



Announcements

December 30, 2018

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

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church!

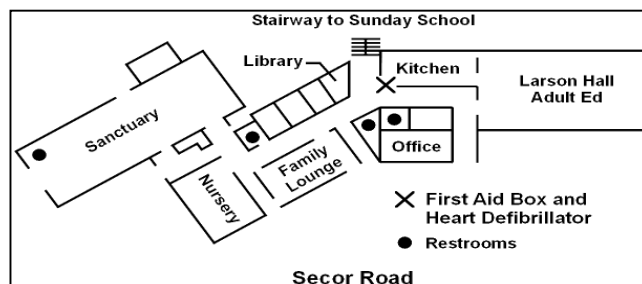
- If you are a guest this morning, please notice the staff and lay leaders wearing identification badges. They will be able to assist you.
- For the hearing impaired: place your hearing aids on the "T" switch for direct audio input
- Large-print bulletins are also available from one of the ushers.
- 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.

- Pick up a Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2019
- Begin reading the Bible January 1st
- Make at least one resolution to grow my discipleship



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 Through out the season of Advent, we have collected items for our ministry partners. Your generosity has been inspiring and has made a true tangible difference in the lives of local families. Thank you! If you still have items to bring in, just drop them by the office anytime this week.



- Dec 2 \$10 Kroger & \$5 McDonald Food Cards for Salem Lutheran
- Dec 9 250 pairs of new children's underwear (size 5-9)
250 pairs of socks (both children & adult sizes) for Old Orchard School
- Dec 16 200 hats and gloves for MLK Kitchen for the poor
- Dec 23 250 rolls of toilet paper or boxes of tissues
100 containers of Lysol wipes for Redeemer Lutheran

Prayers

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

TODAY'S MINISTERS

READERS Paul Peters, Bob Beers

WELCOME Team Carol Meuser
John & Nancy Salsbury

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

TELLERS Matt Caputo, Jim Walter

Announcements:

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 board 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!

2018 Year End Gifts

As you plan your year-end giving, please note that the last day the office will be open in 2018 is Monday, December 31 **until noon**. You may also place your year-end contribution in the offering on Sunday, December 30. Any contributions postmarked by the 31st will be counted towards 2018 giving.

January 6th is Epiphany

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, one of the oldest Christian feasts. “Epiphany” means “to reveal”. We will consider how the Messiah was revealed to the magi and how Christ is revealed to each of us in our world today.



Just a note...

Due to the holiday schedule, this page was printed well in advance of your reading. Updates on the Advent collections and other timely church matters will be shared during the welcome.

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 30 10:00am Lessons & Carols

Looking Ahead

*Jan 13 Godparent’s Celebration
Baptism of Our Lord*

Feb 10 10:00am Congregational Meeting

This Week at Hope: Dec 30– Jan 6

- TODAY** 10:00 am Lessons and Carols
- MON** **New Year’s Eve** **Office Closes at noon**
7:30 pm Alanon Downstairs
- TUES** **New Year’s Day** **Office Closed**
8:30 pm AA in Larson Hall
- WED**
- THURS**
- FRI**
8:00 pm AA in Larson Hall
- SAT**
- SUN** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Disciples in Training Downstairs Classrm
10:10 am Adult Spiritual Formation
11:00 am Traditional Worship



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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