

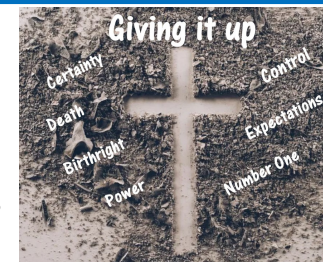
PRAYERS FOR THIS SEASON

God, our peace and our strength, We pray for our nation and the world as we face new uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Guide us as we consider how best to prepare and respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, it is good for us to gather as your beloved in community. We treasure your presence with us in word and meal, song and prayer. Be with us in these days when gathering together as often as we would like is not possible. When we must be apart for reasons of safety, we trust that you surround us with your sheltering wings. Encourage us in connecting as we are able, reaching out to our neighbors in need and being persistent in prayer. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our constant companion. Amen.

Sermon Series for Lent: Giving Up

One of the long held Christian practices is to give things up for Lent as an act of self-denial. Often people give up things they love such as chocolate, ice cream, dessert, soda, or even adult beverages. When Jesus sets his eyes on Jerusalem in Mark and begins his journey to the cross he calls for his disciples to give things up, but not the things we associate with our Lenten practices. Jesus calls us to give up control, power and being number one. We invite you to ponder each Sunday during Lent, one of the things that Jesus invites us to give up.



March 22 Giving Up Birthright
March 29 Giving Up Certainty
April 5 Giving Up Expectations

Easter

Plan to join us at Hope for Easter Worship, April 12th.

9:00 Easter Worship with praise team
10:00 Easter Breakfast & Children's activity
11:00 Easter Worship with the chancel choir

Children are invited to come up to the stage in Larson Hall for an activity and coloring during the Easter breakfast at 10 am. This will take place instead of DIT and Toddler and Tots.



Prayers

Hope's prayer team is pleased to join you in the prayers that you write on the back of the Connection Card.

Hospice Care: Ralph Kunze



TODAY'S MINISTERS

TELLERS Tim Rothfuss, Jakob Wenman

Wednesday Lenten Activities are canceled March 18th & March 25th.



Wednesday Worship Series: Convicted

Wednesday Lenten Worship will be recorded and available online at hopetoledo.net

Family at Salem seeking furniture & other items A family at Salem Lutheran lost everything in a fire recently. We are seeking a couch, recliner, stove, refrigerator, kitchen table & chairs, beds, a dresser, pots, and dishes. If you can help please contact Pastor Kevin.

Decorating for Easter begins after the 7:00 pm Good Friday worship in the Sanctuary. Contact Ellie Proctor at 419-509-3079 or pupymeinna@yahoo.com for more information.

Easter Decoration Fund In hopes that we can gather in person for Easter, if you would like to make a contribution toward the Easter Decoration Fund in honor or memory of someone, please call or email the office or you may mail in the name of your loved one with a check (note "Easter Decorations" in the memo line.)



Offerings While we are not meeting in person or passing the plate, the mission at Hope remains strong, the ministry continues and our ministry partners are depending upon our generosity. You may mail your offerings to the church office or consider electronic giving. Thank you!

My Next Step Today is to...

- Re-read Mark 12:28-44
- Pray for medical staff, grocery store employees, and all others helping provide care for others right now.
- Find a way to share the peace from a distance with an act of kindness to someone in need right now.

HOPE'S MINISTRY TEAM

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Vision Team President: Jamie MacMillan

Management Team Chair: Ron Ranallo

Looking Ahead

April 9 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm

April 10 Good Friday Worship at noon and 7:00 pm

April 12 Easter Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am

April 12 Easter Breakfast 10:00 am

June 15-19 Vacation Bible School

This Week at Hope: March 22– March 29

TODAY 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am DIT via Zoom
11:00 am Traditional Worship

MON 11:00 pm Staff Meeting in the Nest
7:30 pm Alanon Downstairs

TUES 8:30 pm AA in Larson Hall

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SUN 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am DIT via Zoom
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. For more information, please call us in the office 419-536-8383



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You can listen or watch live via www.hopetoledo.net/equipping/listenlivepodcast

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