

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 4
Kids' Club & Choir Rehearsal begin

September 7-8
God's Work. Our Hands.

September 11
Confirmation classes begin

September 15
Rally Day

September 17
Lunches with Luther begins

LOOKING AHEAD

October 20
New Member Class

December 14-15
Night in Bethlehem



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.

COMING THIS OCTOBER

REIMAGINE GENEROSITY



**LOVING
GENEROUSLY**

NEW KIDS GROUP

We are excited to start a new group at Hope for kids this year! Our kids' group will meet on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45 during the school year starting September 4. This will take place instead of our children's choir and chimes. Children in Kindergarten-6th grade are welcome to join the fun. We will work as a group to develop our faith, play games, sing songs, play chimes and have a Bible study with discussion. This group will be co-directed by Katie Dumproff and Gail Mowry. Please contact either of them with questions.

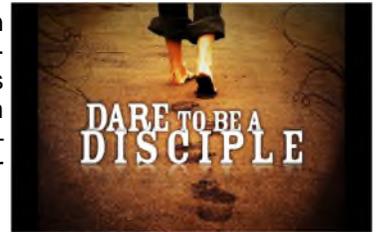
LUNCHES WITH LUTHER

We will gather at noon September 17 to catch up over pizza and choose the study for the fall.

SERMON SERIES: DATE TO BE A DISCIPLE

Each year everything begins to start up again after Labor Day. DIT has Rally Day, and we return to our regular rhythm of discipleship. This year we will look at four challenging texts from Luke that invite us to see and be disciples – even when it isn't what we envision, but rather what Jesus envisions.

- 9/8 Renouncing Former Allegiances
- 9/15 Seek the Lost
- 9/22 Diligent Stewardship
- 9/29 Discern God's Voice

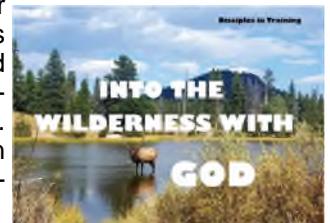


RALLY DAY: SEPTEMBER 15

Join us for Rally Day on September 15 as we begin a new year of Spiritual Formation and Christian Education for all ages during the 10:00 hour.

- Disciples in Training (DIT) (ages 3-6th grade) is from 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. in the downstairs classrooms
- Youth and Adult groups meet from 10:10 – 10:50 a.m. in various locations
- Toddlers & Tots is from 10:15 – 10:40 a.m. in the nursery
- During the 9:00 worship service, we will be commissioning leaders as well as offering a blessing for DIT students at the end of the service.

Disciples in Training (DIT) is for children ages 3 – 6th grade from 10:00-10:50 a.m. in the downstairs classrooms. This year our theme is "Into the Wilderness with God." Join us as we search through the wilderness to find all that God has created and end the year with Jesus's birth. Children will join in song, prayer, and listen to a story. Then, they will go to their classrooms to participate in hands on activities, reading Bible stories, discussions, and crafts.



Toddler and Tots is a new Pre-DIT class. It will meet in the nursery from 10:15-10:40 on Sundays. We ask that parents attend this with your child. During this class, our young ones will listen to a short story, be able participate in an age-appropriate lesson and play.

Faith in Real Life is for both Confirmation and high school youth and will meet in the Confirmation room upstairs from 10:10 – 10:50. We will be unpacking Bible stories and theology using real world and pop culture references, giving youth tools to grow in faith and putting their faith into their own words.

Adult Spiritual Formation groups are open to everyone and meet in various rooms from 10:10-10:50. Grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation. **Wired Word** (library) discusses current events in a Scriptural framework and how Scripture provides guidance for daily life. The **Upper Room Discussion** (Upper Room) and **Women's Group** (Chapel of Grace) offer a space for fellowship, Bible Study, and topical discussions to support one another as they grow in faith.



Bible Presentation

On September 15, at both worship services, we will be presenting Bibles to all 3-year-olds as they start Disciples in Training for the first time. We will also be presenting Bibles to 7th graders who are beginning Confirmation. If someone in your family should be receiving a Bible, please contact Pastor Kristin, pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net to confirm how you would like the name to appear.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be discussing "The Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure at its next meeting. All are welcome on September 12 at 2:00 p.m.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SEPT. 7-8

During this year's God's Work. Our Hands. weekend of service, members of Hope will be intentionally connecting with our neighbors. See below for details on each of the ways you can participate in this year's activities.



