

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church!

If you are a guest this morning, please notice the staff and lay leaders wearing identification badges. They will be able to assist you with any concerns. For the hearing impaired: place your hearing aids on the "T" switch for direct audio input during the service. Large-print bulletins are also available from one of the ushers. Gluten-free communion wafers are available—just let the pastor know if that's what you prefer. Please join us this morning between services in the Lounge for coffee and refreshments.

CHILD CARE for preschool children is provided during both worship services and faith formation time. The Nursery is located to the right of the Chancel (church front).

Sunday Morning Faith Formation Opportunities for All Ages (10:10-10:50)

Disciples in Training is for all children ages 4 years old through 6th grade. This year's theme is Fruits of the Spirit (meets starting at 10am in downstairs classrooms)

Youth Study is for youth grades 7-12. Pastor Kristin will be looking at Half Truths as we start the year off. (Co-op Room upstairs)

Wired Word discusses current events in a Scriptural framework and how the scriptures provide guidance to being in the world. (Library)

Men's Group is a place for men of all ages to gather in the word and fellowship. We will discuss a wide variety of topics that will bring us closer to God and each other, starting with Half Truths. (Upper Room, use stairs by the Sanctuary)

Women's Group will begin this year with Uninvited by Lysa Terkeurst where she leans in to honestly examine the roots of rejection, as well as rejection's ability to poison relationships from the inside out, including our relationship with God. (Chapel of Grace across from Family Lounge)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

Please indicate your next step on the back of Today's Connection Card and place in the offering plate. Take home this announcements page to serve as your reminder in the week ahead.

- Reread today's sermon text, Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19, this week
- Read the book Half Truths (copies available for purchase outside the Family Lounge)
- Reflect on "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves" throughout the week using the Devotional Insert found in the bulletin
- Pray for the DIT Students & Teachers as they begin to learn about the Fruits of the Spirit and celebrate Rally Day



Sermon Series: Half Truths

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join us in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus.

Today— *God Helps Those Who Help Themselves*
(Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19)

Sept. 24— *God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle*
(1 Cor. 10:1-13)

Prayers

Sunset House: Charlotte Kirk
Heartland: Margaret Wuwert
Labuhn Center: Viv Bowman

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS to be prayed for this week: Sarah Lavrich & Julia Peuhl.

Please notify the church office if you or a family member become hospitalized. We often times do not receive notification from the hospitals and rely on notification from members and their families. Once the office is notified, pastoral care can be coordinated and when permission is granted names added to the prayer list.



TODAY'S MINISTERS

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| READER | 11:00 | Forrest Wenman | WELCOMING TEAMS | 9:00 | Dick & Patsy Camp Jack & Sarah Puffenberger Julia Peuhl |
| ACOLYTE | 11:00 | Sarah Lavrich | | 11:00 | Nancydee Maxey Marjorie Prueter |
| WORSHIP ASSISTANT | 11:00 | | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | 9:00 | <i>Assistants Needed</i> |
| TELLERS | | Christine Keller, Tim Rothfuss | | 11:00 | <i>Assistants Needed</i> |

Announcements:

- Today's altar flowers were given by
- If you would like to sponsor a date for Altar Flowers in 2017, please **sign up on the Altar Flower chart** on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary. Vases are \$25 each and you are welcome to take the flowers home with you.
- A meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, September 18th at 7PM** for everyone interested in **planning and preparing for A Night in Bethlehem**. If you have served or are willing to serve this year, please plan to be present. This is our gift to the community with no strings attached and we need many for it to be that gift and we also need input for tweaks and improvements.
- For those interested in a deeper look into our sermon series, we encourage you to **read Adam Hamilton's "Half Truths"**. Copies of the book are available for purchase outside the Family Lounge or you can easily download the book through Amazon. You're also invited to **join Lunches with Luther this fall as they study the book..** Lunches with Luther begins meets **each Tuesday at noon** in the Family Lounge.
- Over the next weeks we will be **receiving a special offering** for our shared work through the Northwestern Ohio Synod. All loose change placed in the offering plates and in the special envelopes will **extend Hope's generosity to the work of the NWOS**. This is a great way to have your change make a difference in Jesus' name.
- Hope members support a program through Partners in Education that **provides mentors** to struggling children in Kindergarten through third grade. Mentors work one-on-one for a student to **help the child succeed** based on lesson plans designed by the teachers. Hope mentors are active at **Old Orchard Elementary** as well as Sherman and Larchmont Elementary School. If you are able to help and for more information, please contact Miriam Wilson at mimischenk@gmail.com or **check the box on today's connection card**.



HOPE'S MINISTRY TEAM

Ministers: The Members of Hope
Senior Pastor: Kevin Maxey, (Home 567-288-2072) pastorkevin@hopetoledo.net
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Custodians: Mike Hoskins and Nick Zurawski
Nursery Staff: *Currently Hiring*
Director of Pastoral Care: Lois Smith

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 17
 Rally Day Sunday, DIT Begins

September 18
 Night in Bethlehem Planning Meeting, 7pm Family Lounge



LOOKING AHEAD

October 15
 Life in Christ Class for New Members

October 22
 Harvest Festival, 5pm in Larson Hall

Backpacks of Hope (our ministry to provide nutritious food on the weekends) has restarted for the school year. We currently are providing for **14 students** at Old Orchard Elementary School. As we begin the school year we are especially **in need of cans of soup, pasta, and tuna**. Donations can be placed on the white shelves outside the family lounge. Monetary donations are also welcomed, please designate your gift as "Backpacks of Hope."

SERVICES LIVE ON THE INTERNET

You can listen live via www.hopetoledo.net/equipping/ listenlivepodcast

This Week at Hope: Sept 17-23

| | TODAY | RALLY DAY |
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| | 9:00 and 11:00 | Worship Services |
| | 10:00am | Disciples in Training in Basement |
| | 10:10am | Faith Formation for all ages, see listing on front page for opportunities |
| | 12:30pm | 2018 Youth Gathering Meeting in Larson Hall |
| MON | 11:00am 7:00pm | Full Staff Meeting in Lounge Night in Bethlehem Planning Meeting in Lounge |
| | 7:00pm 7:30pm | Collaboration in Choir Room Alanon in Basement |
| TUES | 9:00am 12:00pm 8:30pm | Piano Tuning in Sanctuary Lunches with Luther in Lounge AA in Larson Hall |
| WED | 10:30am 5:45pm | Wiley Home Work Group Chime Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room |
| | 6:00pm 6:15pm | No Confirmation this week Children's Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room |
| | 7:00pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room |
| THURS | 7:00am | Bible Study in Lounge |
| FRI | 8:00pm | AA in Larson Hall |
| SAT | | |



PARKING: Indian Road parking lot is designated for disabled and seniors. Please be considerate by parking in the Secor Road parking lot, on Bancroft Street or the angle parking spaces on Indian Road.



SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service | 10:10 a.m. Spiritual Development | 11 a.m. Traditional Service

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