

Hope Closet

Our long-awaited Hope Closet is nearing completion! On September 1st, Mt. Hope will be in partnership with West Allis schools to provide new clothing to students who are in transition, meaning that they do not have a permanent home. These students stay in "transition" in that they move from place to place or house to house for many reasons. Some leave an abusive household; some live with a parent who is out of work and cannot find a permanent place because they have little money to pay the rent. These children suffer quietly while trying to fit in with their classmates, often pretending that everything is fine, as they come up with excuses to explain to their friends why they are wearing the same clothes day after day. The stigma of homelessness can haunt these students during the most formative years of their young lives.

In our commitment to serve the needs of our community, Mt. Hope is engaged in the ministry of providing clothing to these children and young adults. Already many of our members have donated new clothing for the closet while others have been hard at work preparing the space we need to store the clothing. Our efforts will continue throughout the year, of course, as much work will be required to buy and sort the clothing.



Let mutual
love continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

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Pastor's Corner

It has been almost a year now, since I began my pastoral ministry here at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. We have accomplished a great deal in this year – the renovation of the chapel, the preparation of clothing closet, the youth center, a new Mission Outreach team and other new things going on. The mission of the church is centered the commission that Jesus gave his disciples: go to all nations and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and proclaim the coming kingdom of God. The vision we have for the church is to be actively present in ministry to our surrounding community, making a difference in peoples' lives right here in West Allis. We are committed to serving those in need, whether it be providing clothing for homeless children, those who are carrying the burden of caring for loved ones who are suffering from Alzheimer's, and those who are isolated and need a place to connect with others."

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Martin Luther held the church accountable to the gospel and reformed many of its practices, so too are we "re-formed" or re-created by the Holy Spirit to serve the gospel in new and various ways.



HEBREWS 13:1, NIV

I am very proud of this congregation and the renewed spirit that you have shown in all the good work that you are doing. Change is a difficult thing, to be sure. But we are the church of the Reformation. As

God loves us so much that God renews us in order to serve God's purposes, making us always alive in Jesus Christ, now and forever. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Brian

FROM offerings TO ministry

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God... Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them... the exhorter, in exhortation. (Romans 12: 2, 6, 8)

As Pastor Brian noted in his July 17 sermon, our Christian life requires both discernment and action. As our gifts differ, so do our actions. The definition of "to exhort" includes "to encourage" and "to strengthen," so we're lifting up our Boy Scouts and our Health Cabinet as ways to use the gift of exhortation.

- Did you know that Boy Scout Troop 580

has been meeting at Mount Hope since 1941? If you'd be interested in working with the Boy Scouts, please contact Dave Loosen at dilloosen@hotmail.com or 414-327-0419

- Do you work in the medical field or have a passion for health and wellness education? Please contact Sandy Alioto

at 414-546-1717 or scalioto@aol.com.

While some of us may be vacationing or just not able to attend regular church services, please continue to financially support Mt. Hope through the summer months. It's important for us to be ready to fully fund our ministry activities in the fall.

Mission Partner: Good Samaritan Outreach Center

Mt. Hope members invited to be good stewards of the gifts God provides us by sharing in our community. Help children and their families as they return to school with the donation of school supplies. Everything needed from backpacks to lined paper, pencils, pens, crayons, and folders.

Collecting August through September 11th .

Place all your generous donations in the bin in the Fireside Room each weekend.

diakonia

Explore your faith and spiritual gifts in a deeper way

diakonia is a 2 year lay ministry/leader program for lay persons who want to explore their faith and spiritual gifts in a deeper way. Its kind of like 'confirmation for adults'-- two years of intentional study and learning for those who want to take their faith journey to the next level.

Twelve courses over two years provide a deep theological grounding in

these classic topics: Old and New Testament, Early Church History, Worship, Ethics, Doctrine, Creeds and Confessions, Lutheran Church in North America, Daily Life of a Christian, and practical ministry courses too; Visitation, Biblical Images of the Church, and Communicating the Gospel.

Please take the time to consider enrolling in the diakonia program. Classes will begin right after Labor Day and we need applications before August 15.

