

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 5

All choirs start rehearsals

September 8-9

God's Work. Our Hands.

September 11

Lunches with Luther resumes

September 16

Rally Day (DIT begins)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 14

Life in Christ, new member class

December 15

Siberian Solstice Concert



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.

SERMON SERIES: THE POWER OF WORDS

Words have power. With our words we insult or encourage, we curse or bless. With words, we build trust or tear it down. Our words have the power to strengthen relationships or to destroy them. In our political life, words have the potential to further divide us or bring us together. And while we were taught as children that sticks and stones may break our bones, but words will never harm us, we each have been hurt by the words of others. The Bible notes that "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."



Sept 9

Sept 16

Sept 23

Sept 30

Tearing Down or Building Up

Family Words: Hurtful or Life Giving

Religion & Politics

In the Beginning was the Word

DIT GUARDIAN ANGELS

Part of our children's ministry here at Hope is to match every child in Disciples in Training with a Guardian Angel. The Guardian Angel is like a secret prayer partner. He or she commits to praying for the child they are matched with and sending a few cards throughout the year. (Cards can be picked up at Hope). The Guardian Angels are then revealed and join the children at the Tea in May. If you were not a Guardian Angel last year but are interested in becoming one or have any questions, please contact Sue Scott at suescott427@gmail.com or call the church office.



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SEPT 8-9

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

Sept 8, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: 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 we serve. Volunteers will participate in exterior maintenance and repairs such as pulling weeds, cleaning windows and cleaning gutters. 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 9, 10:00-11:00 a.m.: Activities at Hope

We will have space and cards in the Family Lounge to write notes to our homebound members and others on our prayer list. We will also be creating some decorations and preparing the toppings for our ice cream social at Wolf Creek later that afternoon.

Sept 9, 1:30 p.m.: Ice Cream Social at Wolf Creek

We will be hosting an ice cream social for residents at Wolf Creek, part of Genacross Lutheran Services. We are looking for volunteers to serve ice cream, and also plenty of people to interact with the residents there. All ages and abilities are welcome and invited! We can either car pool from Hope (a light lunch will be offered to volunteers following the 11:00 service) or you can meet us there. RSVP to the office for details.

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

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RALLY DAY: SEPTEMBER 16

Join us for Rally Day on September 16 as we begin a new year of Spiritual Formation and Christian Education for all ages during the 10:00 hour on Sundays. We will be commissioning leaders during the 9:00 worship service that day.

Disciples in Training



Disciples in Training (DIT) is for children ages 3-6th grade from 10:00-10:50 in the downstairs classrooms. This year our theme is "Finding Jesus." Come and join us as we explore the Bible to search for more about who Jesus is and what that means for us. Friends, new and old, are always welcome!

Think. Believe. Do.

Think. Believe. Do. (TBD) is our new youth discussion for 7th grade-high school from 10:10-10:50 in the Confirmation room upstairs. We'll unpack Bible stories and discipleship to understand and equip youth so their faith can grow.

Adult Groups

Adult Spiritual Formation groups are open to everyone and meet in various rooms from 10:10-10:50. Grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation. **Wired Word** (Library) discusses current events in a scriptural framework and how scripture provides guidance for daily life. The **Men's Group** (Upper Room) and **Women's Group** (Chapel of Grace) offer a space fellowship, Bible Study, and topical discussions to support one another as they grow in faith.

Bible Presentation

On September 16 at both worship services, we will be presenting Bibles to all 3- and 4-year-olds as they start Disciples in Training for the first time. We will also be presenting Bibles to 7th graders who are beginning Confirmation. If someone in your family should be receiving a Bible, please contact Pastor Kristin, pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net, to confirm how you would like the name to appear.

Invite a Friend/Neighbor

On Sunday September 16th we will kick off DIT and Adult Spiritual Formation. We will have invitations for members to use to invite others to come and experience Hope's welcome and music.



“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.” Psalm 25:4



MUSIC NOTES



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

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

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

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

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

WELCOME MATT RAISKY



We are excited to share that we have hired Matt Raisky as our 11:00 a.m. organist and accompanist. Matt has served several churches as organist and pianist and is anticipating graduating from BGSU in December. His first day will be September 12. Please extend a warm Hope welcome as he joins the staff team.

