

# Rainbow of Mount Hope

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## Quarterly Report

**The year 2020 will undoubtedly will be memorable for everyone. We should hope and pray that God will put an end to this pandemic so we can get back to a more normal way of life. Hopefully, people throughout the world will turn their hearts to God to solve their problems. We need more Christianity in the world and not less.**

**Since this is the Final Quarterly Report for this year, we will consider the schedule for Mt. Hope through December.**

**Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, our Annual Trunk or Treat Festivities have been cancelled. This was always a well-attended event. We are hopeful this event will resume in 2021.**

**Plans have been under way to resume our Mt. Hope Pre-school as well as the CrossBridge Pre-school this Fall.**

**Pastor Pollatz has been hired to take over our Shepherd duties, for which we are very grateful. Meanwhile, many thanks to Pastor Griffin for faithfully serving us these past few years. We wish him and Shirley the very best during their retirement years and that their health will improve significantly, if not completely.**

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### Other Mt. Hope dates:

- **Sunday Morning Bible Class after our Worship Services has commenced on September 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Class, beginning at 10:30 A.M. has commenced on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
- **Voters Budget meeting in November (Date TBD)**
- **Christmas decorating will be on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The starting time will be announced in future Sunday bulletins.**
- **The first Sunday in Advent will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>. If we have a "Celebration of Advent" luncheon following this service, this will be announced in our Sunday Worship Folder.**
- **Christmas Eve Worship Service will be on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.**
- **There will be no Christmas Day Worship Service.**

# GREETINGS FROM PASTOR PAUL POLLATZ

Dear Mount Hope Church Family—

Ever since I withdrew from being your Pastor some time ago, I have had a deep desire to, again, minister to the family of Mount Hope—almost as if the Lord was pulling me back to Mount Hope. In great humbleness I thank you for accepting me again to be your spiritual leader in the faith. It is with great amount of satisfaction and joy that Ruth Ann and I can share in the ministry of Mount Hope Lutheran Church. We are just delighted to be in your midst!

As your Pastor, I come among you with some very specific goals:

- By the grace of God to do everything possible for the edification, of the congregation and—
- To build up the church of Christ here at Mount Hope—
- To cast the vision of the church for all members of the congregation and then the setting of goals for 5 years from now, and 10 years from now to accomplish that Vision—as the Lord gives the strength and wisdom to accomplish.
- These will be done in concert with the Council and Elders, with congregational Voters approval—with the conviction that I, as Pastor, am not only a servant and steward of God, but also of the congregation.

I know that Christian work in a congregation is a shared labor of love. I look forward to what we will accomplish together in God's name and according to His will.

We ask for your prayers as this new chapter opens in the life of Mount Hope and also in ours.

With you in Christ,  
Paul & Ruth Ann Pollatz <///>

# GET INVOLVED

A cartoon pictured a beggar on the streets of a big city. The beggar was holding a sign which read:

*“Know the joy of giving without the slightest risk of involvement.”*

Sounds enticing, doesn't it? “Give money to a poor fellow like me,” implied the sign, “then go on your way with the warm satisfied feeling you get from giving — without any involvement at all.”

Think about it. There's nothing wrong with giving and moving on. But what if one did occasionally choose to become more involved?

I think of a homeless man who came to our church for a shower. Some of our church members took time to get to know him, to hear his story, to befriend him and encourage him.

One day he told them that he was giving up his lifestyle. He said that he came from a family of means, but there had been an argument. He had walked away angry, without anything but the clothes he wore.

The friendship of the Christians, their acceptance and encouragement, made him want to be reconciled with his family, so he telephoned home. His father invited him back and even sent a plane ticket. He went home to be part of the family again.

Sometimes involvement is as good as a monetary gift. Maybe better. —Charles Ferrell



Dear Member of God's Beloved Family

On November 1, at 3pm, All Saints Day, we will begin a series of gatherings of in-depth discussions from the Holy Bible in the Church meeting room or parlor.

