

LOOKING AHEAD

Better Together: Toledo Pride

August 15th

Backpack Blessing

August 16th

Prayer for Students

August 18, 6pm

Summer Breakfast

August 23, 10am

Lunches with Luther Returns

Tuesday Sept 8th

Jazz Worship in the Park

September 13, 10am

DIT Returns

September 20th



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.

HOPPERS

We are all called



Each August we use an animated movie as an inspiration for our sermon series. This year we will focus on Hoppers a 2026 Pixar movie. Animal-lover Mabel seizes an opportunity to use a new technology to “hop” her consciousness into a lifelike robotic beaver and communicate directly with animals. Soon Mabel uncovers mysteries in the animal world beyond anything she could have imagined and is forced to consider what community really means. As with most Pixar movies, there is a thread for younger viewers and a deeper thread for adults. Throughout the story, Hoppers captures and portrays several aspects of discipleship and community that we will look at through a Christian lens.

August 2	Called Out of Ourselves
August 9	Called to be Stewards
August 16	Called to Action
August 23	Called to Grace

Matthew 14:13-31

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-22

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Romans 12:1-8; Isaiah 51:1-6



On August 15, Hope will again be walking with faith communities from around Toledo in “Better Together” in

Toledo Pride. This is an opportunity to highlight many communities of faith standing together as welcoming, affirming, and safe. In a world with so much division and pain, we can shine hope brightly through the power of unity, love and inclusion! Please contact Pastor Kristin for more information (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net).

First Communion

If you have a student in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade that has not taken First Communion and is interested in being a part of communion instruction this fall, please contact Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net). Due to multiple schedule conflicts in the spring, we moved this to fall and will be starting instruction in September.



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

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This summer we are collecting school supplies to pack backpacks for children and youth at Salem Lutheran Church. We will be packing 50 backpacks with supplies for children from kindergarten through 12th grade. Supplies are due back to Hope by **August 16**. We will be packing the backpacks at 10am that day.

UPDATED
COUNTS!
AS OF
7/30

- Lots of #2 Pencils
- 36 boxes of 12 colored pencils
- 18 boxes of 24 crayons
- 29 glue sticks
- 73 packages loose leaf paper (wide & college ruled)
- 136 2-pocket folders

- ~~0~~ large erasers
- 22 boxes of 10 markers
- 54 packages blue/black pens
- 66 highlighters
- 58 notebooks (wide & college ruled)
- 10 packs index cards
- 20 boxes Kleenex



Backpack Blessing

On Sunday, August 16, children, youth, and adults are invited to bring their school backpacks to worship for a blessing of the backpacks. We will have prayer cards for everyone to attach to their bags for the year.

Prayers for Students

On Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00pm, we will hold a brief prayer service (15 minutes) to pray for our Hope students by name and for all students, teachers, and staff at the start of a new school year. Anyone is welcome to join us in the sanctuary.



2026 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

A huge thank you to everyone who prayed for and supported the youth on our mission trip to New York City in July. Over the course of a week, the youth served at 3 different feeding ministries in 3 different neighborhoods giving out over 1000 bags of food from food pantries and 400 meals. They helped with Materials for Arts that seeks to keep materials out of landfills and into the hands of teachers and non-profits. And they learned about Salam Radio Ministries, an Arabic speaking Christian radio ministry where they even got to try out recording in the sound studio! Throughout the week, they also got to explore the city and become pros at the many public transportation options! It was a wonderful week and we are thankful for the support!