



September 2023

Mount Hope Lutheran Church & Preschool

Words from Pastor Fran,

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind He will find acceptable.

This is truly the way to worship Him. Romans 12:1 NLT

We spent some time in worship on August 27, talking about the church. I shared this quote from author Jake Meador,

The problem in front of us is not that we have a healthy, sustainable society that doesn't have room for church. The problem is that many Americans have adopted a way of life that has left us lonely, anxious, and uncertain of how-to live-in community with other people.

The tragedy of American churches is that they have been so caught up in this same world that we now find they have nothing to offer these suffering people that can't be more easily found somewhere else. American churches have too often been content to function as a kind of vaguely spiritual NGO, an organization of detached individuals who meet together for religious services that inspire them, provide practical life advice, or offer positive emotional experiences. Too often, it has NOT BEEN a community that through its preaching and living bears witness to another way to live.

Yes! Another way to live! That is exactly what is given to us by the apostle Paul in the Scriptures. Of course, it comes from Jesus and His charge to love. It is a love that flows from Jesus' sacrifice, His giving completely of Himself for you and for your salvation. It is an incredible gift! And because of that gift, we are called to "another way to live".

This way of living does not earn us anything. We are not collecting merits to please God; but we are living empowered by the Holy Spirit in thanksgiving as we serve Jesus our Lord and King.

Paul lays it out in Romans 12.

Paul connects “another way to live” to the church and our place in it. The church is the place where we discover our gifts, a place where we find purpose and meaning as we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. The church is vital to living our life of faith. Life in the Body of Christ is where we experience the love of God and where we learn to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is a place where we learn to love our neighbors as ourselves.

So, as we get ready to kick off another year on September 10, please commit to getting involved in a group, whether it is a Bible study, fellowship, or serving. You will see many opportunities in this newsletter. These are also wonderful ways to invite a friend or neighbor to Mount Hope. Finally, please be praying for your church and your church family. Pray for the Lord to continue to grow us and transform us more and more into His people. Pray also, for those who do not know Jesus, or those who are disconnect to the Body of Christ. I believe the Lord answers those prayers. He is a God of love who loves to welcome people into the Family.

Mount Hope, where guests become friends, and friends become family.

Your Friend,

Pastor Fran Green



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.

Sunday Sunday School

Starts September 3rd from 10:30-11:30 and continues each week through May.

1st Sunday of the Month

Children's Message during church service.

Mondays at 2:00-GriefShare starts Monday September 11th.

Tuesdays at Two

Mount Hope hosts conversation, coffee and treats on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. Invite a friend to attend! Introduce them to a family of members in a relaxed setting. All are invited to attend.

Thursday Bible Study at 10:00 Starts September 7th Meet in church library/adult education room.

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.

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.

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



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please send your prayer requests to Fran Wallin at fratwocor489@aol.com or telephone at 952-707-1881 or 612-644-4052

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!

Card Ministry

Make someone's day by brightening their day. Take a moment to fill out the October 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 October.

Custodial Forms

There are custodial request forms for facility use in the church office .Please if possible, have at least a week notice for our Custodian Sam. You can put the completed form in Sam's mailbox in the office.

New address for Shirley Favorite-

8641 Wentworth Ave S. Unit 221
Bloomington, MN 55420

Update on Email for Kristi Voth-

Please use kristivoth@msn.com for all correspondence

****REMINDER OUR PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS GOING ON NOW****

Program Highlights:

- Licensed by the State of Minnesota
- Hours M-F 8:00am - 4:30pm
- Ages 33 months to start of Kindergarten
- Limited summer school-age care offered
- Classes taught by experienced and loving teachers
- Researched-based curriculum (The Creative Curriculum)
- Daily Jesus Time that includes stories, songs and prayer
- Indoor and outdoor large motor space
- Healthy snacks and catered hot lunch
- Exciting onsite assemblies
- Daily music and movement

Please go to our website to learn more

[PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE – Mount Hope Lutheran Church \(mthopelutheran.org\)](http://mthopelutheran.org)

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd 10:30-11:30



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

**BEGINNING, SUNDAY * SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 * 10:30-11:30 A.M.
GRADES K-5th * ALL ARE WELCOME * BRING A FRIEND
CALL FRAN AT (952) 707-1881 OR E-MAIL fratwoor489@aol.com FOR
QUESTIONS/REGISTRATION**

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS-STARTS SEPTEMBER 7th @10:00 Will begin in September with the study of "The Baptismal River: Studying the Sacrament throughout Scripture" by Richard Davenport. New members are welcome to join the class. We meet each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library/Adult Education Room. If you are interested in attending, please contact either Candy Frein at (952) 250-9826 or Harriet Buelow at (952) 888-0392.

