

July 2022

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer. Hebrews 10:25 GNT

We spent a couple of weeks in June discussing the question, “Where am I?” focusing on the fact that the “liturgies” of the places where we choose to be shape our lives. In other words, the places we go matter. Even more so, I would argue, regular worship attendance influences and shapes our Monday through Saturday lives. Author James K.A. Smith writes,

But because I do believe that worship is the heart of discipleship – and hence that the church is at the heart of the Christian life – I also believe that for the sake of discipleship it is crucial to immerse oneself in a community of practice that exhibits the reformative potential we’ve been describing. Your heart is at stake.

Smith’s book, *You Are What You Love*, describes the importance of our gathering together for worship. Essentially, the book presents the “whys” for us to *not give up the habit of meeting together*.

I realize that most of you reading this are going to agree and perhaps wonder, “Why are we talking about this?” It is a good reminder for all of us and it will be a big piece of our focus for fall. We are excited for and planning for ***Back to Church Sunday, September 11!***

This will mark the beginning of a new programming year for us at Mount Hope. So, please begin thinking and praying about who you could invite to church on that day. ***Invite Your One*** will be our theme for *Back to Church Sunday*. Of course, *Invite Your One* may be one individual, or it could be one family, one apartment complex, one block, etc. 😊

On Sundays, our worship time will continue to be at 9:30am, followed by fellowship from 10:30-10:45am and then our *Connecting Hour* 10:45-11:45am for all ages.

Also, for the fall, we are very excited to share that we are going to be expanding our **Friendship Center** here at Mount Hope! We have our *International Friendship Center* and we plan to expand with a focus on older adults. Imagine Mount Hope to be the “go to” community center in Bloomington.

Did you know that according to many sources, such as, *ALOA (Adult Lutherans Organized for Action)*, 10,000 people in the United States turn 65 each day. This pattern will continue for the next 20 years. Also, this demographic is often neglected and overlooked. The potential is great for us to bless our Friends and Neighbors, as well as our own Mount Hope family.

Please pray for the Friendship Center and our older adult ministry! There will be much more information coming in the weeks leading up to September 11. Contact me if you’d like to be a part of this ministry. It’s an exciting time to be here at Mount Hope, *Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family*.

Your friend, Pastor Fran Green

Activities and Events

Book Club

First Friday Book Club will meet on Friday July 8th at 11:30 am at NorthStar Tavern, 5101 W 98th St, Bloomington, MN 55437. Please let Renata know in advance if you are planning to attend this luncheon. (952-881-7160 or by email at melby@q.com)

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 as 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*?

Women of Hope Meeting

The 2022 Harvest Bazaar date has been schedule for Saturday, October 15, 2022. There will be a planning meeting in July for this event. Want to be in on the planning of the Harvest Bazaar? Join us on Tuesday, July 12 at 11:30 pm. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share.

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 convience. 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!

School Supplies for Shoeboxes

School supplies for crayloa crayons are .50 cents and crayloa markers are .99 cents at Target and Walmart. We need 50 of each! Stock up now for our Shoebox drive coming this fall with these low, low prices.

VEAP UPDATE

Another 82 pounds of food was delivered to VEAP recently. However, I also just received an e.mail, stating that many of the VEAP shelves are empty. Many factors are to blame with rising inflation, supply chain disruptions, and end of pandemic-related supports, such as The Emergency Food Assistance Program, have led to food shortages across the nation and VEAP is feeling the negative effect.

Please be thinking about what you can do to help restock their shelves. Take advantage of sales and BOGO items, and be ready to share.

Also VEAP'S "Back to School Drive 2022", is scheduled for July 11 - July 30th. Watch for a collection box near the green VEAP collection shelf during the drive. Back packs, scientific calculators and Bluetooth headphones are high-demand items and most impactful as they are most expensive for families to purchase on their own. Traditional supplies like spiral notebooks, crayons, glue sticks, and washable markers are needed as well. Items must be new.

Once again, thank you for your participation. Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Rep.

Directory Changes (Please make these changes in your Member Directory)

Betty Weberg

New Phone Number

952 500 8853

Marlys Herman

Prairie Bluffs Senior Living

10300 Hennepin Town Road, Apt 321

Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Thank you

Thank you to everyone here at Mt. Hopoe for the cards of sympathy and memorials given for my daughter Rosie Olson and for even just a hug. Your kindness was so much appreciated. God's Blessings-Eileen Daak

Mount Hope Preschool and Childcare Update-July 2022

We are busy caring for a wonderful group of preschoolers and school-aged children this summer. The children are enjoying playing in our natural outdoor space, affectionately referred to as the "backyard". Natural play spaces are becoming increasingly popular. They engage all the senses and provide many opportunities for creative play.

