

# September 2024



## Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

### *Words from Pastor Fran*

*For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV)*

This verse came to mind as the college and professional football seasons are beginning once again. I see the high schools out preparing for the fall sports' season as well. This is a wonderful time of year for sports fans.

In thinking about "seasons", it is also interesting to think about the season of life we are in as a faith community. You do not need me to tell you that our church has been and continues to deal with change. We have lived through some challenges and yet, the Lord remains faithful and is merciful and gracious. We are blessed.

*Our vision is to reach our friends and neighbors  
with the truth, love, and hope of Jesus Christ  
while growing as His disciples.*

We still have work to do! The Lord has us here [at this time](#) and place to continue to be salt and light striving to reach our friends and neighbors... To share the love of Jesus and the hope that is in us. That does not change.

The way we [live out](#) and work towards our vision does change depending on the season we are in. As you know, we are working with our sister LCMS congregations in Bloomington to share resources and think of ways where partnering makes sense and a greater impact. Also, a group of our leaders met with a group from St. Michael's to begin conversations on perhaps a more formal partnership between our two congregations. It's a new season, we are better together!

We do not know what this may look like, but we are excited with the doors that the Lord is opening for us. Our group asks that you pray for them and the group from St. Michael's as we prepare to meet again this fall. Where might the Lord be directing us? How might we better love and serve our neighbors together? How could you be engaged in the process? And whatever else the Lord lays on your heart.



Our "new season" also begins as we get ready to kick off another year on September 8, 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 pray 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*



## Commitment

Have you ever found that some days it is hard to avoid obstacles to enjoying a rich prayer life? I've noticed that lately, especially as we have moved through the book of Ephesians in Sunday Bible Study class. Here we have been learning about the church, the "body of Christ", its exhibitions and expectations. And, as we have moved forward, it has become more obvious to me that we are in a spiritual warfare. Satan and his demons are alive and well.

With all that is going on in the world, Satan is proving to be quite the effective tempter. You know, distracting us from study. Or there is something more important to do. Better yet, reading the Bible is really a waste of time. And he probably wants us to keep what we learn in our heads and not be doers of "the Word". Let's not allow this!

I'd like to share a prayer, written by author Ron Rhodes, urging God to help us all to put into action what we learn as we continue our study of God's Word.

† Lord, I ask You to open my eyes and enhance my understanding so I can grasp what you want me to learn today. *(Psalm 119:18)*

† I recognize that my time is a gift from You and that I am steward of how I use it. *(Ephesians 5:15; Colossians 4:5)*

† Please give me discernment to recognize the tactics of the enemy in seeking to distract me. *(1 Peter 5:8)*

† I also ask You to enable me, by Your Spirit, to apply the truths I learn to my daily life. *(Galatians 5:16-23)*

† and guide me moment by moment by Your Word. *(Psalm 119:105)*

† I thank You in Jesus name. *AMEN*

Blessing,

*Fran Wallin*



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**TEAM  JESUS**

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



**BEGINNING, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 \* 10:45-11:45 A.M.**  
**GRADES K-5<sup>TH</sup> \* ALL ARE WELCOME \* BRING A GUEST!**  
**CALL FRAN AT (952) 707-1881 OR E-MAIL [fratwocor489@aol.com](mailto:fratwocor489@aol.com)**  
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# Events, Activities & This-n-That

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday Adult Bible Study

10:45am in the Library

### Sunday School

10:45am—starting Sept. 8th

### Mondays - 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.

The Fall session begins Sept. 16th and meets each Monday afternoon from **1:00-3:00pm**. Contact Joy Schneider for information. (See more about GriefShare on pg. 4)

### 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!



### Thursday A.M. Bible Study

10:00am in the Library  
(see article on pg. 4 for more details)

## ONGOING EVENTS

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

There is usually a special **Children's Message** during the Sunday morning worship. Also on that day we take a **Noisy Offering!** Bring your "noisy" coins that day to drop in the bucket (paper money donations gladly accepted also!) Monies go to the Children's Ministry program.

### Card Ministry

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

### 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.



After much discussion we selected **THE WOMEN IN THE CASTLE** by Jessica Shattuck for our next meeting on Sept. 13th at Renata's. This is a well recommended book with a different view of

WWII. It is about two women survivors whose husbands plotted to kill Hitler. As with all historical fiction we do not know how much is history and how much is fiction, but it gives of a different perspective (German?) of the era. Will be fun to discuss! Renata

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS so visit us if you are a reader who enjoys books, conversation and food!

## PRAYER CHAIN



Each month we provide for you a daily prayer topic list. You can find it located at the information table outside of the office or at a number of other places throughout the church.

If you have a personal prayer request for you, a loved one, or a friend, our prayer group will include it in our prayers, and pass it along to Pastor Fran to include during worship (if desired). And, we rejoice when prayers are answered! If there is no longer a need to be included in our prayers, also please let us know.

