

Hope Lutheran Church Announcements - December 7, 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 is open today for your shopping pleasure! 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

LUNCHES with LUTHER is now on holiday break for the month of December.

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS:

Today 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENT FLIERS are being handed out by the ushers after the worship services. Copies are also available on the table in the narthex and the table outside the Lounge. This method now reduces the number of inserts in your bulletin.

YOGA is being offered at Hope on Wednesdays from **8:15 to 9:15 pm** in the Lounge. See the flier for more details.

2009 EL SALVADOR mission trip plans are underway. See the separate flier for details or contact John Wagoner, 419-536-8274.

2009 YOUTH GATHERING is in New Orleans on July 22-24. Information available on the mission flier.

SALEM GIFTS The tree in the Lounge is decorated with stars. Pick a star and purchase a gift for a child. Unwrapped gifts should be brought to Hope by Sunday, December 14.

THANK YOU to those who contributed to the coats for Salem Lutheran Church. 450 coats were purchased at area stores and delivered to Salem on Friday.

EQUIPPING

PEOPLE TO LIVE THE GOD LIFE

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

Today	<i>Messiah</i> 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	Covenant Service with Pastor Bill and Pastor Tom preaching

A Night in

BETHLEHEM
December 13 & 14, 2008

Come between 1 and 6 pm on Saturday or Sunday and experience first century Bethlehem. Take in the sights, smells and sounds of the marketplace. See the baby!

Postcards are available throughout the church. Take some to give to your family, friends, and neighbors. Invite them to receive the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ.

THANKS to those who have turned in their pledge cards. Only 177 of the 327 cards mailed have been received. This is only 55%. If you have not turned in your card, please return to the Church office as soon as possible.

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 meet in the Nursery on Thursdays, Dec. 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 is a time to relax, share and learn alternatives for facing the challenges of the season. Join us Thursdays, Dec. 11 and 18, 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Nursery. Leaders: Bonnie Kinschner and Dean Meinke.

HAITI Mission Team members will be selling gift certificates to Calvino's Restaurant, a yummy, casual, family owned Italian restaurant at Cricket West. For every \$10 certificate sold the team will earn \$5.00 which will be used for supplies and /or projects for their March mission trip.

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

PRAYERS

PRAY for those hospitalized: (*released this week)

Toledo: Carl Lease; At Home: Lois Barbour, Diane Churdar, Isaac Reichert, Mary Beth Wilson, Virginia Eisenbrandt

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

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS to be prayed for this week: Emily Bretzloff-Rohrs, Marcus Henry, Alex Mitchell

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Mike and Linda McEachern on the death of his father, William McEachern, who died in Texas, on Nov. 22. Cards can be sent to 28 Exmoor, Ottawa Hills, OH 43615.

SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK AT HOPE - DEC. 7 - DEC. 13

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

MON 1:00pm Bible Study at Woodlands
 7:00pm Connections in Lounge
 7:00pm Alanon in Nursery

TUES 5:00pm Agape Meal at Salem
6:30pm Bethlehem Rehearsal in Sanctuary
 6:45pm Pursuing Spiritual Transf. in Library
 8:30pm A.A. in basement

WED 7:15am Men's Bible Study at Uncle John's
 5:15pm Be Still in Library
 5:15pm Rejoicing Ringers
 5:30pm Connecting Point in Lounge
 5:40pm Joyful Ringers
 6:00pm Children's Play Rehearsal in sanctuary
 7:00pm Chancel Choir in Choir Room
 8:00pm Handbells in Sanctuary
 8:15pm Yoga Class in Lounge

THURS 7:00am Pastor Bill's Bible Study in Lounge
 9:30am Women's Bible Study in S Lounge
 6:30pm Advent Study in Nursery
 7:00pm CRHP Women in Lounge
 7:30pm Blue Christmas in Nursery

FRI 8:00pm AA in basement

SAT 8:30am Small Group Vision Team in Lounge
 10:00am Praise Team in Sanctuary
 11:00am Trumpets in Choir Room
 1 - 6pm Night in Bethlehem
 4:00pm Serving at Cherry St. Mission

WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS (i.e. pictures, news, updates to missions or other events) should be sent to info@hopetoledo.net.

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

LADIES CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) Weekend retreat at Hope is January 31, beginning at 8 am concluding February 1, 4 pm. To register 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.

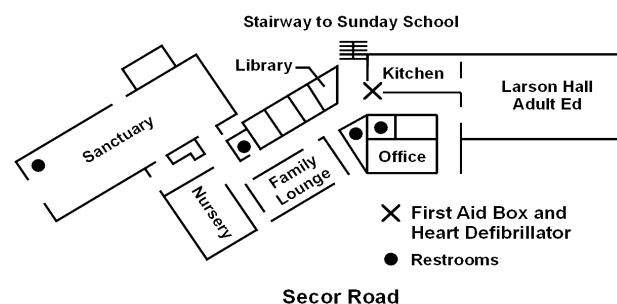
MINISTRY

TODAY'S MINISTERS

PROCLAIMERS OF	8:00	Dennis Keller
THE WORD	11:00	Forrest Wenman
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	8:00	Collin Duffey
	11:00	Hayden Henningsen
WELCOME TEAMS	8:00	Glenn and Molly Pockock
	9:30	John and Stephanie Eby
		Tom and Tammy Jahns
	11:00	Joy Gibbs, Chris Rowe,
		Marjorie Prueter, Lore Schueler

HOPE'S MINISTRY TEAM

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DRIVERS are needed for those persons wishing to attend Sunday worship but have no transportation. Please call the church office 419-536-8383 if you are willing to help.

DONATIONS of regular and decaf coffee needed for Sunday fellowship. Please mark the can for Sunday fellowship and drop off in the kitchen.

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.