

September 2022

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

Study this book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. Joshua 1:8 NLT

God's Word is the foundation of everything we do here at Mount Hope, and we will continue to trust in the Lord as we move into another ministry year. It's an exciting time to be the church!

Before we get into our plans for the upcoming year, we need bid Godspeed and Farewell to our worship director Christina Brantner. Christina has faithfully served Jesus here at Mount Hope the past 15 years. We have been blessed through her using her God-given gifts and talents and we are most grateful. And although she will not be leading us in worship every Sunday, she and her wonderful family will continue to be a part of the Mount Hope Family. Thank you Christina and thank you Cory, Zachery, Vivian, and Riyu. A thank you reception was held for her on Sunday, September 4th.

I hope you were able to attend church on Labor Day weekend where we also sent off Jillian Howell with our blessings. Please keep Jillian in your prayers as she embarks on an adventure serving in Ghana. We will be able to share in her experience through her newsletter and also an occasional video update that we will share in our worship services. May the Lord Bless you and keep you Jillian!

Back to Church Sunday! We have been talking about it for a while now and it is upon us. **September 11** is the day and I have been challenging all of us to **Invite Your One** to join us in worship that day. As always, worship will begin at 9:30 am. I have invited many "ones" and I hope you have too. It is going to be a fabulous morning of worship and kicking off our new year of ministry. Just imagine, we are going to need to add additional seats just like Christmas Eve.

There will be education/Bible study opportunities for everyone 10:45-11:45 each Sunday. And the "regular" gatherings will also begin or continue during the week, such as Bible studies, Tuesdays at Two, etc. But, for this newsletter, I would like to highlight two new opportunities.

First, on **Wednesday, September 14**, we are beginning a new adventure called, **Connections**. Our plan is to gather at 9:00 am when we will begin with some exercise and movement to get our heart rates up and our blood pumping. Our bodies are truly incredible and even light exercise helps us to feel better and view the day in a more positive way. Our exercise will be followed by some mental/spiritual stimulation through discussing literature, current events, history, theology, or other ways to engage our brains. Then we will have an art activity, music, board games, or something fun before we conclude our time with food and fellowship. This will be a great way to invite friends and neighbors.

Finally, on **Monday, September 19 from 2-4pm**, we will begin **GriefShare**. From the griefshare.org website: It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Joy Schneider will be leading our GriefShare group, and I will serve as a second leader also overseeing the GriefShare Program. We are looking forward to beginning this powerful ministry of hope. Please, contact me for more information and to sign up.

There is so much more going on here at Mount Hope, but that's enough to digest for this newsletter. It's an exciting time to be here at Mount Hope, Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family.

Your Friend, Pastor Fran Green
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Activities and Events

Farewell Reception

There will be a farewell reception on Sunday, September 4th at 10:30 am for Jillian Howell and Christina Brantner. Christina has decided to step down from the Music Director position at Mt. Hope. Her last day as Music Director will be on September 4th. Let us thank her and lift her up for her dedicated 15 years of service with our church.

Jillian is a student at Bethany Global University in Bloomington. She has been attending Mt. Hope for two years and became a member last year. She is leaving for mission work in Ghana on September 9th (tentatively) for 16 months. We wish her safe travels and pray that her time in the mission field will be fruitful and the Holy Spirit will move mightily through her!

Birthday Celebration

Celebrate Betty Weberg's 97th birthday at a cake reception on Sunday, September 11th at 10:30 in the fellowship room.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who sent me cards and wishes for my 80th birthday-Carol Tolzin.

Book Club

September Book Club postponed to Friday, September 9th at 1:30 pm at Renata Melby's home at 10727 Zenith Ave S, Bloomington.

