

# May 2023

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

***All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV***

Here we are already past Easter Sunday, into May, and speeding on towards summer. Do you have any vacations planned? How do you plan on spending your summer? I pray that you include worship in those plans and especially, that you make specific plans to be in God's Word each day.

I recently received the 2023 edition of *State of the Bible*, research conducted each year from the American Bible Society. The research includes Bible engagement and a variety of questions on God, belief in God, worship, etc.

The report is released in segments throughout the calendar year. The evidence from the first chapter suggests three things.

- 1. When people engage deeply with the Bible, their lives and relationships are better. In other words, they flourish.*
- 2. Fewer people in America are engaging with the Bible. Scripture engagement is not rising yet; it continues on a downward trajectory.*
- 3. There are signs of hope. The Moveable Middle has rebounded, and Bible disengagement has fallen in the past year.*

It should come as no surprise that those who were "Scripture Engaged" scored high in Hope. *Apparently, those who read the Bible regularly, who live and think according to its teaching, find resources that keep them going, even in tough times.*

*Of course, this was clearly the case in New Testament times, when the book of 1 Peter was written to Christians facing opposition to their faith.*

***Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15 NIV***

We live in such times and people need hope! Consider this question from the study. *Do you wish you used the Bible more?*

*More than half of all those we surveyed said yes (52%). This simple question cuts across categories. A surprising number of the Bible Disengaged and non-Bible Users answered affirmatively. Even if Bible reading is not a part of their lives, they still feel it might be a good thing to do more of. And in the Moveable Middle, that sleeping giant of a category, about five of six (83%) say yes to this wish.*

What does this all mean for us? People have a desire to get into God's Word. What should we do? First, get into those Bibles! Make daily Scripture reading a priority. Second, invite a friend or neighbor to read the Bible with you. Invite them over, out to coffee, over a Zoom call, to discuss what you're reading, or read together. Finally, invite them to church with you. This is a powerful way to get into God's Word and gives the added benefit of worship and fellowship with God's people.

Let's make the Bible our top priority this summer!!

*Mount Hope, Where Guests become Friends, Friends become Family.*

Your Friend,

Pastor Fran Green

**Love is such a precious, tender word that has such great meaning. To know God's love and the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus, is the greatest love that I can imagine. Each day, You have come to me with a love that seeks no reward, but is unconditional and nonjudgmental. You give blessings beyond my wildest dreams. Thank you, Father. Let me share Your love with those who desperately need you! In Jesus' name-Amen.**



# Activities and Events

## Weekly Events

### Sunday Adult Bible Study

Join us on Sundays at 10:45 am in the library for this study lead by Pastor Fran on Genesis.

### Sunday Sunday School

Children ages 3-Grade 5 are welcome to attend Sunday School at 10:45 am in the Sunday School room.

### GriefShare

Meets on Mondays from 2:00-3:30 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 and distributes them world-wide.

Labels and glue residue must be removed. Wash and dry the bottles before donating. place donations in labeled basket 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!

## Card Ministry

Make someone's day by brightening their day. Take a moment to fill out the June birthday cards in the entryway. Perhaps write a little bible verse, add a birthday greeting and bless those at Mount Hope who have birthdays in June.

## 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 or 612-644-4052

Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. 1 Samuel 1:10

Have you ever experienced times of grief, bitterness, or anguish, when you felt as though you were slipping? Hannah did. Hannah had no children. Her grief made her cry so much that she couldn't eat. Out of her bitter grief and anguish, she visited the tabernacle and she cried out to the Lord. In the process of praying, she endured taunting because a priest mistook her sorrow for drunkenness! But something amazing happened after she poured out her heart to God. The priest gave her a blessing of peace, and after she left, she ate and went home. Soon she became pregnant. We can find Hannah's beautiful song of praise in 1 Samuel 2:1-10.

What's the lesson for us? In our heartache or anguish, we can cry out to the Lord, acknowledging that he is God and we are not. We can pour out our souls-grief, bitterness, and all. And after we bring him our requests, we can get on with our lives and worship God, thankful that he hears us.

Father, thank you for examples of women like Hannah, who experienced some of the same feelings of sorrow we have from time to time. Thank you that we can express our emotions to you and that you give us the grace and strength to stand up and move ahead. Thanks for your answers to our prayers. Amen.

## 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. Stop at the tech booth in the sanctuary if you would like to try one out this Sunday!

## **Sermon Theme April 16-May 21.**

Our sermon series called *Developing Passionate Disciples* focuses on the bible book of Matthew and developing passionate disciples of Jesus. We will study Matthew as he uses the word “disciple” 72 times. We will be studying topics such as: Definition, Selection, Reconciliation, Devotion, Mission, and Production. Join us as we learn and grow together.

## **Book Club**

Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Our Book Club will be meeting at Renata Melby’s home. Her address is: 10727 Zenith Ave S Bloomington. Come and share your thoughts on the book and enjoy dessert, coffee or tea.

