

## JANUARY EVENTS

**January 1**  
10 am Lessons and Carols

**January 8**  
Baptism of Our Lord

## LOOKING AHEAD

**February 19**  
10 am Congregational Meeting

**February 22**  
Ash Wednesday  
Worship at Noon & 7:00 pm

**April 17**  
Easter Sunday



Hope is a  
Stephen Ministry  
Congregation.

## 2022 YEAR-END GIFTS

As you plan your year-end giving, please note that the office will be open Friday, December 30 **until noon**. Contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31 to count towards 2022 giving.



## ROAD CLOSURE

Beginning January 3rd, Secor Road will be closed near the university (south of Hope Church) for 7 months.

## BOOK GROUP

Hope's Book Group will meet at 2:00 pm January 19th to discuss "The Light We Carry" by Michelle Obama. Contact Joy Gibbs at 419-297-9063 for more information.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

We would like to give a big shout out to all the students, parents, teachers, and Ron Prebe who helped to make the Christmas Program possible! The students worked super hard, and it was a great program!!

## NEW SERMON SERIES: In Real Life

IRL is an abbreviation used in social media and texting that stands for In Real Life. It refers to our real lives, not just our digital personas or digital lives. After Jesus' birth, the gospel of Matthew quickly moves to Jesus' baptism, temptation, and key teachings. These stories help us move us from the story of Christmas into real life – and the grace, blessings, lessons, and challenges we find there. Beginning January 8th, we begin a series exploring what Christmas and Jesus means for us In Real Life.



01/08/23	Baptism	Matthew 3:1-17
01/15/23	Temptation	Matthew 4:1-17
01/22/23	The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-20
01/29/23	Treasure in Heaven	Matthew 6:7-21
02/05/23	The Golden Rule	Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

## ADVENT COLLECTIONS TOTALS

Thank you for your generosity in donating to our Advent Collections! As of December 26th, we met or exceeded all our goals! Together we have collected more than:



- \$2,000 Gift Cards for ministries at Salem Lutheran Church
- 50 pounds butter, 100 cans cranberry & 250 Rolls Toilet Paper For Redeemer Lutheran
- 200 sets of Hats and Gloves for Old Orchard Elementary
- 20 Gallons of Bleach & 1,000 sets of Plastic Utensils, 30 Dish towels for Martin Luther King Kitchen for the Poor.

## TOGETHER IN CHANGE

Our purpose is to be a social outlet and fellowship for anyone adjusting to their new lifestyle after the loss of a spouse or partner. We will meet at 10:00 am January 29th in the Nest to discuss new activities. Feel free to invite others who you may know that would be interested. If you have any questions contact Helen Jodouin (419-509-6143).

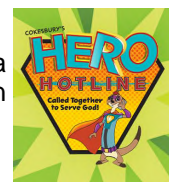
## SAVE THE DATE: VBS, JUNE 19-23

### VBS 2023 Hero Hotline

Ready for some fun with the ultimate hero team? Join us for a week of VBS where our children will be become heroes who learn to strive for the things that bring peace and build each other up.

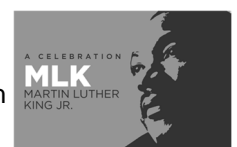
June 19—23, 2023  
9am – 12:00pm  
Age 3 – 4th grade

Youth currently in grade 5 or older and adults are encouraged to volunteer. Registration will open this spring.



## MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATION

Glenwood Lutheran will host a commemoration of Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr at 4:00 pm January 15th. Gloria Dickerson will be the guest speaker. Gloria was involved with the integration of the public school system in Mississippi in the mid-1960s. Local poet, Ophelia Thompson will share. In addition, Dr. Anthony Pattin, has gathered an impressive slate of musicians, including members of The Toledo Symphony Orchestra



## A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM 2022

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make A Night in Bethlehem a success! We welcomed 898 guests and over 100 people volunteered at the event, making just over 1,000 visitors to Bethlehem. In addition, many more carried walls and furnishings, decorated the village, prepared costumes, offered musical gifts, baked cookies, and prayed for the event. Here are a few photos to enjoy:

