

April 2024



Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

Words from Pastor Fran

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV)

We celebrated Jesus' Resurrection once again on the last day of March. What an incredible day! What an incredible gift! *I passed on to you what was most important and what has also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. 1 Corinthians 15:4 (NLT)*

But, at the time of this writing, I am not feeling "victorious". We are grieving in many ways, the loss of our school. I am praying and giving thanks, and trust you are as well, for Wendy Ewald, our director, who has poured so much of herself, time, and energy, into the school. I am praying for the families who were hoping to send their children here. I am praying for God to pull a "Resurrection Miracle" for Mount Hope Church and Preschool! We don't know yet what that will look like, but it is a worthy prayer for all of us to include in our prayers. We are thankful for what God has planned for us.

We are grateful to the Lord for sending Katrina Wessel to us to serve as our worship director. It's amazing how the Lord works, and I never would have imagined that the daughter of the worship director where I had previously served, Holy Cross, Rochester, would end up serving here at Mount Hope. Cindy Wessel passed along our opportunity to Katrina. The timing in how everything worked out is simply amazing and something that only the Lord could have pulled off.

And while we are praising God for His provision, we must also include thanks for sending Allen Petersen to us. I'm sure most are aware, but Allen has fit right in and is doing a fabulous job running "command central". I also need to give a shout out of thanks and praise for Kirk Vogland. He too, began serving at just the right time. We thank God for Kirk's dedication to our church in all that he does.

The blessings of the Lord are many! I only shared these most recent examples to remind us that the Lord is at work here at Mount Hope. We may not have an exact picture of where we are heading, but we trust because He is faithful.

But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)

Actually, I'm regaining that victorious feeling! Jesus conquered death! There is nothing He cannot do!

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)

Your friend,

Pastor Fran Green



Our preschoolers learned much about Christ's death and resurrection in March through Bible Stories, Songs, Fingerplays, Art, and just general conversation. For most, it was the first time they heard these stories. It is my prayer that this will not be the only time someone shares it with them. Please keep these little ones and their families in your prayers, that they will find other Christian education places to feed their souls and share the love of Jesus with them.

After Easter, we will talk about the many times Jesus shows himself after His resurrection, including the stories of Doubting Thomas, the Emmaus Disciples, the Great Commission, and Jesus' Ascension. Our Circle Time theme will be focused on New Life, Plants and Garden Critters. We will raise caterpillars, which will then turn into beautiful butterflies (relating it to the new life we have in Christ). We will also plant seeds into the ground and watch as the plants unfold (another lesson related the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.) It is sure to be a fun month!

I have asked the parents of our preschoolers to bring their children to church at Mount Hope on Sunday, April 21. Our preschoolers will sing several songs during the worship service. Please greet the parents on this day and make them feel welcome.

In His Service,
Wendy Ewald

From the Governing Board:

A special Voter's Meeting was held on 3/17/2024. The topic was the school at Mt. Hope, and information regarding the topic was detailed in a letter that was sent to the congregation on 3/11/2024. A motion was made and unanimously passed that Mt. Hope would be suspending all school operations at the end of the Spring 2024 school term. If you need a copy of the letter or otherwise have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to a Governing Board member.

Easter Flower Dedications

Given By:

Ina Adams

Dana Anderson

Rose Kitt

Gerald Lowe

Lloyd & Linda Quittschreiber

Pat & Gene Roehrick

David & Jenn Schleifer

Ruth Townsend

Holly Traetow

In Memory of:

Family members who have received
their crown of glory

Ron Cottone

Rose's family

Parents — Vernon & Dorothy
and brother, Roger

Duane Matz

David Quittschreiber

Pat's sister, Bev McDonald
and brother, Robert Lyle Ball

Our grandparents

Beloved husband, Erv
and son, John

My family in heaven

Given By:

Jerry & Harriet Buelow

Karen Mueller

Carol & Bob Tolzin

In Honor of:

Our risen Lord!

God's abundant blessings

The Easter season



Activities and Events

Weekly Events

Sunday Adult Bible Study

10:45 am in the Library

Sunday School

10:45-am continues each week through May

GriefShare

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.

Grief Share meets on Monday afternoons from **1:00-3:00pm**. Contact Joy Schneider for information.

Tuesdays @ Two

Mt. Hope hosts conversation and coffee on Tuesdays at **2:00 pm**. All are invited to attend. We usually have some treats too!



Ongoing Events

1st Sunday of the Month

Children's Message during the Sunday morning worship service. Also on that day we take a **Noisy Offering** for a specific cause each month! Bring your "noisy" coins that day to drop in the bucket (paper money donations gladly accepted also!) There is not a specific cause this money is going to currently, but it is always a good one!