## **LWML Spring Rally**

Join us on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Breakfast will be served. Pastor Mark Moss will be our special speaker. Hear about what is happening with Lutheran missionaries. Praying for no snowstorms or blizzards!

## **Birthday Cake Reception**

Join us on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 am service, as we celebrate Armand Boehnke’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with cake!

## **Women of Hope Meet in May**

Our next Women of Hope Meeting is on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. We will be meeting in the library. Pizza and dessert will be served. All women of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **VEAP**

Perhaps you were confused by the verbal announcement Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, regarding VEAP food collection, for Westwood School. This special collection was for just one week, April 16-April 21. Be assured your food donations on the green shelf will be an ongoing collection, which I will deliver to VEAP, on behalf of Mt. Hope Lutheran congregation. I delivered another 72 lbs. of food to VEAP on April 6<sup>th</sup>, so our special March Food & Fund Drive total was 208 lbs. of food. The need continues, so please continue to support the local food shelf, through Mt. Hope. Karen Mueller Ministry Partner Rep.

## **Life Line Screening**

Mt. Hope Lutheran will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on Friday, June 2, 2023. To make an appointment and to receive a special discount please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit [LLSA.social/hc](https://llsa.social/hc).

## **Mission Pledge Walk at the LWML Convention**

I will be participating in the Mission Pledge Walk at the LWML Convention in Milwaukee on June Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 pm. Would you consider sponsoring me with a donation? These pledges will contribute to the LWML Mites goal for 2023-2025. Checks can be made payable to LWML with “Mission Pledge Walk” in the memo area.. Pray that our walk may be successful and fruitful! Jennifer Adamek 952-451-5860 cell phone.

## **Tech Booth Thank you**

Many thanks to Kirk Vogland as he celebrates his 1-year anniversary with helping out with the Tech booth. His steady help is so appreciated! I remember when he asked to help out, it was such a Godsend! If you would like to learn a new skill, please contact me at 952-451-5860. Thanks, Jennifer Adamek.

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

### **Birthdays**

1 Armand Boehnke  
4 Joe Rosner  
5 Ted Simmons  
6 Josh Adamek  
7 Gene Roehrick  
7 Lorraine Wolden  
9 Richard Hinz  
13 Linda Borgen  
15 Fran Wallin  
18 Silas Melbostad  
25 Faith Alt  
26 Missy Quittschreiber  
28 Emily Woodhall  
29 Marjule Boehnke  
31 Corinne Condon

### **Baptismal Birthdays**

1 Ramona Duncan  
2 Kim Kunkel  
4 Cathy Frank  
7 Sam Killam  
8 Pat Roehrick  
11 Vivian Brantner  
15 Nathan Moss

### **Anniversary**

1 Dan & Jennifer Adamek-30 yrs.  
6 Pastor Fran & Tammy Green-34 yrs.  
25 Steve & Kathy Sundseth-55 yrs.

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

## **Receptions: May – Betty Schliefer, Jennifer Adamek**

## **Altar: May – Laurel Schaefer**

### **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 births 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.

May 7 – Vern VonDeylen

May 14 – Kristi Voth

May 21– Eileen Daak

May 28 – Marilyn Nelson

### **New Building Trustee**

Mike Roehrick has taken on the volunteer role of Building Trustee. You'll see him fixing and taking care of the church and grounds during the week. He spent a great deal of time up in the loft, organizing and sorting out items in January and February. Take a look sometime. We are grateful for your service to our church, Mike!

# Children's Ministry



## Upcoming Events:

### First Sunday of Every Month (beginning Sunday, May 7th)

Children's sermon during our 9:30 am service

Following the children's sermon, we'll offer children of all ages to join Kids Church until the end of the service (led by Lisa and Jenn)

### Wednesday, June 14th 5:00-7:00 pm

Celebrating summer and all of God's glory

Come hang out at Mount Hope for an evening of fun in the parking lot

Free Dinner \* Yard Games \* Music \* Prizes



Please see Lisa Stolquist or Jenn Ritter  
w/ questions regarding  
children's ministry details.

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Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family

## Mount Hope Lutheran Church Preschool and Childcare

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00am IFC 2-3:30pm GriefShare 5:00pm IFC	2	3	4	5 10:00am IFC 1:30pm Book Club at Renata Melby's	6 8:30am LWML Spring Rally
7 9:30am Worship with Kids Sermon and Kids Church 10:45am Education Hour	8 10:00am IFC 2-3:30pm GriefShare 5:00pm IFC	9 11:30pm Women of Hope Meeting 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	10 10:00am IFC	11	12 10:00am IFC	13
Mother's Day 14 9:30am Worship 10:45am Education Hour	15 10:00am IFC 2-3:30pm GriefShare 5:00pm IFC	16 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	17 10:00am IFC	18 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting	19 10:00am IFC	20
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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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