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Save the Dates:

March 5th - Ash Wednesday

Service at 7:00pm

March 9th – Daylight Savings

March 20th – Spring Begins

April 13th – Palm Sunday

April 17th – Maundy Thursday

Service at 7:00pm

April 18th – Good Friday

Service at 7:00pm

April 20th – Easter

Service at 9:30am

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April 20th at 9:30am



March 5th Service at 7:00pm

March 9th





BINGO! is the game!
Join us for Fun, Fellowship,
Snacks & Prizes

Wednesday's from 6pm to 8pm
January 16th

February 19th

March 19th

Schedule is subjected to change

Donations of simple prizes are
welcome.



Mt. Hope Preschool News

Thanks to our church and preschool families
for bringing in so many toys for the Toys for
Tots program!

Thank you for all the prayers and support.

Here are a few reminders:

Jan 6th - 8:30 am – School Resumes

Jan 20th – No School Staff Development

Feb 17th – 18th - No School

March 22nd – April 1st - Spring Break

Reminder: Registration for 2025-2026
school year will begin in April.

Flyers will be out middle of April.





Jan/Feb/Mar Birthdays

January

01 - Cathy Tavarez
 17 - Nancy Nolan
 20 - Claudia Wilson
 23 - Keri Driscoll
 24 - Ryan Driscoll
 26 - Jesse Ladach
 26 - Jordan Ladach
 30 - Linda Panich

February

04 - Carolyn Kimbrough
 05 - Cameron Driscoll
 07 - Paul Utcai
 15 - Sis Hamilton
 16 - Donna McCall
 21 - Kayla Cox
 21 - Ken Kosmalski
 23 - Sandy Cairns
 26 - Glenn Cairns

March

03 - Frank Pignanelli
 10 - Marie Brown

Jan/Feb/Mar Anniversaries

January

30 - Ken & Joyce Kosmalski



Quilting Group

By: Ruth Pollatz

For all the donations and contributions that came in before Christmas at our Free Will Offering table.

Over 500 dollars was received and all goes towards needed supplies.

The ladies voted to donate 300 dollars to the missionary Salam in Ghana for the holidays.

We continue to meet every Thursday from 10 am to 2pm (as weather permits) and enjoy food, work, fun, and fellowship. The Spirit of our Lord guides us as well as the spirit of the ladies and the ladies that have gone to heaven before.

Our good friend Beverly Kero is there in spirit every week.

Donations of material is always welcome.

May our Lord continue to bless us and the entire congregation as we go forward in His name.

Any needs for quilts, or lap robes during the year speak to Ruth Pollatz or Pam Benford.

Donna McCall, still our LWML emissary to keep us on track with LWML-continue to review the missions that they support around the work also.

Official Acts

Memorial for **Delores Smith**

General Fund:
Jim & Karen Bumgarner

A NEW YEARS AND DAILY REMINDER TO
FOLLOW AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A
CONGREGATION--IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
OUR LORD----**SERVE**

For even the Son of Man did not
come to be served but to serve and
to give His life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45

S haring Jesus's truth
E quipping for life
R eaching out
V aluing each other
E vangelizing all ages

Downriver Circuit Youth Group Christmas Party.

Youths from Trinity, St. John's, Christ
The King and Mt. Hope Lutheran



SELF-DISCIPLINE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

A new year offers us the opportunity to make dramatic changes in the practice of our faith as Christians. Making ourselves more disciplined, for example, especially in our spiritual life.

Self-disciplined Christians see to it that they pray regularly and often. They will want to learn as much as they can about the Bible, the "owner's manual" which helps us understand what God requires of us. Self-disciplined Christians will take advantage of learning opportunities at their church. Lessons in theology, church history, Christian family living, operating a business along Christian principles, etc. can bring enlightenment and guidance to us. Remember that Sunday school is for all ages and offers fellowship as well as learning.

In *The Life You've Always Wanted*, Pastor John Ortberg writes, "Disciplined people can do the right thing at the right time in the right way for the right reason."

The letter to the Hebrews is very realistic when it points out that "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful." It goes on to say, "Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." (Read Hebrews 12:7-11.) It is that wonderful reward we should seek by deepening our spiritual life.

BIBLE QUIZ

Complete each sentence by using letters found in the greeting below, using one letter in each blank space. Letters may be used more than once.

Happy New Year

1. Jesus answered, "I am the ___ ___ and the truth and the life." —John 14:6
2. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a ___ ___ creation. —2 Corinthians 5:17
3. The one who sows to please the Spirit ... will ___ ___ eternal life. —Galatians 6:8
4. Be joyful always; ___ ___ continually. —1 Thessalonians 5:16-17
5. For even the Son of Man did not come to be ___ ___ but to ___ ___ and to give His life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45
6. O land, land, land, ___ ___ the word of the Lord! —Jeremiah 22:29

Answers: 1. Way 2. New 3. Reap 4. Pray 5. Serve(d) 6. Hear

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THE YOUTH SAW AN OPPORTUNITY

Recently, the Internet carried the story of a church youth group traveling through the South in a large motor home. All was going smoothly until they came upon a long string of stopped vehicles. Whatever the trouble was — an accident, road work, a police chase — they could do nothing for awhile. As they grew bored and frustrated, some of them came up with a thoughtful plan. They decided to go to as many vehicles as possible and offer the occupants the use of the bathroom in their motor home. Soon, several people responded to the invitation.

Then, another good idea surfaced. They saw a flat-bed truck also in line. They went to the driver and asked him if they might stand on the truck bed and play their musical instruments and sing. He consented. Before long, they were “on stage” playing and singing Christian music. Other travelers, hearing the joyful sound, gathered around the truck and participated in the activity. The youth had found ways to turn a troublesome delay into an opportunity to make a Christian witness.

—Found on Religion Today Network

Starting your day right



A saintly monk named Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471) wrote a prayer for beginning each day. We can profit from praying it ourselves.

At the start of a day Who can tell what a day may bring forth? Cause me therefore, gracious God, to live every day as if it were to be my last, for I know not but that it may be such. Cause me to live now as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. O grant that I may not die with any guilt on my conscience, or any known sin unrepented of, but that I may be found in Christ, who is my only Savior and Redeemer.

—Eerdmans' Book of Famous Prayers

A RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW YEAR

Let us resolve: First to attain the grace of silence; Second to deem all fault-finding that does no good a sin Third to practice the grace and virtue of praise.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

It is suggested that here at Mount Hope we **SERVE**

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

Blessed to have shared a Thanksgiving feast with other Downriver Circuit Youth Group members at a Friendsgiving hosted by Christ The King.



A wonderful treat tonight.

Decent weather, little smiling faces in costumes and great fellowship with friends.



Rainbow of Mount Hope

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Service Times

Sunday 9:30 am

Bible Study -

Right after Service

Reminders

Quilting: Weekly on Thursday at 10:00 am.

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

Elder's Meeting: The second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Newsletter Deadline for Apr/May/Jun is Mar 20 at noon

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