

October 2024

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church



Words from Pastor Fran

Mark 8:34 - Then calling the crowd to join His disciples, He said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me."

Following Jesus. Easy to say, much harder to do, wouldn't you agree? The world says SEEK AND FIND YOUR TRUE SELF. BECOME GREAT. I stumbled upon another book this week written by Kurt Senske, titled, *The Calling: Live a Life of Significance*

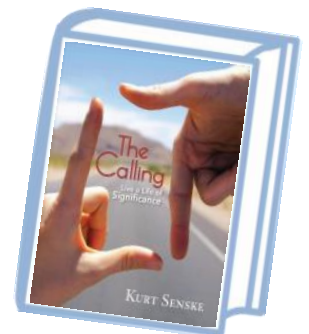
Kurt is the chairman of the board of directors for Lutheran Hour Ministries among many other things...lawyer, author, he has served as university president, etc.

Senske writes: *Our lives, if they are to be truly significant, must flow from our Christian Faith. What exactly does that mean? The following are truths of our faith that cannot be compromised.*

Jesus Christ died and rose for the forgiveness of our sins, and we are saved by His grace alone.

We are brought to the beginning of each day forgiven of our past sins and freed to be of service to God and His people.

We are gathered into the community of faith, the Church, where we hear Christ's Word and partake of His Holy Meal.



And it is because of THESE TRUTHS that we are called and given specific responsibilities in THIS WORLD. Our church word for this is discipleship. This is where MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE LIVE.

In his book, "The Calling", Senske talks about the yearning that is in all of us to live a meaningful life. WE WANT OUR LIVES TO MATTER. Yet, our world prescribes a way that does not work. IT'S ALL ABOUT ME...[People](#) realize that meaning and significance, as well as the JOY AND PEACE that only Jesus gives are NOT found when I focus on my own little world.

Discipleship, as described in *Acts 2:42*, gives us a picture of how it all works. *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. (NLT)*

The early church gave us a pattern for how Jesus continues to make disciples and to engage those disciples (you and I included) in continuing Jesus' mission, *Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)*

Gathering together in a family of faith is not to be an option for people to select from among choices for how to spend part of their weekend (or even a day or evening during the week). Church is a vital part of the discipleship process!



I know, I know, most, if not all, who will take the time to read this are most likely regular church attenders. So why take the time here to bring this up? It's because there are so many, our friends and neighbors, who are not part of a church. Consider this new research from *Church Answers* on the reason people do not attend church.

We asked the unchurched why they do not attend church regularly. As expected, a variety of answers

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surfaced. However, clear themes emerged. They are not upset with the church or too busy for the church. They are mainly indifferent about the church.

The unchurched don't attend mainly because of indifference and not because of busyness or antagonism.

Interesting...Yet, there is good news from this study.

While worship style, location, programming, denominational preferences, and preaching quality have great impact on a church person's decision to select a congregation, the top of the list is a personal invitation.

This new data supports our research findings from the last twenty-five years. A personal invitation is the most impactful way to motivate someone to start attending church.

Wow! That is exciting news! It's a great day to be a part of Mount Hope. Who are you going to invite to church? It's one of the things disciples do.

Mount Hope Lutheran Church, *Where guests become friends and friends become family.*

Your Friend,

Pastor Fran Green

Road to Redemption

You know, the older I get the more I realize how amazing our God is and how He directs our lives in all ways. And I must say He has done it again with me.

Many of you know, there is nothing more upsetting than sitting in front of a blank sheet of paper when you want to write. That happens to me often. And, just when I think I know what I want to put forward, God says, "Fran, I don't think so or not this time." I had an idea of what I wanted to present for this newsletter and again, He said, "No, not this time, but share this instead."

Many of my devotions these past few weeks have been from the Old Testament. They are quite prophetic and I learned that Jesus himself, quoted the OT more than 182 times. Yet, many ignore the OT, saying it is old and passe, yet they are so wrong.

We will soon be entering into the Jewish New Year. And when you think about it, these Jewish holidays all point to Jesus. I love this, because God has designed each one to promote some of the most significant themes of Scripture. Taking the time to learn about them one sees how He describes His person, plan, and promises. Let's take a look.

The Sabbath (*Leviticus 23:3*) looks back to God's post creation rest. However, we can see that the past and present Sabbath point to a greater Sabbath when our Davidic King, Jesus, will bring peace throughout the world.

Unleavened Bread (*Leviticus 23:5-8*) is a picture of the Messiah and how He lived a life without sin, as leaven is a symbol of sin.

