

MAY EVENTS

May 6
Guardian Angel Tea

May 13
Mother's Day celebration with photos

May 20
Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday

Common Chords Concert

LOOKING AHEAD

June 18-22
Vacation Bible School, 9:00-12:00

June 23-24
Interfaith Blood Drive, Grace Lutheran



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NEW SERMON SERIES MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The book of Philippians is really a letter that Paul wrote to a church he founded. Paul wanted to encourage them in their living even while he was imprisoned. His hope for them (and us) is that the joy of the Good News of Jesus transforms us and our interactions in the world no matter where we find ourselves. Come hear the Good News!

May 6: Fear—Philippians 1:1-18a
May 13: Ambition—Philippians 2:1-13
May 20: Keeping on—Philippians 4:4-9



In celebration of Mother's Day this year (May 13), there will be multiple photographers available to take individual or group photos free of charge from 10:00-11:00 a.m. that morning. The photos will be sent to you as digital files via e-mail. Please make plans now to attend worship (and coordinate your outfits if necessary)!

SUMMER MUSIC

The choirs are coming to a close for this season. In May we will hear from our adult choir, children's choir and chime choir before we take a summer break. If you would like to provide special music over the summer, please let Gail know.

PROJECT LINUS BLANKET COLLECTION



2018 Synod Assembly is collecting blankets for Project Linus

What: New knitted or crocheted blankets (details available at the church office)

When: Blankets will be donated at the Synod Assembly June 8 & 9

Why: Help provide handmade blankets to "children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug" in Northwest Ohio

L.S.S. PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

Lutheran Social Services has taken over Feed Your Neighbor and the Personal Needs Pantry. Many needy folks struggle to get items not covered by food stamps, such as personal hygiene, toothbrushes and paste, toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, and cleaning supplies. Grace Lutheran on Monroe Street is one of the pantry churches. There will be a collection box just inside the lounge for donated items. The box will be available through May. Please consider purchasing an item or two when doing your regular shopping.

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.

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

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

Vacation Bible School 2018 at Hope will find us exploring Super Heroes of the Bible and discovering our own Super Hero strength: following God! Through lessons, music, crafts, snacks, games and service projects the children will learn that God loves them more than they could ever imagine. VBS is open to all children who are 3 years old – completed 4th grade. Registration materials are available online at <http://hopetoleado.net/inviting/announcementsandactivities>. Invite a friend, neighbor and relative to join us. What an amazing way to share God's incredible love with others!



Volunteer for VBS

Helping 100 children discover God's love for them is a great way to be a living example of the love of Jesus Christ. Each of you can do something to help make this year's VBS a great learning experience for so many children. We have a BIG need for adults to help make this week run smoothly and safely for the children. It's a fun and easy job! All you have to do is show God's love to the children. There are many ways you can serve during VBS: guiding groups of children from place to place throughout the morning, crafts, games, service projects, welcoming team, registration table, food and much more. Children who have completed 5th grade and older are also welcome to volunteer. Volunteer forms can be downloaded here <http://hopetoleado.net/inviting/announcementsandactivities> and given or emailed to Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@hopetoleado.net.

Decorations & Donations for VBS

Are you interested in helping transform our sanctuary and building into Hero Central? Contact Pastor Kristin if you want to help plan, prepare, and decorate prior to VBS. We will also be finalizing our list of donation needs for service projects, crafts, and decorations. Check the VBS bulletin board outside the Family Lounge for donation needs in May, and stay tuned to weekly emails and announcements. Thanks for your generosity and support!

GUARDIAN ANGEL TEA

Our Guardian Angel Tea will be Sunday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. Here over refreshments and games, our children will meet the "guardian angels (adults) who have been praying for them throughout the year. Please make sure you have sent in your RSVP!



CONFIRMATION



Our 8th grade confirmation students are getting closer to affirming their faith through confirmation in worship at 11:00 a.m. on May 20. The night before, the confirmation students and their families will gather for the Confirmation Banquet. At the banquet, Soren Mansfield, Cade McGowan, Avery Miller, and Truman Talbott will be sharing what their faith means to them through faith proclamations. Please continue to pray for them as they mark another milestone on their faith journey!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

On **June 3** at both worship services we will be recognizing all graduates – high school, college, and graduate or technical schools. It will be a chance to celebrate their accomplishments and wish them well with the next steps in their journeys. We need your help to include everyone! If you are a graduate or there is a graduate in your family please contact the church office with their name, graduation information (school, date and degree) and any future plans you wish to share. Then mark your calendars to celebrate with us!



29th ANNUAL 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.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

-Isaiah 12:2