



# November 2023

Mount Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

## *Words from Pastor Fran,*

*Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT*

Did you know that scientists now describe gratitude as the lubricant of the brain? Apparently, when you are grateful your brain simply works better. Just like a well-oiled machine. So, gratitude actually makes you smarter as your brain processes more freely without the grinding of envy and selfishness, etc.

Well, here we are in the month of Thanksgiving already! There are many things for us to be thankful for, there always are. But we have also experienced some struggles and challenges. It is more difficult to offer thanksgiving to the Lord under those circumstances.

*Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.* This gratitude and thanks in all circumstances will not only "oil the brain" but will also draw us closer to the one who created that brain. We give thanks to Him.

I pray that you will spend some time giving thanks to the Lord this Thanksgiving and that you will also join us for a Thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening, November 22 at 6:30.

Thank you for the Pastor appreciation gift! Please know, we are grateful and appreciate all of you.

Looking ahead, but not that far actually...

We will begin Advent the following week to begin a study authored by Dr. Reed Lessing from Paul's very first letter, *1 Thessalonians*, whose main theme is Christ's Second Coming. I invite you to come, sit at the feet of the blessed apostle, as he points us to the sure and certain hope that Jesus will come again *with clouds descending!* Here are the themes for each week beginning on Wednesday, November 29 – December 20. Each week, we will gather at 6:30.

*Advent 1, Our Two Minute Drill*

*Advent 3, You've Got a Ticket to Ride!*

*Advent 2, Praying Like Paul*

*Advent 4, Faithful Watching and Waiting*

*Christmas Eve, Rejoice Evermore*

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

Your Friend,

Pastor Fran Green

## NOVEMBER NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL/CHILDCARE

Wow! What a month October was! There was so much activity with the Bazaar, but what fun it was! One of our preschool families came to check it out for the first time because their son was always talking about the “pie ladies” and the delicious smells coming from the kitchen.



Now for November... what a month of thanks! I have so many people to thank in this newsletter.

We have made a good start on our Helping Hands job board. Several people have dropped off towels for our toy washing brigade, including Bob and Carol Polzin. I usually just found them outside my office doors so I am not sure who else donated towels. Thank you to all of you!! Now, we just need some toy washers. It's not hard, I promise!!

Dave Wallen has done a fantastic job on the outside storage! Many, many thanks Dave! That was a huge job and he just kept right on working during those beautiful fall days our Creator blessed us with. Karen Mueller and Dave also helped me with the rest of the weeding and bush removal in the play yard. Our playground is beginning to look cared for again. Dave also went through all the buckets of toys, and sorted and cleaned them. I had to throw out lots of broken toys because the children could get hurt and they are not allowed in a licensed program. I will be putting up a Toy Donation Board in the narthex for anyone willing to help us replace our broken toys. You will have a chance to pick out a toy for purchase. I will pick up the toy for you so you don't have to worry about that part.

Christina Brantner helped us clean out most of the old, rotting wood pieces in the playground...She is a dynamo, getting started right after our Voter's Meeting! Thank you, Christina! Kirsten Buelow, Al Johnson, and my husband also helped, and we appreciate them, as well! Many hands do indeed make light work!

Cindy, one of the preschool teachers, helped me clean out and organize the storage closet off the Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Cindy! All the toys are sorted, organized, and labeled. I put up signs reminding groups that if they use the toys, they need to put them back where they belong. I am hoping for cooperation in that regard.

A very special Thank You to Marilyn Nelson and Rose Kitt for their donations to the Preschool. It was very thoughtful of you ladies! That money will be used to help replace broken toys on the playground.

Our preschoolers just finished a Space Theme. They created, designed, and wrote about their own planet. I will be hanging those in the narthex area for all of you to read. They are delightful! In Jesus Time they were learning about the life of Moses and the great plan God had for him and the children of Israel.



The Preschoolers had Picture Day on October 25. I am excited to see their precious smiles in print!

We will be celebrating Book Week from November 6-10. One of the fun activities we will be doing is having the children dress up as one of the characters from a favorite book!

Our preschool will be closed Nov. 22-24 for Parent-Teacher Conferences and in celebration of Thanksgiving.



The preschool children have begun work on the Christmas Program with Miss Barb. It will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All congregational members are invited and encouraged to come and help the children celebrate the birth of Jesus! There will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the program. Everyone is invited to come and help us welcome our preschoolers and their families!

Blessings in the Name of Jesus,  
Wendy Ewald, Director

# Activities and Events

## Weekly Events

### Sunday Adult Bible Study

10:45 am in the Sanctuary.

### Sunday School

10:30-11:30 am continues each week through May.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

Children's Message during Church service.

### 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

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

### Thursday Bible Study

10:00 am continuation of "The Baptismal River" series.