Why? Well, the invitation of the Apostle Paul to his people was: "Come, help change the world for Christ!" That is my invitation to you, the members of Mount Hope. *"Come, help change the world for Christ!"*

*We need to bring as many friends and neighbors as possible to this gathering because all of the people we know will some day stand before the judgment seat of God—our neighbors, our fellow workers, our boss, our close friends, our more distant friends--- everyone! Those without Christ will be condemned to an eternity without God, in total darkness, dying every day but not getting the job done—no comforts, no relief, no conversation, no joking, no vacations. As children of our beloved Father we must have compassion for all those not yet prepared for this awesome day.*

*Come, help change the world for Christ" because God is in the forgiveness of sins business! God is satisfied with the payment that has been made for the sin of all these people you know. God has been made happy about them by Jesus. But this Good News will do them no good whatever unless they now it and believe it! Remember the parting words of Jesus to each of us? "Go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). This is our business. Jesus says so!!!*

Here's your plan of action:  
Pick out three or four people as "prospects." Pray for each of them. Speak to them about the gathering and what it does. Give them one of enclosed tracts that you will find on the gathering. It is entitled, "I Have Good News For You".

Offer to bring them to the first session and attend with them. If they like it, they can attend the second session on their own. However if you like it, you can continue attending and reaffirm your faith and stand with them as they are received into membership. However, remind your prospects that there is nothing to lose and everything to gain, including a new life here and a perfect one in heaven. Tell them about the impact of knowing Jesus Christ as your Savior on your life. "Love them" into the gathering. Let me know if I can help. Call me 734-765-3468.

I look forward to seeing you November 1st at 3 pm here at Mount Hope, with the people you are bringing!



1. Eagerly greeting each new day as generous gift from God.
2. Frequent expressions of gratitude for the blessings and challenges which come throughout each day.
3. Finding delight in everyday occurrences: things said by a small child, a cat playing with a ball of string, a dog trying to figure out what you're doing, a funny story in the newspaper, a joke told by a friend, etc.
4. Discovering the taste of a familiar vegetable prepared in a new way.
5. Visiting with a dear friend or family member instead of letting television create the dialogue or interrupt good fellowship.
6. Eagerly looking forward to the next Sunday when you can join the family of God at worship and bringing a friend prospect.

## Missionary News

By: Joan Hafkesbrink

### For Such a Time as This

These words were spoken by Queen Esther's uncle Mordecai to the Queen asking her to use her influence with the King and save all her people from extermination. God made sure it worked. He wasn't going to allow the Jews to be wiped out.

God will take care of us to through these unsettling times. We Christians have nothing to fear from Covid-19, or the dreadful fires raging through our West coast, or from the works of the Devil threatening us in many different ways. Our final goal is Heaven.

Missionaries and Bible translators have been affected by Covid-19. Some were required to leave their homes, work, witnessing. Others like Roger Reeck are with family continuing God's work online.

Our Wednesday morning Bible class will soon be studying the book of Esther, one of my favorite books as it is easy to read and is a fast moving story.

We can't sit back and wait for conditions to improve: "With our prayers and with our offerings, we can do what God demands. We can be like gentle \_\_\_\_\_ holding up the Prophet's Hands."

**The Bible is not only a book**  
which I can understand; it is  
also a book which understands  
me.

—Emile Caillet

## Mt. Hope Preschool News

### School is back!

Please note: While school is in session, we are **requiring** anyone who enters the building to have their temperatures taken. Please see April to have this done. We are trying our best to keep the kids and staff healthy. Thank you for understanding.

Mrs. Jackie

Donations of disinfecting wipes are greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought to the Church Office.

### Welcome Ms. Andrea

She is our new Lead Teacher on Monday,  
Wednesday & Friday



### 2020- 2021 Class



Oct/Nov/Dec Birthdays

October

Eleanor Wirth	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Alyssa Cortez	6 <sup>th</sup>
Fredrick Hafkesbrink	6 <sup>th</sup>
James Bumgarner	8 <sup>th</sup>
Denis Glueck	8 <sup>th</sup>
Phyllis Witte	10 <sup>th</sup>
Albert Glueck	16 <sup>th</sup>
Ross Ladach	16 <sup>th</sup>
Patricia Gebbink	20 <sup>th</sup>
Betty Glueck	24 <sup>th</sup>
Julie Trout	25 <sup>th</sup>
Ken Knick	29 <sup>th</sup>
Gayle French	31 <sup>st</sup>