Card Ministry

Take a moment to fill out the **May** birthday cards in the entryway. Write a little bible verse, add a birthday greeting and bless those at Mt. Hope who have birthdays in May. We're always one month ahead so when the new month begins, we can start distributing the greetings.



And, if you have been a long time member at Mt. Hope, we should have your birthday on file. If you are not a member and/or somewhat new to our church, we might not have your birth date. We would love to include you in our birthday card greeting program. Just give your name and birth date to Pastor Fran, Kirsten Buelow or the church office.



Prayer Chain Ministry

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the most important moment in the history of the Christian faith: Christ's triumphant victory over the grave. And for the believer in the Gospel of

Christ, we can have unwavering faith for this life and for eternity.

Why, one may ask? Well simply put, it is the power of the cross. Dr. Robert Jeffress states it beautifully when he wrote, "The power of the cross lies in its ability to transform lives and reconcile humanity with God. It is the ultimate symbol of victory—victory over sin and death. It offers forgiveness and restoration to all who embrace its message."

But what of the many who have never heard of Christ and His Good News, who hunger for hope in this world and an unwavering love? That is where **we** come in. **We** are called to be Christ's ambass-adors, His disciples. Given such a glorious calling, have we considered what it truly means to be a disciple?

Dr. Michael Youseff, a favorite of mine, shared in a journal devotional these three marks of a true disciple:

- A true disciple is committed to the Lord;
- A true disciple has exceptional love for Jesus;
- A true disciple lives exclusively for Jesus.

As we grow in and mature in these areas, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can trust that "he who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (*Phil: 1:6*).

*** HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY ***

Blessings,
Fran

Cancelled Stamps Collection

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 from the envelope or postcard. Place your cut cancelled stamps in the labeled bin located on the shelf above the coat rack.

Women of Hope

Happy Spring everyone! As we reflect on the Easter message, we remember with great joy the new life we have in Christ!



Ladies make plans to attend the **LWiM Spring Rally** at St. Michael's Lutheran Church on Saturday April 6 at 10am. The featured speaker that day will be Michelle Gillard with Lutheran Bible Translators. Please sign up on the bulletin board or let Linda Quittschreiber know. Deadline is Mon., Apr. 1st!

The **Minnesota South District Convention** will be June 20-22 at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato, MN. The theme for the convention is "Walk in Love" based on Eph. 5:1-2. With the message being: As we "talk the talk," may we be encouraged to "walk the walk" as God's beloved children, sharing the love of Christ with others. For more information check the bulletin board.

We are happy to welcome **Corinne Condon** as our new WoH Secretary. Thank you Corinne for serving.

The WOH is again collecting **Christian Literature** for the International Christian Literature Distributors, Inc. This material is sent to many different nations to pastors who use this in their ministries. Bibles, Christian Reference Books, Sunday School material, Devotion Books, Children's Books and so much more is sorted and distributed at the request of these pastors and missionaries. We will be taking the literature to the distri after Easter and again in the late fall. Our collection boxes are above the coat racks in the narthex if you have items you can donate.



The next WOH fundraiser will be a **cinnamon roll bake sale** on Sun., Apr. 28th to help fund our mission and Mt. Hope projects.

Our next outreach will be the **Ladies Night Out** in June. the place and date will be announced in the May Newsletter or ask Eileen Daak to reserve your spot.

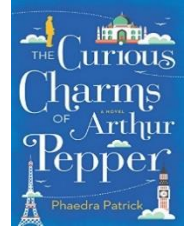
Ladies, our next **Woman of Hope Meeting** will be on Saturday, **May 11th**, 2024 at 10am. We hope to see you there!

Book Club



Book Club will be April 12th at 1:30pm at Marilyn Nelson's. I hope for a good turnout. RSVP Marilyn with regrets. March book club was cancelled,-it just did not work out for anyone.

We will do the same book for April: **THE CURIOUS CHARMS OF ARTHUR PEPPER**. It is a romance-mystery-adventure story about a widower and an easy read. The author is Phaedra Patrick.



FOR SALE

Small ivory color, chest freezer located in church kitchen. \$25. Please see Karen Mack if interested.

Mt. Hope Directory Updates



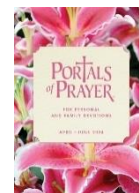
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(Please inform the office of any information updates so we can correct our records.)

Portals of Prayer



The **Apr-Jun** Portals of Prayer is now available at the Information Nook just outside the fellowship hall. And now, we have available a **digest-sized** option! Not too small, not too large!

Also now available outside the office is the **Hope-Full Living** devotionals for Apr-Jun.

VEAP Update

The March **Food & Fund Drive** continues thru **April 6th**. VEAP is excited to share they have received a \$75,000 match from an anonymous group of donors for this spring drive. Every dollar donated will be doubled allowing us to create an even larger impact. \$30. now feeds two individuals for an entire month.

