

LOOKING AHEAD

Congregation Meeting
February 15th, 10am

Ash Wednesday
February 18th

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 1st, 10am

Easter Sunday
April 5th



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.

HOPE FOR A NEW YEAR

As the holiday lights and decorations are put away and life returns to whatever normal may look like, it is easy to feel discouraged or let down in the new year. Resolutions are forgotten. Expectations don't meet reality. It's too loud or too quiet or too something we can't name. What does hope even look like in the new year? In our Gospel readings, it begins with a reminder of God's ever-present love. And continues in glimpses of hope that we can hold onto and share with one another. We invite you to join us as we focus on Hope to start the New Year.

01/11/26	Beloved	Matthew 3:13-17
01/18/26	Come & See!	John 1:29-42
01/25/26	Great Light	Matthew 4:12-23
02/01/26	Blessed	Matthew 5:1-12
02/08/26	Salt, Light & Leaven	Matthew 5:13-30
02/15/26	Beloved	Matthew 17:1-9

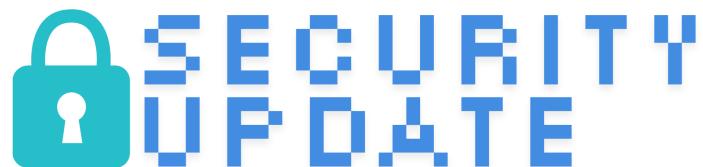
Advent Donations for our community

Thank you for your generosity in donating to our Advent Collections for our mission partners! We have met or exceeded all of our goals!

Date	Collection Goal	As of 12/23	Donated to
Nov 30	\$2,000 of Kroger Gift Cards from \$10-50	\$2,485!!	Redeemer Lutheran
Dec 7	100 Deodorant Sticks/Sprays	100+!!	Old Orchard Elementary
	50 Hairbrushes	116!!	
Dec 14	1,000 Plastic Forks	1392!!	MLK Kitchen for the Poor
	1,000 Plastic Spoons	1380!!	
	1,000 Plastic Knives	1004!!	
Dec 21	2,500 diapers (all sizes, but especially sizes 3-5)	2571+!!	Salem Lutheran Church



A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to Backpacks of Hope throughout the fall, our Big Game challenge, and who put together Winter Break bags for students at Old Orchard. We will start sending home weekend bags again every weekend in January. While the pantry is well stocked at the moment – we send home food for 34 children every weekend and the food goes out quickly. We will need boxes of cereal and fruit cups or applesauce soon. Thanks again for your continued support for this ministry!



After reviewing our Emergency Action Plan and meeting with a security expert we are implementing a few changes. Beginning in January we will be locking the glass doors on Secor when the bell has rung for each worship. When everyone is in worship that entrance is unattended. If you arrive after the start of worship, you will be able to enter via the Big Red Doors or the Indian Road Entrance. For the same reason, we will also keep the external DIT doors (by the dumpster) permanently locked from the outside. You will still be able to use all doors to exit the building.



YOUTH
MINISTRY

DIT Families and Friends

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go!" Who's Missing Here?? YOU ARE!! We have plenty of room, so come join the fun and bring your friends!! We start meeting again on Sunday, January 4, 2026. We start every week at 10am for 1-2-year-olds in the Nursery right outside the Sanctuary and for 3-year-olds to 6th grade in the basement. We meet for a brief opening, then head off to class with a snack and a Bible story. Any questions, contact Pam Ferrara at pferrara@hopetoledo.net

DIT Special Service Project

DIT is collecting new girl's and boy's Pajamas size large (12/14) to donate to the Isaiah 117 House. If you would like to help us out, there are two bins labeled for this project located downstairs in the DIT area, or you can just give them to Pam Ferrara. If you have any questions, also, see Pam.



THANK YOU!

On Sunday, December 21, the children put on a great Christmas Program! A huge THANK YOU to all who had a hand in making it a success especially the children and their families! We couldn't have done it without you! A huge thank you to Mike Peatee for running sound and the PowerPoint, Gail Mowry for music help, and Ron Prebe for playing piano!

Leaders from Ascension, First Saint John, Glenwood and Olivet Lutheran churches are proud to present the annual **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**. Dr. King challenged us to look beyond color and focus on character. He challenged us to remember our baptism and follow the example of non-violence and love given to us by our Savior, Jesus Christ. In our celebration each year, we attempt to embody these challenges through worship, music, and spectacular speakers. It is a wonderful opportunity for the church to gather with the community and soul search as to how we can be the change we want to see in the world. This year the event is at **3 PM on January 18th at Glenwood Lutheran Church**. Our theme is, "Where Do We Go from Here?" and our keynote speaker will be Michelle Bannister Williams. We invite you to support this program in a variety of ways. First, we invite you to join us and participate in the celebration. Second, we invite you to donate to the celebration. By making a gift you will continue the work that Dr. King and so many committed individuals began towards a just nation while also centering diverse voices. Donations ensure that we are able to provide excellent food, speakers, and musicians that will inspire and keep the justice/equity conversation moving forward. We are excited to share this experience with you in whatever way you are moved to participate. In service and in the love of Christ, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee Ruth Whittle, Pastor Rebecca West-Estell, Juanita Martin, Anna McCarver, Tim O'Hara, Dr. Anthony Pattin, Janet Beilstein, and Pastor Chris Hanley.

Please make checks payable to Glenwood Lutheran Church, memo MLK Celebration. Gifts made before January 11, 2026, can be notated in the bulletin.

Confirmation

Confirmation will start back for regular gatherings on Sunday January 11 from noon – 2pm. We will be off on January 18 for the long weekend and then be back for the rest of January & February.

High School Youth Events

The winter/spring high school youth calendar is still being finalized. Make sure you are on Pastor Kristin's email list and stay tuned to announcements and weekly emails for upcoming events!



Registration is now open for the 2026 youth summer mission trip to New York City. We will leave in the evening of July 12 and return early on July 19. We are partnering with Service Learning Camps and Advent Lutheran Church and working with organizations across the city. Cost will be \$275-\$300. All youth in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. 7th graders should consult Pastor Kristin. Registration deadline is February 18 with \$125 deposit. Contact Pastor Kristin for a form and with any questions.

Book Club January 20th, 1pm

"John Addams" by David McCullough
"The problem with Adams is most Americans know nothing about him." - David McCullough

