

EVENTS

Lenten Midweek Lunch & Program at Hope

Wednesdays –
March 6, 13, and 20
Lunch 11:30
Worship & Discussion
12 – 1pm

First Communion Classes

March 3, 10, & 24 at 12:30pm

Palm Sunday March 24

Office closes at noon

Maundy Thursday March 28

Office closes at noon

Good Friday, March 29

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Monday, April 1

Office closed

LOOKING AHEAD

Guardian Angel Tea

Sunday, May 5, at 10:00am

June 17-21

Vacation Bible School
Camp Firelight 2024



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.



9am and 11am
March 24



7pm
March 28



12pm and 7pm
March 29

Easter
SUNDAY

Join us for Easter Breakfast between services



Easter morning we will share in food and fellowship between our morning services. Join us at 10:00am in Larson Hall. We would appreciate volunteers to help with set up, cooking, baking, and clean up. Please contact Cindy in the office if you can help.

Easter Egg Hunt



Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am Easter Sunday. 4-year-olds and younger will be searching for eggs in the Nest while 5-year-olds and older will be searching for their eggs in the DIT opening area. All are welcome! **We are asking for individually wrapped, fun sized candy donations.** Please have donations here by Palm Sunday, March 24.

Again & Again, A Lenten Refrain Worship Series



In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward.

03/03—We Are Shown the Way
03/10—God Loves First
03/17—We Are Reformed
03/24—We Draw on Courage
03/28—We Are Held Together
03/29—We Find Ourselves Here
03/31—The Sun Rises

Backpacks of Hope



As we get closer to spring break, we are looking for some additional items to add to bags for spring break. Donations of hamburger or tuna helper, boxes of spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, boxes of instant mashed potatoes, cans of baked beans will help fill out the boxes. In addition we will be including extra macaroni and cheese, soup, fruit cups, vegetables, and additional or larger boxes of cereal. Donations can be dropped off anytime, but donations for spring break need to be dropped off by March 24.

VBS 2024! Camp Firelight—Registration opens March 15th

June 17-21 M-F 9:00 am-12:00pm

Vacation Bible School is getting close! We have started the planning! People have started volunteering BUT there are still many more opportunities, both in front of the classes, and behind the scenes, to help. We need people who are willing to lead stations and groups, decorate, pray for all, and SO MUCH MORE! If you can help in any way, please contact Pam at pferrara@hopetoledo.net or comment on the back of the connection card. Keep your eyes open for supply list donations coming soon. Registration opens March 15th! We are so excited to see what this week has in store for us!



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This Lent, we invite you to join us for a midweek lunch and program centered around the human experience of death. While

thinking about death is not a fun topic, talking through your desires around health care options, how you want to die and funeral plans can be a gift and blessing for loved ones. Our Christian faith can help shape these conversations and decisions. Together with congregations and clergy from Grace, Olivet, and St. Stephen Lutheran churches, we will join for a soup lunch and an hour of prayer, song, presentation and discussion by guest speakers.

March 6

Mourning and Grief

March 13

How to plan a funeral

March 20

Advance Health Care Directives—what are they and what do they do?

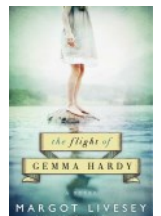
Portions of each day will be recorded and shared at Olivet Lutheran on Thursdays at noon or uploaded to Hope's YouTube later in the week.

We are looking for a few volunteers to provide soup for our Lenten Midweek luncheon before the noon program. Dates are 3/13 and 3/20. If you are interested, contact Pastor Kristin or the church office.

Hope Book Club

Tuesday, March 20, at 2pm in the library

This month we will read *The Flight of Gemma Hardy* by Margot Livesey. "A captivating tale, set in Scotland in the early 1960s, that is both an homage to and a modern variation on the enduring classic Jane Eyre." - margotlivesey.com



Congregation Approves 2024 Budget

At the Congregational Meeting on February 18, 2024, the 2023 Annual Report was presented. The Annual Report includes detailed financial information and reports from the staff. Copies of the report are available in the kiosks and in the office. The membership also reviewed and approved the 2024 proposed budget.