



#### June 2024

Our Mission: To be a living example of the love of Jesus Christ.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Confirmation Worship** June 2, 11am

Youth Trip Meeting June 9, 12pm

VBS—Camp Firelight 2024 June 17-21

Interfaith Blood Drive At Grace Lutheran June 29th

Faith & Family Night At the Mud Hens Game June 30, 1:30pm

**ELCA Youth Gathering** July 16-20





In nature, things are not always what they appear to be. The mineral pyrite (also called fool's gold) has a pale yellow color and shine that give it the appearance of real gold. The graphite in a pencil is hardly as valuable as a diamond, but graphite and diamonds are just different forms of the same element: carbon. Appearances can be deceiving, and it can be difficult to see the deeper substance without closer examination. For Christian believers, it is necessary to examine our surroundings carefully in order to perceive how God might be showing up in them. Power, faith, transformation, and salvation often appear in ways we do not expect. God's work is radical, unusual, and often surprising, working behind the scenes and beneath the surface.

06/02/24	Clay Jars	2 Corinthians 4:5-12
06/09/24	The Big Picture	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
06/16/24	A New Creation	2 Corinthians 5:6-17
06/23/24	Now is the Time	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
06/30/24	Abundance	2 Corinthians 8:7-15

## Confirmation Service & Reception

Sunday, June 2nd during the 11am service, 8 of our young people will affirm their baptism through confirmation. There will be a reception during the 10am hour in the Nest. Please keep Anna, Bella, Cameron, Ellie, Elsa, Emma, Kallie, and Natalie in your prayers as they continue their faith journeys and join them to celebrate that day.



#### Hope Book Club

May 15 at 2pm
The School for Good Mothers
Jessamine Chan

Frida is sentence to an experimental facility for the rehabilitation of mothers accused of even minor parenting errors.



All youth attending the gathering and their parent(s) are encouraged to attend a final prep meeting for the youth gathering in **Larson Hall June 9th at noon.** Lunch will be provided. If you can't attend, please be in touch with Pastor

#### **Together in Change**

Thursday, June 20 at 11am Sylvania Country Club, Grill Room



Please RSVP with Helen Jodouin. Our main purpose is

to get folks together who have experienced the loss of a significant other. Attendees don't have to be a

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service | 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation | 11 a.m. Traditional Service

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#### **Backpacks of Hope**



Thank you so much for all your support for students at Old Orchard this year! We have sent home our last backpacks...If you have other items, we will keep in the pantry over the summer to start off next year or we will use them for VBS service projects. Thanks again for your support!



#### Faith and Family Night at the Mud Hens

Sunday, June 30th

Gates open at 1:30pm, First Pitch is at 4:05pm

Mud Hens players, coaches, and the team chaplain Dave Regnier will lead a Q&A discussion about their experiences with faith in sports. Hope will be organizing a group to attend, and all ages are welcome. Tickets will be \$13 each, and the deadline to request tickets is June 20th. To reserve tickets, go to our Hope website, scroll down to the Mud Hens logo and click the "Reserve Tickets Here" button.

#### **35th Annual Interfaith Blood Drive**

Saturday June 29th, 8:30am—4:00pm Grace Lutheran Church 4441 Monroe Street

Grace Lutheran will be hosting their annual Interfaith blood drive for the 35th year in a row, which makes this blood drive one of the largest and longest running in America!

To sign up to be a donor for this event, call Carol Meuser, 419-356-0241





# VBS 2024! Registration is Open! Camp Firelight June 17-21 M-F 9am-12:15pm

Can't believe VBS is only a couple weeks away BUT we still have room for YOU!! Registration is open!! All children aged 3 through just completed 4th grade are welcome. There will be plenty of songs to learn, crafts to do, games to play, mission projects to put together, snacks to eat and more! We can't wait to see you! Registration is easy! Just head to our website and scroll down til you see the VBS sign. If you have any questions, please

contact Pam at <a href="mailto:pferrara@hopetoledo.net">pferrara@hopetoledo.net</a>. We still have some opportunities to volunteer. Just finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade to adults can help with this. We need help with the Music and Science Stations along with some more guides to lead the groups around to the Stations. Please see Pam Ferrara if you are interested ASAP! Can't volunteer? Consider donating some supplies. See our weekly announcements for an updated list. In the end, consider saying a prayer for VBS!

## **Decorating and Setup** Tuesday, June 11 at 10:00am

Anyone interested in helping decorate the sanctuary for VBS is welcome to come. If you want to help but are not available at that time, please contact Pastor Kristin (<a href="mailto:pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net">pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net</a>). Also, we are looking to borrow a couple of sleeping bags and a lantern to use as props for the week. If you have something we can borrow, again please contact Pastor Kristin.

### **Guardian Angel Tea**



Thanks to all who participated in the Guardian Angel Program this past year. We had many compliments about how well it went.

We had 49 in attendance at the Guardian Angel Tea. We had yummy Angel Food Cake while we chatted. Then we played Angel Bingo and won lots of Candy! Fun was had by all! Thanks to Mona and all her helpers in the kitchen! Please keep this program in mind come August when we get ready to start back up again in September! The students just love it! God bless!



DIT has come to an end again for another season. We had a lot of fun this past year! Our numbers seem to have grown this year, which is great! It is so exciting to see these children so excited to come and learn these Bible stories every week. We are so grateful to have our dedicated teachers every week come out and teach our students! We thank everyone who supports DIT in every way! We can't wait to start back up in the Fall! See you Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>!