For September the schedule is the following:

7th Get together for Coffee and hand out books

14th Unit 1 - Introduction

21st Unit 2 - The Flood

28th Unit 3 - Creation

Volunteer for Sunday Scripture Reading-Are you looking for another way to serve the Lord? Volunteer to read scriptures during Sunday Service. If you are interested in doing that, please reach out to Pastor Fran for more information.

Book Club

First Friday Book Club will meet at Renata Melby's on September 1st at 1:30 pm To discuss THE HAPPINESS PROJECT by Gretchen Rubin is one women who "spent a year trying to sing in the morning, clean her closets, fight right, read Aristotle and generally have fun." Call Renata at (952) 881-7160 if you need more information.

Nominations for Governing Board

Nominations for Governing Board are open. President, Vice President, and three at-large positions will be up for election/re-election. Please let Pastor Fran know if you are interested in running for a position on the board.

VEAP Announcement:

Deliveries of the "Food", and "Back to School" donations were delivered to VEAP on August 1st, weighing 121 pounds, which included: 20 back packs, 18 boxes of color crayons, 17 kids scissors, 7 note books and 6 folders, 26 glue sticks, 1 bottle of glue, 2 erasers, 5 boxes (12 ea.) crayola markers, 5 pkts. ball point pens, 6 pkts, plus 14 loose pencils. A few school items came in late and were delivered on Aug. 16th, which are included in the above count. Many thanks for your participation in this outreach. The food shelf is an ongoing collection of food items for VEAP.

If you are interested, VEAP'S annual Gala, is scheduled for the evening of Nov 11, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency in Bloomington. This is their yearly fund raiser, with the theme this year "Wishful Doing". For more information, or to register, please go online.

Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Rep.

GriefShare Starts on September 11th

GriefShare is a 13 week in-person program for those who have experienced the death of a (human) family member or friend. It utilizes video, workbook, and group discussion.

We meet on Mondays from 2-4 pm in the church library, starting September 11 th . Pastor Fran and Joy Schneider are the facilitators. For more information, or to register, please go to griefshare.org. There is no charge to attend. Call or text Joy with questions – 763-227-6439.

Women of Hope meeting on September 12th Women of Hope Meeting takes place on Tuesday, Sept 12th at 6:00PM. The agenda is more talk and planning on the Fall Bazaar as it comes closer to the date!

Life Line screening on Thursday, September 21st. Life Line Screening is coming to the neighborhood and will be here at Mount Hope Thursday, September 21st from 9:00AM-5:00PM.

POBLO Event on September 23rd Hello friends of POBLO, Our new missionaries have started and BIG things are starting to happen!

We are adding new students and will be increasing our classes in all locations.

We would like to have a meeting on Saturday, September 23rd at 10:30 am at Mt Hope. Issa and Dina will be there to discuss our new beginnings, train our volunteers and kick off our new season of POBLO/IFC.

We are needing all hands on deck, we need more volunteers who can volunteer at least 1 hour per week, if not more.

Our goal is to have at least 2 teachers per class to divide classes into 'beginners and intermediate' english speakers.

This is very exciting news and God is bringing the students to us! Please put the above date on your calendar and

reach out to me if you are able or willing to teach a class. There is a huge need in our area and we are moving quickly!

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A TEACHER to volunteer! Conversation is the best way to get started! Google Translate is also very helpful!

Blessings,

Shari Schulz



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our Harvest Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, October 14th**, starting at 9:00AM here at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. Be thinking about how you can help, as it will take many hours, and volunteers, to make it happen.

Pie making is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 2nd & 3rd. Lefse will be made the week of the bazaar, likely Tue. eve. the 10th, and Wed. the 11th.

We will also need your donated baked goods, which will be packaged on Fri. Oct. 13th. If you bake bars, please do not pre-cut them. Keep watching for updates as we get closer to **Oct. 14th**. Working together provides good fellowship as well.

