



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

DECEMBER EVENTS

December 8

Choir presents Handel's "Messiah" at 11:00 am

December 12

DIT Movie Night 5:00-7:00 pm

December 22

Children's Christmas Program at 9:00

December 24

Christmas Eve Service, 4:00, 7:00, 11:00 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day Service, 10:00 a.m.

December 29

Lessons and Carols, One service, 10:00 a.m.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES AT HOPE

Sermon Series: The Cast of Christmas

We all play a part in this incredible story! During the four weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas, experience the anticipation of the prophets, the joyful proclamation of the angels, the journey of the shepherds and wise men to honor Him—and how all of this fits in with how we prepare and celebrate for Christmas now.

Dec 1 The Prophets: Preparation & Expectation

Dec 8 The Angels: Proclamation

Dec 15 The Shepherds: Hope and Joy

Dec 22 The Magi: Adoration & Worship



Advent Donations for People in Need

As we approach the celebration of God's great gift to us in Jesus Christ, we seek to live out our core value of generosity through our Advent Collections.

LOOKING AHEAD

January 10 DIT Lock-in 6:00pm—6:30 am

February 26 Ash Wednesday



Hope is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Date	Collection Goal	Donated to
Dec. 1	\$10 Walmart or \$5 McDonald's food cards (\$2,000 total)	Salem Lutheran
Dec. 8	250 children's story or chapter books (for early readers, grades K-3)	Old Orchard Elementary
Dec. 15	200 pairs of hats and gloves	MLK Kitchen for the Poor
Dec. 22	500 pair of socks	Cherry Street Mission

Choir presents Handel's Messiah

On December 8, the adult choir will present the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* during the 11:00 service. This will include narration and will be accompanied by a chamber ensemble.



Advent Open House: December 22nd

Members and friends of Hope are invited by Pastor Kevin and Janice to an advent open house at their home on Sunday, December 22 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. This open house is a great opportunity to gather in fellowship as we prepare for Christmas. Their house is located at 5535 Radcliffe in Sylvania. Maps will be available at Hope, or you can email Pastor Kevin if you would like directions.



Advent Open House

DIT Movie Night: December 12th

Come enjoy a movie, dinner, and decorate cookies for Sunday's fellowship, Thursday, December 12th from 5:00—7:00 pm. Contact Katie at kdumproff if you can donate cookies to decorate.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service | 10:10 a.m. Spiritual Development | 11 a.m. Traditional Service

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT HOPE



An Invitation to Hope

Research has found that most people without a church home are most interested in worship at Christmas. The biggest factor determining whether they will attend is an invitation. Who might you invite to hear the great news of Christmas? Think of who you can invite to join you as we celebrate as a community on Christmas Eve. High-quality imprinted invitations are available each week in Advent to help in your inviting. Time and time again people comment how great our Christmas Eve services are, and this is your chance to share that with others.



Children's Christmas Program

The Children's program this year will be Stars of Wonder. We will meet the star that helped mark the miraculous birth of our savior. The bright luminaries will anxiously watch the biggest announcement in history unfold - the birth of Jesus!

The program will be on Sunday, Dec 22nd during the 9:00 worship service.



Christmas Worship Services

There will be 3 worship services on Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 Family Service with Praise Team
- 7:00 Traditional Service with ensemble
- 11:00 Traditional Service with choir

Communion and Candlelight will be at all services.

A special Christmas Day service will be held on Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m.

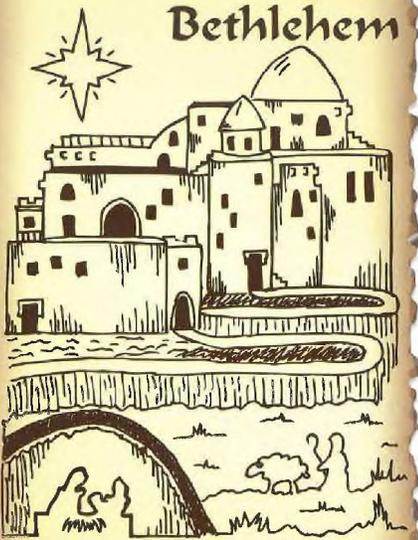


Old Orchard Angel Tree

As part of our ongoing partnership with Old Orchard Elementary, Hope is "adopting" a family for Christmas. This family has 3 children who are students at Old Orchard as well as a younger child at home. One of their daughters is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia. An angel gift tree is being set up to provide new clothes and gifts for the parents and each child. Choose an "angel" off the tree with a gift request or clothing sizes. Return gifts unwrapped, placing it under the tree with the angel attached by December 15.



A Night In Bethlehem



Hope Lutheran Church
December 14-15, 2019

Come between 1:00 and 4:30 pm and experience first century Bethlehem. Take in the sights, smells, and sounds of the bustling marketplace, complete with authentic shops staffed with artisans and live animals.

**And did you hear the exciting news?
A baby has been born!**

**Come and receive the greatest gift of all...
Jesus Christ!**

CONSECRATION SUNDAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

On Consecration Sunday we celebrated All Saints Day and the many blessings God has given us through worship, candles, and fellowship. Over the past few weeks our emphasis has been "Loving Generously." We now have the opportunity to express the generosity which God has given us by completing an Estimate of Giving Card for 2020.



After worship, Larson Hall was completely filled with 150 friends and members who gathered for the celebration luncheon. Overall, it was an uplifting day of fellowship and interaction. Sincere thanks to ALL of the volunteers whose collective efforts made the day a success! For all of you who have turned in your 2020 Giving Card, thank you very much! Based on the preliminary results, Hope is extremely blessed! If you have not yet returned your 2020 Giving Card, please do so as soon as possible. Your generosity will change lives, including yours!

