

LOOKING AHEAD

ELCA Youth Gathering
July 16-20

Better Together: Toledo Pride
Aug 24

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Picnic
Glass City Metropark
Aug 25, 4pm—7pm



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.



The world characterizes the role of the prophets as predicting the future. However in the Bible, nothing could be further away from reality for a prophet. Prophets were messengers called by God to bring a message from God to the people. The role of prophet often meant bringing a challenging message from God to God's people. No doubt some of the prophets responded to God's call with, "Say What?" In July we will hear from four of the prophets.

07/07/24	Ezekiel	Ezekiel 2:1-5
07/14/24	Amos	Amos 7:7-15
07/21/24	Jeremiah	Jeremiah 23:1-6
07/28/24	Elisha	2 Kings 4:42-44

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



This summer we are collecting school supplies to pack backpacks for children and youth at Salem Lutheran Church. We will be packing 50 backpacks with supplies for children from kindergarten through 12th grade. Supplies are due back to Hope by **August 11**. We will be packing the backpacks at 10am that day.

- LOTS of #2 pencils
- 25 large erasers
- 50 boxes of 12 colored pencils
- 50 boxes of 10 markers
- 75 boxes of 24 crayons
- 75 packages of blue or black pens
- 25 packages of red pens
- 100 highlighters
- 100 glue sticks
- 100 notebooks (both wide ruled & college ruled)
- 100 packages loose-leaf paper (both wide and college ruled)
- 150 2-pocket folders
- 25 packages of index cards
- 25 boxes of Kleenex

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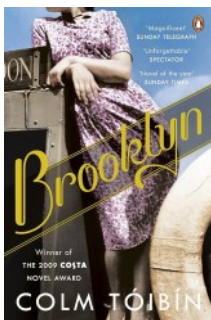
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Created to Be— Youth Gathering Updates

On July 13, two of our youth and Pastor Kristin will head to New Orleans for MYLE – the multicultural Youth Leadership Event. Then on July 15, the other 11 youth and 3 adults will join them in New Orleans for the ELCA youth gathering. It will be a week of faith formation, hands-on learning, service and accompaniment, and exploring New Orleans. Please keep all our youth – Anna, Aubrey, Cameron, Kallie, Jordyn, James, Elsa, Brooke, Grace, Jacob, Cora, and Owen – and adults – Andy, Kim, Pam, and Pastor Kristin – in your prayers. Thanks to everyone who has donated and sponsored meals for the group while we're there! We so appreciate your support. If you'd still like to donate, checks can be

made out to Hope Lutheran with youth gathering in the memo line or through Paypal (link on our website) or Venmo (search Hope Lutheran under business and look for the red doors) designated for youth gathering. Thanks for your support and prayers!



Hope Book Club

July 17 at 2pm

Brooklyn by Colm Toibin

Ellis Lacey struggles to find work in post-WWII Ireland when an Irish Priest offers to sponsor Ellis in America.

Together in Change

Thursday, July 18 at 11:30am

Old Bag of Nails

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 member of Hope Church.





Camp Firelight—VBS 2024—THANK YOU!

We had a great week attending Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School!! Counselor Sam and Firefly Lu taught many a lesson from the Campfire that kept the kids wanting more! With at least 69 students registered to attend daily and 64 volunteers, it was a complete success! We definitely couldn't have done it without all the donations, prayers and volunteers who gave up their days and time to come out to teach these young minds about the Bible! The theme of the week was that, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You, Lord."

Psalm 56: 3 and every day we broke that down a bit.

Monday, we learned that **We trust God to Go with Us!**

Tuesday, we learned that **We trust God to Lead the Way!**

Wednesday, we learned that **We trust God to Share Wisdom!**

Thursday, we learned that **We trust God to Give Us peace!**

And Friday, we learned that **We trust God to Spark Joy!**

In addition to storytelling, crafts, music, science, games and snack everyday – the children also had a daily service project, making an item to give away to the community. Throughout the week they made snuffle mats for Nature's Nursery and Squishmallows (stuffed fireflies) for children at Leading Families Home & Aurora House, packed lunches for Martin Luther King Kitchen for the Poor, painted birdfeeders and window clings to gift residents at long-term care homes, and assembled blessing bags with fidgets for Toledo Campus Ministry. With all the projects completed, they impacted 400-500 people in our community!

We want to send a huge thank you to all the volunteers who came out every day to help with the students! We couldn't have done it without you! Another successful Vacation Bible School year in the Books! Amen!

We have already started looking into what we can do for next year! Stay Tuned!!



Hope will be joining faith communities from around Toledo in "Better Together" this August during Toledo Pride. More than 25 faith communities have agreed to walk together on Saturday morning, August 24 in the Toledo Pride parade downtown, not to highlight a single congregation but to stand together as welcoming, affirming, and safe communities of faith. In a world with so much division and pain, we can shine hope brightly through the power of unity, love and inclusion! If you are interested in either attending the parade (there will be a group sitting near Trinity Episcopal) or walking in the parade, please contact Pastor Kristin for more information (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net). If you would like to purchase a Better Together t-shirt to wear at the event (encouraged but not required) or around town, they are \$20.

Contact Pastor Kristin or the office for a link to the custom order through Jupmode.



We are looking for a teacher for our 4th-6th grade Disciples in Training classroom! We supply the curriculum that tells you exactly what you need to do and how to do it. Pretty easy to follow. If you are interested, please see Pam Ferrara or contact her at pferrara@hopetoledo.net. It could be every week, every other week, half a month, or whatever we can work out. DIT starts back up in the Fall, Sunday, September 15th! Let us know if you are interested.



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Jesus once challenged his followers and the gathered crowds to "love your neighbor as yourself." Someone immediately questioned, "Who is my neighbor?" While we know the answer should be everyone – loving everyone is a hard task, especially in an increasingly divided society. But maybe it shouldn't be. Love doesn't necessarily mean agreeing with your neighbor on everything – from the length of your lawn to who you vote for. But it does mean leading with compassion and seeking to see another point of view. This fall, Hope is joining St. Michael in the Hills and many other community partners for the Neighbor to Neighbor initiative, working to build relationships with all our neighbors with love and peace. The first event is the Neighbor to Neighbor Party on Sunday, August 25 from 4pm – 7pm at Glass City Metro park. There will be music, food trucks, and lots of fun. You can also pick up "Love your Neighbor" yard signs. Check out <https://www.neighbor2neighbortoledo.com/> for more information and further events.