

**JANUARY EVENTS**

**December 30**  
Lessons & Carols, one service, 10:00 a.m.

**January 13**  
Godparents' Celebration for DIT

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**February 10**  
Congregational Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

**March 6**  
Ash Wednesday

**April 21**  
Easter Sunday



**LESSONS & CAROLS: DEC. 30**

Join us on Sunday, December 30 at 10:00 a.m. for ONE worship service of Christmas Lessons & Carols. There will be no Disciples in Training or Adult Spiritual Formation that day.



**YEAR OF SCRIPTURE**

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

As 2018 draws to a close, so does the Year of Prayer. Throughout this past year, Hope joined other Lutheran churches in Northwest Ohio in an intentional focus on prayer. In 2019, Bishop Beaudoin has invited all congregations in NW Ohio and all people connected to those congregations to join a synod-wide Year of Scripture, with an emphasis on reading the Bible daily in 2019.

We will be offering various ways throughout 2019 to dig into Scripture. One of these is to join in the synod-wide reading through the Bible in one year. There will also be additional Bible studies and times of conversation. If you don't have a Bible, please let us know, and we will be happy provide one. Below you will find daily Bible readings that will guide us in January.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>January</i>		Genesis 1-3 <sup>1</sup>	Genesis 4-7 <sup>2</sup>	Genesis 8-11 <sup>3</sup>	Genesis 12-15 <sup>4</sup>	Genesis 16-18 <sup>5</sup>
Gen. 19-21 <sup>6</sup>	Gen. 22-24 <sup>7</sup>	Gen. 25-26 <sup>8</sup>	Gen. 27-29 <sup>9</sup>	Gen. 30-31 <sup>10</sup>	Gen. 32-34 <sup>11</sup>	Gen. 35-37 <sup>12</sup>
Gen. 38-40 <sup>13</sup>	Gen. 41-42 <sup>14</sup>	Gen. 43-45 <sup>15</sup>	Gen. 46-47 <sup>16</sup>	Gen. 48-50 <sup>17</sup>	Exodus 1-3 <sup>18</sup>	Exodus 4-6 <sup>19</sup>
Exodus 7-9 <sup>20</sup>	Exodus 10-12 <sup>21</sup>	Exodus 13-15 <sup>22</sup>	Ex. 16-18 <sup>23</sup>	Ex. 19-21 <sup>24</sup>	Ex. 22-24 <sup>25</sup>	Ex. 25-27 <sup>26</sup>
Ex. 28-29 <sup>27</sup>	Ex. 30-32 <sup>28</sup>	Ex. 33-35 <sup>29</sup>	Ex. 36-38 <sup>30</sup>	Ex. 39-40 <sup>31</sup>	<i>Bible in 1 Year</i>	



**NEW 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 we follow Jesus beginning January 6, and each week we answer the question 'Why Jesus?'

**FYI**

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD & GODPARENTS' DAY**

On Sunday, January 13 we will celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord with a special affirmation of baptism during each worship service. We will be presenting 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 to join for food, crafts, and games from 10:00-11:00 a.m. downstairs. We hope you can all join us!

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Many thanks to all the musicians who made December a joyous month of music! The adult choir presented an advent choral service focusing on Mary, the children presented a Christmas program and many were involved in Christmas Eve services.

**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 January 31 will be counted towards 2018 giving.

**ADVENT COLLECTIONS TOTALS**

Thank you for your amazing generosity in donating to our Advent collections! As of printing, we received:



\$1,695 Kroger & McDonald Gift Cards for ministries at Salem Lutheran Church  
381 pairs of hats & gloves for MLK Kitchen for the Poor  
320 pairs of underwear & 492 pairs of socks for Old Orchard Elementary  
183 rolls of toilet paper, 49 boxes of tissues & 41 containers of Lysol for Redeemer Lutheran Church

We also received cash donations to help complete our goals. Thanks for helping us reach and exceed our goals!

**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS**

**WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS** A huge thank you to all our volunteers throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons – especially our musicians, worship assistants, readers, welcome team, altar care, decorations team, confirmation students, and office assistants! We could not have done this without you!

**SAVE THE DATE: VBS, JUNE 17-21**

Please join us for a week of VBS that is truly out of this world!



9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Age 3-Grade 4

As a new year begins, we are looking for a few more volunteers for some of our teams. If you are interested in serving as an office helper with bulletins on Fridays, please contact Jennifer Bailey at [jbailey@hopetoledo.net](mailto:jbailey@hopetoledo.net).

Youth grade 5 and up as well as adults are encouraged to volunteer!

