

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).

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)

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 Scripture found in Acts 16:16-34
- Read the Scripture from God's Story Our Story Devotional each day
- Look for places where Jesus is on the loose each day and write them down in a prayer journal
- Pray for a person twice a day for the next two weeks.
- This week: thank a person who was influential in teaching you the faith

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 22 nd	Setting us Free	Acts 16:16-34
April 29 th	Not for Us	Acts 17:16-31



Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open. June 18-22 Join us to explore Super Heroes of the Bible, and to discover our own Super Hero strength following God! Registration information is on the bulletin board! VBS is 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.

Prayers

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



Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mona Pupos on the death of her mother, Carolyn Pupos. Letters of sympathy may be sent to Mona at 4549 283rd Street Toledo, OH 43611

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Reader	11:00 Jim Hentges	WELCOME Team	9:00 Ron & Jill Ranallo John & Nancy Salsbury
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	11:00		11:00 Freda Baum, Carol Meuser Dick & Joyce Moore
TELLERS	Beth Spencer, Tim & Kim Whetstone	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	9:00 11:00
Acolyte	Sarah Lavrich		

Announcements:

Altar flowers were given by Heidi Bowman in memory of her father Bill Bowman and by Larry & Joanne Temme in memory of their daughter Steffenie.

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. Contact Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net with questions.



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: **May 27 (1 vase) & June 10 (1 vase).**

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.



May 20th 4:00 pm **Common Chords** will be in concert. Common Chords features programs that use music and the arts to connect people within and across communities. They will take us on a musical adventure with five notes and three chords that will span roots music from blues and gospel songs through bluegrass, doo-wop, and Elvis Presley and Motown. The freewill offering will cover costs and then support the youth gathering in Texas.

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
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- 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

Looking Ahead

May 6 Guardian Angel Tea

May 13 Mother's Day Pictures

May 20 Confirmation

May 20 Common Chords Concert

June 18-22 Vacation Bible School

This Week at Hope: April 22—April 28

TODAY	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship
	10:00 am	Disciples in Training (DIT) Basement Classrooms
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
MON	2:00 pm	Eagle Scout Court of Honor
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting in Lounge
	1:30 pm	Stephen Ministry in Library
	5:30 pm	GenaCross Annual Meeting
	7:00 pm	Collaboration in Choir Room
TUES	7:30 pm	Alanon in Basement
	12:00 pm	Lunches with Luther in Lounge
WED	8:30 pm	AA in Larson Hall
	10:30 am	Wiley Home
	5:45 pm	Chime Choir in Choir Room
	6:00 pm	Confirmation in Co-op Room
	6:15 pm	Children's Choir in Choir Room
THURS	7:00 pm	Adult Choir in Choir Room
	7:00 am	Bible Study Group in Library
FRI	8:00 pm	AA in Larson Hall
SAT		



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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