

# January 2023

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

***This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT***

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Welcome to 2023!! We love and serve a God of fresh starts, new beginnings, and new life. And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 2 Corinthians 5:18 NLT

I hope and pray that you were able to join us for one of our Christmas celebration worship services. We thank the Lord for the privilege of gathering to worship our King! If you were not able to join us, you may still watch them at [mthopelutheran.org/sermons/](http://mthopelutheran.org/sermons/) or on our YouTube page.

What will 2023 bring? Only the Lord knows for sure, but we strive to live out our purpose and the “why are we here?” The “why”, our task, is given to us in 2 Corinthians 5:18 above and spelled out in the Greatest Commandment and the Second, Jesus, replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40 NLT

That is why we’re here and what we are to be doing in 2023. We remember our vision statement, Our vision is to reach our friends and neighbors with the truth, love, and hope of Jesus Christ while growing as His disciples.

It can be as simple as an invitation to worship with us at Mount Hope. Or maybe it’s an invitation to another activity here at church where a person becomes our guest. It flows from there as that guest is a friend and friends are at the center of everything we do here. We love and serve people while God works in us and through us. Jesus creates our family of faith.

One very special event and invitation that we can offer this year is the 40th Biennial Convention of the LWML. Lutheran Women's Missionary League, invites you to attend the 40th Biennial National Convention on June 22-25, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI as we *Celebrate the Lord of the Nations*. Registration will begin January 9, 2023 at [lwml.org/2023-convention](http://lwml.org/2023-convention). There is a convention insert in the January *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*, located in the entryway information hallway for more information. I encourage you to attend this outstanding event!

A personal note: Thank you so very much for all the Christmas cards, gifts, and your generous cash gift from the Mount Hope family. We are so blessed to be serving with all of you! Mount Hope, what a wonderful place, Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family.

Serving together, 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.

## 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!

## Mt. Hope Member Directories

New 2023 Mt. Hope Member Directories are now available. Please take one for updated addresses, phone numbers, and emails.

### 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.

### 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.

Prayer is a privilege for every believer. Yet, many of us don't pray as fervently or as often as we should. Simply put, prayer is opening our hearts to our Creator and communicating with Him. Many times, we approach prayer as if it were a one-way street, but it's not.

When we pray, we should spend some time listening to God to speak. Prayer is powerful because it's the opportunity for us to make our requests known to God but also for us to have His desires communicated to us.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

### 2023 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2023 are now available in the information hallway or if you would like them sent to you please call the church office at 952-888-5059.

## VEAP

Our final VEAP delivery for 2022 was made on Dec. 27th, with an additional 73.6 lbs. of food items. Our totals for 2022 are 797.96 lbs. of food, and \$1,460.00 for VEAP to purchase additional needed items. Great job, and many thanks for your participation. We will continue to have an ongoing collection throughout 2023, so please place your donations on the green shelf in the entry area, near the double doors to the fellowship room. Let's try to surpass 2022 totals.

Karen Mueller: VEAP Ministry Partner Rep.

## Book Club



First Friday Book Club will meet on Friday, January 6th at 1:30 pm at Renata Melby's home at 10727 Zenith Ave S, Bloomington. Picture Below: Book Club Christmas Dinner at the Olive Garden, Bloomington.



## 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.

## Facebook and Instagram

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

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Website=[www.mthopelutheran.org](http://www.mthopelutheran.org)

YouTube=Mount Hope Lutheran Church

## Mt. Hope Worship Leader



Kayla Gundermann is a current student at Concordia University St. Paul studying music education and church music.

At Mt. Hope, she is the Music Worship Director, coordinating moments of music ministry.

When she has a moment of free time, she enjoys being outdoors and embroidering.



## Mitten Tree

Thank you to those who gave to the Mitten Tree! We collected 62 gloves and mittens, 13 stocking hats, 2 scarfs, 2 earmuffs, 2 hand warmers, and a pair of socks. These items will be taken to The Closet of Hope at Bloomington Covenant Church. The Closet of Hope is a free clothing store that is available for anyone in need who lives in Bloomington and Richfield.

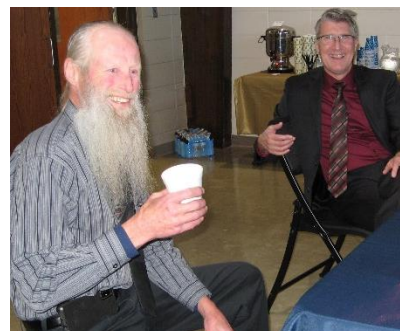


## Fun Cheetah Prints

Laurel Schaefer, Linda Thramer and Meredith Gray



## Mt. Hope Christmas Party Pics







# Right to Life Month

## *New Life Baby Shower*

We will be collection new and gently used baby clothes (up to size 2) and formula from Sunday, Jan. 8-Jan. 29.

Place your donations in the baby crib. Donations will be brought to First Care Pregnancy Center in Richfield at the end of the month.

Contact Jennifer Adamek at [jadamek@mthopelutheran.org](mailto:jadamek@mthopelutheran.org) if any questions. Thanks for supporting this mission project!

## **Mt. Hope Celebrations - January 2023**

### **Birthdays**

2 Brady McMullen  
4 Vicki Johnson-Schmidt  
8 Matt Frein  
10 Marilyn Nelson  
11 Jenn Schleifer  
13 James Froemming  
14 Peggy Maas  
15 Tammy Green  
19 Dan Adamek  
19 Zachery Brantner  
20 Anika Quittschreiber  
27 Darlene Wendt  
28 Claire McMullen  
30 Tracie Klug-Melbostad  
31 Steve Sundseth

### **Baptismal Birthdays**

1 Shirley Favorit  
9 Linda Carstens  
10 Kari Peterson  
11 Lea Fox  
12 DJ Fox  
13 Ed Borgen  
15 Karen Mueller  
19 Arlene Schmidt  
20 Pastor Fran Green  
28 Drew Adamek  
29 Ina Adams

### **Anniversary**

1 Craig and Tricia Regan-1 yr

## **Thank You**

Thank you for the prayers, cards and loving concern as Lloyd went through surgery and as he recovers. Lloyd and Linda Quiitsreiber.

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. We gratefully acknowledge your contributions to this ministry. Samaritan's Purse-Shoebox Ministry.

## **Coffee & Coffee Clean up: January – Corrine Condon**

## **Receptions: January – Betty Schleifer & Darlene Wendt**

## **Altar: January – Sue Hedensten**

## **2023 Altar Flowers**

Sponsoring the altar flowers is a beautiful way to honor loved ones. Flowers are often given to mark special life events such as birth and birthdays; anniversary of a wedding, baptism, confirmation; the memory of a loved one; or as a thanksgiving for life's blessings.

The 2023 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.

January 1-  
January 8-  
January 15-  
January 22-  
January 29-

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## Mount Hope Lutheran Church Preschool and Childcare

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day 1 9:30am Worship 10:45am Education Hour	2 10:00am IFC 2-4pm GriefShare 5:00pm IFC	3 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	4 10:00am IFC	5	6 10:00am IFC 11:30pm Book Club	7
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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](http://www.mthopelutheran.org/sermons)

and, **YouTube Channel:**

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