

ANNOUNCEMENTS



What Do You Fear? Every Advent, we light candles, sing carols, and pray for Christ's coming because we believe God entered a frightened world to bring good news. We hold onto hope because we believe that Christ did come—that's the promise of the season. Our hope is not flimsy or fleeting. It's gritty, resilient, and can endure—no matter what we fear or face. This season, let us insist on hope and trust that good news is greater than fear.

Be sure to grab an advent devotional by the bulletins!

Dec 7	God is at Work	Matthew 11:1-11
Dec 14	We are Called Forward	Luke 1:26-39
Dec 21	Give Me Your Hand	Matthew 1:18-25
Dec 24	Good News is Louder than Fear	Luke 1:1-20



As we approach the celebration of God's great gift to us in Jesus Christ, we seek to live out our core value of generosity through our Advent Collections. Items will be collected each week in worship as well as throughout the week in the church office.

Date	Collection Goal	As of 12/01	Donated to
Nov 30	Kroger Gift Cards from \$10-50 Goal: \$2000	\$1,940	Redeemer Lutheran
Dec 7	100 Deodorant Sticks/Sprays	35	Old Orchard Elementary
	50 Hairbrushes	20	
Dec 14	1,000 Plastic Forks	564	MLK Kitchen for the Poor
	1,000 Plastic Spoons	764	
	1,000 Plastic Knives	664	
Dec 21	2,500 diapers (all sizes, but especially sizes 3-5)	608	Salem Lutheran Church

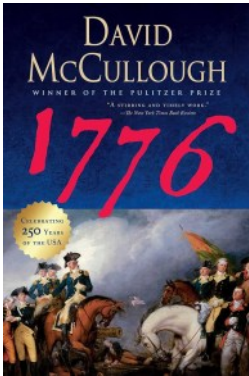
Christmas Decoration Fund

Every Christmas Season we beautify the sanctuary in honor and memoriam of those you choose published in our Christmas Bulletins. Find your donation form within!



TODAY! 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 by December 4 so we have a count to make the pizza dough and get instructions for the gift exchange.



**Book Club
Dec 9th 1pm
"1776"**

by David McCullough
Join us to discuss the story of the year of Independence from the people who's lives were impacted by the birth of a nation.



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 even adopting a family, contact Pastor Kristin. All donations are due to Hope by Sunday, December 14.



Cookies for Night in Bethlehem!

We are still in need of a variety of cookies to share with the anticipated 1,000-1,500 visitors to Bethlehem over the weekend of December 13-14. If you can help by donating 2 dozen cookies, please call the church office or Mona (419-360-0661). And if you can only donate time, Mona will be cooking a bunch of cookies here at Hope on December 10th from 3pm-7pm. Your help can get cookies made, packaged, and labeled for this big event! We appreciate your help!

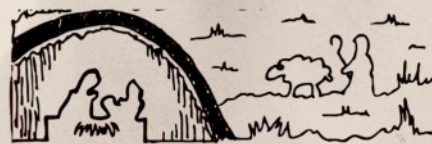
Today's Worship Volunteers

9:00am Welcome Team	Barb & Greg Whetstone
9:00am Communion Assistant	Elise Feudi
11:00am Reader	Tammy Hinkle
11:00am Welcome Team	Nita Clere & Scott Elston
11:00am Communion Assistant	Mallory Maher



A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

DECEMBER 13-14



It's the final dash! You'll see that setup is already started for Night in Bethlehem! There will be a **meeting for all volunteers on Tuesday December 9th at 7pm** in the sanctuary. Any and all questions will be answered during this time! Mona is still **collecting cookies** to be dropped off and packaged on **Wednesday the 10th!** Be sure to grab a poster or a postcard to invite others to this incredible event!

Children's Program

Practices are under way for the children's Christmas program! For more information on how to help contact Pam Ferrara! **The program will be during the 11am service on Dec 21st.**

Come and see what the kids have been working on, following in theme with our advent services saying, **"DO NOT BE AFRAID!"**

Check out the Christmas Worship Invitations by the Bulletins!

Use these to invite family and friends to any of our special Christmas Services, sharing the good news of our newborn savior!

HOPE'S MINISTRY TEAM

Ministers: The Members of Hope

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

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Management Team Chair: Ron Ranallo

Vision Team President: Louise Schlatter

LOOKING AHEAD

Bethlehem All Cast Meeting

December 9 @ 7pm

A Night in Bethlehem

December 13-14

1:00pm—4:30pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Dec 24

4pm—Family & Praise Worship

7pm—Traditional Worship

9pm—Traditional & Choir
Worship

Christmas Day Worship

Dec 25, 10am

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Dec 28, 10am (One Service)

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: Dec 7 thru Dec 14

SUN	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Disciples in Training (Downstairs, Nursery)
	11:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	12:00pm	Children's Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:00pm	Youth Christmas Party (Pastor Kevin's House)
MON	11:00am	Staff Meeting (Nest)
	6:30pm	Al Anon (Nest)
TUES	11:30am	Lunches with Luther (Nest)
	4:00pm	Reformed Love Meal (Salem)
	7:00pm	Bethlehem All Volunteer Meeting (Sanctuary)
	8:00pm	AA Meeting Westgate (Larson Hall)
WED	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THU	11:15am	Worship at the Woodlands (Woodlands)
FRI	7:30pm	AA—New Hope (Larson Hall)
SAT	1:00pm	Night in Bethlehem
SUN	9:00am	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Disciples in Training (Downstairs, Nursery)
	11:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	1:00pm	Night in Bethlehem

SERVICES LIVE ON INTERNET → www.hopetoledo.net

MY NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK ARE TO...

- ☐ Invite at least one other person to A Night in Bethlehem
- ☐ Pray for (and volunteer to help with) A Night in Bethlehem
- ☐ Invite someone to our Christmas Eve worship services.



Hope's prayer team is pleased to join you in prayer for:
Nancy Bourquin, Jeri Campbell, Angie McCarthy, Joy Gibbs,
Marian Mulligan, John Salsbury and Dick Schell



SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service | 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation | 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

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