

JANUARY EVENTS

January 9
Baptism of Our Lord

LOOKING AHEAD

February 6
Planned Congregational Meeting,
10:00 a.m.

March 2
Ash Wednesday

April 17
Easter Sunday



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.

2021 YEAR-END GIFTS

As you plan your year-end giving, please note that the office will be open Friday, December 31 **until noon**. Contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31 to count towards 2021 giving.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a gift for our Angel Tree with Old Orchard students. We were able to brighten the holidays for 23 children in 11 families who are very appreciative.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation gatherings on Sundays will start back on January 23 from 12:15- 2:00pm. Our winter unit includes a study of the 10 commandments and worship.

YOUTH GROUP

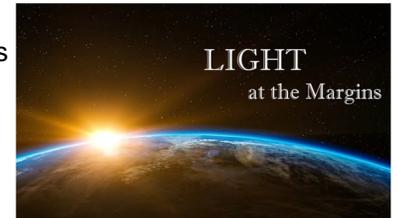
Winter youth group dates are still being determined. Make sure Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net) has your email address to stay up to date on coming events.

THANKS FROM KATIE

Over the past couple years I have enjoyed getting to know the families at Hope and growing in faith together. Thank you so much for the gift. I am so blessed to have served at Hope.

NEW SERMON SERIES: Light at the Margins

The Gospel of John in the first chapter declares, "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." In the following verses John reports Jesus going to the margins to bring light and life and that his mission is literally to bring that light and life to the world. We will explore light at the margins as we examine how that light and life is brought into the very margins of our own lives.



01/02/22	Light	John 1:1-14
01/09/22	Come and See	John 1:35-51
01/16/22	At a Party	John 2:1-11
01/23/22	By Night	John 3:1-21
01/30/22	A Samaritan Woman	John 4:1-42

ADVENT COLLECTIONS TOTALS

Thank you for your generosity in donating to our Advent Collections! As of December 28th, we met or exceeded all our goals! Together we have collected more than:



- \$2,000 Gift Cards for ministries at Salem Lutheran Church
- 100 Light Bulbs & 500 Rolls Toilet Paper For Redeemer Lutheran
- 150 Fleece Throw Blankets for Old Orchard Elementary
- 20 Gallons of Bleach & 1,000 sets of Plastic Utensils for Martin Luther King Kitchen for the Poor

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

We are continuing to support 12 families at Old Orchard Elementary with backpacks of food every weekend. To get the year started, we need to restock the pantry a bit. We currently need regular size boxes of cereal, cans of soup, cans of tuna, cans of pasta, peanut butter and juice boxes (100% juice please). Donations can be left on the white shelves across from the nursery.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS, JUNE 20-24

Ready to cook up some fun? Join us as a parade of food trucks rolls through the neighborhood for a summer party. Throughout the week, we will see the countless ways God provides, loves, and cares for us while us to provide, love, and care for others!

June 20-24, 2022
9am – 12:15pm
Preschool – 4th grade

5th grade – adult are invited to volunteer!



DISCIPLES IN TRAINING

After a break over Christmas & New Years, Disciples in Training will start back January 9 on Sunday mornings from 10:00 – 10:40am in the downstairs classrooms. All children age 3 – 6th grade are welcome. If you haven't participated before, please contact Pastor Kristin to register (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net). Also, a reminder that masks are required. A calendar for special events for D.I.T. ages will be available later in January.

YOUR WORDS INSTALLED

Do you remember last Sept when you wrote words of encouragement on our Hope for Salem boards? This event occurred in the park when we celebrated the start of fall programs. Many members and friends signed their names and wrote messages on boards. Those boards were just installed into the new support wall of the Salem house Saturday, Dec 18th. These messages will be forever part of the structural support of this building. Thank you for your participation and support of Hope for Salem!



HOPE FOR SALEM UPDATE

Hope for Salem is a project that when completed will provide Salem Lutheran Church with a new office and a second-floor apartment. To accomplish this vision, we are transforming an old house that is over 100 years old and does NOT meet current building standards. A group of very dedicated volunteers has been working on scheduled Saturday mornings that started with demolition in June of 2020. We have now completed the required bracing of the foundation and have installed new flooring on the first floor. We are now in the process of building new support walls on the first floor and installing new ceiling joists. This process will continue on the second floor and eventually the roof.

Do you wish to cure the winter blues? Here is a guaranteed way. Join the group of volunteers who work at the Hope for Salem house. You do NOT need to be a skilled craftsman. (Of course, if you are skilled you would love your assistance!) But, the only skill you need is to be physically able to carry a board, or hand tools to a person on a ladder. We will provide you with the proper training and supply you with whatever equipment you need. We welcome all able men and women and teenagers with a parent. We will work the following dates this winter: **Jan 8 and 22; Feb 5 and 19; and March 5 and 19.** And yes it's guaranteed to cure the winter blues!

