HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 2026

Our Mission: To be a living example of the love of Jesus Christ.

LOOKING AHEAD

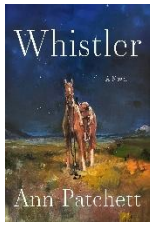
Sabbatical Information Meeting
Sun, October 4, 10am

Harvest Festival
Sun, October 18, 4-5:30pm

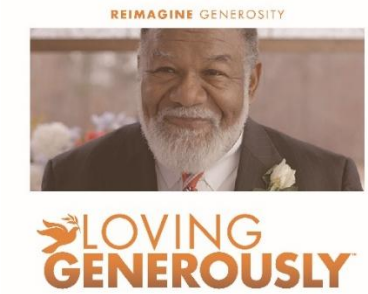
Consecration Sunday
Sun Nov 1, 10am One Service
Luncheon to follow, No DIT

Hope is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Book Club



Tues Oct 6, 1pm
Whistler
Ann Patchett
Daphne Fuller encounters Eddie Triplett, her former Stepfather of only a year, though he had a profound impact on her life. Upon reuniting, its as if no time has passed. Two people look back at their life, at the choices they made and choices made for them.



Our series last fall, Living Generously, challenged comfortable notions of stewardship and generosity. Generosity is not only, or even primarily, about finances. Jesus did not give a tithe for our salvation. He humbled himself and took on the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). So in the first series, Frank Donovan, a wealthy businessman who befriends his gardener Re (pronounced "Ray"), was challenged on whether he gives God the "good sheep" (the first and finest he has to offer) or the "stinky sheep" (what's left over after he's taken what he wants). This challenge begins a process of reflection and transformation, as Frank and his family learn to be generous not only out of their financial abundance but in all of their lives, even when this whole-life generosity requires risk and sacrifice.

This fall we pick up the journey of the Donovan family with Loving Generously. As the Donovan's welcome a struggling young couple into their care, they pay a price in worldly opposition. But they also find great joy and beauty in the community that forms as a result of their generous hospitality.

God wants us to give our time, talents and treasure for his kingdom. He also wants us to give ourselves to one another in love. True generosity compels us to reconciliation, and as we form friendships and community with the needy, we learn how to be generous in wiser and truer ways. In all these things, the overflowing generosity of God in Christ forms our model, as the invitation of Christ goes out to all: young and old, rich and poor, the "in" crowd and the outcast.

Join us each week in worship beginning October 4th as we follow the Donovans & Re. At the end of the series, we will give you the opportunity to share how you have been impacted. Will you join us in praying that God will prepare our hearts to hear God's message of transforming generosity? Will you commit to coming each week?



Sunday November 1 is Consecration Sunday! There will be ONE worship service at 10:00am. Following worship there will be a luncheon provided in Larson Hall. Starting in October, you will be able to make a reservation either by using our Connection Cards during worship or by calling the office. We hope you will join us in sharing food and fellowship with members from both services! There will be no Disciples in Training this week.



Sunday, October 18 in Larson Hall, 4- 5:30pm
Families of all ages are invited to join us for Hope's annual Harvest Festival! There will be fun for all ages including dinner, music, and pumpkin carving with pumpkins and carving materials provided. RSVPs are not required but appreciated to make sure there are enough pumpkins and enough food. Contact Pastor Kristin with questions or to RSVP at pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net



College Student Addresses
We will be sending out college student care packages this fall. If you have a college student in your family (undergraduate or graduate student) please send Pastor Kristin their mailing address by October 14 so they can be included.

College Student Care Packages
During the Harvest Festival on October 18, we will be packing college care packages to send to college students at Hope. We are currently receiving donations of items to include in those care packages. Items can be dropped off anytime – there is a collection box outside the Nest. Contact Pastor Kristin with questions.

- Fun-size candy bars or Halloween candy
- Microwave popcorn
- Granola bars
- Individually wrapped snacks or food
- Packages of gum or mints
- Packages of hot chocolate
- Small size packages of Kleenex



Backpacks of Hope has officially started sending weekly bags of food for families at Old Orchard Elementary, supporting 24 children each weekend. Thank you for helping us restock the pantry for the fall!!! We continue to need jars of peanut butter (16 ounces) and cans of pasta or vegetables. Financial contributions can be made to Hope and marked for "Backpacks." Thanks again for your continued support!



Sabbatical Information Meeting
Sunday, October 4 at 10am

Next year Pastor Kristin will be taking a brief sabbatical in April and May for renewal and education. Join her and other leaders on Sunday October 4 in Larson Hall to learn more about what this will look like for her and for Hope. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and learn how you can be a part of this time of renewal.



Sun Oct 11th, 12:15pm-4pm, Nest
Hope is offering a "Life in Christ" class on Sun Oct 19th. This class covers the basics of what we believe and how Hope is organized for ministry. If you are interested in learning more about Hope, connecting with ministries, using your unique gifts, or membership, then this class is for you. Please RSVP through the office or connection cards in worship. Lunch will be provided and for those who have need, childcare will also be available.



Youth Group Taco & Game Night

Saturday, October 10 at 6pm
All junior high and high school youth are invited to join for taco bar and game night. If weather is good, we'll have outdoor games in Arrowhead Park. If weather is questionable, we'll move inside. Friends are welcome. Over dinner, we will also be talking about the ELCA youth gathering in Minneapolis next summer!

ELCA Youth Gathering: Save the Date

June 26 – July 2, 2027
Registration will open this fall so be on the lookout for more details.