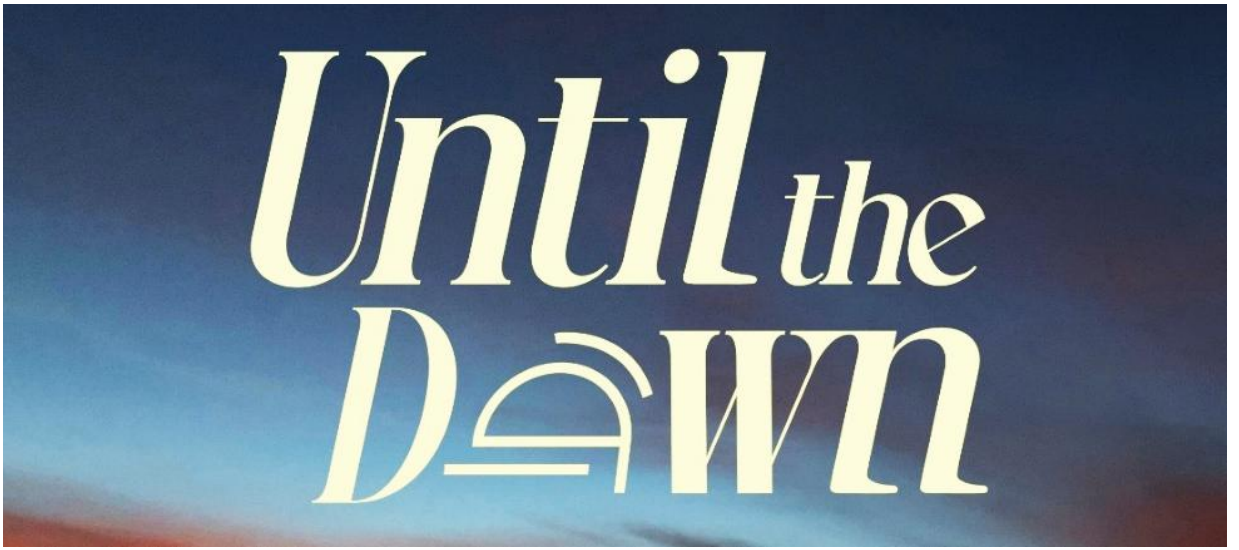
HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA Northwestern Ohio Synod

November 29, 2026
Our Mission: To be a living example of the love of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Every Advent, we light candles and speak of hope. We wait for the good news that God is born. We prepare with pageants and presents. Yet, in the midst of our busy waiting, we know all too well that the world is not as it should be. Wars rage on, violence persists, new tragedies unfold. God's promises are real, *and* God's promised day has not yet come. Just as surely as the sun rises, God's steadfast love and mercy are made new every morning. As we move toward the horizon, we will cry out, start somewhere, speak up, take courage, build up, and choose joy. These actions will help us resist despair and put our prayers in motion. Until the day when God's love reigns and all the earth echoes shalom, let us keep moving, singing, resisting, and rejoicing—trusting that God joins us in the work of Advent.

11/29/26	Cry Out	Isaiah 64:1-9
12/06/26	Start Somewhere	Mark 1:1-8
12/13/26	Speak Up	John 1:6-8, 19-28
12/20/26	Take Courage	Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55
12/24/24	Angels Sing	Luke 2:1-20



This Advent (starting Nov 29) we invite you to join in Hope's tradition of Advent Collections to offer extra support to our mission partners during this holiday season. This year we will also be including gifts through Lutheran World Relief in addition to our local mission partners.

Nov 29	Old Orchard Elementary	50 Fleece Throw Blankets 250 Pairs of Socks (size 6-10)
Dec 6	Salem & Redeemer Lutheran Churches	$10 Kroger Gift Cards ($2000 goal) 100 tubes of toothpaste 500 laundry detergent pods
Dec 13	MLK Jr Kitchen for the Poor	1,000 Plastic Spoons 1,000 Plastic Knives 1,000 Plastic Forks
Dec 20	Lutheran World Relief	$29 to send a girl to school for a month ($1044 for 3 girls for one year)



Thank you to everyone who donated food during the OSU v Michigan collection. In the end there were 474 items in the OSU wagon and 409 in the Michigan wagon. We don't know if we correctly predicted the winner – but we do know that the families in our Backpack program were the real winners! Thanks again for your generosity.

Today's Worship Volunteers

9:00am Welcome Team	David Guy & Joan Knestrick
11:00am Reader	Nita Clere
11:00am Welcome Team	Nita Clere & Scott Elston



This year's Christmas program will be on December 13 during the 11am worship service. If you love Christmas lights, you'll definitely want to experience our own version of a Christmas Light Show. The DIT children along with the help from older youth will also be assisting with worship. You don't want to miss this!



Youth Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec 20 at 5pm

All confirmation and high school youth are invited for a Christmas party. We will meet at Pastor Kevin's house (5535 Radcliffe Rd) for make-your-own pizzas and a white elephant gift exchange. Please RSVP to Pastor Kristin ahead of time so we have a count to make the pizza dough and get instructions for the gift exchange.



Winter Break Boxes

Winter break for Old Orchard Elementary will be 2 ½ weeks. We would like to provide larger food boxes/bags to help the 11 families we support get through the longer break. If you are interested in helping provide extra food or adopting a family to provide a food box/bags for, contact Pastor Kristin. All donations are due to Hope by Sunday, December 13.

HOPE'S MINISTRY TEAM

Ministers: The Members of Hope
Senior Pastor: Kevin Maxey, (Home 567-288-2072) pastorkevin@hopetoledo.net
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Maintenance/Custodian: Scott Lenz
Management Team Chair: Ron Ranallo **Vision Team President:** Louise Schlatter

LOOKING AHEAD

Children's Christmas Program
Sun, Dec 13, 11am

Christmas Eve Services
Thu, December 24
4pm, 7pm, & 9pm

Christmas Day Service
Fri, December 25, 10am

Lessons and Carols
Sun, December 27
One Service at 10am

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. For more information, please call the office.

This Week at Hope: Nov 29 thru Dec 6

SUN	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Disciples in Training (Downstairs)
	11:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
MON	11:00am	Staff Meeting (Nest)
	6:30pm	Al Anon (Nest)
	7:30pm	Collaboration Choir (Sanctuary)
TUES	11:30am	Lunches with Luther (Nest)
	7:00pm	Vision Team (Nest)
	8:00pm	AA—Westgate (Larson Hall)
WED	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THU	10:00am	Caregivers Meeting (Nest)
FRI	7:30pm	AA—New Hope (Larson Hall)
SAT	10:00am	Altar Care (Sanctuary)
SUN	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Disciples in Training (Downstairs)
	11:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	12:00pm	Confirmation (Upstairs)

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Hope's prayer team is pleased to join you in prayer for:
Angie McCarthy, Marian Mulligan,
and John Salsbury