Weekly classes will be held at:
St. John's Brookfield, Saturday mornings
Lord of Life Kenosha, Monday evenings
Our Savior's Milwaukee, Tuesday evenings

Christ the King Port Washington, Tuesday evenings.

Contact Diane Roznowski, diane.roznowski@gmail.com or 414-807-7451 for further info or visit <https://milwaukee-synod.org/what-we-do/education/diakonia/> for more info and registration forms.

President's Pen

In June Mount Hope hosted a post-Synod Convention event. A number of attendees had been here before, and commented about how fresh and well-cared for our building and grounds look. This despite the fact that the air conditioning had gone out that morning and the parking lot had just been resurfaced so people had to park on side streets. That was a real tribute to all the work that's been happening here lately!

As our building ages we will have repairs, both minor and major. The Facilities Management Committee will be assessing the building

with an aim toward planning for the future.

Inasmuch as Pastor Brian has a two-year Call, it's important that we initiate the Mission Exploration Process, the first step in assessing who we are as a congregation and setting goals for the future. The advantage of a two-year Call is that we have the option to extend a regular Call to Pastor Brian at the end of the two years. Before any Call can be extended, we as a congregation need to review the life and mission of our congregation as the Body of Christ, evaluate our strengths, and review our challenges/opportunities

for the next 5-10 years. In the next few months the Council will be reviewing the Call Process, and seeking members for the Mission Exploration Team. As members, we hope you will respond to questionnaires and other evaluation processes.

Many people have stepped into new roles as we develop programs, and assess worship, education and fellowship opportunities. As a congregation, we are all one body in Christ. All talents and interests are important. I'm sure you'll be able to find something that piques your interest.

Cathy Hinrichs



Do not neglect to **do good** and to **share** what you have, for such **sacrifices** are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

Mission Partner: Lutheran Social Services

Back to School Matching Gifts to Benefit Homeless Children

The back-to-school season is already here, and LSS and Milwaukee Public Schools are working together to give homeless students something precious: brand-new clothes from Urban Threads, the LSS clothing distribution center.

Because there are more than 4,000 homeless MPS students at any given time, back-to-school is the time when Urban Threads needs donations the most.

And, there's another reason why now is the very best time to make a gift to Urban Threads. The Zilber Family Foundation has generously agreed to match -

dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000 - every gift given before September 1. That means any gift made to Urban Threads before September 1 will be doubled, helping more homeless children start school feeling good in new clothes.

To learn more or to make a gift, visit lssfoundation.org and click "Give Now."

Rusin Needs a Family

The LSS Adoption Services program is looking for a forever family for Rusin. At age 13, he needs to find a forever family soon, before he ages out of Bulgaria's adoption system. To find out more about him, contact Val Zegers, valerie.zegers@lsswis.org.

Mission Outreach

We have a new Mission Outreach Committee. The purpose of the committee is to study all our missions and come together to discern effectiveness, map out progress, gauge excitement and pray about where God is leading Mount Hope for the future. The Goal: Go deep into fewer ministries and have an impact in our surrounding community... to have

Mount Hope become relevant in our West Allis community. To move forward and transition our ministries for the future of Mount Hope while encouraging a climate of positive communication that is centered by Christ always.

The questions we will continually ask are: How do our ministries fit into Mount Hope's Mission and where do we show

our faithfulness in the most efficient way? Please include us in your prayers as we move forward to build on the base already set for us.

Note: We will continue all our Missions at present and announce any changes in the future.

Kathy Zingsheim
Lynne Loosen
Greg Jansen
Geoff Nurse
Mike Demeter
Pastor Brian

Outreach for Hope

\$25,000 Pledge Launches Family Bike Ride Campaign

Five individuals, seeking to put their faith into action, have pledged \$5000 each to this year's Family Bike Ride - and they challenge other donors to give generously to the Outreach for Hope campaign. Their gifts - and yours - support ministries in low-income neighborhoods that transform lives and bring hope.

It is easy to register for the 9th Annual Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride on Saturday, September 10 at St. Bruno parish in Dousman. Sign-

up for the bike ride at: www.ofhbikeride.com., then Riders of all ages are invited to join.