First Fruits (*Leviticus 23:9-14*) divinely scheduled for the Spring when Jesus rose in power as "the first fruits of those who are asleep."

Pentecost (*Leviticus 23:15-21*) when the Holy Spirit descends on His future evangelists, who obediently waited for the promises of the Father.

Rosh Hashanah (*Leviticus 23:23-25*). At the heart of this festival is the blowing of the shofar which looks back to *Genesis 2*. Yet we wait for another blowing of the shofar which will announce the coming of the Lord. As Paul writes in *1 Corinthians 15:52*

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised, and we will be changed."

So let us pray for the salvation of all people, as we wait for the greater Isaac, Jesus, as our hearts cry out "Come, Lord, Jesus." May we hear the heavenly trumpet soon!

Blessings,

Fran Wallin

Events, Activities & This-n-That

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Adult Bible Study

10:45am in the Library

Sunday School

10:45am—classroom

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 group meets each Monday afternoon 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!



Thursday A.M. Bible Study

10:00am in the Library

ONGOING EVENTS

1st 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 **November** birthday cards in the entryway. Write a little bible verse, add a birthday greeting and bless those at Mt. Hope who have birthdays in November. 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.



Next book club will be on October **18th** at Renata's at 1:30pm. Everyone was impressed by our September selection, a serious book describing life of women in Germany during and after WWII.

Kathy brought a raspberry pie and we enjoyed the beautiful summer afternoon! **THE AUTHENTICITY PROJECT** (Clare Pooley) is our next book - pure fun! Copies are available (large print) at the library. All our welcome to join us. - *Renata*

AND LOOKING AHEAD, We will have our holiday party in November/December at **Perk Up Kitchen** at OSR and France celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas The holidays get busy and we will decide a date and pass that along. The restaurant is great!

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 or by telephone at 952-707-1881. *Fran Wallin*

PORTALS OF PRAYER



The Oct-Dec Portals of Prayer is now available at the South Information Nook just outside the fellowship hall. If you're not able to get in to pick up a copy, just let the office know and we can send one out to you.

Also available outside the office is the Hope-Full Living devotionals for Oct-Dec.

UPDATED INFORMATION?

Remember, if you have any new location or contact information, please let the office know. Thank you!

WOMEN OF HOPE

- **THE GREAT OUTDOORS** Two things to mention: Thanks to Vern Traetow for cleaning up the brush pile behind the cell tower. And thanks also to Corinne Condon for rehabbing the picnic table!



- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—UPDATE**



We would like to thank all of you who have donated money and items for the shoe boxes!

On Nov. 3rd at 12:30pm we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to pack the shoe boxes. Lunch and Thrivent shirts will be provided!

Money for shipping cost is needed as well as these remaining items to fill the boxes:

- ▶ 16 regular size toothbrushes
- ▶ 16 boxes of crayons
- ▶ 43 packs of markers
- ▶ 35 glue sticks

We will need about 8 volunteers to pack the boxes. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at church.

- **BAKE SALE** Be sure to stop by the church on Saturday, Oct. 19th for our next bake sale! There will be lots of those irresistible homemade treats that you've enjoyed in the past! Hours will be 9:00am-1:00pm.
- **NEXT MEETING** Our next Women of Hope meeting will be Saturday October 12th, 2024 at 10:00AM.



I know I've already been here at Mount Hope for 6 months (time flies!), but I want to introduce myself in a little more detail for those whom I haven't gotten to talk with yet. I'm Katrina, I live up in Plymouth, and in addition to my work with Mt Hope, I work full time at a memory care community in Medina. I play music there but also lead games and other activities for residents. I work weekends there quite often, which is why unfortunately I have to rush out the door after Sunday services sometimes. But I have been loving both of my jobs, so the long Sundays are worth it.

A couple little facts about me. I have a black cat named Pippa. I have a degree in psychology. Lately when I am able to carve out some free time, I have been teaching myself harmonica!

I am so grateful that God has brought me to Mount Hope, and for all He is doing to grow me as I serve. Lately I have been reflecting on Proverbs 19:21, "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand" (ESV). If you had asked me five years ago or even one year ago where I would be today, I would never have guessed! For many years I hardly played music at all. But God's plans are greater than ours, and as we submit to Him, He will guide us to the good works that He has prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10). Praise God for His gracious leading.

Katrina

(P.S.—Feel free to chat with me if you'd be interested in assisting with any music aspect for our worship; singing, instrumental, etc.!)



