

Looking Ahead

- September 3**
Office closed for Labor Day
- September 5**
11:30pm Lunches with Luther
7:00pm Vision Team
- September 10**
10am Worship in the Park
- September 12**
6:30pm Leadership Team Mtg
- September 13**
7pm Chancel Choir starts
- September 16**
8am Hope for Salem Workday
- September 17**
Welcome Back!
10am Disciples in Training
12pm Confirmation Classes
12:15pm Children's Choir
12:45pm Chimes Choir
- September 27**
2pm Book Club
- September 30**
8am Hope for Salem Workday



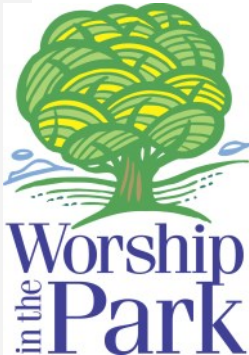
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Stephen Ministry
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OUTDOOR SERVICE AND CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 10th at 10am
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for our combined outdoor worship service in Arrowhead Park. Invite your friends and neighbors as we look towards the Fall!

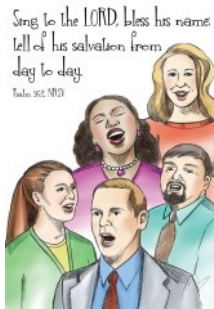
Following worship, there will be:
11:00am Free picnic lunch
11:30am Free concert by Hope's Praise Team

Enjoy lawn games and a bounce house for the children. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to stock the pantry for our Backpack Ministry at Old Orchard Elementary. Needed items include: boxes of cereal, mac & cheese, peanut butter, cans of vegetables, soup, and pasta, juice boxes, and individually wrapped snacks.



CHANCEL CHOIR KICK-OFF!

Sat., Sept. 9 at 5:00pm (Pastor Kevin's Home)
For Anyone who wishes to take part in our adult choir this year, please join us for a Choir Kick-off Pizza Party! It will be this Saturday, 9/9, at 5pm at Pastor Kevin's home. Please RSVP to Gail at gmowry@hopetoledo.net.



ADULT CHANCEL CHOIR—Starts September 13
Rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7-8pm in the sanctuary

Adult Chancel Choir is not only fun, it is spiritually rewarding. All are welcome to join and share their love of music at the 11:00am Sunday service. No experience needed. Contact Chancel Choir Director Ron Prebe at (419) 266-2565 or at rprebe@hopetoledo.net.

HOPE BOOK CLUB

Wednesay, Sept. 27 at 2pm (Library)
Let's meet to discuss: **West with Giraffes** by Linda Rutledge



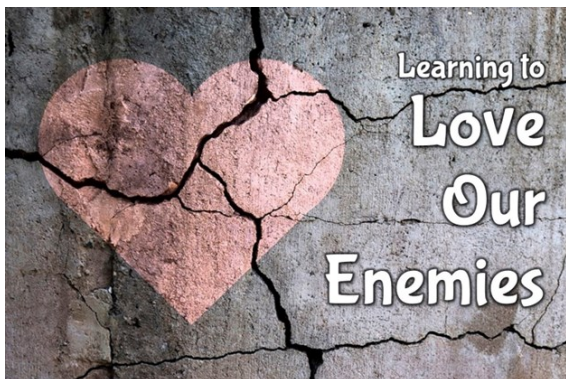
LUNCHES WITH LUTHER

This bible study begins Tues., Sept. 5th at 11:30am in the Nest. Please bring a brown bag lunch to share over conversation. At noon we begin our approximately hour-long study. Our first study will be on 1 & 2nd Corinthians. If you plan on participating, please email Pastor Kevin at pastorkevin@hopetoledo.net for a participant book.

TOGETHER IN CHANGE Monthly Support Group

Come join us if you find yourself dealing with the loss of a spouse or partner. Thursday, 9/21, at 11:30am at **Stubborn Brother Pizza**. Call Helen Jodouin at (419) 509-6143 or Cathie Sommer at (419) 290-7175 with any questions.

Next Worship Series: Learning to Love our Enemies



Though it is more easily said than done, loving our enemies is possible. It is easier to talk about love overcoming all obstacles when talking about a friend or someone we agree with. Loving someone we disagree with or who has hurt or betrayed us is far more challenging. Yet throughout Scripture we are called to love our enemies. Join us as we dig deeper, so we can learn and practice reflecting the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, who loves us even when struggle to love ourselves and others.

