

March 2022

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Romans 12:1 NIV

Here we are, rolling into March! And on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, March 2nd we begin our Lenten journey once again. We will travel with Jesus to the cross and celebrate the empty tomb, the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus on Sunday, April 17.

Our Lenten Series is titled, *In View of God's Mercy*. The publisher describes it thus: Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection. The services in this worship series for Lent by theology professor David Peter focus our eyes of faith on the meaning behind God's mercy made manifest in Christ.

Each Wednesday, we will consider God's mercy in relation to life events. On Ash Wednesday, the theme is *Mercy in Ashes*; Week One, *Mercy in Temptation*; Week Two, *Mercy in Suffering*; Week Three, *Mercy in Betrayal*; Week Four, *Mercy in Relationships*; Week Five, *Mercy in Service*.

Our study will continue through Holy Week on Palm Sunday, *Mercy in Palms*; Maundy Thursday, *Mercy in Bread and Wine*; Good Friday, *Mercy in the Cross*; Easter Sunday, *Mercy in the Open Tomb*.

Please plan to join us each week as we consider the Lord's mercy in our lives. On Ash Wednesday, we will have two worship opportunities in person, 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Each Wednesday following Ash Wednesday, we will meet at 2:00 pm. This is obviously a change for us, but we hope and pray that it will be a time that offers the best opportunity for many to join each week. All of the services will be recorded and available on our website and YouTube page as well.

There are many other ministry opportunities to connect each week at Mount Hope. Here are only two to highlight this month.

As I mentioned recently, we have a growing number of people dealing with various health and life concerns. Would you please consider joining our Mount Hope Prayer Force? What a wonderful way to serve our friends, neighbors, and family.

If you haven't yet visited *Tuesdays at Two*, you are missing what many are calling the highlight of their week. No reservations required, you may simply show up and see for yourself – *Tuesdays at Two*.

We are Mount Hope, *Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family*. Remember, Friend is at the center of all we do.

Your Friend, Pastor Fran Green

Activities and Events

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Remember to “spring ahead” set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 13!



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 March 4th 1:30 pm at Renata Melby's home at 10727 Zenith Ave S, Bloomington. March's book to discuss is *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner. The April book to discuss is *A Light in the Forest* by Conrad Richter. A classic adventure story of a frontier boy raised by Indians.

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

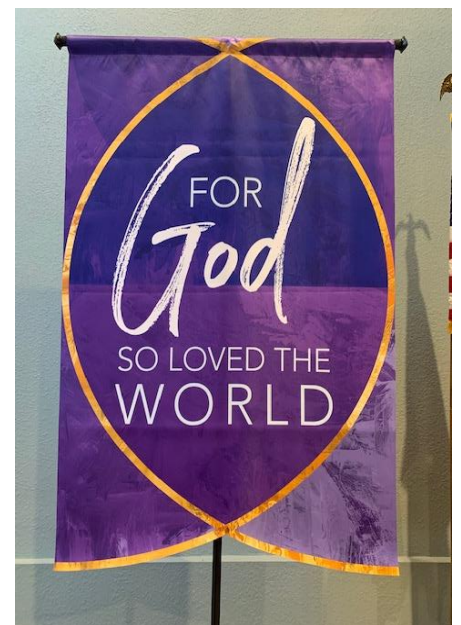
Men and women are encouraged to attend this bible study on Genesis, part 1. We meet together at the church on Thursdays at 10 am. Call Harriet at 952-888-0392 or Candy Frein at 952-250-9826 if you have any questions.

Women of Hope Meeting

There will be NO meeting in March.

New Lent Banner

A new Lent Banner was purchased with memorial money in remembrance of, Mt. Hope member, Loyd Duncan to beautify the church. Loyd passed away six years on the 25th of October. Ramona, thank you for this gift.



Thank You's-Valentines for The Dwelling Place Project

I want to thank you all for taking the time and putting forth the effort to create Valentine's for the women at The Dwelling Place. They have been received and I know they will bring smiles and encouragement at a time when so many women feel forgotten. Blessings to you and may God continue to lead and guide you in His precious love.

With joy and gratitude, Monica Groves-Community Relations

The Dwelling Place, 940 - 44th Ave. NE, Unit #21307, Columbia Heights, MN 55421, Direct: 651-343-5566

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5,6

Dear Mt. Hope Lutheran Card Makers-Thank you for blessing us with Valentine's Day cards! We love to share with the women and children what healthy, kind love is and how the body of Christ is a community of love & support for them. I hope that each of them will be involved in such a community when they exit here. Blessings to you all, Bekah Bakman, Director of Programs-The Dwelling Place

Mount Hope Preschool and Childcare Update

The children are anxious to get back outside. The melting and refreezing pattern we have been in has turned the play area into a skating rink. We are so thankful for the gym space (Fellowship Hall) to play in when we cannot get outside!

