

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hope for Salem Workdays:
8 am December 11 & 18

Children's Christmas Program
9 am & 11 am December 19

Christmas Eve Worship
4 pm Family Worship w Praise Team
7 pm Traditional Worship
9 pm Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir

Christmas Day Worship
10 am Online via YouTube and Facebook

December 26 Worship
10 am Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary and Online)

January 2
9 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Traditional Worship



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.



Decorating for Advent

Do you love decorating? Then you are invited to stay following the 11am worship service on December 5 to decorate the sanctuary and building for Advent and Christmas. The trees will be up for the start of Advent, but we will be putting up the rest of the decorations on Dec. 5. More hands are always welcome. Contact Ellie Proctor to sign up or with questions (pupymeinna@yahoo.com)

ADVENT ACTIVITIES AT HOPE

Sermon Series: One Night in Bethlehem



If you look around right now, it seems like Christmas is already here. But in the church year, this is the season of Advent. It is a season of Anticipation, Preparation, and Hope. Join us in anticipation as we hear again the prophecies of old about God's promises for God's people and how they will be fulfilled. Join us in preparation along with Elizabeth, Mary, and all of Bethlehem as they prepare for the Messiah. Join us in hope as we celebrate and enter the story of how one night in Bethlehem continues to change the world even as we look forward in anticipation of God's promises for the world today and for years to come.

November 28	Waiting & Watching
December 5	A Little Town
December 12	Do Not Be Afraid
December 19	Prepare the Way
December 24	One Night in Bethlehem
December 26	Go in Peace

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 in the church office.

Date	Collection Goal	Donated to
Nov. 28	\$10 Kroger or \$5 McDonald's food cards (\$2,000 total)	Salem Lutheran
Dec. 5	150 Fleece Throw Blankets	Old Orchard Elementary
Dec. 12	500 rolls of Toilet Paper, 100 Light Bulbs (40W, 60W)	Redeemer Lutheran
Dec. 19	20 Gallons of Bleach, Plastic Utensils (1,000 each)	Martin Luther King Kitchen for the Poor

Angel Tree for Backpacks of Hope Students

Help brighten Christmas for the students we support through backpacks of Hope. Pick up & sign-out a gift tag off the Angel Tree bulletin board outside the Nest. Shop for the gift. Return the gift unwrapped with the tag attached by Sunday, December 19. If you have questions, contact Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net



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

Christmas Worship Services

There will be 3 worship services on Christmas Eve:

4:00 Family Service with Praise Team

7:00 Traditional Service

9:00 Traditional Service with Choir

Communion and Candlelight will be at all services.

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



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.



Lunches with Luther

Lunches with Luther will begin an Advent study using the book "Let Us Go Now To Bethlehem" by Todd Outcalt. Lunches meet each Tuesday at Noon in the Nest. All ages are welcome to join us.



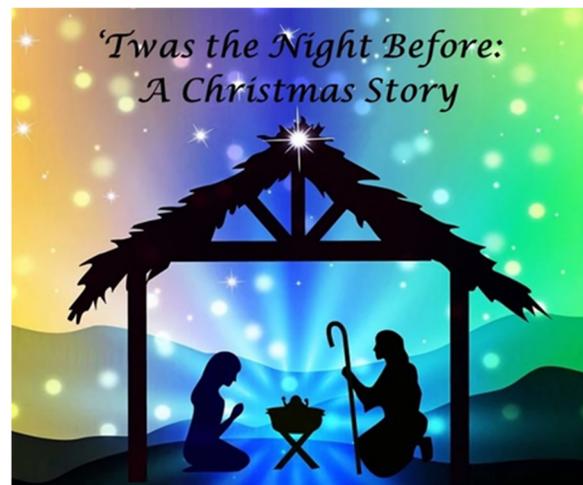
Confirmation & Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19 from Noon – 2pm in Larson Hall Youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited to a Christmas Party complete with lunch, Gingerbread house contest, cookie decorating, games, presents, and a lot of fun! RSVP to Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net for more details!



Let Your Light Shine Home Decorating Contest

If you love decorating your yard and the outside of your house for Christmas and/or looking at Christmas decorations – this is for you! Let Your Light Shine is a fun Christmas decorating contest that is meant to brighten your holiday and add some more light to the season! It is also a way to raise a little extra money for some of our mission partners. If you would like to register your house for our Tour of Homes, do so by filling out a form in our weekly email or in worship by December 5. The Tour will be Dec. 10-12 and 17-19 from 4pm – 9pm with details available in announcements, weekly email, our website and Facebook page.



'Twas the Night Before: A Christmas Story Children's Christmas Program

Our Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 19. For health and safety reasons, we recorded the program in advance and will be showing it during worship at both the 9am and 11am service on December 19.

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 "Grace." We now have the opportunity to express the generosity which God has given us by completing an Estimate of Giving Card for 2022.

Sincere thanks to ALL of the volunteers whose collective efforts made the day a success! For all of you who have turned in your 2022 Giving Card, thank you very much! Based on the preliminary results, Hope is extremely blessed! If you have not yet returned your 2022 Giving Card, please do so as soon as possible. Your generosity will change lives, including yours!

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 Cindy Franklin 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.

HOPE RUN/WALK CLUB DECEMBER 11

Run/Walk Club has begun! Join us for fellowship and a bit of fitness through the holiday season! We walk or run together every other Saturday with the next date as Dec 11. Meet at Hope along Indian Road at 9am. Please contact Margie for more details and weather related impacts at 734-624-5503.



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

**CHECK OUT OUR REDESIGNED WEBSITE
AT HOPETOLEDO.NET**

2021 YEAR-END GIFTS

As you plan your year-end giving, please note that the last day the office will be open in 2021 is Friday, December 31 until noon. You may also place your year-end contribution in the offering on Sunday, December 26. Any contributions postmarked by the 31st will be counted towards 2021 giving.



BEST WISHES KATIE

Katie Garverick has submitted her resignation as Director of Children & Family Ministry here in order to take a full-time position in special education. Her last day will be December 19. We invite you to join us at 10am on December 19 to thank her for her ministry and wish her well.

KIDS' CLUB AND TODDLER & TOTS

There will be no Kids' Club and no Toddler and Tots playdate for the month of December.