### Book Club – Real Life #225

Meeting at Marilyn Nelson's on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in November at 1:30 pm, Shirley Favorit will bring treats. We need to discuss whether to have the book club for January, February and March, during these treacherous months. It will be accessible to Hope and others. We will talk it over. We usually go to Olive Garden in December, what are your thoughts. Even if you cannot attend regularly you are invited to visit or join our group. I suggest a short, Newberry award winning children's book called THE GIVER for January but open for suggestions. Call Renata Melby at 952-881-7160, if you would like more

### VEAP Update

You may have noticed our green VEAP food collection shelf is not very well stocked of late. It is no secret that the need continues. Just a reminder, in addition to food, VEAP also accepts and highly encourages donations of household products like laundry detergent, soap, diapers, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant and all other home and personal hygiene products. As our shelf is restocked, I will deliver to VEAP for distribution. Thank you in advance for your continued support of VEAP.

Karen Mueller, Ministry Rep.

## 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.

### Card Ministry

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

### 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.

### Fall Harvest Bazaar

Thanks to all who volunteered their time, baked goods, talents and hard work to make this a success! There are still a few pies available.

### 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. 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).

# VETERANS DAY



Join *Team Jesus Sunday School* in celebrating Veteran Day. Bring a picture, wear your dog tags or any other items you may have. Check out our display and don't forget to enter your name and phone number for our surprise drawing.

## *The Gingerbread Bash*

Come join this community event filled with fun, music, and the building of your own Gingerbread nativity scene.

**Date:** Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

**Time:** 10:00am-12:00pm, including a lite lunch

This event is free, but space is limited. So please reserve your spot by calling the church office at (952) 888-5059. Provide your name, phone number, and the number of people in your group.

Looking forward to seeing YOU.



The International Friendship Centers Twin Cities  
...would like to invite you to a Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner



When: Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Where: Mount Hope Lutheran Church

3601 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN

- ⇒ Bring a dish to pass from your culture or heritage
- ⇒ Turkey will be provided

**Include people (and numbers) and dish you are bringing.**

**RSVP**

## Holiday Hours

Offices and Center Closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday. God bless you and your family on this special day.

## International Friendship Center Events

Sunday, November 12th IFC International Thanksgiving Potluck Mount Hope Lutheran Church  
Bloomington 5:00pm



## Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023 – 6:30pm**

**Pie served afterwards**

## Mount Hope Celebrations in November 2023

### Birthdays

1 Jeremiah Moss  
2 Vern Von Deylen  
2 Mary Mack  
8 Hope Berg  
13 Elizabeth (Betty) Schleifer  
16 Sabrina Ford  
20 Samarah Ford  
20 Madyson Ford  
23 Shirley Favorit  
24 Pastor Fran Green  
24 Arlene Schmidt  
26 Katie Jacob  
27 Drew Adamek  
28 Rose Kitt  
30 Colin Alt  
30 Lea Fox

### Baptismal Birthdays

11 Vern Von Deylen  
15 Christina Brantner  
15 Jack Melbostad  
22 Pastor Ralph Rokke  
22 Kelly Rosner  
23 Jeremiah Moss  
23 Tim Mack  
29 Cody Borgen

### Anniversary

22 Armand & Marjule Boenke-60 yrs.

**Coffee & Coffee Clean up: November - Linda Quittschreiber**

**Receptions: November - Eileen Daak & Karen Mack**

**Altar: November - Linda Quittschreiber & Darlene Wendt**

## 2023 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 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.

November 5 – Steve and Kathy Sundseth – in honor of their granddaughter, Lily, who is 14 years old.

November 12 – Rose Kitt – in thankfulness of God's many blessings.

November 19 – Cathy Frank – in celebration of her retirement and for the blessings of Thanksgiving.

November 26 – Ina Adams

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## Mount Hope Lutheran Church Preschool and Childcare


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			10:00am IFC	10:00am Bible Study	10:00am IFC	James McMullen Visitation 10:30am Memorial Service 11:00am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am Worship Installation of Wendy Eward 10:30am Sunday School	10:00am IFC 2-4pm GriefShare 5:00pm IFC	2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	10:00am IFC	10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Book Club in Library	10:00am IFC	10am Women of Hope Meeting  Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	Thanksgiving 23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		
9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Education Hour	10:00am IFC 2-4pm GriefShare 5:00pm IFC 6:00pm Decorate Church for Christmas	2:00pm Tues@2 Girl Scouts 5:30pm 8:00pm AA	10:00am IFC 1st Advent Service			

## 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)

**Phone:** 952-888-5059

**E-mail:** [church@mthopelutheran.org](mailto:church@mthopelutheran.org)

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