The feature item for April, beyond April 6th is to **replenish household items**. Can they count on our support? Laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, and the like.

Save the Date: **Tuesday, June 11th**: VEAP will be hosting a **50th Anniversary Community Celebration** on that date, from 4 - 7 p.m. in VEAP's parking lot. This family friendly event will include food trucks, craft beer, music, and activities. More details coming soon.

Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Rep.



**MINNESOTA SOUTH
LLL DISTRICT
CONVENTION**
Energizing Mission
Psalm 89:1-2

**SATURDAY
April 13, 2024**

St. Michael Lutheran Church
9201 Normandale Blvd. • Bloomington, MN 55437

Registration - 9:30 am
Convention - 10:00 am
Banquet - 5:00 pm
The Lutheran Hour® Rally - 6:30 pm

Join in a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Registration for the whole day is needed and can be found on the bulletin board at church. One of the workshop presenters is Mt. Hope's own POBLO leader, Rev. Issa Safadi.

The guest speaker at the closing rally (that is open to all) is Kari Vo, Theological Editor for Lutheran Hour Ministries, focusing on Energizing Mission.

FRIENDS OF PENN LAKE LIBRARY



SPRING 2024 BOOK SALE



Book Sale - General Sale
Saturday, May 4th
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Book Sale - Bag Sale
Sunday, May 5th
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



**Friends of HCL Members and
Bloomington Teachers Presale***
Friday, May 3rd
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Join at the door to shop early!

BE A BOOK SALE VOLUNTEER!

Scan the QR code to visit our Linktree, where you can find information on how to sign up to volunteer through Sign Up Genius.

All volunteers will receive a 5 dollar voucher that can be used at the sale.

Volunteers for the book sale are needed
April 27th - May 5th.

BOOK SALE DONATIONS

Donations of GENTLY USED books will be gratefully accepted at Penn Lake Library from April 27th - May 2nd. Please note we CANNOT ACCEPT:

- Water damaged books
- Mildewed or moldy books
- Encyclopedias
- Textbooks over 10 years old
- Travel or computer books over 3 years old
- Reader's Digest Condensed books
- VHS tapes



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April Celebrations!!

BIRTHDAYS

4/13 Averil Lang
4/16 Tricia Regan
4/19 Renata Melby
4/19 Linda Quittschreiber
4/20 Kim Kunkel
4/20 Chris Nazy
4/23 Randy Lingen
4/24 Andrew Nazy
4/29 Nathan Moss

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Caleb Mack
4/15 Darlene Buelow
4/16 Maria Killam

ANNIVERSARIES

4/11 Greg & Janice Elbert – 22yr
4/14 Kevin & Emily Lang – 12yr



Serving in April



Coffee & Coffee Clean up: Betty Schleifer

Kitchen/Receptions: Renata Melby

Altar: – Renata Melby, Betty Schleifer

Elders: 4/7 – Richard E. 4/14 – Dave S., 4/21 – Steve S., 4/28 – Al J.

Altar Flowers

April 7 – Kathy & Steve Sundseth – in celebration of granddaughter, Zoe's 17th birthday

April 14 – (open)

April 21 – Holly & Vern Traetow – In celebration of Vern's birthday and thanking God for many blessings

April 28 – Karen Mueller – In memory of her husband, Bill, who passed away 14 yrs ago



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 2024 Altar Flower Sign Up Calendar is 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 opposite the bulletin board. Karen Mack's phone number is 952-831-7428 for any questions you may have.

NOTE: Each month, by the 20th, I send to Allen, the next month's list of people who have signed up to donate flowers. If, by chance, there is an open spot in the next month and you sign up after the 20th, please let me know, so I don't miss your name and consequently have no flowers. Thank you.

April 2024

Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family

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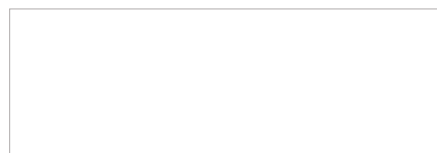
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed PreSchool Closed 10:00am IFC 1-3pm GriefShare 5:00pm IFC DMV	2 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	3 10:00am IFC	4	5 10:00am IFC	6
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Mt. Hope Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 1:00pm-5:00pm

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Other reading material currently available at the church:



- **Apr-Jun** Portals of Prayer
- **Apr** MN South District News
- **Spring** Lutheran Women's Quarterly
- **Spring** LWML MN South news
- **Jan/Feb/Mar** Sagacity Senior News
- **...and more!**

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 am In-Person Worship

10:45 am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

Services Online at:

YouTube Channel: Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Facebook: Mount Hope Lutheran Ch, Bloomington, MN

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