

Hope Lutheran Church Announcements – November 23, 2008

"To be a living example of the love of Jesus Christ"

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INVITING people to connect with God

Welcome to Hope Church! If you are a guest this morning, please notice the staff and lay leaders wearing identification badges. They will be able to assist you with any concerns. For the hearing impaired: place your hearing aids on the "T" switch for direct audio input during the service. Join us in the Lounge between services this morning for fellowship and refreshments.

· During worship today, please make sure that cell phones and pagers are in their silent mode or turned off.

SEEDS OF HOPE RESOURCE CENTER Please stop in the lounge and check out the Christmas and Advent table. You also might want to consider a Bible or another gift with a message. All items can be purchased with our simple "open anytime" process. Instructions for purchasing items and leaving payment are available. **Haitian coffee** is for sale, \$10/bag. Proceeds to benefit Haiti Missions.

ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

A SPECIAL MEETING of the congregation will be held this morning at 10:30 am in Larson Hall. The purpose is to authorize the Officers of Hope Church to form a Call Committee for the position of Pastor of Student and Family Life. This position is intended to be in addition to the existing positions of Senior Pastor and Discipleship Pastor.

ALL CAST MEMBERS for A Night in Bethlehem are being fitted for costumes in the Office Conference Room this morning. Stop by between 8:30 and 11:30.

LUNCHES with LUTHER will meet this Tuesday for lunch at noon (\$3) with a study from 1 to 2 pm. They will be on "holiday break" the month of December.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH YOUTH are selling poinsettias to raise funds for the July 2009 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans and the mission trip to Biloxi. Pick up an order form from one of the Greeters or from the bulletin board. Drop off orders in the offering plate or return to the church office.

FAMILY PROMISE (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) is now conducting their Annual Wreath Sale. Order forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church office and on the table outside the lounge. Deadline for orders with payment is today (to the church office).

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS:

- Dec. 7 The *Messiah* will be performed by the Choir at the 8:00 and 11:00 worship services
Dec. 21 Traditional worship at 8:00 am. Children's Program will be presented at **10:00 am.**

EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO LIVE THE GOD LIFE

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

Today	Pastor Tom preaching
Nov. 30	1 st Sunday of Advent Pastor Bill preaching
Dec. 7	Messiah at both 8:00 and 11:00 services Pastor Bill preaching at 9:30
Dec. 14	Pastor Tom preaching
Dec. 21	8:00 Worship, Pastor Bill preaching 10:00 Service Children's Program
Dec. 28	Pastor Bill and Pastor Tom preaching



A few **cast and crew spots** are left. Call now!

Authentic props are needed. Please pick up the flyer listing the items needed. If you have an item to donate, bring to the church office as soon as possible. If you loan the item, it will be catalogued to ensure the return after the event.

Moving Day is Sat., Nov 29 (moving sets from upstairs to Larson Hall) beginning at 9:00 am. Help!!!

Dress rehearsal for all those involved is Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm.

Questions? Call Diane Barnes, Minister of Student Ministry, 419-536-8383 or dbarnes@hopetoledo.net

HOPE'S CHANCEL CHOIR will present Handel's Christmas Messiah featuring soloists and chamber orchestra on Sunday, December 7 at the 8:00 and 11:00 services. Come and experience the joy of our Savior's birth through this inspiring music.

THANKS to those who have turned in their pledge cards. Only 162 of the 327 cards mailed have been received. This is only 50%. If you have not turned in your card, please return to the Church office as soon as possible as an understanding of your intentions greatly assists in our financial planning for 2009.

ADVENT STUDY - The Connections Small Group invites you to an Advent Study. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. All are welcome to join us to learn more about this special time. We will meet in the Nursery, Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Leader: Bob Beers

BLUE CHRISTMAS SMALL GROUP—Is Christmas time difficult for you? You are not alone. Join together with other people in a safe environment to learn coping strategies for the holidays. This will be a time to relax, share and learn alternatives for facing the challenges of the season. Join us Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the library. Leaders: Bonnie Kinschner and Dean Meinke. Call the church office to register 419-536-8383.