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| 09/10 | Love through due process | Ezekiel 33:7-11 |
| 09/17 | When God transforms evil into good | Genesis 50:15-21 |
| 09/24 | Mercy and God's higher calling | Jonah 3:10--4:11 |
| 10/01 | Loving the enemy within | Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 |

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service | 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation | 11 a.m. Traditional Service

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Children and Youth Ministry

Bible Presentation for Confirmation & 3 year olds

On September 17 at each worship service, we will be presenting Bibles to 3 year olds as well as first year confirmation students. If you have a child that fits into one of those groups, please make sure you talk to Pam or Pastor Kristin to make sure they are included.



Backpacks of Hope

We are looking forward to another year of partnering with Old Orchard Elementary to continue providing food for children in need on the weekends. We are starting to collect food items to re-stock our pantry for the year. Bring an item to our outdoor service on September 10 or any worship service. You can also drop them off on the white shelves during the week.

Items needed include:

- Boxes of Cereal
- Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter (16 ounces)
- Cups of Applesauce or Fruit
- Cans of soup, pasta, or vegetables
- Packets or cups of instant noodles
- Cans of tuna
- Juice boxes or pouches (100% juice)
- Individually wrapped snack items (granola bars, fruit snacks, popcorn, etc.)

If you are interested in helping pack bags on Sundays or during the week, contact Pastor Kristin for training and schedules.

Childrens and Chimes Choirs

Begin on Sunday, 9/17, in the Choir Room

Children's Choir rehearsals will be on Sundays from 12:15 pm-12:45pm in the Choir Room (upstairs). Children in kindergarten – 6th grade are welcome to participate. No experience necessary.

Chime Choir rehearsals will be on Sundays from 1:00pm – 1:30pm in the choir room for children in 2nd – 6th grades. No experience necessary.

Children can join either or both choirs. No experience necessary, just a love for music. We will perform as the Call to Worship at the 11am worship service once a month on Sundays. Questions may be directed to Pam Ferrara at 419-261-2656 or pferrara@hopetoledo.net.

"Be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:19-21

Confirmation Classes

Our confirmation ministry (primarily for 7th and 8th graders) will begin Sunday, September 17 at noon with lunch for parents and students in Larson Hall. Students will continue to meet upstairs on Sundays from noon – 2pm starting September 24. Please make sure you have confirmed your child's participation with Pastor Kristin.

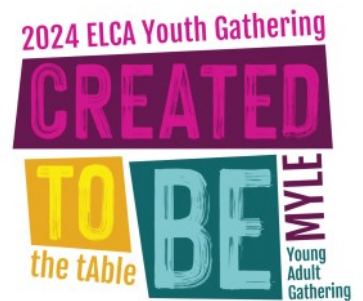
Youth Group News (Grades 7-12)

Saturday, September 16 at 4pm, youth (grades 7-12) are invited to gather at church for games, dinner, devotions, and fun.

Make sure you are on Pastor Kristin's email list.

ELCA Youth Gathering

The ELCA youth gathering is a once every three years event for youth currently in grades 8-12. It will be happening this coming summer in New Orleans (July 16-21, 2024). We will have a second information meeting on Sunday, September 24 at 10am in Larson Hall. Youth and parents are invited to attend. Registration information will be available at that time. **We will be registering and being preparing in October.** Contact Pastor Kristin with questions.



Contact Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net

Guardian Angels

Become a Guardian Angel or Student

At Hope, our Guardian Angel program is for adults to be matched with a student and to pray for them throughout the year. You can also send letters or cards to your student on a regular basis (monthly or special occasions). A very important part of this program is to pray for them. Students may choose to become pen pals. At the end of the year, you can meet together at our Guardian Angel Tea. We do not send gifts in this program. It is all about the power of prayer.

Parents of students in Disciples in Training can confirm their child's participation in Guardian Angels with Pam. This year we will be letting students know who their Guardian Angels are so the student has the option to pray for them and send notes back as well.

To sign up or with questions, contact Pam Ferrara at pferrara@hopetoledo.net or by phone/ text (419) 261- 2656.

Hope for Salem—September Work Days—9/16 and 9/30 8:00am-12:00pm

The Hope for Salem team had a productive August. We finished the stairs to the 2nd floor apartment and they look beautiful! We installed a new steel door to the basement that required a lot of detailed fittings. We continue to make significant progress. Mona continues to provide a wonderful lunch for us each day. On August 5th, the team was honored to host the international group, PeaceRun, as they presented Pastor Mike with a gold medal for his outstanding dedication and work with the Salem community. There are many ways to be involved in this ministry—no experience is necessary! Please contact Roger Smith at 419-202-3779 if you have any questions.

