

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### September 6

All choirs start rehearsals

### September 9-10

Weekend of service

### September 12

Lunches with Luther resumes

### September 17

Rally Day

## LOOKING AHEAD

### October 15

New Member Class

### December 9-10

Night in Bethlehem



Hope is now a  
Stephen Ministry  
Congregation.

## ONGOING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

As many of you are aware, Cherry Street Mission is now called Life Revitalization Center, at 1501 Monroe Street. Thank you to Paul Garza and Carolyn Seaver for serving once a month for the past year. John and Nancy Salsbury have graciously agreed to serve the second Saturday of each month for a year, but they are in need of more hands to make this commitment possible! It is best to have 5-6 people serve each month. If you've expressed interest in the past or would now like to help, please contact, Carol Meuser, at 419-356-0241 and she will pass on your name. The serving times are 4:45-6:45 in the Mac Street Cafe.

## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SEPT. 9-10

During this year's "God's Work. Our Hands." weekend of service, members of Hope will be intentionally connecting with our neighbors. See below for details on each of the ways you can participate in this year's activities!

### Sept 9, 8:00 a.m.-noon: Rock the Block

Hope will be joining Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity in a Rock the Block neighborhood clean up/beautification project, to help transform the face of a neighborhood in just one day. This helps serve Habitat's mission to reconnect the community in which it serves. Volunteers will be participating in exterior maintenance and repairs such as pulling weeds, cleaning windows and cleaning gutters. Volunteers will also be participating in the blessing of two homes for two future homeowners. Contact the office to sign up and receive details about where to meet, what to bring and necessary forms to complete. *Please note that children participating in this service opportunity must be over the age of 10.*

### Sept 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m.: Activities at Hope

On Sunday morning we will have two opportunities to serve at Hope. We will have space in the Family Lounge available to write notes to our homebound members and others on our prayer list. We will also be putting together welcome mini-care bags for college students at the University of Toledo through Lutheran Campus Ministry and Toledo Campus Ministry. To assemble 60 bags, we need:

- 60 granola bars
- 60 full size candy bars
- 60 powered drink mix (like Crystal Light or Gatorade)
- 60 hot chocolate packets
- 60 pocket-size hand sanitizer
- 60 pocket size Kleenex
- 60 packs of gum

### Sept 10, 3:00 p.m.: Lutheran/Catholic Joint Worship service

*From Conflict to Communion: Together in Hope* will be a joint prayer service led by our very own Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Bishop Daniel Thomas of the Catholic Diocese of Toledo. All are welcome on Sunday, September 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church, 750 Bright Road, Findlay, Ohio. Following the service commemorating the Reformation will be a time of fellowship and reception. Please contact Pastor Kevin for more information about this service.

**"But as for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord."**

**-Joshua 24:15**

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

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## NEW SERMON SERIES

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. The clichés include:

September 10	Everything Happens for a Reason
September 17	God Helps Those Who Help Themselves
September 24	God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle
October 1	God Said It, I Believe it, That Settles It
October 8	Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin

## MUSIC NOTES

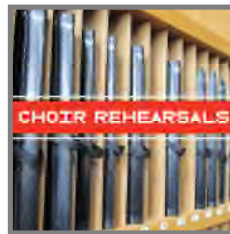
### Choirs Resume

The music ministry at Hope is ready to make our joyful noise to the Lord!

**Chime Choir** is open to age 6-6th grade and meets on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:15 in the Choir room upstairs.

**Children's Choir** is open to age 5-6th grade and meets on Wednesdays from 6:15-6:45 in the Choir room upstairs.

**Adult Choir** is open to all people 7th grade and up. We meet from 7:00-8:05 on Wednesdays in the Choir room upstairs.



If you are interested in providing special music, joining the Praise Team or Flute Choir, please contact Gail Mowry at [gmowry@hopetoledo.net](mailto:gmowry@hopetoledo.net).

### Musical Happenings

The music program will be presenting the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 3 during the 11:00 service. This has always been a highlight of the advent season, and this year is sure to please.

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Pam Stover will present three organ recitals in conjunction with the Reformation 500 Synod Church Crawl. These will be at 10:00, 11:30 and 1:00 on Saturday, October 21. Lunch will be served after the 11:30 recital.

