

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 4

Thank you to Bethlehem Volunteers

February 11

Congregational Budget Meeting

Interfaith Luncheon

February 13

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 14

Ash Wednesday Services at noon and 7:00 p.m.

February 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21

Mid-Week Lenten Meal and Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

March 4-10

Hope Mission Team services in Haiti

March 25

Palm Sunday

March 29

Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 p.m.

March 30

Good Friday Worship, noon and 7:00 p.m.

April 1

Easter Sunday



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Beginning February 21, Wednesday evenings during Lent will include fellowship, reflection and worship.

5:00-6:20: Dinner in Larson Hall for all

5:45: Children's Choir in Choir Room

6:00: Confirmation in Co-op Room

6:20: Meditative Music in Sanctuary

6:30-7:00: Worship in Sanctuary for all

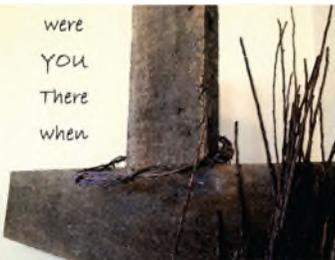
7:00-7:45: First Communion Class in Family Lounge

7:00: Adult Choir in Choir Room

LENT AT HOPE

Ash Wednesday (February 14) will begin the 2017 Lenten season with a services at noon and 7:00 p.m., which will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Each of the following Wednesdays during Lent, Hope will offer evening opportunities for fellowship, discussion and worship for all ages.

SUNDAY LENTEN THEMES



“Were you there when...?” This is such a common question asked in community when looking at shared experiences and events. It is a way to reflect, to connect, to remember. As the people of God, we are each on our own journey. We each have our own experiences and stories. However, during Lent, we are invited to gather together to hear the story we all have in common. So, on Sundays during Lent, we invite you to join us at the cross, as together we experience Jesus' passion.

Were you there when...

Feb. 18: ...**Lazarus rose from the tomb**—John 11:1-44

Feb. 25: ...**Jesus washed the disciples' feet**—John 13:1-17

Mar 4: ...**Jesus was betrayed**—John 18:12-27

Mar 11: ...**Pilate questioned Jesus**—John 18:28-40

Mar 18: ...**Jesus was condemned**—John 19:1-16a

Mar 25: ...**the crowds gathered**—John 12:12-27 & John 19:16b-22

THY WILL BE DONE: MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERIES

“Not as I will, but as you will,” Jesus prayed to his Father the night before he went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent. We seek to do God's will in our lives, as we draw near to the observance of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week.

-God's Will and God's promise (2/14)

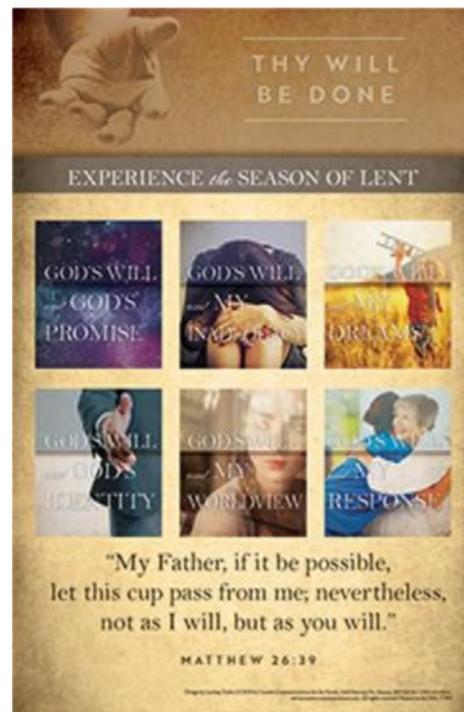
-God's Will and my inadequacy (2/21)

-God's Will and my dreams (2/28)

-God's Will and my identity (3/7)

-God's will and my worldview (3/14)

-God's will and my response (3/21)



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

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FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

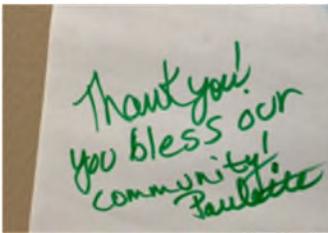
We are excited to be celebrating First Communion with our children later this spring. In preparation, First Communion classes for 2nd graders will be held on Wednesdays, Feb. 21 & 28, March 7 & 14, from 7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m., in the Family Lounge. Children participating in classes should be accompanied by at least one parent/adult. For planning purposes, if you plan to attend, please contact Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net with the child's full name. If you have a child older than 2nd grade who has not had first communion instruction or if you have a younger child who you would like to participate, you can also contact Pastor Kristin.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: FEB. 13

Join us Tuesday, February 13 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for a Pancake Supper before Lent begins. There will be a pancake decorating contest for all ages, crafts for kids, and lots of food and fellowship. Suggested donations are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children and students. All proceeds will go toward our youth going to the ELCA youth gathering in Houston, TX this summer.



THANK YOU TO OUR NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM VOLUNTEERS!



February 4th we will celebrate the many volunteers who made the Night in Bethlehem possible. Over 1000 people came and heard about the baby! Join us 10—11 in the Family Lounge for treats and photos from Bethlehem.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All members are encouraged to attend Hope's Congregational meeting 10:00 a.m., Sunday February 11 in the Sanctuary to approve the 2018 budget.

INTERFAITH LUNCHEON

Last Spring the Muslim community in Sylvania invited the larger community to come and learn about Islam and then invited them to prayers and a meal. Several Hope members participated, and we are now inviting their community to join us in worship and then stay for a lunch when we will share the basics of our faith in the spirit of dialogue and building relationships. You are invited to worship and welcome these guests and then join together for lunch. There is no cost, but reservations are needed by Wednesday, February 7. (office@hopetoledo.net)



MLK KITCHEN FOR THE POOR COORDINATOR NEEDED

Hope has been supporting MLK Kitchen for the Poor for many years as a mission partner. We are currently looking for a coordinator to help keep us connected and look how we can continue to partner effectively. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Kristin.

STEPHEN MINISTRY APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE



What is Stephen Ministry?

The Stephen Series is a system for training laypeople to do caring ministry. Those training for Stephen Ministry will learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, hurting, or experiencing other stresses in life.

Why Lay Ministry?

The Stephen Series is designed to train laypeople for caring ministry. Loving others in Jesus' name is a challenge and an opportunity for all God's children. Likewise, the joy of helping others is the privilege of all Christians, for the Holy Spirit has given gifts to each Christian to use in service to others and to build up the church (1 Corinthians 12:7-11). Stephen Ministry will rely on the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to our lay members so that, as more people are equipped to care, Christ's love for us will be able to go out from us in ever greater and more effective ways.

How to I Apply?

Stephen Ministry begins with training which is distinctively Christian and focuses on God as the one who cures while we care. If you are interested in more information or would like to apply to be a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or Marian Mulligan. Those interested are invited to complete an application.