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME

A New Chapter in Kayla Gundermann's Life

On August 13th, 2023 our Music Director Kayla Gundermann played her final service. We thank God for her and her gift of beautiful music for just over the last two years here at Mount Hope. Kayla left to depart for two years of missionary service in Montreal, Quebec. Please pray for, follow and support Kayla in her missionary work at the following: kayla.gundermann@missionofchrist.org



MISSION OF CHRIST Network

About the Ministry

Ascension Lutheran Church reaches non-Christian immigrants and refugees, teaches ESL courses, hosts community and fellowship events.

Prayer Requests

- Pray that the Lord will work in the hearts and minds of those who do not know Jesus in Montreal, Quebec
- Pray for me and my family in this time of transition
- Pray for the new relationships that are and will be building through Ascension Lutheran Church

Contact Information

Kayla Gundermann
kayla.gundermann@missionofchrist.org
 Birthday: March 11th

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18

Would You Partner with Me in God's Mission?

Gifts may be given online at:
missionofchrist.org/kaylagundermann/

Donations may be mailed to:
 Mission of Christ Network
 P.O. Box 533
 Concordia, MO 64020

Become a prayer partner:
 Email me at kayla.gundermann@missionofchrist.org to receive my newsletter throughout the year.

missionofchrist.org

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More Happenings on the Grounds

Thank you Cal and Darlene Senechal, who recently moved into Applewood Point and some of you have met here when they have been to church. The hostas that were planted were from their beautiful home garden. Thank you as well to Wayne and Jessica Schuett for the use of their tiller and the hard work of Mike Roehrick. Jerry Lowe Karen Mueller and others for the beautiful addition to our grounds



Linda, Mike and Jerry



Jerry keeping busy!



Karen and Linda taking a break to pose for the camera.



There were 83 hostas planted!



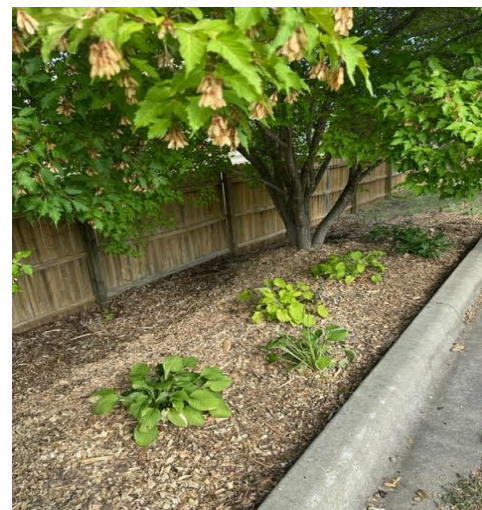
Clean up team! Karen Mueller, Jerry Lowe, Mike Roehrick, Linda Borgen



Karen Mueller give the plants needed water



Orpha Radford watering on a nice day.



BEAUTIFUL!!!! Thank you all!

Mount Hope Celebrations in September



Birthdays

3-Cindy Klemenhagen
5-Jessica Schuett
9 Bob Melbostad
10 Carole Reichert
10 Mandi Wendt
10 Rania Nazy
11 Betty Weberg
12 Gordy Moss
12 Bart Killam
13-Dawn Vogland
13 Drew Blauvelt
16 Kirk Vogland
17 Jack Melbostad
18 David Killiam
20 Wendy Ewald
20 Jim McMullen
22 Kirsten Buelow
29-Bill Reichert

Baptismal Birthdays

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

Anniversary

4 Todd & Mary Mack 19
4 Lloyd & Linda Quittschreiber 58
15 Butch & Marcy Caspersen 61
16 Bill & *Carole Reichert 46
24 Zachary & Dawn Vogland 18
27 Joe & Kelly Rosner 9
30 Joel & Betty Schleifer 51

“THANK YOU TO ALL FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR THE CHURCH”

Sunday Coffee & Treats-Wendy Ewald

Kitchen & Reception-Linda Borgen, Karen Mack

Altar Wendy Ewald

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's phone number is 952-831-7428 for any questions you may have.

3rd Cindy Klemenhagen

10th Betty Weberg

17th Harriet Buelow

24th Borgen Family

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Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00am IFC 1:30pm Book Club Renata Melby's	2
3 9:30am Worship/ Children's message 10:30 Sunday Scool 10:45am Education Hour	4 10:00am IFC 5:00pm IFC	5 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	6 10:00am IFC	7 10:00 Bible Study	8 10:00am IFC	9
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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

and, **YouTube Channel:**

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