Just an FYI for members of Mt. Hope, if you happen to notice something that may be in need of repair, or just needs some loving attention, please let the office know and we will pass that along to our facilities crew.



From our Brothers and Sisters at Redemption Lutheran:

Join us on the evening of the first Sunday of each month for movie night! 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 "Arrival" on Oct. 6th at Redemption Lutheran Church (927 E. Old Shakopee Rd). See you there!



For the month of October we are going to concentrate on items which go into an " Express Pack " which VEAP uses for participants visiting the food pantry without an appointment, and are in need of immediate assistance. We will be collecting: Canned Protein, Canned Vegetables (No green beans), Canned Fruit, Brown and White Rice Pasta (No mac & cheese). VEAP distributes 30 - 40 Express Packs every single day!

Also, on Friday, Nov. 18th, VEAP is hosting their annual Gala, this year the theme "Golden Gala", in honor of their 50th Anniversary. Event will be at the Radison Blu, Mall of America. For more info. go to VEAP's website.

Thank you for your continued support!

Karen Mueller, Ministry Partner Rep.



Breakfast Event with Paul Allen @Cross View Lutheran - October 12

Cross View Men's Ministry is hosting a breakfast on October 12th at Cross View that is open to all men and women, adults and youth, and friends of the churches in our circuit. At this event, Paul Allen, a committed Christian and voice of the Minnesota Vikings on KFAN radio for over 20 years, will share his faith story along with some

inside stories regarding the Vikings. Please arrive by 7:45 am; the event will conclude at 10:00 am. The cost is \$30 for adults, \$15 for students, or \$160 for a reserved table for 6.

Contact Dan Battcher at dtbattcher@gmail.com to register for this event by noon Thur., October 10th, or if you have any questions.



Every year, donations are necessary to fund our POBLO Twin Cities mission.

We are VERY LOW in donations this year...and we NEED your help!

What are donations used for?

- Classroom Supplies (books, workbooks, etc.)
- Marketing Materials (flyers, mailings, handouts, BC's)
- Registration for events (table events, sponsorship requests)
- Human care (food, transportation, critical needs)
- And most important...Supporting our missionary team.

Learn more at: www.poblotwincities.org

Make checks payable to: POBLO Twin Cities and mail or drop off at Mt. Hope

Or scan this QR code:



Thank you for your support!

October Celebrations!!

BIRTHDAYS

10/1 David Schleifer
 10/1 Janelle Hampton
 10/2 Scott Hampton
 10/2 Suzanne Hedensten
 10/6 Samuel Killam
 10/7 Kelly Rosner
 10/7 Pastor Ralph Rokke
 10/11 Eileen Daak
 10/28 Tim Mack
 10/29 Cody Borgen

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

10/2 Bob Melbostad
 10/6 Kirsten Buelow
 10/10 Suzanne Hedensten
 10/11 Eileen Daak
 10/23 Riyu Brantner
 10/25 Brady McMullen
 10/25 Kate McMullen
 10/29 Dave Schleifer
 10/?? Janelle Hampton

ANNIVERSARIES

10/7 Steve Schmidt & Vicki Johnson-Schmidt – 13yr
 10/10 Jeff & Faith Alt – 26yr
 10/11 Randy & Debbie Lingen – 44yr
 10/14 Holly & Vern Traetow – 52yr
 10/22 Gene & Pat Roehrick – 69yr



Serving in October

Coffee/Treats & Clean up: Renata Melby

Kitchen/Receptions: Tammy Green

Altar: Linda Carstens

Elders: 10/6 - Dave S., 10/13 - Steve S., 10/20 - Jerry L., 10/27 - Al J.

Altar Flowers

Oct. 6 – Jeff & Faith Alt—in celebration of their 26th anniversary

Oct. 13 – Holly & Vern Traetow—in celebration of their 52nd anniversary

Oct. 20 – Pat & Gene Roehrick—in celebration of their 69th anniversary

Oct. 27 – Kathy & Steve Sundseth—in celebration of granddaughter Lily's 15th birthday



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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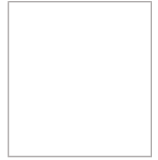
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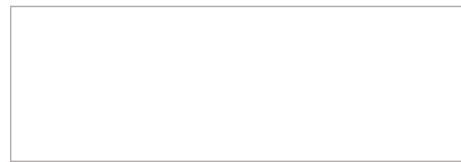
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Mt. Hope Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 1:00pm-5:00pm

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Other reading material currently available at the church:



- **October** MN South District News
- **Oct-Dec** Portals of Prayer
- **Oct/Nov/Dec** 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:

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