

LOOKING AHEAD

Hope for Salem Workdays:
May 6, 20

Day of Service
May 6

Guardian Angel Celebration
May 14

Confirmation
9 am May 21

Graduate Recognition
June 11

Vacation Bible School
June 19-23



Hope is a
**Stephen Ministry
Congregation.**

SERMON SERIES: New Reality

The truth of Easter morning and Jesus' resurrection shatters all assumptions. Dead men don't come out of the grave, yet Jesus does. The disciples are commissioned and sent to all the world. The Good News is for everyone - really, everyone. Each week we will look at the New Reality for the world and for us all because of Easter.



05/07/23	Even them?	Romans 1:1-17
05/14/23	For the ungodly	Romans [3:28-30] 5:1-11
05/21/23	Baptized into Death	Romans 6:1-14
05/28/23	Together	Romans 8:14-39

CONFIRMATION: MAY 21

On May 21 during the 9am worship service, seven of our youth will affirmation their baptisms through confirmation. Over the past two years Olivia, James, Corbin, Audrey, Libby, Lea, and Archie have studied and grown together during confirmation ministry. Join us in celebrating with and praying for them as they mark this next milestone on their faith journey.



GUARDIAN ANGEL CELEBRATION

We will be gathering for a Guardian Angel Celebration on May 14 at 10am in Larson Hall. All children in Disciples in Training are invited to gather alongside your guardian angels for a treat, games, and fun. Please RSVP to Pam Ferrara (both children and guardian angels)

OFFICE STAFFING

Beginning June 5th, Cindy Franklin will serve as our Office Manager full-time. Cindy will continue to maintain our financial records and take on some additional office responsibilities. We are seeking a Communications Specialist to produce publications and manage social media. Your network connections are appreciated.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Thanks to all who helped by donating prizes and candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. We had about 10 kids participate and had loads of fun doing so!

DAY OF SERVICE MAY 6TH

Join us in a Day of Service, Saturday May 6th. We have a few service opportunities for different ability levels and ages and hope you can come help out!



- **9:00 am Salem Lutheran Church**
neighborhood clean-up day. Come on your own or with a group
- **9:00 am Grounds Work at Hope Lutheran**
Scott Elston will be leading a group to do some clean-up work on our grounds helping prepare for a new garden and general spring clean up of flower beds.
- **10:00 am Baking at Hope**
Pastor Kristin will be leading a group inside to make trays of baked goods to give to teachers at local school and first responders.

We hope you can join us!

BACKPACKS OF HOPE



We are almost to the end of the school year for Backpacks of Hope, with four more weeks of backpacks to go! We have 17 backpacks going home each weekend and need about 2 weeks worth of cereal, macaroni and cheese, vegetables, and applesauce or fruit cups left, and 1 week of peanut butter. Our last backpack will go home the week of May 21, so donations for this year need to be in before then. Thank you again for your continued generosity this year!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION



We will be recognizing all Hope graduates (high school, college, graduate schools) on Sunday, June 11 in worship and with a reception between services. If you or a family member are graduating and wish to be included, please send the following information to Pastor Kristin by May 22 the graduate's name, graduation date, school & degree, a photo, and a couple of sentences of future plans. (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net) We will include all graduates names on June 11 whether or not they can be present that day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023: HERO HOTLINE

June 19-23 | 9:00 a.m.— Noon

At Hero Hotline VBS, children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up! Throughout the morning, our young Heroes will discover more about the theme, memory verse, and Bible stories as they move through the stations – Storytelling, Crafts, Music, Recreation, Science, Service, and Snacks. Join us as we answer God's call together, to serve, bring peace, and build each other up!

Preschool – 4th grade

Registration is open on the website at hopetoledo.net

5th grade – adult are invited to volunteer! We are in need of Music and Science Station leaders. We also need Station assistants & Age Group leaders/ assistants. Please contact Pam Ferrara at pferrara@hopetoledo.net with questions.

VBS SERVICE DONATIONS

We are excited for VBS and our service station this year. Our tradition at Hope is for every child to help with a service project each day of VBS. This year, our projects will benefit local heroes and local ministries as well as ministries in other states and even internationally through Lutheran World Relief. To make these projects happen – we need your help! Donations are due back by June 5.

- 200 bottles of water
- 200 granola bars
- 100 individual bags of chips
- 100 individual bags of cookies
- 100 fruit or applesauce cups
- 100 ChapStick/Lip Balm
- 200 bars of soap (full size)
- 100 combs
- 100 bath towels in dark colors (max 27in x 52 in)

BOOK GROUP

Hope's Book Group will meet at 2:00 pm May 17th to discuss "Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson. Contact Joy Gibbs or Margaret Bretzloff with questions.



TEACHER LUNCH

On Friday, May 26 we will be providing lunch for the teachers & staff at Old Orchard for a in-service day. If you are interested in helping or providing a salad, side, or desert please contact Pastor Kristin by May 14.

HOPE FOR SALEM UPDATE

Our Salem team worked hard again on a SPRING day, April 22. We are still in the process of finishing construction of the back portion of the house on both floors. We continued building 2nd floor interior walls. Our next work dates will be MAY 6th and 20th. Your ongoing prayers are appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Roger Smith or the church office.

STORIES & SMORES

On Tuesday, May 23 from 4-7pm, youth grades 6-12 are invited to join other youth from around Northwest Ohio for stories and smores with Bishop Daniel at Canalee Treehouse Village (Oak Openings). Hot dogs and smores will be provided – you are invited to bring a snack/side to share. Questions or to RSVP, contact Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net).



SACRED GROUNDS

Sacred Grounds is creating a wildlife habitat, planting native flowers & scrubs, providing a green space for fellowship while connecting with community. Our Sacred Ground Project of ground preparation was completed on May 1, 2023. Special thanks to Mike Lease, Tim Whetstone, Nita Clere, Scott Elston and Marilyn Dufour. Planting is planned for Sunday May 28 at 10 am. All are welcome. Any donation of native flowers or shrubs are welcome. Call Nita 419-265-7583 for more information.



PAUL REICHERT ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to the 30th anniversary of Pastor Paul's ordination. The event will take place 5:30 pm Saturday July 22nd and Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 July 23rd at Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg. Pastor Paul grew up here at Hope.

RECEPTION FOR JENNIFER

On Sunday May 28 we will gather in the Nest between service at 10 AM for a reception for Jennifer Bailey. Jennifer has faithfully served as Hope's Office Manager since 2017. Her family is moving to Marysville, Ohio. Please stop by for some sweets and to share well wishes with Jennifer.