MUSICAL HAPPENINGS

Hope will welcome back Siberian Solstice on Saturday, December 15. This group performs contemporary Christmas music in the style of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.



LUNCHES WITH LUTHER TO BEGIN "DIALOGUE"

Lunches with Luther will begin on Tuesday, September 11 at noon with a pizza lunch. We will begin a new series of lessons called "Dialogues." The first topic will be the refugee crisis. There are more than 20 million refugees in the world today. What was once a humanitarian crisis has become a political issue, even in the church. Recognizing that we are not of the same mind on the crisis, we will be respectfully in dialogue with one another, anticipating that the variety of views will be a way that we can all be blessed in our understanding.

BOOK CLUB UPDATE



Book Club meets the 2nd Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in Hope's Library.

On September 13, we will be discussing "This Is How It Always Is" by Lauri Frankel.

Invite a friend and come with suggestions for books you have loved. More information, please contact Margaret Bretzloff at 419-704-5998.

CONFIRMATION NEWS



Our Confirmation ministry for youth in grades 7-8 begins our Wednesday night dinners and gatherings on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they grow into the promises made for them at baptism. If you would ever like to join us for dinner one Wednesday night, contact Pastor Kristin.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

High school youth are invited to join for lunch, fellowship, Bible Study and games on Sunday, September 16 from 12:15-2:00pm in the Upper Room. Friends are welcome! The schedule for fall gatherings and activities will be available at that time and via the youth group email list. If you haven't received youth group emails, contact Pastor Kristin, pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net, to be added to the list.

BACKPACKS OF HOPE: DONATE OR VOLUNTEER

As a new school year starts, we will be re-starting our Backpacks of Hope ministry with Old Orchard Elementary. This year we will send home backpacks of nutritious, child-friendly food with 18 children each weekend. Donations are welcome and can be placed on the white shelves by the drinking fountain, across from the nursery:

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



We are also looking for families or teams (2-3 people) who would be interested in packing bags during the week. As the number of bags we provide grows, so does the need for more people to pack them. Bags need to be packed every week sometime between Monday and Wednesday, and instructions/training will be provided. We would love to get a rotation of people signed up to help with this ministry.

If you're interested in helping, please contact the church office.

DINNER FOR TOLEDO CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday, September 5, we are providing dinner for Soul Food, the weekly gathering of all Toledo Campus Ministry small groups. Dinner will be served at the Ark (on campus) at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping prepare the meal in advance or serve the meal there, please contact Pastor Kristin. This is a great chance to get to know some of the students and offer the comfort of a home-cooked meal.

NEW MEMBER CLASS, OCT. 14

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 14 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 with any questions and to sign up to attend.

| Sun | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 10:00 AM- Altar Care (Sanctuary) |
| 2 9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM- Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) | 3 Labor Day Office Closed 7:30 PM-Alanon (Basement) | 4 7:00 PM-Vision Team (Lounge) 8:30 PM-AA (Larson Hall) | 5 5:45 PM-Chime Choir (Choir Room) 6:15 PM-Children's Choir (Choir Room) 7:00 PM-Adult Choir (Choir Room) | 6 6:30 PM- Finance Team (Lounge) | 7 8:00 PM-AA (Larson Hall) | 8 9:00 AM- God's Work, Our Hands 4:30 PM- Serving (Cherry St) |
| 9 9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 AM-God's Work Our Hands 11:00 AM- Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 1:30 PM- God's Work Our Hands | 10 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00 PM-DIT Teacher's Meeting (Lounge) 7:00 PM- Collaboration (Choir Room) 7:30 PM-Alanon (Basement) | 11 12:00 PM-Lunches with Luther (Lounge) 4:30 PM-Feed Your Spirit Worship (Salem) 5:30 PM-Agape Meal (Salem) 7:00 PM-Mission Outreach Team (Lounge) 8:30 PM-AA (Larson Hall) | 12 5:45 PM-Chime Choir (Choir Room) 6:00 PM-Confirmation Ministry (Larson Hall & Co-op Room) 6:15 PM-Children's Choir (Choir Room) 7:00 PM-Adult Choir (Choir Room) | 13 10:00 AM- Caregivers Meeting (Library) 2:00 PM- Book Group (Library) | 14 8:00 PM-AA (Larson Hall) | 15  |
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