If you have a personal prayer request, send your prayer requests to me at [fratwocor489@aol.com](mailto:fratwocor489@aol.com) or by telephone at 952-707-1881. *Fran Wallin*

## Mt. Hope Directory Update

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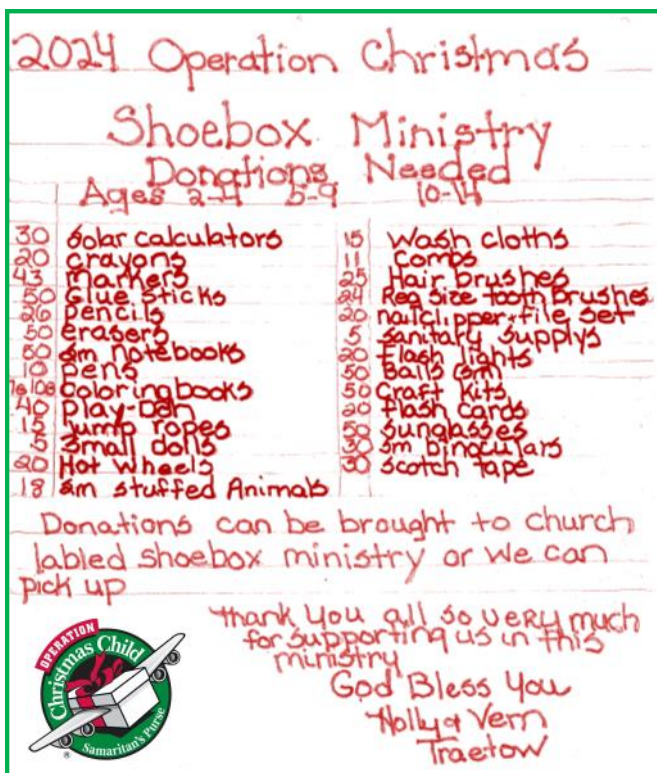
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## WOMEN OF HOPE

- **GROUNDS CARE TEAM** Thanks to the ladies that have been keeping an eye on some of the outdoor plants this summer: Linda Carstens, Karen Mack and Karen Mueller. Jerry Lowe and Bob Tolzin have also lent a hand on occasion. It's looked great all summer!
- **NEXT MEETING** Our next Women of Hope meeting will be Saturday September 14, 2024 at 10AM.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** It's time to start thinking about the annual Shoebox Ministry! Very soon there will be a collection box set up at the church for your donated items.  
Here's a list of what we are hoping to collect:



### Thursday Morning Bible Class

Our Thursday A.M. Bible Study will start up on September 12th with the study of "Together We Believe: A Study of the Apostles' Creed" by Emily Belvery. We will meet Thursday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library/Adult Education Room. We hope you can join us!



### **Begins Third Year of Ministry** – by Joy Schneider

When we started GriefShare at Mt. Hope in the Fall of 2022, we had no idea where it would lead. I had been helped by the ministry in Arizona after my husband died in 2019, but every situation is different. I also attended different types of grief programs available in the Metro here, and thought GriefShare to be superior to them all. The fact that it is Biblically based was important to me, and that it had stood the test of time. Pastor Fran has been enthusiastic from the start.

GriefShare is part of a larger umbrella organization, Church Initiative, which produces curriculum for Divorce Care, Divorce Care for Kids, Single and Parenting, and GriefShare. The programs grew out of requests from pastors to help their families who needed them. Today there are more than 20,000 churches here and abroad that use Church Initiative materials. GriefShare is in its fourth edition in 31 years, and is research-based with feedback from leaders and participants. The program is 13 weeks, using a workbook and video to guide our discussions. We will have another cycle in the Spring.

Our group has had a wide variety of stories around the table every week, the common denominator of course is the death of a friend or relative. Sometimes there are extenuating circumstances that require professional help, so we give referrals. Telling our stories and finding not only common ground but a common solution, fills a need not met elsewhere. Informal discipleship, facilitated by the curriculum, can happen in this context.

Friendships form and grow over time so support continues between weekly meetings. This has become a lifeline for a few in our group who have had serious medical or familial issues along with losing their loved one. Leaders are non-professional volunteers - we strive to function as a community, not cliques, and newcomers are always welcome.

Many, including me, are grateful for Mt. Hope's sponsoring of our group. We start on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3pm; this fills a daytime scheduling void in the South Metro. We average around ten-twelve people weekly, with up to 18 registered at a time. We even have "angels" who have generously donated money so we can provide quality treats without imposing on already stressed members.

As we begin our third year of ministry, please remember us in your prayers - the brokenness of people who come requires God's help. Our leaders are: Pr. Fran, Mary Beth Bloom, and myself.