Both Kevin and Claire Woebke will be moving on to new jobs this fall. They have both worked at the Center on and off since 2012 and will be missed. If you know of anyone who is interested in working with children in a caring and professional setting, please have them reach out to me at kwoebke@methopelutheran.org.

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

Kimberly Woebke

Ladies Night Out at Q.Cumbers, Edina Thursday, June 9th



LWML – Lutheran Women in Missions

Rejoice in Hope - MNS District 29th Biennial Convention

The District LWML Convention was June 16-18 in Wilmar, MN. A total of 310 people attended the convention which was truly faith-filled, inspiring, and many connections were made.



Five attended from the SW Suburban Zone.

Left to Right: Pamela Hunter and Patricia Harvey, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Prior Lake
Sharon Viegas and Bev Schirmer, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Bloomington
Jennifer Adamek, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington

The LWML is celebrating it's 80th anniversary (1942-2022) this year. The assembly was asked to bring 80 banners relating to the Conventions theme: Rejoice in Hope. 82 banners were displayed around the convention hall.

There was a Silent Auction of 29 Baskets for bidding. These baskets raised \$2,510.00 for our Mission Goal. 5 quilts were made at the 2021 Fall Retreat. These quilts were auctioned off and raised \$825.00 for our Mission Goal. Four offerings were collected at the convention. Offering #1 Jonathan House-\$4,465.50; Offering #2 Laurel Community School-\$3,586.37; Offering #3 2022-2024 Mission Goal-\$5,207.93; Offering #4 Camp Omega-\$4,418.38. Our Gifts from the Heart Mission Project collected 214 Welcome Home Kits, 19 comforters, 230 quilts, 789 pocket bibles, and \$2,595 in Target Gift Cards for the New Freedom Store & Halfway House at Jevohah Lutheran Church in St. Paul.



There were 18 Informational Displayers. One of the displayers was Pastor Mark Moss for Lutheran Heritage Foundation.



We heard from three Mission speakers: Barbara Rebentisch, LCMS Taiwan Missionary, Rev. Chad Kirchoff, Redo Fitness Ministry, Hastings, and Dr. Kalia Lo, Hmong Int'l Missions.

Two bible studies were lead by Pastor Craig McCourt: What is Hope? And Who is Hope?

Keynote Speaker was Dr. Rev. William Utech, Asst. to the LCMS MNS District President, Missions.

Our Proclaimer for our church service at Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in Willmar, Friday evening was Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, LCMS MNS District President. Pastor Fran Green and Pastor Wayne Bernau were the officiants. The church was packed. The music was beautiful! And Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford's message was inspiring!

Our new 2022-2026 MNS District LWML President is Lisa Kamrath from Hutchingson, MN. President Deb Ve for her last four years of service to the Women in Mission 2018-2022.



It was a "Mission-Packed" 3 days! I'm so glad I attended!

Thank you, Jennifer Adamek



Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Mount Hope Celebrations in July 2022

Birthdays

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

Baptismal Birthdays

1 Marcy Caspersen
2 Tricia Regan
11 Bob Tolzin
14 Kristen Melbostad
15 Madyson Ford
15 Samarah Ford
15 Sabrina Ford
21 Claire Wuebke
25 Dawn Vogland
28 Jerry Buelow

Anniversary

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

Coffee & Coffee Clean up: July-Betty Schleifer

Receptions: July-Fran Wallin & Sue Stern

Altar: July-Christina Brantner & Sue Stern

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.

July 3 Garden Flowers
July 10 Jerry Kuhlman
July 17 Harriet Buelow
July 24 Garden Flowers
July 31 Jenn & Dave Scheifler



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00am IFC 11:00am John Mack Funeral	2
3 9:30am Worship	4 CLOSED Independence Day	5 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	6 10:00am IFC	7	8 10:00am IFC 11:30am Book Club at NorthStar Tavern	9
10 9:30am Worship 10:45am Education hour	11 10:00am IFC 5:00pm IFC	12 11:30pm Women of Hope Bazaar Meeting & Potluck 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	13 10:00am IFC	14	15 10:00am IFC	16
17 9:30am Worship 10:45am Education Hour Baptism Lunch	18 10:00am IFC 5:00pm IFC	19 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	20 10:00am IFC	21 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting	22 10:00am IFC	23
24/31 9:30am Worship 10:45am Education hour	25 10:00am IFC 5:00pm IFC	26 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	27 10:00am IFC	28	29 10:00am IFC	30
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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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