PRAYERS

PRAY for those hospitalized: (*released this week)

Toledo: Isaac Reichert, Carl Lease, Mary Beth Wilson, Lori Mohn

→ Please notify the church office when you or a family member is hospitalized. (419-536-8383)

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS to be prayed for this week: Susi Martinez and Christa Henry

WELCOME Trevor Angel, Jordan Barkey, Craig Boyse, Jim Davidson and Emilia Ertz, members of the Adrian College Brass Quintet who are sharing their gifts of music with us at the 11:00 service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God by Bob and Eldonna Cox in memory of loved ones and by John and Claudia Day in memory of loved ones.

SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK AT HOPE - Nov. 23 - Nov. 29

TODAY 8:00, 9:30 and 11 am Worship
 9:30am Disciples in Training & SS
 10:30am Congregational Meeting in Larson Hall
 7:00pm CRHP Men in Lounge

MON 1:00pm Bible Study at Woodlands
 6:30pm Healing Ministry in Library
 7:00pm Alanon in Larson Hall
 7:30pm Book Group in Library

TUES 12:00pm Lunches with Luther in Larson Hall
 6:45pm Pursuing Spiritual Transf. in S Lounge
 7:00pm Vision Team in N Lounge
 8:30pm A.A. in Larson Hall

WED 7:15am Men's Bible Study at Uncle John's
 5:15pm Be Still in Library
 7:00pm Chancel Choir in Choir Room
 8:00pm Handbells in Sanctuary

THURS 7:00am Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

FRI Office Closed
 8:00pm AA in Larson Hall

SAT 9:00am Bethlehem Moving Day (Help needed!)
 10:00am Praise Team in Sanctuary
 11:00am Trumpets in Choir Room

CHILD CARE for preschool children is provided during the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. The Nursery is located outside the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 pm Family Worship with drama of St. Francis and the Children's Choirs
 7:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Communion, Carols and Brass; Pastor Tom preaching
 11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight with Communion and Adult Choirs; Pastor Bill preaching

LADIES CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) Weekend retreat is scheduled for January 31, beginning at 8 am and will conclude on February 1, by 4 pm. The retreat will take place at Hope Church. If you are interested in attending or have questions, contact Dana Imbrock, 419-824-3151.

MEN'S CRHP weekend retreat will be held Feb. 21 and 22, 2009. Please contact John Eby (419-344-5732) or Bill Kinschner (419-873-4633) for reservations or to answer any questions.

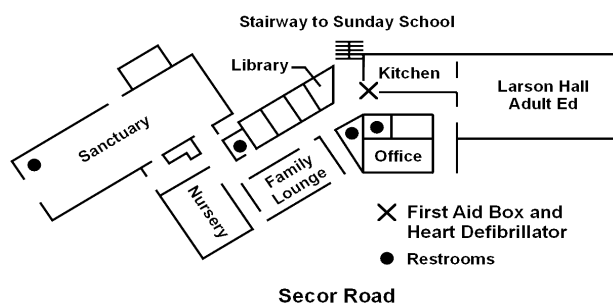
MINISTRY

TODAY'S MINISTERS

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD	8:00	John Wagoner
	11:00	Phil Meuser
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	8:00	Jakob Wenman
	11:00	Marcus and Molly Henry
WELCOME TEAMS	8:00	Don and Marian Mulligan
	9:30	Dick and Patsy Camp
		Jack and Sarah Puffenberger
	11:00	Tom and Beth Fry, Freda Baum, Elisabeth Nace

HOPE'S MINISTRY TEAM

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Weekend Custodian.....	Lyndon Lee



DONATIONS of regular and decaf coffee needed for Sunday fellowship. Please mark the can for Sunday fellowship and put it on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you!

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY is collected the third Sunday of every month. The grocery cart receives offerings of canned goods and non-perishable items at all three services.

INDIAN ROAD entrance doors are locked during the week for security purposes. Use the Secor Road doors unless other arrangements have been made.

RECYCLE inkjet cartridges with proceeds benefiting the Romanian orphanage. Container is located just inside our kitchen door. Cancelled postage stamps are collected in the church office to benefit Heifer International.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be held at Grace Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm with a special collection of food.