Brennan's Market of Brookfield and Pavement Consulting of Delafield are co-sponsoring an Action Challenge by donating \$25 for each of the first 300 registered riders or virtual registrations! That's an additional \$7,500 for Outreach for Hope toward our goal of \$110,000. Not able to ride a bike? Join in the support. Every donation to Outreach for Hope through September 30 will be added to the



campaign total. You can do even more as a Virtual Rider. Raise funds for Outreach for Hope without a bike. Every donation on the website will trigger an additional \$10 gift from Dave and Barb Hammer.

Volunteer to assist and be part of the fun. Assist with setting up, serving lunch, manning rest stops, cleaning up and more.

To register, volunteer, or support a rider visit www.ofhbikeride.com.

Mission Partner: Hephatha Lutheran Church

Dear Mt. Hope Mission Partners,

God bless you in your work for the Gospel as we thank you for the abundance of blessings you share with us in mission partnership.

Thank you for:
+your worship visits with wonderful meals of the best sloppy joes in the world, with great sides and good food all around. We really do love that meal!

+your offerings—thank you for financial offerings—your mission partner benevolence offerings help us tend our ministry expenses. We couldn't do it without you!

+your assistance with household items that our families need and your willingness to answer the call when we have such needs.

You are such a blessing. We thank God for you and for the opportunity to serve together.

God's peace to you,
Pastor Mary Martha

August Calendar

Monday, August 1st

Youth Mission Team: Savannah, Georgia

Tuesday, August 2nd

Youth Mission Team: Savannah, Georgia

7:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group

7:30 p.m. Milwaukee City Chorus

Wednesday, August 3rd

Youth Mission Team: Savannah, Georgia

9:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering

5:30 p.m. WISH Support Group

6:30 p.m. Steadfast Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Youth Planning

Thursday, August 4th

Youth Mission Team: Savannah, Georgia

Friday, August 5th

Youth Mission Team: Savannah, Georgia

Saturday, August 6th

Youth Mission Team: Returning home

Sunday, August 7th

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Worship Committee

Monday, August 8th

Tuesday, August 9th

7:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group

9:00 a.m. Cleaning Crew

7:30 p.m. Milwaukee City Chorus

Wednesday, August 10th

9:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering

5:30 p.m. WISH Support Group

Thursday, August 11th

Friday, August 12th

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Youth: Movie Night

Saturday, August 13th

9:00 a.m. Hope Closet: Work Day

Sunday, August 14th

Hephatha Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening

Monday, August 15th



Tuesday, August 16th

7:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group

5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth: Planning

6:00 p.m. Congregation Council

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 580

7:30 p.m. Milwaukee City Chorus

Wednesday, August 17th

9:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering

5:30 p.m. WISH Support Group

Thursday, August 18th

Friday, August 19th

Saturday, August 20th

Sunday, August 21st

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner at Serenity Inn

Monday, August 22nd

Tuesday, August 23rd

7:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group

9:00 a.m. Hope Closet: Work Day

9:00 a.m. Cleaning Crew

7:30 p.m. Milwaukee City Chorus

Wednesday, August 24th

9:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering

5:30 p.m. WISH Support Group

6:30 p.m. Hope Closet: Volunteer Training

Thursday, August 25th

4:00 p.m. Hope Closet: Open for Clients

Friday, August 26th

Saturday, August 27th

Sunday, August 28th

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 29th

Tuesday, August 30th

7:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 580

7:30 p.m. Milwaukee City Chorus

Wednesday, August 31st

9:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering

5:30 p.m. WISH Support Group

Celebrate

Special September Birthdays

Celebrating 90+ birthdays:

Delores Dumke—94

Evelyn Klug—102

Special September Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating 50+ wedding anniversaries:

Bruce & Shirley Schimmel—57

Jim & Bonnie Larson—57

Harold & Ellen Bolton—64

Jim & Sherry Christie—53

Arnold & Gladys Guenther—68

Ron & Shirley Barry—60

Gary & Sonja Pederson—60

Dan & Marge Solie—55