Sept 7, 9am – 2pm: Rock the Block

Hope will be joining Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity in a Rock the Block, neighborhood clean-up/beautification project, to help transform the face of a neighborhood in just one day. Volunteers will be participating in exterior maintenance and repairs such as pulling weeds, cleaning windows and cleaning gutters. All tools/equipment will be provided. Contact Rob Duffey at rduff2@aol.com or the church office to sign up. Rob will send out information about where to meet. *Please note that children participating in this service opportunity must be over the age of 10.*

Sept 7 & 8: Helping our Neighbors

Over the weekend, Nita Clere is helping organize some small service projects like painting, minor yard work or moving boxes for our members. Each project should take no more than two hours. If you have an hour or two free, contact Nita (NdClere@aol.com) for details on the exact times, location and project.

Sept 8 at Hope: Cards for College Students

We will have cards for everyone to sign as well as postcards to color for our college students to send them prayers for the start a new semester.

Backpacks of Hope Collection

This year we will again be providing backpacks of nutritious food on the weekends for 18 children at Old Orchard Elementary. As we start the year, we need to restock our shelves. Items needed include: can of vegetables, tuna fish, soup, Spaghettios, applesauce cups and individual boxes of cereal. Thanks for helping us restart the year strong!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS SEEKING DIT GUARDIAN ANGELS

Life in Christ, classes on membership, are offered twice a year (spring and fall) for all who are interested in gaining a clear picture of what it is to be a disciple of Jesus and how Hope Lutheran Church can fit into your discipleship journey. Our fall class for those interested will meet on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 12:15-4:00 p.m. and will include a light lunch. Child care is available if requested. Please contact the office or Pastor Kevin with any questions and to sign up to attend.

Part of our children's ministry here at Hope is to match every child in Disciples in Training with a Guardian Angel. The Guardian angel is like a secret prayer partner. He or she commits to praying for the child they are matched with and sends a few cards throughout the year. (Cards can be picked up at Hope.) The Guardian Angels are then revealed and join the children at the end of the year for a party in May. If you are interested in becoming a Guardian Angel or have any questions, please contact Katie Dumproff at kdumproff@hopetoleado.net or by calling the church office.

MUSIC NOTES

The music ministry at Hope is ready to make our joyful noise to the Lord!
Adult Choir is open to all people 7th grade and up. Beginning September 4, we will meet from 7:00-8:05 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Choir room upstairs.

If you are interested in providing special music or joining the Praise Team or Flute Choir, please contact Gail Mowry at gmowry@hopetoleado.net.

WELCOME TEAM

The 9:00 and 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

High school youth are invited to join for lunch, prayer, games and Bible study on Sunday, September 15 from 12:15 – 2:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Friends are welcome but let Pastor Kristin know who's coming so there is enough food! We will be talking about the fall youth group schedule and upcoming events that day. If you want to be added to the youth group email list, contact Pastor Kristin, pastorkristin@hopetoleado.net!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our Confirmation ministry is for youth in 7th and 8th grade. Our family information night was August 28. If you missed that but have a youth who would like to participate, contact Pastor Kristin. Wednesday night gatherings begin on September 11, with Bible presentation on September 15. We appreciate your prayers for these youth and their families as they continue to grow in faith and affirm the promises made in baptism.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ezekiel 9-12 ¹	Ezekiel 13-15 ²	Ezekiel 16-17 ³	Ezekiel 18-20 ⁴	Ezekiel 21-22 ⁵	Ezekiel 23-24 ⁶	Ezekiel 25-27 ⁷
Ezekiel 28-30 ⁸	Ezekiel 31-33 ⁹	Ezekiel 34-36 ¹⁰	Ezekiel 37-39 ¹¹	Ezekiel 40-42 ¹²	Ezekiel 43-45 ¹³	Ezekiel 46-48 ¹⁴
Daniel 1-3 ¹⁵	Daniel 4-6 ¹⁶	Daniel 7-9 ¹⁷	Daniel 10-12 ¹⁸	Hosea 1-7 ¹⁹	Hosea 8-14 ²⁰	Joel ²¹
Amos 1-5 ²²	Amos 6-9 ²³	Obadiah, Jonah ²⁴	Micah ²⁵	Nahum ²⁶	Habakkuk, Zephaniah ²⁷	Haggai ²⁸
Zechariah 1-7 ²⁹	Zech. 8-14 ³⁰	<i>Bible in a Year — September 2019</i>				