VEAP

On August 8th I delivered the "Back to School" donations to VEAP, which included the following:

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| 18 Older student back packs | 9 Preschool/kindergarten back packs |
| 15 wide rule note books | 11 folders |
| 3 boxes colored markers | 18 glue sticks |
| 48 pencil sharpeners | 1 box (24) lead pencils |
| 50 ball point pens | 7 boxes color crayons |
| 4 boxes colored pencils | |

In addition, I delivered an additional 62.4 pds of food items, which brings our total food shelf donations to 571.10 pds so far, for this year. A \$20 donation in cash was given, also. We will continue to receive food items on an ongoing basis. Please place on the green VEAP shelf in the narthex area.

Thank you for your continued support of VEAP. Karen Mueller, Ministry partner rep.

LifeLight Bible Study

LifeLight Bible Study will begin in September with the study of Genesis – Part 2. We will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 10:00am for some coffee, treats, and to hand out the books and schedules. The first lesson will be the following week on Thursday, September 22nd at 10:00am. We meet in the Library/Adult Ed room. If you are interested in attending, contact Candy Frein at (952) 250-9826 or Harriet Buelow at (952) 888-0392.

Tuesdays at Two

Mt. Hope hosts conversation and coffee on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Women of Hope Meeting

All women are invited to attend the meeting for September on Tuesday, September 27 at 12:30pm.

LWML

Fall Women's Event

Saturday, October 8th

The LWML Fall Rally "The Wrinkle Free Woman" is going to be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Prior Lake on Saturday, October 8th, 2022, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Gifts from the Heart: 1 roll of quarters (\$10), there will be a basket in the entryway for this donation for those who cannot attend and wish to give.

Offerings: Mites and LWML District Fund. Lunch will be served. Tickets are \$10. Please see Jennifer Adamek or Linda Quittschreiber for tickets. Last date to get tickets: Friday, Sept. 30.

Fall Bazaar

Saturday, October 15th

Continue to save your 16oz containers: cottage cheese, salsa or chip dip (not Kool whip or yogurt, please).

Darlene Wendt needs thirty (30) of them by Sept. 15th.

Pie Making Days-Volunteers Needed.

Call or see Karen Mack 952-831-7428

Monday, October 3rd 1:30pm Apple Peeling
5:00pm Apple & Blueberry

Tuesday, October 4th 1:30pm Rhubarb Pies
5:00pm Peach & Cherry Pies

We make over 500 pies on these 2 days and yet we sell out on our sale day, disappointing those who attend our sale. So, this year we are limiting the pre-sale pie orders. Bazaar volunteers only may pre-order 2 (two) of each pie flavor. Thank you for your understanding!

Baked Goods-We need more this year! Bring your **UNCUT** bars, cookies, breads, popcorn, muffins, cakes to church on Thursday, Oct. 12 and Friday, Oct. 13 in the morning. Place them in the kitchen where marked.

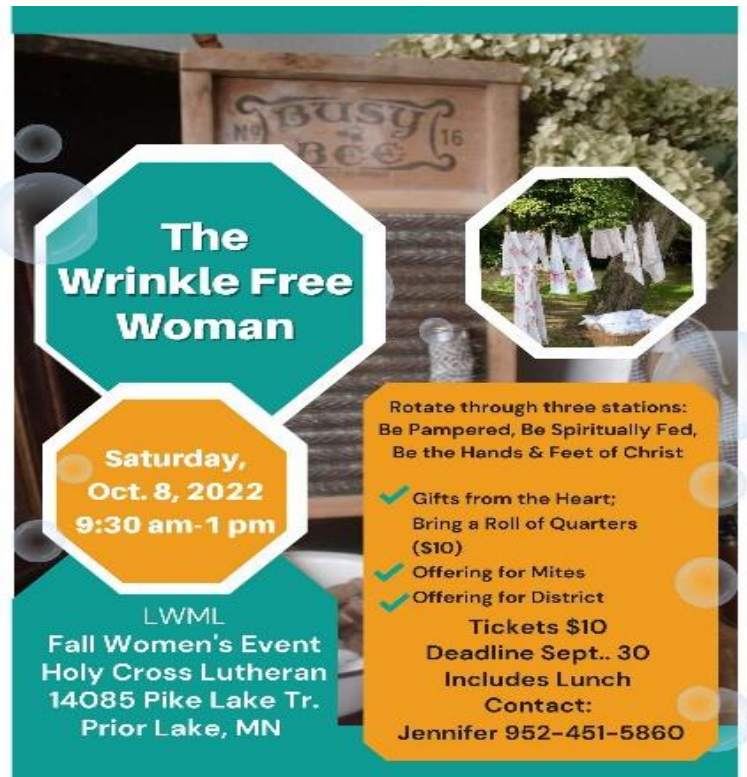
Volunteers will cut, package and price Friday morning. Want to help? **Contact: Jennifer Adamek 952-451-5860.**

