

# December 2022



Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

***For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)***

We are entering a season all about worship! We remember our Savior's birth and wait with anticipation. We wait in Hope. We wait trusting in our Lord's promises. Promises of forgiveness and life in Him. Life eternal. Please join us for the many opportunities to come together and worship our Lord and King this Advent and Christmas.

## **Advent Services Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21 (6:30 pm)**

- We will be using a series from Creative Communications for the Parish by Dean Nadasdy, President Emeritus of MN South District, LCMS.

## **Christmas Eve Service (4:00 and 6:00 pm)**

- We welcome the Lord with this worship service for Christmas Eve. Jesus is born for us all on this silent night in the little town of Bethlehem. His first cry announces to the world that the darkness of sin is done away with by the shining light of his amazing love.

## **Christmas Day Service (9:30 am)**

- In this Christmas Day service, we will celebrate with joy the birth of our Lord, born to save us from sin, death and the devil forever. We are reborn as his brothers and sisters this day and eagerly anticipate what our new life in him has in store for us.

Thank you for the cards, gift cards, and blessings offered to me both for pastor appreciation month and for my birthday. You are most kind and generous, it is a blessing to serve with you.

It's a great time to be at Mount Hope! Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family.

Your Friend,

Pastor Fran Green

# Activities and Events

## Weekly Events

### GriefShare

Meets on Mondays from 2:00-4:00 pm. 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.

### Tuesdays at Two

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

### Connections

Connections is going to be cancelled for the month of December. We will try again in January 2023.

## Collections

### Cancelled Stamps

Did you know that you can donate your cancelled stamps for charity? Save your stamps that have their perforations intact, leave at least ¼ inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it on each side from the envelope or postcard. Place your cut cancelled stamps in the labeled bin placed on the shelf above the coat rack by the front door.

### Recycling Pill Bottles

Help improve the quality of health care in developing countries by saving and donating your clean, empty pill bottles. Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati, OH accepts donations. Place donations in the labeled placed on the shelf above the coat rack by the front door. Thank you!

### Christian Reading Materials

Donate your religious magazines, books and bibles to Africa. Place your donations in the basket above the coat rack by the front door. Thank you!

## Mitten Tree

Mittens, gloves, stocking hats and scarfs will be collected in December for the students at Trinity Lutheran School in Minneapolis. Place your donation on the Mitten Tree in the entryway hallway. Thank you!



### Card Ministry

Take a moment to fill out the January birthday cards in the entryway. Write a little bible verse, add a birthday greeting and bless those at Mt. Hope who have birthdays in January.

### VEAP

Recent deliveries to VEAP proved to be another 153.8 lbs. of food, and a check for \$500.00. That brings our totals thus far for 2022, to 724.90 lbs. of food, and \$1,460, for VEAP to purchase additional needed items. Your donations are very much appreciated. We will continue to have an ongoing collection, so please place your donations on the green shelf, in the entry area, near the double doors to the fellowship room. Thank You, Karen Mueller, VEAP Ministry Partner Rep.

### Prayer Chain Ministry

Please send your prayer requests to Fran Wallin at [fratwocor489@aol.com](mailto:fratwocor489@aol.com) or telephone at 952-707-1881. The power of prayer is REAL. According to the Bible, the power of prayer is, quite simply, the power of God, who hears and answers prayer. Consider the following: The Lord God Almighty can do all things; there is nothing impossible for Him ( Luke 1:37 ). The Lord God Almighty invites His people to pray to Him. Prayer to God should be made persistently ( Luke 18:1).

## You Are Invited

Join us to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kathi and Ralph Rokke on Saturday, December 17, 2022 – 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm at Saint James Evangelical Lutheran Church, 460 West Annapolis St., West St. Paul, MN.

## Book Club-Lunch Out

Our Christmas lunch will be on Friday in December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am at the Olive Garden in Bloomington. Contact Renata Melby if you would like to go. She will take care of reservations. See you there!

## Holiday Hours

Offices and Center Closed on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> to observe Christmas. God bless you and your family on these special days.



## Upcoming Services...Advent!

Advent Services this year are **Wednesdays December 7, 14, and 21 – 6:30 pm**

In this Advent Worship Series by renowned preacher Dean Nadasdy, we are reminded that Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. He enters into us daily to strengthen and support us, save us and renew us. We are changed by his presence within us as we become more and more like him in the living of our lives.

December 7<sup>th</sup> • Be Born in Us Today Bringing Renewal (Isaiah 40:31): The prophet Isaiah declared that a Holy One from God would be born into this world to bring renewal to all the faint and weary. Christ's birth restores our strength that we might serve him.

