

## OCTOBER EVENTS

**October 14**  
Life in Christ (new members class)

**October 21**  
Harvest Festival, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**November 4**  
Consecration Sunday, one worship service, 10:00 a.m.

**December 15**  
Siberian Solstice Concert



Hope is a  
Stephen Ministry  
Congregation.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Set your soul on fire at  
**Hope's Annual Harvest Festival**

Sunday Oct. 21, 2018  
Larson Hall  
5-7 p.m.

There will be fun for all ages, including dinner, music and pumpkin carving. Pumpkins and carving materials provided.

Contact Kim Evans at 419-260-0524 with any questions.

## MUSIC NOTES



The musicians at Hope were happy to welcome Matt Raisky, our new organist and choir accompanist. He is a wonderful addition to our music team.

We are looking forward to our Advent presentation on December 9. This year, we are focusing on the virgin Mary and her delivery of the One that would deliver us all.

## LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS

Hope will offer "Life in Christ" on Sunday, October 14, at 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, childcare will also be available.

## NEW SERMON SERIES

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it?" How often do we stop to consider the commitment Christ expects? He's not talking about writing a check or checking a box, but living a life that is completely focused on giving to others that which He has so graciously given to us.



In the coming weeks, we plan to address some of these questions and ideas as we begin a new series titled *Living Generously*. This sermon series is different than others we have done. It includes a series of films that tells the story of the Donovan family as they seek to understand what it means to live the words of Jesus. Each week we will see a glimpse of their journey as they take risks, experience suffering and joy, and find themselves transformed by the call of Jesus. You won't want to miss a single Sunday!

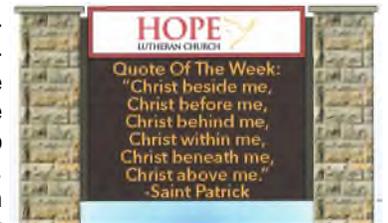
Life is busy, and it is easy for our hearts to be distracted by the demands we face. Each of us has so many blessings, but often our attitudes are less than grateful. It is my sincere hope that this series prompts us to take an inventory of the blessings God has entrusted to each of us. As we do, we will be inspired with a new awareness of the goodness of God.

## SAVE THE DATE: Nov. 4, Consecration Sunday

Our Living Generously series will culminate on Sunday, Nov 4, Consecration Sunday. On that day, we will have **one** service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a catered luncheon at 11:30 a.m. This will be your opportunity to demonstrate your generosity by returning your 2019 Estimate of Giving Card.

## COMING SOON: ELECTRONIC SIGN

As presented at the June Congregational Meeting, we are finalizing plans to purchase and install a new three-sided electronic sign in the front of our church. On September 10, Hope received approval from Ottawa Hills Council to replace the existing sign with an electronic sign. The new sign will allow us to share our mission and ministry with the community from our unique location on the corner of Secor, Bancroft and Indian. Several members envisioned the need and have already generously contributed. Total cost is estimated at \$45,000, which includes the purchase, installation and stone rework. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to fund this initiative, which will help us invite all people to connect with God and each other at Hope Lutheran Church. We hope to have it operational before Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Ron Ranallo, Nancy Schiciano, Roger Smith or Jim Walter.



## BOOK CLUB

Book Club will be reading "Hear My Voice" by Marcia Rudin in November. Please join us November 8 at 2:00 p.m. Guests are welcome! For more information, contact Margaret Bretzloff at 419-704-5998.



## BEAD FOR LIFE



Sunday morning, Nov 18, BeadforLife, an award-winning non-profit, is coming to Hope with their beautiful fair-trade jewelry.

Kim Whetstone, a longtime Hope member and BeadforLife volunteer, will have a wide variety of lovely jewelry (created from hand-rolled paper beads) and other products made by hard-working Ugandan women.



Proceeds from the sale will support BFL's goal of empowering one million desperately poor women in developing countries, through research-based entrepreneurial training, by 2027.

## HEART AND SOUL HARVEST DINNER THEATER

October 18, 2018  
Hope Lutheran Church (Larson Hall)  
2201 Secor Rd, Toledo, OH

Please come share an evening with Pastor Kevin Maxey and Issue Box Theater as they create an unforgettable experience of culinary delights and the magic of theater.

Pastor Kevin's menu offers a variety of seasonal entrées. Issue Box Theater Voices, will offer a creative expression through a theatrical performance intended to expel myths, fantasies or other damaging perceptions that exist around an issue.

Tickets are \$50 per couple.

Silent Auction 5:30-7:00 pm.  
Proceeds to support the Scott High School HUB and Counseling Assistance for Clients in the Northern Region.

## 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 October 31 and training will begin in November. Both those who serve and those in our community will be blessed by this new ministry.

## BACKPACKS OF HOPE

We are excited to again be providing backpacks for 18 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. Or talk to Pastor Kristin to arrange another time. We are also in need of donations of food items. This month we especially need cans of tuna fish, pasta (like Spaghetios), 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.



## HOPE FOR SALEM UPDATE

Great News! We are restarting our Hope for Salem project. It will provide new office space for Salem Lutheran Church and will allow Salem to better utilize its current house for much needed activities for the youth and people in their neighborhood. We have finally overcome the many legal and engineering problems that had stalled our project. We're ready to apply for building permits and begin construction. Thanks, again, to all who generously donated to this project! If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.

## 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 students. You can help by bringing in donations on or before October 14. Or help by coming to the Harvest Festival on October 21 to put together the packages and make cards for our students. Financial donations are also welcome by October 14. Needed items include:

- Fun-size candy bars or Halloween candy
- Microwave popcorn
- Granola bars
- Packages of gum or mints
- Packages of hot chocolate
- Chapstick
- Small size packages of Kleenex
- Pocket-size hand sanitizer



We also need updated addresses for our Hope college students to send these. Please email current mailing addresses to Pastor Kristin ([pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net](mailto:pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net)) before October 17.

## SAVE THE DATE: DEC. 15, SIBERIAN SOLSTICE

The talented musical group from northwest Ohio once again will be providing its exciting and inspirational Christmas show with music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed "Trans-Siberian Orchestra". The music format is traditional Christmas music and classical pieces presented with a rock feel using electronic keyboards, drums, and guitars. "Siberian Solstice" has eight members on stage enhanced by lighting and video to tell the story of "The Angel's Gift" in both lyrics and narration. The show is enjoyed by all age groups.