

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 21
Reformation 500 Crawl

October 22
Harvest Festival, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 5
Blessing Sunday



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.

REFORMATION PHOTO BOOTH

Have you ever wanted to have your picture with Martin Luther? Looking to update your profile picture on social media? Wanting to send Mom a picture from church? Look no further! We will have a photo booth complete with props to make a special picture in the Family Lounge on Sundays, Oct. 22 and 29. Get into the fun of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Set your soul on fire at the annual

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday Oct. 22, 2017, 5-7 p.m.

Larson Hall

Dinner, Music and Pumpkin carving

Questions?
Kim Evans, 419-260-0524

BOOK GROUP AT HOPE

If there is enough interest, we will be starting a book group at Hope. It will meet one Thursday afternoon a month starting in November. We will read novels and perhaps biographies. We will discuss them as literature, consider the reviews they have received and, depending on the book, talk about how they speak to us as individuals, people of faith and members of the larger community.

The only requirement is that you read the book. We will select books that should be available at the Public Library. If you are interested, please let Margaret Bretzloff know at 419-704-5998 or marg@bex.net, or notify the church office. The group will be open to non-members if there is space.

REFORMATION 500 CRAWL

This year, we celebrate the 500th Anniversary Year of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther in 1517. On Saturday, Oct. 21, the ELCA Northwestern Ohio Synod will open churches all over northwest Ohio to offer a variety of local connection to that major historical event. From genealogy to beer brewing and from art and music to a Germany travelogue and a tour of the Lutheran Orphan and Old Folks Home – there is something for everyone.

Locally, opportunities include brewery tours at the Black Cloister (619 Monroe St., Toledo); visits to the Lutheran Orphan and Old Folks Home Archives/Museum (Genacross/2411 Seaman St.); a self-guided tour of Reformation art at the Toledo Museum of Art (free parking and tour guide available next door at Glenwood Lutheran Church); and, most notably for Hope, Reformation-themed concerts on the pipe organ by our own Dr. Pam Stover.

For the organ presentation at Hope, we are in need of two people to assist in greeting guests and serving refreshments. To volunteer, contact Pam Stover, pstover@hopetoledo.net.

Pam will play three different organ recitals, with refreshments & lunch between:
10:00—Hymns and Music from the time of Luther
10:50—Refreshments
11:30—Luther's Hymns to teach Catechism and Children
12:05—Lunch
1:00—"A Mighty Fortress" Hymn Fest
1:40—Refreshments

Freed & RENEWED
in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

Please join us as we emphasize:

Oct 22 - The Joy of **RECEIVING** God's Blessings

Oct 29 - The Joy of **MANAGING** God's Blessings

Nov 5 - The Joy of **SHARING** God's Blessings

Nov. 5 will be our Blessing Sunday (previously celebrated as Consecration Sunday). On this day, we will have only **one** service at 10:00 a.m. and a catered luncheon at 11:30 a.m. We will acknowledge how God has blessed us, including celebrating the many saints who have encouraged our faith lives over the years, and, in response to these blessings, we will return our 2018 Estimate of Giving Cards.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you missed out on our most recent opportunity for directory photos, your wait is over! We will update our photo directory on Thursday, Oct. 26. Please contact the office to sign up. All are welcomed to have their photo taken. Once we have updated the directory, new copies will be available for everyone that has a current photograph included in the directory.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Whether students are far away or closer to home, it's always good to be reminded that they are not alone and their Hope community is still thinking of them. This month we will be putting together college care packages to send to all of Hope's college students. You can help by bringing in donations on or before Oct. 15, or by coming to the Harvest Festival on Oct. 22 to assemble the packages and make cards. Financial donations are also welcome by Oct. 15. Needed items include:

- 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

We also need updated addresses for our Hope college students. Please email current mailing addresses to Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoleado.net) before Oct. 18.

MUSIC NOTES

Music Catalogue Complete



Gail Mowry finished a multi-year project of cataloguing all of the choral music at Hope. The final count is 892 pieces of music, which doesn't even include our instrumental music. What a blessing to have a church that has celebrated the gift of music in such a strong way! The earliest date that was found as a performance date was 1949. Keep your ears open at our 11:00 services to hear some of the gems from our library.

Children's Choir

The children's choir has been having fun as we learn how to find hymns in the hymnal, how to follow verses, sing some old favorites and learn new songs. Look for them to be singing during services in October.

SAVE THE DATE BETHLEHEM



Night in Bethlehem will happen this year! Please mark your calendars for December 9th & 10th. Throughout the month of October we will begin having sign-ups to volunteer and make this gift to the community possible.

STEPHEN MINISTRY APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Stephen Ministry program at Hope is now looking for additional men and women of our congregation who are willing to answer Jesus' call to serve as Stephen Ministers, which begins with 50 hours of training. It will include topics such as listening, Christian assertiveness, maintaining healthy boundaries and grief. The training is distinctively Christian and focuses on God as the one who cures while we care.

If you are interested in more information or would like to apply to be a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or Marian Mulligan. Those interested are invited to complete an application.

Stephen Ministers commit to at least two years for training, service and regular supervision. Most find the experience so rewarding that they continue serving for another year. While there is a commitment of time and effort, it is incredibly rewarding. It may be one of the most rewarding challenges you will ever embrace. In addition, you will use the skills you learn not only in your caring ministry, but also in your everyday relationships with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

Think and pray about this opportunity. We are accepting applications through Oct. 22, and training will begin in November. Both those who serve and those in our community will be blessed by this new ministry.

JUST PANCAKES

On Saturday, Nov. 4, the youth group will be volunteering at Salem Lutheran Church for the weekly Just Pancakes breakfast. We will start setting up at 7:15 a.m. and should be done cleaning up at 11:15 a.m. If anyone is available to help for part or all of this time, please contact Pastor Kristin (Pastorkristin@hopetoleado.net), or you can come and enjoy some pancakes. This is a great opportunity to meet and interact with one of our mission partners and get to know the community around Salem. Individuals and families of all ages are welcome!

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

We are excited to once again be providing backpacks for 14 children at Old Orchard Elementary, to provide them with healthy, easy-to-make food every weekend. If you are interested in helping pack bags, join us on Tuesday mornings at 11:40 in the Family Lounge. We are also in need of donations of food items. This month we especially need cans of tuna fish, pasta (like SpaghettiOs) and soup; containers of Easy Mac; and peanut butter (10-16 ounces). Donations can be left on the white shelves between the Family Lounge and the Sanctuary.



FLOCK GOES CURLING

With the winter Olympics approaching, have you ever wondered about curling? Well, Flock is inviting you to come and learn how to throw and sweep the rock. You will learn proper curling technique and play the game at a brand new facility, the BG Curling Club (www.bgcurlingclub.com).

Nov. 11, 5-8 p.m. | \$20 per person at the door | Potluck dinner and cash bar

For this event, must be 21 or older. Please RSVP (call or text) to Kim Evans 419-260-0524 by Oct. 22.

LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS

Hope will offer "Life in Christ" on Sunday, Oct. 15 from 12:15-4:00 p.m. in the Family Lounge. This class covers the basics of what we believe and how Hope is organized for ministry. If you are interested in learning more about Hope, connecting with ministries, using your unique gifts for good or membership, this class is for you. We encourage you to RSVP through the office or connection card in worship. Lunch will be provided and for those who have a need for childcare, we will provide that as well.