November

Jennifer Bryan	1 <sup>st</sup>
David Brown	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dorothy Mactavish	7 <sup>th</sup>
Gabriel Melendez	7 <sup>th</sup>
James Brophy	11 <sup>th</sup>
Lisa Trout	11 <sup>th</sup>
Bonnie Reeck	13 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Coble	15 <sup>th</sup>
Ronald Ladach Jr.	16 <sup>th</sup>
Samantha McNeil	20 <sup>th</sup>
Michelle Domine	24 <sup>th</sup>
Phyllis Dasher	29 <sup>th</sup>

December

Ronald Ladach III	4 <sup>th</sup>
Pamela Brophy	5 <sup>th</sup>
Christopher Ladach	7 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas Zwarka	10 <sup>th</sup>
Alyssa Corona	12 <sup>th</sup>
Shayla Ladach	14 <sup>th</sup>
Cheryl Toms	19 <sup>th</sup>

Oct/Nov/Dec Anniversaries

October

Bill & Marilyn Switter	4 <sup>th</sup>
Michael & Michelle Domine	12 <sup>th</sup>
Robert & Nancy Nolan	21 <sup>st</sup>

November

James & Elsie Brophy	10 <sup>th</sup>
Frank & Jessie Witte	22 <sup>nd</sup>

December

Sherm & Sally Trout	31 <sup>st</sup>
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**THE EAGERNESS OF A CHILD**

A Sunday School teacher was instructing her class of young children about the need to bring an offering to buy food for hungry children. One eager lad spoke up and said, "I'll go home now to get money and I'll bring it right back. The children might starve before next Sunday."

The psalmist who wrote "O that today you would listen to his [God's] voice!" (Psalm 95:7) would have loved that "go-getter" boy.

Don't put off doing the good deed you could do now.

*Official Acts*

Memorial

*Shirley Hutchins*

Benevolent Fund:  
Jim & Karen Bumgarner

Memorial

*Agnes Zwarka*

General Fund:  
Donna McCall

**Quilting Group**

By: Bev Kero

We are in need of more people to join our group. You don't have to know how to quilt. If you can fasten pin and/or tie a knot, we can use your help. We will meet at 9:00 am the first Saturday of the month.



To everyone who have been helping out with keeping the church clean since the Pandemic.

**Word Search**

P	Y	K	S	U	B	N	T	F	A	K	R	T	P	N	BELLS	READINGS
O	R	B	L	K	B	M	A	E	N	M	P	E	W	S	BIBLE	ROBES
H	T	T	L	Q	V	F	B	E	H	K	Z	P	E	C	BISHOP	SERMON
S	S	T	E	E	P	L	E	Q	W	E	Y	E	T	W	CHOIR	SINGING
I	E	A	B	Y	A	L	R	E	T	S	I	N	I	M	CROSS	STEEPLE
B	V	U	U	L	I	S	N	N	O	M	R	E	S	M	CRUCIFIX	TABERNACLE
K	Y	X	I	N	I	Z	A	S	O	I	X	R	V	U	GOSPEL	VESTRY
L	X	T	G	Y	V	S	C	Y	A	R	P	E	J	S	HYMNS	
T	I	J	L	S	P	Y	L	Z	W	W	R	A	O	I	KNEELING	
B	F	H	E	I	R	D	E	K	N	T	M	D	L	C	MINISTER	
R	I	Y	P	N	I	X	O	R	G	A	N	I	S	T	MUSIC	
I	C	M	S	G	E	E	L	B	I	B	A	N	D	K	ORGANIST	
O	U	N	O	I	S	R	O	B	E	S	J	G	W	C	PEWS	
H	R	S	G	N	T	L	H	K	M	M	O	S	Z	H	PRAY	
C	C	C	W	G	S	C	R	O	S	S	A	Y	H	M	PRIEST	

# Reminders

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*Service Times*  
*Sunday 09:30 am*  
*Bible Study after Service*

**Quilting:** The first Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

**Council Meeting:** The second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Elder's Meeting:** The second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 pm

**Wednesday Bible Study:**  
Starts back on September 23. Each Wednesday at 10:30 am (Sep – May)

**Sunday Bible Study:**  
Every Sunday right after Service

*Newsletter Deadline for Jan/Feb/March is Dec. 7 at noon*

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