

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).

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, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, this week
- Read the book Half Truths
- Reflect on "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle" this week using the Devotional Insert found in the bulletin



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)



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

Oct. 1— *God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It*
(Deut. 23:12-16)

Prayers

Home: Margaret Wuwert*
Sunset House: Charlotte Kirk
Labuhn Center: Viv Bowman
*Returned home this week.



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS to be prayed for this week: Avery Miller & Chloe Roehrig.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jason & Brooke Tyas and family on the birth of their son, Phillip born September 13, 2017.

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

READER	11:00	Forrest Wenman	WELCOMING TEAMS	9:00	Randy & Tari Reed Barb & Greg Whetstone
ACOLYTE	11:00			11:00	Avery Miller Carol Meuser Dick & Joyce Moore
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	11:00		COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	9:00	Jan Shannon
TELLERS		Beth Spencer, Kim/Tim Whetstone		11:00	Chloe Roehrig

Announcements:

- Today's altar flowers were given by Jack & Sarah Puffenberger in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary and all of their grandchildren.
- 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.
- We will continue **planning and preparing for A Night in Bethlehem on Mon. Sept. 25th at 7pm**. As the conversation continues, we need to know **how many volunteers** will commit to the event's success. **Please mark the shifts you can work on the back of today's connection card.** *If you already completed the online survey your response has been recorded.*
- 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. There are special envelopes in the pews to use for this collection and all loose change in the offering plate will be given for this special offering.
- 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.**
- If you have been interested in learning more about the mission and ministry of Hope Lutheran, we invite you to **join our Life in Christ class on Sun. Oct. 15 from 12:15-3:45pm**. This is an opportunity to meet others and consider joining Hope as a member. Please indicate **your interest 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 25
 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 24-30

TODAY	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
MON	11:00am	Staff Meeting in Lounge
	1:30pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting in Library
	7:00pm	Night in Bethlehem Planning Meeting in Lounge
	7:00pm	Collaboration in Choir Room
	7:30pm	Alanon in Basement
TUES	12:00pm	Lunches with Luther in Lounge
	6:30pm	Leadership Meeting in Lounge
	8:30pm	AA in Larson Hall
WED	10:30am	Wiley Home Work Group
	5:45pm	Chime Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
	6:00pm	Confirmation in Larson Hall/Co-op
	6:15pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	8:30pm	Flute Choir in Choir Room
THURS	7:00am	No Bible Study this Week
FRI	8:00pm	AA in Larson Hall
SAT	10:00am	Altar Care Ministry in Sanctuary

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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