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At noon and 7pm

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Worship & Discussion
12 – 1pm

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Begin

LOOKING AHEAD

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Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

February 14 | Noon & 7:00 pm

The noon worship service will be abbreviated
slightly to fit within a lunch hour.

**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, the story of Jesus on the
cross repeats—every time lives are taken
unjustly, every time the powerful choose
corruption and violence, every time
individuals forget how to love. With
exacerbation we exclaim, "Again?! How
long, O God?" And yet, in the midst of the
motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you,
I love you, I will lead you to repair."

Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward.



02/14—Ash Wednesday	We're invited in	<i>Matthew 6:1-21</i>
02/18—1st Sunday in Lent	God Meets us	<i>Mark 1:9-15</i>
02/25—2nd Sunday in Lent	We Are Called to Listen	<i>Mark 8:31-9:8</i>
03/03—3rd Sunday in Lent	We Are Shown the Way	<i>John 2:12-22</i>
03/10—4th Sunday in Lent	God Loves First	<i>John 3:14-21</i>
03/17—5th Sunday in Lent	We Are Reformed	<i>John 12:20-33</i>
03/24—Palm Sunday	We Draw on Courage	<i>John 12:1-19</i>
03/28—Maundy Thursday	We Are Held Together	<i>John 13:1-7, 31b-35</i>
03/29—Good Friday	We Find Ourselves Here	<i>John 19:1-30</i>
03/31—Easter	The Sun Rises	<i>Mark 16:1-8</i>

Together in Change Support Group

Thursday, February 15 at 11:30 am

Location: Golden Lily, 2223 S. Reynolds Road., Toledo

Hope Book Club

Wednesday, February 21 at 2pm in the library

Our February book is *The Custom of the Country* by author Edith Wharton.

Backpacks of Hope

We continue to send home food for 24 children at Old Orchard Elementary every weekend. We are regularly in need of peanut butter and boxes of cereal, which are harder to buy in bulk. Other items needed are cans of soup, SpaghettiOs, vegetables, baked beans, cups of fruit or applesauce, and boxes of macaroni and cheese. We also need snack items like granola bars, goldfish crackers, and microwave popcorn. Donations can be left on the white shelves.



First Communion Classes for 1st and 2nd Graders

First Communion classes will be starting on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 12:30-1:30 pm, with an optional light lunch at 12:00 pm in the Nest. Classes will continue on Sundays, March 3, 10, and 24, 2024. If your child is in first or second grade and interested in First Communion, please let Pam Ferrara know by emailing her at pferrara@hopetoledo.net or by writing a note on the back on the connection card.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13: 5:00-7:00pm

Join us for a pancake supper on Tuesday, February 13 sponsored by the youth group. We are excited to bring back this event with some New Orleans flair, as the youth prepare to attend the ELCA youth gathering in New Orleans this summer. Join us for pancakes (with a toppings bar), sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice. There will also be a craft station to make your Mardi Gras masks! Donations will go towards the costs of the youth gathering. Invite your family and friends and join us for dinner!

Lenten Midweek Lunch & Study at Hope

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Lunch 11:30am / Worship & Discussion 12:00 to 1:00pm

Thinking about death is not a fun topic. However, talking through your desires about health care options in case of serious illness, how you want to die, and funeral plans can be a gift and blessing for your loved ones. And our Christian faith can help shape those decisions, conversations, and the grief surrounding them. This Lent, we invite you to join us in Larson Hall as we also welcome members of Grace, Olivet, and St. Stephen's Lutheran churches for a 5-week study on death and dying. It will include conversations about grief, health care decisions, advanced directives, and funeral planning. The conversations will be led by various members of our congregations and community. Portions of each day will be recorded and shared at Olivet Lutheran on Thursdays at noon.

Youth Breakfast

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited for a youth breakfast and devotions on Sunday, February 25 at 10am in the Upper Room. Youth who will be attending the youth gathering are especially encouraged to attend. If you have questions, contact Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net)



VBS 2024!

Camp Firelight

June 17th-21st

9:00am-12:00pm

It is now coming on that time of year! Vacation Bible School planning!! There are many opportunities in front of and behind the scenes that are needing to be filled. We need people who are willing to lead stations, lead groups, help lead stations and groups, decorate, pray for all, and SO MUCH MORE!

If you are interested in helping in any part of VBS at all, please see Pam Ferrara and let her know. You may also contact her via email at pferrara@hopetoledo.net or by commenting on the back on the connection card that you are interested in helping.

Keep your eyes open for supply list donations and child registration which will be coming soon! We are so excited to see what this week has in store for us this year!

**Walk in
Love**

Ephesians 5:2