December 14<sup>th</sup> • Be Born in Us Today Bringing Guidance (Psalm 31:3): The children of Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years, often doubting God's plan for them. With the arrival of Jesus on the scene, we have a clear path to the promised land of heaven through him who is the Way.

December 21<sup>st</sup> • Be Born in Us Today Bringing Power (Exodus 15:6): John the Baptist pointed to the power of God present in Jesus Christ. As we prepare for the birth of baby Jesus, we point others to the power at work in our lives through our Emmanuel, God with us.

## Christmas Eve Worship Service

Christmas Eve worship at Mt. Hope on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

## Sunday Christmas Service

We will be celebrating Christmas on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:30 am.

## Volunteer Drivers Needed:

Are you willing to pick up a Mt. Hope member when needed? There are times when I do not have enough room for all who need a ride in my minivan. This would be for needed on Sundays, Wednesday evening worship services, and possibly other Mt. Hope activities, or an occasional appointment. I have seating for 3 people in addition to myself. I have been giving rides with regularity for 4 members. The ladies are always very appreciative. One has been walking to church in the nice weather, but that has now changed! If you are willing to help out with this need, please give me a call at 952-881-7887. I could pass your phone # on to the person needing a ride. Thank you for considering this. Any questions, give me a call, or connect with me at church-Karen Mueller.

## Shoebox Event (Operation Christmas Child)

Thanks to all who helped pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We packed 50 boxes, filled to the top, with wonderful items for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries, who may not have ever received a Christmas present before! Doing good, feels good!

A special thanks to Carrie Newton, Shoebox Coordinator for all her time spent shopping for items and collecting donations! Carrie is going to take a break from the Shoeboxes in 2023, if the Lord is calling you to this ministry, please speak with Linda Q., Carrie Newton or Jennifer Adamek-thank you!





# **MT. HOPE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 4-11:00 AM**

**LUNCH PROVIDED BY WOMEN OF HOPE  
BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE**

**BRING A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT FOR A  
GIFT EXCHANGE**

**A PRIZE TO WHOEVER DRESSES  
THE MOST FESTIVE**



## *Christmas Sing Along*

**Sunday, December 11th**

*following our morning worship service*

our Christmas carol sing along  
will be recorded and sent to our  
homebound members and those  
who may be blessed by some  
Christmas cheer



## **Mt. Hope Celebrations in December 2022**

### **Birthdays**

6 Linda Carstens  
9 Ina Adams  
14 Jack Rosner  
14 Charolette Rosner  
14 Penelope Rosner  
16 Ed Borgen  
19 Cory Blauvelt  
21 Kari Peterson  
23 David Wallin  
24 Richard Ewald  
26 Micah Hinz  
30 Karen Mueller  
30 Janice Elbert

### **Baptismal Birthdays**

16 Colin Alt  
18 Rose Kitt  
24 Andrew Nazy

### **Anniversary**

16 Pastor Ralph and Kathi Rokke-50 yrs  
28 Matt and Candy Frein-31 yrs

## **Thank You**

Thank you so much for the birthday cards that were sent to me, I really enjoyed them! Rose Kitt

It was such a surprise to receive my birthday card from all of you at Mt. Hope, thank you! Arlene Schmidt

## **International Friendship Center Events**

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> IFC Tea & Christmas Cookie Social Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Bloomington 10:00am.  
All are invited to attend this fun, social event!

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> IFC Potluck Ascension Lutheran Church Burnsville 6:00pm

December 22-January 4 No Classes/Christmas Break

## **Coffee & Coffee Clean up: December – Jennifer Adamek**

## **Receptions: December - Linda Quittschreiber, Marcy Caspersen**

## **Altar: December - Linda Cartens**

## **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.

December 4-Pastor Ralph and Kathi Rokke

December 11- #1—Jerry and Harriet Buelow #2 —Marlys Herman

December 18-Fran and Dave Wallin

December 25-

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## Mount Hope Lutheran Church Preschool and Childcare

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 10:00am IFC 11:30pm Book Club-Christmas Lunch at Olive Garden	3 10:00am IFC Tea & Christmas Cookie Social
4 9:30am Worship 10:45am Mt. Hope Christmas Party & Lunch	5 10:00am IFC 2-4pm GriefShare 5:00pm IFC	6 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	7 10:00am IFC 6:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent Service	8	9 10:00am IFC	10
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27 Christmas Day 9:30am Christmas Day Worship	28 No Childcare/Preschool Office Closed	29 8:00pm AA	30	31 New Year's Eve		

## Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am In-Person Worship

10:30 am Adult Bible Study

Services Online at

[www.mthopelutheran.org/sermons](http://www.mthopelutheran.org/sermons)

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