

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.

We encourage children to participate in worship, however a staffed **NURSERY** is available for children through 3 years old 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.

- Re-read the Gospel lesson found in John 20:19-31
- Read the Scripture from God's Story Our Story Devotional each day
- Plan to attend the Human Trafficking presentation April 15th
- Look for places where Jesus is on the loose each day and write them down in a prayer journal

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)

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

Men's Group is a place for men of all ages to gather in the Word and fellowship. (Upper Room, use stairs by the Sanctuary)

Women's Group is a place for women of all ages to gather in the Word and fellowship. The current topic is using the enneagram to develop your spirituality and connection to God. (Chapel of Grace across from Family Lounge)

Easter Sermon Series On Good Friday, those who feared Jesus, thought that a cross would be the end. Just in case they ordered his body sealed in a tomb with soldiers guarding it. The cross, literal death, and a giant stone could not keep Jesus. On Easter morning, the resurrection proved that Jesus couldn't be contained. During these Sundays in April we will explore what it looks like for Jesus to be loose in our world and to be loose in our very lives today.

April 8 th	Through Locked Doors	John 20:19-31
April 15 th	On the Road	Acts 9:1-19
April 22 nd	Setting us Free	Acts 16:16-34
April 29 th	Not for Us	Acts 17:16-31



Mother's Day On Sunday, May 13 we will have photographers available to take free pictures of individuals, families, or groups from 10am – 11am. This is a wonderful opportunity to take a picture with your mother, to send to your mother, or just for fun! The pictures will be emailed to you later in the month.

Prayers

Sunset House: Charlotte Kirk (Hospice Care)
Franciscan Care Center: Bill Prueter (Hospice Care)
Toledo Hospital: Margaret Hodges, Bob Beers



Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Freda Baum on the death of her brother, Denis. Letters of sympathy may be sent to Freda at 6945 Ramblehurst Road Sylvania, OH 43560

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Reader	11:00 Margaret Bretzloff	WELCOME Team	9:00 Randy & Tari Reed Barb & Greg Whetstone Harley Talbott
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	11:00 Margaret Bretzloff		11:00 Tom & Beth Fry Joy Gibbs, Chloe Roehrig
TELLERS	Willis Day, Cassandra Wenman	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	9:00 11:00
A/V	Truman Talbott		

Announcements:

- **ELCA Youth gathering Stock Sale:** The youth and adults who are attending the ELCA youth gathering this summer in Houston, TX are offering you the opportunity to invest in their experience by purchasing stock. You can find more details on the bulletin board outside the family lounge. There are envelopes with stock options from \$5 - \$1,000. By making an investment in the experience, you will become a shareholder in the trip and will be invited to a pre-gathering and post-gathering reception. You will also receive special greetings from Houston this summer. All of the money will help offset higher than expected travel and housing costs. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net



- **Save the Date: Vacation Bible School at Hope will be June 18-22.** Join us to explore Super Heroes of the Bible, and to discover our own Super Hero strength following God! Registration information will be available soon! Open to all children who are 3 years old – completed 4th grade. Older children and youth are welcome to volunteer! Currently we are looking for volunteers for the decoration team, to be station leaders, shepherd guides, and helpers in all areas. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net or calling the church office.



- **Hope Mission and Outreach** Through the Mission and Outreach programs, Hope spreads God's love to the community, the country, and the world. The Haiti team led by Nita Clere and Scott Elston recently traveled to Ouanaminthe Haiti to work at Institution Univers and the Univers Medical Center to provide training and education. This mission is supported financially by the proceeds from the work at the Toledo Mud Hens baseball games and by the generous contributions of church members. We will be asking for volunteers to work at a concession stand at the Mud Hens Stadium. You can support these efforts and other projects supported by Hope's Mission and Outreach Team by taking advantage of these opportunities. See Nita Clere or Carol Meuser for details and watch the bulletin for additional information.



Altar Flowers are \$25 per vase. **Please contact the office if you would like to sponsor a Sunday for a special occasion!** Upcoming dates that are available: **April 15 (1 vase), May 6 (2 vases), and May 20 (2 vases).** If you would like to sponsor a date later in 2018 you are welcomed to contact Jennifer to reserve that date in advance.

HOPE'S MINISTRY TEAM

- Ministers:** The Members of Hope
- Senior Pastor:** Kevin Maxey, (Home 567-288-2072) pastorkevin@hopetoledo.net
- Associate Pastor:** Kristin Hunsinger, pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net
- Organist/Pianist:** Pam Stover, pstover@hopetoledo.net
- Music Director:** Gail Mowry, gmowry@hopetoledo.net
- Office Manager:** Jennifer Bailey, jbailey@hopetoledo.net
- Financial Secretary:** Peggy Miller, pmiller@hopetoledo.net
- Custodians:** Mike Hoskins and Nick Zurawski
- Children's Ministry:** *Currently Hiring*
- Director of Pastoral Care:** Lois Smith

This Week at Hope: April 8–April 14

TODAY	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Disciples in Training (DIT) Basement Classrooms Traditional Worship
MON	11:00 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Staff Meeting in Lounge Stephen Ministry in Library Collaboration in Choir Room Alanon in Basement
TUES	12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:30 pm	Lunches with Luther in Lounge Feed Your Spirit Worship at Salem Agape Meal at Salem Adult Spiritual Formation in Library Mission Outreach Team in Lounge AA in Larson Hall
WED	10:30 am 5:45 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Wiley Home Chime Choir in Choir Room Confirmation in Co-op Room Children's Choir in Choir Room Adult Choir in Choir Room
THURS	7:00 am 10:00 am 2:00 pm	Bible Study Group in Library Caregivers Meeting in Library Book Group in Library
FRI	8:00 pm	AA in Larson Hall
SAT	4:30 pm	Serving at Cherry St Mission

April

April 15 Human Trafficking Seminar at 10:00 am

Looking Ahead

May 6 Guardian Angel Tea

May 13 Mother's Day Pictures

May 20 Confirmation

June 18-22 Vacation Bible School



SERVICES LIVE ON THE INTERNET

You can listen or watch 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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