

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, Matthew 5:17-20, this week
- Finish the book Half Truths
- Reflect on "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It" 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 Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It*
(Matthew 5:17-20)

Oct. 1— *Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin*
(Matthew 7:1-5)

Prayers

Home: Margaret Wuwert
Sunset House: Charlotte Kirk
Genacross, Toledo Campus: Viv Bowman
*Returned home this week.



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS to be prayed for this week: Cade McGowan & Owen Krupp.

WE WELCOME into the family of Hope through the sacrament of Baptism, Caleb John Bultemeier, son of Jason & Kim Bultemeier. May God's blessing be with Caleb and his family today and every day.

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	Paul Peters	WELCOMING TEAMS	9:00	Jim & Maggie Hentges
ACOLYTE	11:00			11:00	David Guy & Joan Knestrick
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	11:00				Tom & Beth Fry
TELLERS		Matt Caputo, Jim Walter			Joy Gibbs
			COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	9:00	Cade McGowan
				11:00	<i>Around the Rail</i>
			A/V ASSISTANT	11:00	Owen Krupp

Announcements:

- Today's altar flowers were given by Larry & Joanne Temme and family in loving memory of their daughter Steffenie Noel.
- 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.
- The date is set for **A Night in Bethlehem: December 9 & 10**. We will transform Larson Hall into a historic marketplace as we welcome travelers and share with them the good news we have been hearing about, the birth of a baby! **Take time to complete a blue volunteer form** today and help provide for this no strings attached gift to the community!
- 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 any money/ checks 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.
- We will once again send care packages to Hope's students attending college. **If you know of a college student (including those in grad school), please send Pastor Kristin their address or write it on your connection card.** We are **collecting the following items** for the care packages: Fun Size candy bars or Halloween candy, Microwave popcorn, Packages of gum or mints, Packages of hot chocolate, Chap stick, Small packages of Kleenex, Hand sanitizer, \$5 Gift cards (Amazon, Walmart, Target, iTunes), Holiday socks (Halloween/Thanksgiving), Blank note cards/thank you cards
- 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

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 15
 Life in Christ Class for New Members

October 22
 Harvest Festival, 5pm in Larson Hall



LOOKING AHEAD

November 5
 Blessing Sunday with 10am
 Worship & Celebration Lunch

This Week at Hope: Oct 1-7

	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
		12:30pm	Youth Group in Upper Room
MON		11:00am	Staff Meeting in Lounge
		7:30pm	Alanon in Basement
TUES		12:00pm	Lunches with Luther in Lounge
		7:00pm	Vision Team Meeting in Lounge
		8:30pm	AA in Larson Hall
WED		6:00am	Gideon's International Meet prior to Bible Distribution at UT
		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 Choir Room
THURS		7:00am	Bible Study in Lounge
FRI		8:00pm	AA in Larson Hall
SAT			

Backpacks of Hope (our ministry to provide nutritious food on the weekends) is currently providing for **14 students** at Old Orchard Elementary School. We are currently **in need of cans of vegetables, 100% fruit juice boxes, Easy Mac (individual serving sizes of mac & cheese) & Spaghettios**. Donations can be placed on the white shelves outside the family lounge.



SERVICES LIVE ON THE INTERNET

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

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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