

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**September 7**  
12:00 pm Lunches with Luther begins

**September 12**  
Homecoming Sunday  
10:00 am One Combined Worship  
11:00 am Lunch and Festivities

**September 15**  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal begins

**September 19**  
10:10 am Disciples in Training begins

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**October 24**  
4:00 pm Harvest Festival

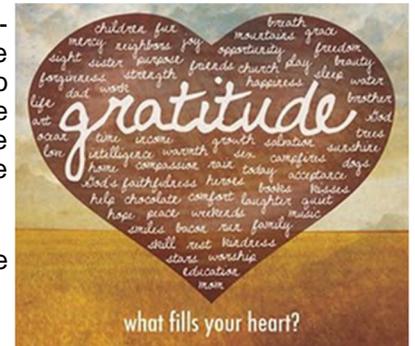
**November 21**  
7:00 pm Siberian Solstice Concert



**SERMON SERIES: GRATITUDE**

This fall we will explore the practice and emotion of gratitude. We know that gratitude springs forth from faith and we have much to be grateful for. At the same time there are overwhelming studies that demonstrate the positive impact that living a life of gratitude has on our life including:

- Gratitude opens the door to more relationships.
- Gratitude improves physical health.
- Gratitude improves psychological health.
- Gratitude enhances empathy and reduces aggression.
- Grateful people sleep better.
- Gratitude improves self-esteem.
- Gratitude increases mental strength.



In this series we will explore individual gratitude and gratitude that flows out of community. We also invite you to consider reading the book Grateful by Diana Butler Bass along with the series.

9/12	Gratitude	John 11:32-44	Colossians 3:12-17
9/19	Gifts and Thanks	Luke 17:11-19	1 Corinthians 1:4-9
9/26	Awareness and Practice	Philippians 1:1-11,	Mark 8:1-10
10/3	Joy and Celebration	Luke 24:36-49,	Romans 14:9b-13
10/10	Community and Gratitude	Luke 22:14-20,	Ephesians 1:15-23

**Join us for a Party in the Park  
Homecoming Sunday  
10 am September 12**

**Worship in Arrowhead Park  
Picnic lunch (provided)  
Games for all ages  
Concert by Hope's Praise Team**

**Bring some items to stock the pantry for Backpacks of Hope:  
Peanut butter, canned soup, canned pasta, canned vegetables,  
fruit cups, boxes of cereal, juice boxes, boxes of mac & cheese,  
canned tuna, canned baked beans**

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Interested in learning more about Hope or possibly becoming a member? Call the church office or contact Pastor Kevin at [pastorkevin@hopetoledo.net](mailto:pastorkevin@hopetoledo.net) We will arrange a time and format appropriate to your needs during this Covid wave.

## WELCOME TEAM

The 11:00 Welcome Teams are seeking a few more friendly faces to join their teams. Typically, team members serve once a month. Call the church office to express interest.

## NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

With the rise of Delta variant and all of the uncertainty of COVID the Vision Team made the difficult decision to postpone a Night in Bethlehem that was scheduled for this December. We didn't think it was fair to ask many to put so much effort into planning and preparing for an event that could easily need to be cancelled for the sake of public health.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 24



Come get into the fall spirit at Hope's Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 24th, from 4-6 pm outside at Hope Lutheran Church. Listen to music while you carve a pumpkin and then take it home! Walking Tacos will be served after carving pumpkins. Pumpkin and carving materials provided. Email Katie at [kgarverick@hopetoledo.net](mailto:kgarverick@hopetoledo.net) with questions.

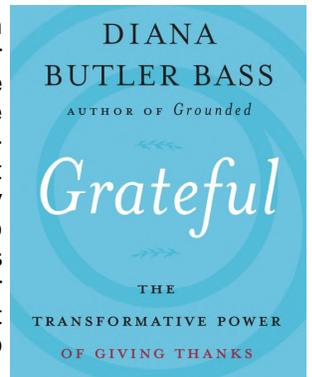
## DISCIPLES IN TRAINING (DIT)

Children ages 3 years through 6th grade are invited to join us for DIT at 10:10 am outside on Sundays. This year our theme will be "Shine God's Light". We will resume in person groups September 19th. We will be presenting Bibles to all 3-year-olds on Homecoming Sunday, September 12th. If someone in your family should be receiving a Bible, please email Katie at [KGarverick@hopteolde.net](mailto:KGarverick@hopteolde.net) to confirm how you would like the name to appear.



## LUNCHESES WITH LUTHER

Lunches with Luther returns in person on Tuesday September 7th at noon in the Nest. As the year begins, with the rise in the Delta variant the group has chosen not to eat lunch together but we will gather to study *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass. We will also stream the study via MS Teams online for those who would rather not meet in person. Contact Pastor Kevin with questions or to request a copy of the book.



## CHOIR RESUMES

Adult choir practice resumes 7:00 pm Wednesday September 15th! Contact Gail at [gmowry@hopetoledo.net](mailto:gmowry@hopetoledo.net) for more information.

## 2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

The ELCA youth gathering is currently on track for July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis. All high school students are eligible to attend. We will be registering as a congregation in October. If you are interested in more information, contact Pastor Kristin.



## CONFIRMATION

Our 7th & 8th grade confirmation students will be receiving their new study Bibles during worship on September 12. The first meeting will be September 19. If you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in participating, contact Pastor Kristin at [pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net](mailto:pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net). Please keep these junior high youth in your prayers as they continue their faith formation journey.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The high school youth group calendar will be available soon. We'll be gathering once or twice a month throughout the year for fellowship, Bible study, and service activities. If you're interested in being added to the email list for updates and announcements, contact Pastor Kristin at [pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net](mailto:pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net).