Lefse making days-Volunteers needed Oct. 11 & 12. **Contact Karen Mueller 952-881-7887 for times & spots.**

Rolls & Coffee Shop: 26 dozen rolls will be made this year, up from 22 from last year (we sold out of rolls by 11:00 am)

There will be a Mt. Hope table this year. Items for sale: cook books, cards, little things for children, t-shirts and other merchandise.

Volunteers Needed on the Day of the Sale! **Contact Karen Mueller 952-881-7887.**



The Wrinkle Free Woman

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022
9:30 am-1 pm**

LWML
Fall Women's Event
Holy Cross Lutheran
14085 Pike Lake Tr.
Prior Lake, MN

Rotate through three stations:
Be Pampered, Be Spiritually Fed,
Be the Hands & Feet of Christ

- ✓ Gifts from the Heart; Bring a Roll of Quarters (\$10)
- ✓ Offering for Mites
- ✓ Offering for District

Tickets \$10
Deadline Sept. 30
Includes Lunch
Contact:
Jennifer 952-451-5860



FALL BAZAAR
MT. HOPE LUTHERAN

SATURDAY OCT. 15 9AM-2PM

CRAFTS & VENDORS

PIES & BAKED GOODS

CINNAMON & CARAMEL ROLLS

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
3601 W. Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington
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CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

2022 SHOEBOX MINISTRY

DONATIONS NEEDED :

50 WASHCLOTHS
32 TOOTHBRUSHES
50 TOOTHBRUSH COVERS
50 BARS OF SOAP
27 COMBS/HAIR BRUSHES
47 COLORING BOOKS
40 MARKERS / COLORED PENCILS
30 CRAYONS
100 PENCILS
20 PENS
10 SOLAR POWERED CALCULATORS
50 PLAYDOH
10 BEANIE BABIES (LIKE NEW) OR SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS
50 - LETTERS TO CHILDREN

DONATIONS RECEIVED :

SOCKS
PONY TAIL HOLDERS
PENCIL SHARPENERS
ERASERS
SCISSORS
NOTEBOOKS
RULERS
HOT WHEELS



THRIVENT MONEY WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE:

FLASHLIGHTS BACKPACKS WATER BOTTLES ZIPLOC BAGS



COME & JOIN TEAM JESUS



WHERE WE LEARN AND GROW
TOGETHER WITH JESUS THROUGH
BIBLE TEACHING, SINGING, CRAFTS, AND GAMES

BEGINNING, SUNDAY * SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 * 10:30-11:30 A.M.
GRADES K-5TH * ALL ARE WELCOME * BRING A FRIEND
CALL FRAN AT (952) 707-1881 OR E-MAIL fratwocor489@aol.com
FOR QUESTIONS/REGISTRATION

International Friendship Center Events

September 5th Labor Day No Classes

Saturday, September 17th IFC Breakfast Potluck at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Bloomington 10:00am

Friday, September 30th International Cooking & Conversation at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Bloomington 6:00pm

Saturday, October 1st IFC Breakfast Potluck at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Bloomington 10:00am

Wednesday, October 26th Celebration Ascension Lutheran Church Burnsville 6:30pm

Friday, October 28th International Cooking & Conversation at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Bloomington 6:00pm

Friday, November 18th IFC International Thanksgiving Potluck Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Bloomington 6:00pm

