



Announcements

December 23, 2018

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

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church!

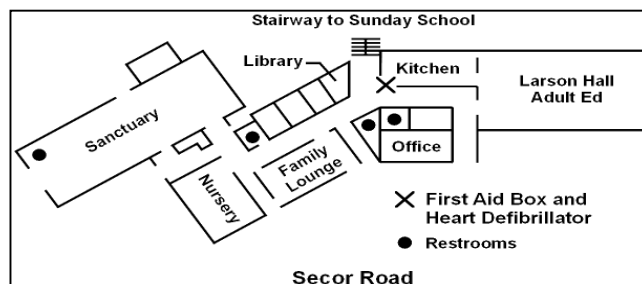
- If you are a guest this morning, please notice the staff and lay leaders wearing identification badges. They will be able to assist you.
- For the hearing impaired: place your hearing aids on the "T" switch for direct audio input
- Large-print bulletins are also available from one of the ushers.
- Gluten-free communion wafers are available—just let the pastor know if that's what you prefer. Please join us between services in the Lounge for coffee and refreshments.

We encourage children to participate in worship, however if needed, a staffed **NURSERY** is available for children through 3 years old during both worship services and faith formation time. The Nursery is located to the right of the Chancel (church front).

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

Please indicate your next step on the back of Today's Connection Card and place in the offering plate. Take home this announcements page to serve as your reminder in the week ahead.

- Read the Scripture found in Luke 1:26-38
- Invite Someone to Christmas Eve Worship



Sunday Morning Faith Formation Opportunities (10:10-10:50)

Disciples in Training is for all children ages 3 years old through 6th grade. This year's theme is Finding Jesus (meets starting at 10am in downstairs classrooms)

Think. Believe. Do. (TBD) is our new youth discussion for 7th grade – 8th grade in the Confirmation room upstairs.

Wired Word discusses current events in a Scriptural framework and how the Scriptures provide guidance to being in the world. (Meets in the library)

Men's Group is a place for men of all ages to gather in the Word and fellowship. (Upper Room, use stairs by the Sanctuary)

Women's Group is using a Bible study called "Looking for Lovely, Collecting the Moments that Matter" by Annie Downs. Please bring your Bible. (Chapel of Grace across from Family Lounge).

Next Sermon Series: Why Jesus?

Because Jesus is _____. During the next weeks we will be exploring who Jesus is to you as we follow along with Matthew's account of Jesus' life, ministry and message. If someone asked you why you were a Christian or why you were a disciple or why Jesus, could you answer? Join us as follow Jesus beginning January 6th and each week answer the question 'Why Jesus?'



Advent Collections As we explore the Christmas Story through the eyes of Mary, we will faithfully collect items to give away to others each week during Advent. There will be a chance in worship each week to bring items up front as part of our Advent journey.

- Dec 2 \$10 Kroger & \$5 McDonald Food Cards for Salem Lutheran
Current Collections: \$1,570 (Goal \$2,000)
- Dec 9 250 pairs of new children's underwear (size 5-9)
250 pairs of socks (both children & adult sizes) for Old Orchard School
Current Collections: 317 pairs underwear, 481 pairs of socks WOW!!
- Dec 16 200 hats and gloves for MLK Kitchen for the poor
Current Collections: 131 hats, 130 pair of gloves
- Dec 23 250 rolls of toilet paper or boxes of tissues
100 containers of Lysol wipes for Redeemer Lutheran
Current Collections: 17 containers of wipes, 23 boxes of tissue, 118 rolls toilet paper

TODAY'S MINISTERS

READER Nita Clere

WELCOME Team 9:00 David Guy, Joan Knestrick
Jim & Maggie Hentges

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

11:00 Freda Baum, Joy Gibbs

TELLERS Tim & Kim Whetstone
Beth Spencer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS 9:00 Brooke Henry, Grace Henry
11:00

AUDIO/VISUAL Jacob Henry

Announcements:

Christmas Eve Invitations are still available Please consider who you know that is looking for a place to celebrate the birth of Jesus this year. As you take an invitation, **place an ornament on the tree.** This visual will allow us to see just how far the reach of Hope’s hospitality is this Advent season!

A new calendar for **2019 altar flowers** has been posted near the sanctuary. Honor a special day, grace our worship space with flowers, and if you like, take them home to beautify your own table. Details are on the bulletin or call the church office.

Baptism of our Lord & Godparent’s Day

On Sunday, January 13 we will celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord by an affirmation of baptism and we’ll present Bibles to everyone who was baptized at Hope this past year! This year we will also be celebrating the gift of Godparents during Disciples in Training. Children are encouraged to invite their Godparents or a special guest We hope you can all join us!

Christmas Eve Worship

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

Communion and Candlelight will be at all services.

Christmas Day Worship will be at 10:00 a.m.

Dec 30th we will worship with Lessons and Carols at 10:00 a.m.



Prayers

Hope’s prayer team is pleased to join you in the prayers that you write on the back of the Connection Card.

College student of the week: Reid McGowan 4922 Highpoint Dr Toledo OH 43616

HOPE’S MINISTRY TEAM

Ministers: The Members of Hope

Senior Pastor: Kevin Maxey, (Home 567-288-2072) pastorkevin@hopetoledo.net

Associate Pastor: Kristin Hunsinger, pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net

Organist/Pianist: Matt Raisky, mraisky@hopetoledo.net

Music Director: Gail Mowry, gmowry@hopetoledo.net

Office Manager: Jennifer Bailey, jbailey@hopetoledo.net

Financial Secretary: Peggy Miller, pmiller@hopetoledo.net

Custodians: Mike Hoskins and Nick Zurawski

Children’s Ministry: *Currently Hiring*

December

Dec 23 9:00 am Children’s Christmas Program

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00, 7:00, & 11:00

Dec 25 10:00 am Christmas Day

Dec 30 10:00am Lessons & Carols

Looking Ahead

Jan 13 Godparent’s Celebration Baptism of Our Lord

This Week at Hope: Dec 23– Dec 30

TODAY 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Children’s Christmas Program

10:00 am Christmas Cookie Reception

10:10 am Adult Spiritual Formation

11:00 am Traditional Worship

MON Christmas Eve Office Closes at Noon

4:00 pm Contemporary Worship

7:00 pm Traditional Worship

7:30 pm Alanon in Basement

11:00 pm Traditional Worship

TUES Christmas Day Office Closed

8:30 pm AA in Larson Hall

WED

THURS

FRI Office Closed

8:00 pm AA in Larson Hall

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SUN 10:00 am Worship: Lessons & Carols



SERVICES LIVE ON THE INTERNET

You can listen or watch live via www.hopetoledo.net/equipping/listenlivepodcast

PARKING: Indian Road parking lot is designated for disabled and seniors. Please be considerate by parking in the Secor Road parking lot, on Bancroft Street or the angle parking spaces on Indian Road.



SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service | 10:10 a.m. Spiritual Development | 11 a.m. Traditional Service

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