



UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Christmas Program

10am—December 24
"Out Of Time, An Advent and
Christmas Pageant."

Christmas Eve Services

4pm—Family-friendly
worship with Hope's Praise Team

7pm—Traditional worship with
special music

9pm—Traditional worship with
music from the Chancel Choir

Christmas Day Services

10am—Worship with a
special Christmas Story

Lessons and Carols Service

10am—December 31

OUT OF TIME WORSHIP SERIES

Our Advent theme is **OUT OF TIME**, which is likely a familiar refrain. We hope you will join us as we explore two senses of time. Advent thrusts upon us the reality that time is limited. We run out of time to reconcile, to prepare, to make a change. Yet even as we are running out of time, God is outside of time entirely. God's infinite being and infinite patience cut through our fear as God enters human time to dwell with us:

Emmanuel, God-with-us.

12/03/23	Running out of Time	Mark 13:24-37
12/10/23	Time Flies	2 Peter 3:8-15a
12/17/23	Dreamlike Time	John 1:6-8, 19-28
<u>Christmas Services</u>		
12/24/23am	Out of Time	Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55
12/24/23pm	No Time	Luke 2:1-14
12/25/23am	The End Time is the Beginning	John 1:1-14

Children's Christmas Program

"Out Of Time, An Advent and Christmas Pageant."

It's that time of year again! Time for the Children's Christmas program!

We have found some energetic children to help to set this program in motion. We passed out parts on November 12th! The program will be during the 10am service on Sunday, December 24th.

We have costumes, speaking and non-speaking roles. The children are very excited about their parts and roles in this program.

Volunteers are needed to assist for costumes.

Please contact Pam at pferrara@hopetoledo.net.

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. Items will be collected each week in worship as well as throughout the week in the church office.

Date	Collection Goal	Donated to
Dec. 3	20 gallons of bleach 1,000 each plastic forks, spoons, & knives	MLK Kitchen for the Poor
Dec. 10	\$10 Kroger or McDonald's gift cards (\$2000 total)	Salem Lutheran
Dec. 17	50lbs of stick butter and 1,000 laundry pods	Redeemer Lutheran

Hope for Salem Update

The next Hope for Salem work date will be either 12/9 or 12/16. The date is dependent on the delivery of materials ordered for the next project.

January dates and work are still to be determined. Updates will be in the weekly email or weekly announcements. Thanks to everyone for your continued support and prayers. – Roger Smith

Hope Book Club

December 20th at 2pm in the church library

Book of the month: *The Mistletoe Murder and other Stories* by J.D. James.

Contact Joy Gibbs with any questions.



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.



On-site at the Salem House Project.
Hope's volunteers are making a
difference on Toledo's East Side.

10:00am—Children’s Christmas Program

4:00pm—Family friendly worship with Hope’s Praise Team

7:00pm—Traditional Worship with special music

9:00pm—Traditional Worship with Hope’s Chancel Choir



Join Us for Christmas!
We will have 4 worship services on Christmas Eve. There will be communion at all four services and candlelight at the three later services.

There will be a Christmas day service at 10am.

Our Christmas Lessons & Carols services will be Sunday, December 31 at 10am.



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? Invitations are available 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.

Christmas Decoration Fund

If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Decoration fund, you may do so by calling the office or filling out a form in worship by December 15. Honorariums and Memorials will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.



Together in Change Support Potluck

Thursday, December 21, at 11:30 we will meet in the Nest for a potluck. Helen will bring a hot meat sandwich. Everyone else should bring a dish to share. Please call or email Helen (419/509-6153) or Cathie Sommer (419/290-7175) to let them know you are coming. Feel free to bring a friend; they don't have to be a member of Hope.



Youth Christmas Party

All youth, grades 7-12, are invited to a Christmas party on Sunday, December 17 from noon – 2pm. We’ll gather for lunch and fun holiday activities. Friends are welcome. RSVP to Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net)

Youth Gathering Participant Meeting

Sunday, December 3 at 10am there will be a meeting in Larson Hall for youth going to the ELCA youth Gathering next summer along with their parents. If you are interested in the trip and didn’t register, talk to Pastor Kristin before the meeting to see if there is space to be added.

Backpacks of Hope Winter Break Boxes

Old Orchard Elementary has a just over two week break over Christmas and New Years. If you are interested in helping provide food or fill a box for our Backpacks families over break, please talk to Pastor Kristin for details. All items need to be returned to Hope by December 17.

YEAR-END STOCK & IRA CONTRIBUTIONS

As Christians, we believe in being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. To that end, 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. If you plan to give securities to the Church, please notify Cindy Franklin at (419) 536-8383 to help facilitate the process.

Another option is making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA. 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 on either matter.

2023 YEAR-END GIFTS

As you plan your year-end giving, please note that the last day the office will be open in 2023 is Friday, December 31 until noon. You may also place your year-end contribution in the offering on Sunday, December 25. Any contributions postmarked by December 31st will be counted towards 2023 giving.