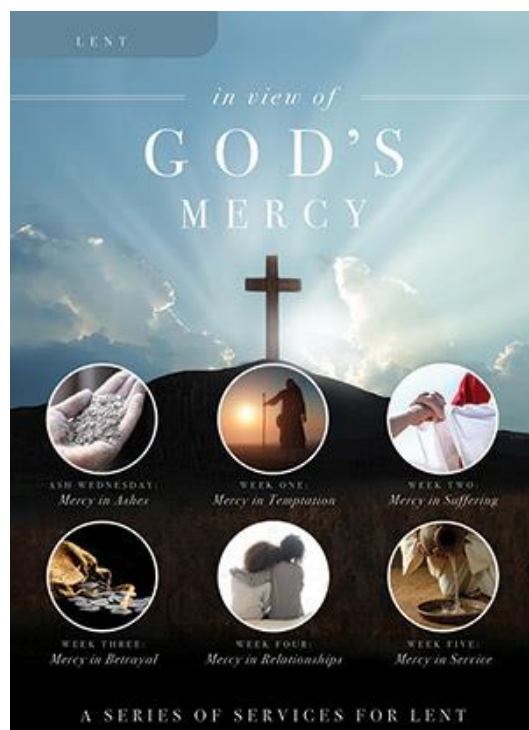
With the use of the recording equipment in the sanctuary, each classroom was able to prepare a short video to send to their loved ones for Valentine's Day. As the year goes on and we record more often, the children are becoming far more comfortable. They love when I am able to play back what was just recorded and see themselves on the computer.

Registration for the 2022-23 school year opened to the public February 1. Our Pre-Kindergarten classrooms are quite full already. There are still several openings in our program for three-year-old children. If you know of a neighbor or friends looking for a preschool, please send them our way.

Please keep all the Center families in your prayers. So many of the families have been impacted by the pandemic in the last few months. On top of COVID, there are also a couple other illnesses being passed around out there.

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

2022 Ash Wednesday and Lent Services-In View of God's Mercy



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March 2 Ash Wednesday-Mercy in Ashes 2:00 pm & 6:30 pm

March 9 Mercy in Temptation 2:00 pm

March 16 Mercy in Suffering 2:00 pm

March 23 Mercy in Betrayal 2:00 pm

March 30 Mercy in Relationships 2:00 pm

April 6 Mercy in Service 2:00 pm

April 10 Palm Sunday-Mercy in Palms 9:30 am

April 14 Maundy Thursday-Mercy in Bread and Wine 6:30 pm

April 15 Good Friday-Mercy in the Cross 6:30 pm

April 17 Easter-Mercy in the Open Tomb (TBD)

Join us, please, this Lenten and Easter Season



VEAP - IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

Altho we collect food on an ongoing basis for VEAP, now is the time of year that it is their big push for participation. The annual March Food & Fund Drive begins February 28th and goes through April 10th. This statewide campaign is a critical time for Minnesota food pantries like VEAP to restock their shelves for the season. The goal of 2022 is to raise \$200,000 and 100,000 lbs. of food. The most needed items at this time are:

Diapers (size 5 -7) and baby wipes

Baking essentials (flour, sugar, cooking oil, spices, baking soda/powder etc.)

Birthday items (cake mixes, frosting, candles etc.) NO Gifts please

Laundry detergent and dish soap

Personal Care and household items (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream toiletries etc.)

Paper Products (toilet paper, paper towels and napkins)

Hearty soups (high protein, low sodium)

Gluten free products (whole grains like brown rice, wild rice, quinoa, cornmeal; nut flours and butters, rice crackers GF snacks, etc).

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

Paper grocery bags (we'll always take your extra paper grocery bags) No plastic bag donations.

Also VEAP is in need of volunteer van drivers. In their response to Covid 19, volunteer drivers are greatly needed to help them keep food on the communities tables. You would deliver pre-packaged bags of food to local participants. This volunteer opportunity is open to drivers ages 25 to 76. VEAP minivans are available to volunteers during their shifts.

Please continue to support this ongoing need in our community. Donations may be placed on the green shelf in our narthex, and cash donations may be placed in my church mailbox.

Thank You for your continued support. Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Rep.

Valentine Tea Happy Faces



Mount Hope Celebrations in March 2022

Birthdays

4 Al Johnson
10 Orpha Radford
10 Emily Vogland
11 Jennifer Adamek
16 Erica McMullen
18 Debbie Lingen
20 Maria Killam
21 Lloyd Quittschreiber
21 Bella Blauvelt
24 Darlene Buelow
27 Vivian Brantner
27 Rev John Stern

Baptismal Birthdays

2 Drew Blauvelt
4 Harriet Buelow
5 Kim Woebke
6 Katie Jacob
10 Holden Lang
10 Hadley Lang
18 Zachery Brantner
20 Candy Frein
20 Al Johnson
20 Todd Mack
23 Karen Mack
23 Anika Quittschreiber
27 Charlotte Rosner
27 Jack Rosner
27 Penelope Rosner

Anniversary

1 Kirk & Dorene Vogland
8 Jerry & Harriet Buelow
24 Bart & Maria Killam
24 Paul & Shannon Hinz

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.

March 6 Dawn & Zachary Vogland
March 13 Bob & Carol Tolzin
March 20 Kathy & Steve Sundseth
March 27 Kristi Voth



First Care Pregnancy Delivery

On Tuesday, February 1st Linda Quittschreiber and I delivered the Baby Shower items located for 1st Care Pregnancy Center. First Care is one of three programs offered by New Life Family Services. First Care Pregnancy Center provides free pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasounds, STD testing, and more at four locations.

My car will filled with twenty-six pajamas, five packages of diapers, four packages of wipes, four cans of formula, three toys, seven warm outerwear gear, fifty-one outfits, socks, tights, and three pairs of shoes! Parents may

Thanks so much for your generosity! Jennifer Adamek and the Women of Hope



My trunk was full!



Grateful for our donations!



Clothing shop for soon-to-be parents!



Ultrasound machine used to show LIFE!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	2 10:00am IFC 2:00/6:30pm Ash Wednesday worship	3 10:00am LifeLight Bible Study	4 10:00am IFC 1:30pm Book Club	5
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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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