Saturday, December 3rd IFC Tea & Christmas Cookie Social Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Bloomington 10:00am

Wednesday, December 21st IFC Potluck Ascension Lutheran Church Burnsville 6:00pm

December 22-January 4 No Classes/Christmas Break

PRAISE - Part 2 (Part 1-see August Newsletter)

This month marks one year since I assumed responsibility for our Prayer Chain Ministry. During this time, I've come to better understand what prayer is. It has been an amazing journey in how the Lord has opened my eyes to better understand why we should pray. He has done this marvelous work after reading more than two months of devotions by Dr. Michael Youssef of Leading the Way Ministry and also Dr. Charles Stanley of In Touch Ministries. And it all started with a question I had never thought of before, "If God knows all of our needs, why do we need to pray?"

Directed back to the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you," Matthew 7:7. Again, this does not answer the above question. So, why would Jesus tell us to ask, seek, and knock? I'd like to briefly share what I learned from my devotional time on the subject of prayer.

First: I learned prayer requires knowing God. Many may know about God, but few really get to know Him. The ability to know Him means spending time with Him in His Word, speaking and listening to Him in prayer—and that takes both time and effort.

Second: I learned that prayer requires faith in God. While it is one thing to know the Will of God, it is another thing to trust Him and wait for its fulfillment. We must continue to ask, seek, and knock. And, if we are praying according to His Will, sooner or later He will answer our prayer. Even when we feel God is not coming through, we must keep on trusting and believing He will answer.

Third: I learned that prayer truly desires that God's Will be done. Yes, it is easy to go to God with our grocery list of prayers, but do we have the desire, the longing in our heart for the Will of God. Yes, I admit there are times I may not like the Will of God, but I was reminded that God's Will is never punitive. I was reminded of His great love for us and that He always gives what is best for us, and that while our thinking is short-term, God is thinking of the future.

Putting it all together then, I was able to see these three aspects of prayer—knowledge, faith, and desire—as Jesus commanded when He said to ask, seek, and knock.

May you find grace from Him today and may He continue to richly bless your prayer life.

Fran Wallin

Prayer Chain Ministry



Mount Hope Celebrations in September 2022

Birthdays

3 Cindy Klemenhausen
5 Jessica Schuett
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
17 Jack Melbostad
18 David Killam
20 Jim McMullen
20 Wendy Ewald
22 Kirsten Buelow
24 Marlys Herman
25 Al Borgen
29 Bill Reichert

Baptismal Birthdays

1 Hannah Borgen
1 Carol Tolzin
9 Bella Blauvelt
10 Chris Nazy
15 Becky Mittelstaedt
19 Jonathan Moss
20 Matt Frein
20 Arlene Oleson
23 Les Peecher

Anniversary

4 Todd & Mary Mack
4 Lloyd & Linda Quittschreiber
15 Butch & Marcy Caspersen
16 Bill & Carole Reichert
24 Cody & Jenny Rosenlund
24 Zachary & Dawn Vogland
27 Joe & Kelly Rosner
30 Joel & Elizabeth Schleifer

Coffee & Coffee Clean up: September-Sue Hedensten

Receptions: September- Jennifer Adamek, Mary Mack

Altar: September-Wendy Ewald

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.

September 4 Cindy Klemenhausen
September 11 Betty Weberg
September 18 Marcie and Butch Caspersen
September 25 Mike and Jessica Hill

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952 888 5059



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 10:00am IFC	3
4 9:30am Worship 10:30am Farewell Reception	5 Labor Day No IFC No Preschool Church Office Closed	6 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	7 10:00am IFC	8	9 10:00am IFC 1:30am Book Club at Renata Melby's	10
11 9:30am Worship 10:30am Birthday Reception Betty W 10:45am Education Hour	12 10:00am IFC 5:00pm IFC	13 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	14 9:00am Connections 10:00am IFC	15 10:00am LifeLight Coffee Time 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting	16 10:00am IFC	17 10:00am IFC Breakfast Potluck
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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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