

**APRIL EVENTS**

- April 1**  
Easter Sunday  
Services at 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
- April 15**  
Human Trafficking seminar
- April 22**  
Glass City Marathon

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- May 6**  
Guardian Angel Tea
- May 20**  
Confirmation at 11:00 service  
Common Chords Concert, 4:00 p.m.
- June 18-22**  
VBS
- June 23-24**  
Blood Drive at Grace Lutheran Church



Hope is a  
Stephen Ministry  
Congregation.

**EASTER ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!**

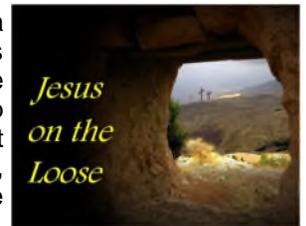


The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's triumph over death and sin, once and for all.

Worship the Risen Christ with us at Hope on Easter Sunday, April 1, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. An Easter brunch will be available in Larson Hall from 10:00-11:00.

**"Jesus on the Loose" April Worship Series**

On Good Friday, those who feared Jesus thought 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 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 1	Surprise!	John 20:1-18
April 8	Through Locked Doors	John 20:19-31
April 15	On the Road	Acts 9:1-19
April 22	Setting us Free	Acts 16:16-34
April 29	Not for Us	Acts 17:16-31

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

The music ministry has been hard at work creating worship for Holy Week and Easter. In April, we look forward to hearing the adult choir, the children's choir, the chime choir, the flute choir and some extra fun surprises thrown in. We enjoy adding to worship each week and welcome suggestions for music you want in worship.



**COMMON CHORDS CONCERT**

**May 20, 4:00 p.m.**

Get ready for a great songfest!

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.

**GLASS CITY MARATHON**

While you may opt out of running to church on April 22, thousands of runners will be participating in the Glass City Marathon that morning. Once again, road closures will happen in the area surrounding Hope. The Good News is that all the races should be away from Hope by the time worship is set to begin. Because of construction on Bancroft and the rerouting of the half marathon, the best way to get to Hope will be coming south down Secor or Manchester. (Manchester runs parallel to Secor to the west of Costco). You will want to avoid the following roads: Dorr, Bancroft and Central by Wildwood.

**INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE, JUNE 23-24**

It is time to plan on donating blood at the 29th Annual Interfaith Blood Drive. Mark your calendar for June 23-24 at Grace Lutheran Church. Carol Meuser will once again put sign up sheets in the lounge on June 3 for donors, volunteer workers and food donations. Any questions, please call Carol at 419-356-0241.



## YOUTH GATHERING SUPPORT



Help Hope Youth get to the ELCA youth gathering in Houston by buying stock in our trip! Envelopes will be available outside the family lounge or by contacting Pastor Kristin. Each envelope has an amount and a card. Pick the envelope with the amount you are comfortable with and return the envelope to the offering baskets or to the church office, making sure to fill out the information inside.

All stockholders will be invited to a pre-trip and post-trip reception and receive a greeting from the youth in Houston as a thank you for your support!

## GUARDIAN ANGEL TEA

All children in Disciples in Training and all Guardian Angels are invited to the annual Guardian Angel Tea on Sunday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Larson Hall. Official invitations will be coming soon with RSVP information. For now, mark it on your calendar, and we'll see you there!



## CADEN MILLER RECEIVES EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Congratulations go out to Caden Miller on receiving his Eagle Scout Rank in December 2017. Caden presented and completed a beautification project at Hope Church for the enjoyment of parishioners and visitors for years to come. He will be honored in an official ceremony at Hope in April.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

Everyone has a role to play in combating human trafficking. Recognizing the signs is the first step in working to make a difference. On Sunday, April 15, you are invited to join Pastor Chuck Campbell, a member of the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition, as he presents "Human Trafficking 101" at 10:00 a.m. in Larson Hall.

## HOPE MISSION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS



Through the Mission and Outreach programs, Hope spreads God's love to the community, the country, and the world. The Haiti team recently traveled to Ouanaminthe, Haiti, 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.

## FIRST COMMUNION



On Sunday, March 18, seven of our younger members joined us at the table to receive their first communion. We are excited for this next step they have taken on their faith journey and give

thanks for the many people who have and continue to support and pray for them along the way.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 18-22, 2018, 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net) or calling the church office.

*"Turn away from evil, and do good. Look for peace, and go after it." Psalm 34:14*

## HAITI MISSION TEAM RETURNS

What an incredibly productive week in Ouanaminthe, Haiti, sharing God's Love in service: repairing, cleaning, teaching, building playground monkey bars and painting classrooms. Scott Elston was the lead with many construction projects at the Christian school Institut Univers for 2500 students. Nita Clere provided medical education to nurses and physicians at the clinic with help from Interpreters.

An exceptional team poured out their hearts and souls. Thank you Chad, Amber, Lexie, Lindsay, Teresa, Marion, Sue, Ben, Scott, Kyra and Nita.

We are deeply appreciative for Hope members, friends and family who supported and prayed for our mission team. Thank you! "God Will Provide" is a promise that gives Hope to Haitians.

