thank you again for your ongoing donations to VEAP. A huge Thank You to the families of our Preschool and Childcare, who continue to support this need, through Mt. Hope as well. By mid January I have delivered 104.6 pounds of food, which is much appreciated. Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Representative

Valentine Tea



Our Presenter, Entertainment, for our Valentine Tea on Sat. Feb 12th, at 10:00 a.m. will be Storyteller, Pati Kachel, who works for the non-profit, The Parable Fund. Pati lives in Shoreview, MN, and has been a storyteller for over 30 years. Her stories encourage, delight and inspire.

The theme for this years tea is "Love Stories to Warm Hearts" as Pati is a hopeless romantic, she loves life and loves people, and has learned the meaning of True Love, as she presents with humor and honesty.

Pati's years of storytelling have led her to present at a variety of venues, and she has performed from Seattle to Pittsburgh, all over the Midwest, and even abroad in the Netherlands and Canada.

Following Pati's wholesome entertainment, we will be serving a lunch. Tickets for this event will be \$10.00, which will be available at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church before the 10:00 a.m. program. We need you to reserve a ticket for this event, by signing the attached sheet, by Sun. Feb.6th, so we can plan the lunch and seating for the meal.

Facebook and Instagram

Check out Mount Hope's Facebook page for services and posts. You can click on the **share button**  or the **like button**  By doing so you spread the Good News of Jesus with your friends and family!

Facebook=Mount Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

Instagram=Mount Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

Website=www.mthopelutheran.org

YouTube=Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Prayer Chain Ministry

Please send your prayer requests to Fran Wallin. Remember to call or email Fran with any updates of your requests to her email at: fratwocor489@aol.com or cell phone at: 612-644-4052.

Help Wanted

The church is looking for a substitute custodian, perhaps one to two days a month. Our fulltime custodian, Sam Killiam, would like to have a backup for needed days off. If you are interested or know of someone who would like some extra income please contact Bob Tolzin at 952-831-4181.

Mount Hope Preschool and Childcare Update

Mount Hope Preschool and Childcare Update

As I write this article the staff is preparing for National Lutheran Schools Week at the Center. The families we serve are so thankful for the loving care and safe environment provided at Mount Hope. Some of the children's artwork will be on display in the narthex for you to enjoy at the end of our celebration.

In celebration of Valentine's Day the children from each classroom will be creating a video message to send to the special people in their lives. Watching the children deliver valentines to their friends is such a delight.

Registration for the 2022-23 school year opens to the public February 1. We are excited to begin the preparations for a new year at Mount Hope. If you know of a neighbor or friends looking for a preschool, please send them our way.

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

Valentine Tea



Our speaker, Pati Kachel, is a professional storyteller with 30 years of experience entertaining with humor and honesty. She will present "Love Stories to Warm Hearts". Discover the meaning of "True Love"! Invite your friends and join us for this outstanding presentation. Lunch will follow the program.



Saturday, Feb. 12 at 10 am
Women's Lunch & Program \$10



Tickets for Sale:



Sunday, January 30 & Sunday, February 6
Last Date to get tickets- Sunday, February 6
(SORRY NO WALKINS)

Questions Call Karen Mueller at 952-881-7887



Mount Hope Celebrations in February 2022

Birthdays

2 Kim Wuebke
4 Zachary Vogland
4 Emily Lang
9 Kate McMullen
10 Candy Frein
11 Kevin Lang
12 Eunice Marose
12 Wyatt Vogland
13 Harriet Buelow
18 Todd Mack
20 Karen Mack
24 Steve Schmidt
26 Cathy Frank
28 Caleb Mack

Baptismal Birthdays

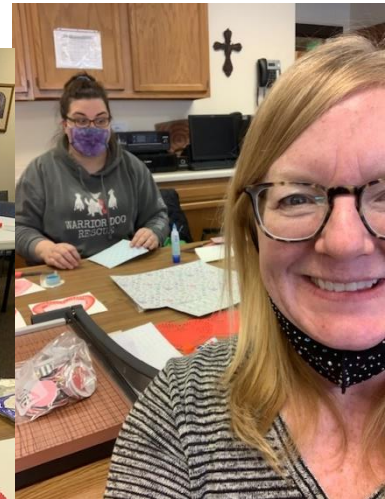
1 Tracie Klug-Melbostad
3 James Froemming
3 Cory Blauvelt
5 Kevin Wuebke
9 Marilyn Nelson
14 Gene Roehrick
21 Hope Berg
22 Jenny Rosenlund
23 Janice Elbert

Anniversary

16 Dave and Fran Wallin

Thank you for helping make Valentines for The Dwelling Place!

Over 50 cards were made for the caregivers, and women and children of the center!



2022 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 2022 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.

Feb. 6

Feb. 13 #1 Jerry and Harriet Buelow--in celebration of Harriet's birthday which is today

#2-Corinne Condon

Feb. 20 Fran and Dave Wallin

Feb. 27 Cathy Frank

Thank You



Thank you for donating little baby clothes, diapers, and formula for the 1st Care Pregnancy Center. It will be a joy to deliver the items to the Richfield Center on Tuesday, Feb. 1st May God bless your generous spirits! Jennifer Adamek



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	2 10:00am IFC	3 10:00am LifeLight Bible Study	4 10:00am IFC 1:30pm Book Club	5
6 9:30am Worship	7 10:00am IFC 5:00pm IFC	8 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	9 10:00am IFC	10 10:00am LifeLight Bible Study	11 10:00am IFC	12 10:00am Valentine Tea
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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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