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Hope will host local performing group, Siberian Solstice, on Saturday, December 16. This group performs contemporary Christmas music in the style of Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

## BACKPACKS OF HOPE

As a new school starts, we will be re-starting our Backpacks of Hope ministry with Old Orchard Elementary. This year we will be sending home backpacks of nutritious, child-friendly food with 10-12 children each weekend. As we re-stock our pantry for the coming year, we welcome donations:

- Cans of soup, pasta, vegetables and tuna fish
- Individual serving cereals
- Boxes of 100% fruit juice (6-6.75 oz)
- Easy Mac
- Fruit cups

Items can be placed on/next to the white shelf cubes next to the drinking fountain and across from the Family Lounge.



## LUNCHES WITH LUTHER

Lunches with Luther begins on September 12 at noon in the Family Lounge with a pizza party. We begin with a book study that follows the Sermon Series "Half Truths." The study will explore things that Christians often believe are in the Bible, but aren't.

## SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP

The enemy wants us to feel rejected...left out, lonely, and less than. Join the women's spiritual formation group on Sunday mornings, beginning September 17, in the Chapel of Grace from 10:10-10:50. We will walk another journey with 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.

## NEW CHURCH COOKBOOK

Submit your recipes now for a brand new Hope Lutheran Cookbook! Recipes of all kinds are welcome – appetizers, dips, side dishes, main courses, desserts, etc. This is a great chance to share recipes from your favorite potluck dishes! You can submit your recipes via email to [margieclubbs@gmail.com](mailto:margieclubbs@gmail.com) or drop off print copies in the office. Thanks to Margie Uncapher for coordinating this!

## DISCIPLES IN TRAINING RESUMES SEPTEMBER 17

We are excited to kick off a new year of Disciples in Training with Rally Day on September 17. Throughout the year we will be "Living out the Fruit of the Spirit." Our children age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will learn from the Bible stories matching the Narrative Lectionary what gifts ("Fruits") God has given to others and what they may have themselves. Be on the lookout for fruit trees that will be going up soon!



We are very grateful for the adults who will be spending time teaching and modeling faith with our young people this year. We are still looking for one or two more adults to complete our teaching teams. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kristin.

Join us on Sunday, September 17 at the 9:00AM worship service as our new D.I.T. students receive Bibles and both teachers and students receive a blessing before heading to D.I.T. from 10:00-10:50 downstairs. And remember, friends are always welcome!

### 4-year-olds receive Bibles

As part of Hope's Step By Step Ministry, all 4-year-olds entering Disciples in Training for the first time will receive the Spark Storybook Bible. These children, along with their parents, will be presented with their Bible during the 9:00 service on Sept. 17.

### DIT Blessing

On Sunday, September 17, all Disciples in Training children and teachers will begin the morning in the sanctuary for worship at 9:00. There will be a blessing for both the children and teachers before heading to Disciples in Training at 10:00 to begin our exciting new year building our faith through Living out the Fruits of the Spirit.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

This fall, the high school youth group will be experimenting with some different meeting times and Bible studies that fit the current group of high school students, along with a mix of Bible study, fellowship, and service projects. If you have a youth in grades 9-12 and are not receiving emails already, please contact Pastor Kristin at [pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net](mailto:pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net) to keep up-to-date on all youth news!



## CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our confirmation ministry for youth in grades 7-8 begins a new year with a parent/student meeting on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m. in Larson Hall. Our first student gathering will be Wednesday night, September 6. First-year students will also be receiving new Bibles during worship on September 17.



## 2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

All youth interested in participating in the ELCA youth gathering next summer (open to youth currently in grades 8-12) are invited to meet on Sunday, September 17 at 12:30 p.m. for lunch, planning, and to officially register for the gathering. Registration forms will be available that day or in advance by contacting Pastor Kristin. A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is also due. At the meeting we will be scheduling gatherings throughout the year to get ready for the event.



## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Bretzloff-Rohrs family for hosting Hope's summer picnic. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and fun that will hopefully become an annual event!



## NEW MEMBER CLASS: OCTOBER 15

Life in Christ, classes on membership, are offered twice a year (spring and fall) for all who are interested in gaining a clear picture of what it is to be a disciple of Jesus and how Hope Lutheran Church can fit into your discipleship journey. Our fall class for those interested will meet on Sunday, October 15 from 12:15-4:00 p.m. and will include a light lunch. Child care will be available if requested. Please contact the office or Pastor Kevin ([pastorkevin@hopetoledo.net](mailto:pastorkevin@hopetoledo.net)) with any questions and to sign up to attend!