DIT LOCK-IN JAN 10th

12 hours in a church??!! Enjoy multiple service projects, crazy experiments, mysterious adventures/games, and yummy food. Prepare for awesomeness on January 10th 2020 from 6:00pm to 6:30am at Hope Lutheran Church. In order to make this event happen though we will need parent volunteers and donations! Email Katie at kdumproff@hopetoledo.net to volunteer or RSVP. If your child is in pre-k to first grade a parent is REQUIRED to spend the night. This is for DIT kids only. We ask that you please bring a blanket/pillow or sleeping bag as we will spend some time sleeping!

YEAR-END STOCK & IRA CONTRIBUTIONS

As Christians, we believe in being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. In this season of giving, we encourage you to consider the advantages of giving stock to Hope Lutheran Church. By donating appreciated stock to a charitable organization, you avoid paying capital gains tax on the increased value of the stock. You may also be able to take a deduction for the market value of the stock at the time it was given. Please consult your tax advisor. If you plan to give securities to the Church, please notify Peggy Miller at (419) 536-8383 to help initiate the process.

Another option is making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA. People older than 70½ can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from their traditional IRAs to charity, which can count as their required minimum distribution but is not taxable if they follow the rules for a QCD. The gift stays out of your adjusted gross income only if you make a direct transfer from your IRA to the charity. It doesn't count as a tax-free transfer if you withdraw the money first and then make a donation to the charity. Please consult your tax advisor.

2019 YEAR-END GIFTS

As you plan your year-end giving, please note that the last day the office will be open in 2019 is Tuesday, December 31 **until noon**. You may also place your year-end contribution in the offering on Sunday, December 29. Any contributions postmarked by the 31st will be counted towards 2019 giving.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

We will remember our baptisms in worship on January 5th. As part of the celebration we will be presenting new Bibles to all of those who were baptized at Hope in the past year.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Corinthians ¹ 9-11	1 Corinthians ² 12-14	1 Corinthians ³ 15-16	2 Corinthians ⁴ 1-4	2 Corinthians ⁵ 5-9	2 Corinthians ⁶ 10-13	Galatians 1-3 ⁷
Galatians 4-6 ⁸	Ephesians 1-3 ⁹	Ephesians 4-6 ¹⁰	Philippians ¹¹	Colossians ¹²	1 Thessaloni- ans ¹³	2 Thessaloni- ans ¹⁴
1 Timothy ¹⁵	2 Timothy ¹⁶	Titus, Philemon ¹⁷	Hebrews 1-6 ¹⁸	Hebrew 7-10 ¹⁹	Hebrews 11-13 ²⁰	James ²¹
1 Peter ²²	2 Peter ²³	1 John ²⁴	2 & 3 John, Jude ²⁵	Revelation ²⁶ 1-3	Revelation ²⁷ 4-8	Revelation ²⁸ 9-12
Revelation ²⁹ 13-16	Revelation ³⁰ 17-19	Revelation ³¹ 20-22	<i>Bible in a Year — December 2019</i>			

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1 9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 AM-Disciples in Training (Downstairs) 11:00 AM-Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	2 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00 PM-Collaboration (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM-Alanon (Basement)	3 12:00 PM-Lunches with Luther 7:00 PM-Vision Team (Lounge) 7:00 PM-Bethlehem Leaders Mtg 8:30 PM-AA (Basement)	4 6:00 PM-Confirmation (Larson Hall, Confirmation Room) 7:00 PM-Adult Choir (Choir Room)	5 7:00 AM-Bible Study (Library)	6 8:00 PM-AA (Basement)	7
8 9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 AM-Disciples in Training (Downstairs) 11:00 AM-Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	9 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting (Lounge) 1:00 PM-Stephen Ministry (Library) 7:00 PM-Collaboration (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM-Alanon (Basement)	10 12:00 PM-Lunches with Luther 4:00 PM-Reformed Love Meal (*Salem) 7:00 PM-Bethlehem All Cast Meeting 7:00 PM-Mission Outreach Team (Lounge) 8:30 PM-AA (Basement)	11 8:30 AM St Ursula Board 6:00 PM-Confirmation (Larson Hall, Confirmation Room) 7:00 PM-Adult Choir (Choir Room)	12 7:00 AM-Bible Study (Library) 10:00 AM-Caregivers Meeting (Library) 2:00 PM-Book Group (Library) 5:00 PM-DIT Movie Night (Downstairs)	13 8:00 PM-AA (Basement)	14 1:00 PM-Night in Bethlehem 4:30 PM-Serving (*Cherry St Mission) A Night in  BETHLEHEM
15 9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 AM-Disciples in Training (Downstairs) 11:00 AM-Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 1:00 PM-Night in Bethlehem	16 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00 PM-Collaboration (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM-Alanon (Basement)	17 12:00 PM-Lunches with Luther 6:00 PM-Connecting Point (Lounge) 8:30 PM-AA (Basement)	18 7:00 PM-Adult Choir (Choir Room)	19 7:00 AM-Bible Study (Library)	20 8:00 PM-AA (Basement)	21
22 9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM-Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	23 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00 PM-Collaboration (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM-Alanon (Basement)	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Family Worship 7:00 PM Candlelight Worship 8:30 PM-AA (Basement) 11:00 PM Candlelight Worship	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship	26 Office Closed	27 8:00 PM-AA (Basement)	28
29 10:00 AM-Combined Worship (Sanctuary)	30 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00 PM-Collaboration (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM-Alanon (Basement)	31 New Year's Eve 8:30 PM-AA (Basement)	Merry Christmas 			

For the most up to date calendar please visit the website at hopetoledo.net