## From our Brothers and Sisters at Redemption Lutheran:

Coming this Fall! Join us on the evening of the first Sunday of each month for a movie night! Starting Sept. 8th @ 6pm we will watch a popular movie and discuss the message through a Christian lens. Popcorn and Pop will be available for everyone joining us. So bring the whole family for our showing of "Wonka" on Sept. 8th at Redemption Lutheran Church (927 E. Old Shakopee Rd). See you there!



- The September featured items needed are hygiene items such as soaps, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene items, adult diapers, and similar items.
- Our last delivery to VEAP was on August 5th, which was 79 pounds of food, and pet food. Also delivered were the "Back to School" donations, which included: 6 Back Packs, 15 Note Books, 10 Folders, 6 (12 packs) colored pencils, 2 (48 ea. box) sharpened pencils, 16 glue sticks, 70 washable markers, 9 boxes (24 ea. box) color crayons.
- VEAP has seen pantry visits rise dramatically since spring 2023. Minnesota is facing it's hungriest year in decades. With VEAP's purchasing power, a \$120. donation feeds a family of four, for a month. A gift of \$30. allows VEAP to distribute food for one individual to make three meals a day for a month.
- Every dollar, and pound of food donated, counts. VEAP depends on the faith community to help reach those in need. Thank you for your continued donations.

Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Rep.

# FRIENDS OF PENN LAKE LIBRARY



## FALL 2024 BOOK SALE



**Book Sale - General Sale**  
Saturday, September 7th  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**Book Sale - Bag Sale**  
Sunday, September 8th  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



**Friends of HCL Members and  
Bloomington Teachers Presale\***  
Friday, September 6th  
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
\*Join at the door to shop early!



Please note: To keep costs low, Friends of PLL can only accept cash or check payments for the sale.



## 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 August 31st - September 8th.

## BOOK SALE DONATIONS

Donations of GENTLY USED books will be gratefully accepted at Penn Lake Library from August 31st to September 5th.

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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# September Celebrations!!

## BIRTHDAYS

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

## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Carol Tolzin  
9/1 Hannah Borgen  
9/9 Bella Blauvelt  
9/10 Chris Nazy  
9/15 Becky Mittelstaedt  
9/19 Jonathan Moss  
9/20 Matt Frein

## ANNIVERSARIES

9/4 Todd & Mary Mack – 20yr  
9/4 Lloyd & Linda Quittschreiber – 59yr  
9/15 Butch & Marcy Caspersen – 62yr  
9/16 Bill & Carol Reichert – 47yr  
9/24 Zachery & Dawn Vogland – 19yr  
9/27 Joe & Kelly Rosner – 10yr  
9/30 Joel & Betty Schleifer – 52yr



## Serving in September

**Coffee/Treats & Clean up:** 9/1—Karen Ma./Laurel S., 9/8—Eileen D.,  
9/15—Corinne C., 9/22—Linda T., 9/29—Holly T.

**Kitchen/Receptions:** Corinne Condon, Holly Traetow

**Altar:** Jenn Schleifer

**Elders:** 9/1 - Al J., 9/8 - Dave S., 9/15 - Steve S., 9/22 - Jerry L., 9/29 - Al J.

## Altar Flowers

**Sept. 1** – Cindy Klemenhagen—in memory of her husband, Dale and in celebration of her birthday

**Sept. 8** – Corinne Condon—in thankfulness for God's many blessings

**Sept. 15** – Borgen family—in memory of Al Borgen who passed away on 9-19-22

**Sept. 22** – Betty and Joel Schleifer—in celebration of their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary

**Sept. 29** – Fran and Dave Wallin—in celebration of their daughter, Jessica and Mike's anniversary



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 the office, the next months 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.

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Where Guests become Friends and Friends become Family

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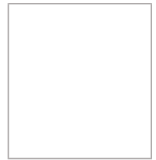
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship NO Education Hr	Labor Day 2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	4 10:00am IFC	5 5:00pm IFC	6 10:00am IFC	7
RALLY SUNDAY 8 9:30am Worship 10:45am Education Hour	9 10:00am IFC 5:00pm IFC 6:00pm IFC-DMV	10 2:00pm Tues@2 8:00pm AA	11 10:00am IFC	12 10:00am Bible Stdy 5:00pm IFC	13 10:00am IFC 1:30pm Book Club @ Renata's	14 10:00am Women of Hope
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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:



- **September** MN South District News
- **Jul-Sep** Portals of Prayer
- **Jul/Aug/Sep** Sagacity Senior News
- **Fall** Lutheran Women's Quarterly
- **Fall** LWML MN South news
- **...and more!**

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:30 am In-Person Worship

10:45 am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School (Sep-May)

### **Services Online at:**

**YouTube Channel:** Mount Hope Lutheran Church

**Facebook:** Mount Hope Lutheran Ch, Bloomington, MN

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