

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 29, 9am & 11am

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 3, 12pm & 6:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

Worship 9am & 11am

Breakfast 10am



LOOKING AHEAD

Guardian Angel Tea
May 3rd, 10am

Last Day of DIT
May 17th, 10am

Vacation Bible School
June 22nd—26th
9am—12:15pm



Lent was originally a season for those new to Christianity to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. Lent is still a time to get back to our roots and examine what is at the center of Jesus' life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace – all of which are meant to be good news. Really good news. It is joyful – like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tasted like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. This Lent, join us as we let the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. May the good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

Maundy Thursday

Apr 2 ...even Jesus gets his feet washed John 13:1-35

Good Friday

Apr 3 ...is revealed through nonviolence Luke 22:47-53, 23:33-38 & 44-46

Easter Sunday

Apr 5 ...is alive in the world Matt 28:1-10

Because Easter changes everything.



Therefore

Which is why the Easter Season is celebrated longer than any other festival in the church year. This year, throughout the Easter season, in the weeks after Easter Sunday we will explore the because – therefore of Easter. Because Jesus was raised therefore we will be raised as well. Join us each week as we celebrate the because of Easter and the therefore for each of us.

- 04/12 ...I am the Resurrection ...we believe. John 2:0:19-31
- 04/19 ...I was the stranger ...we are called to welcome. Luke 24:13-35
- 04/26 ...I am the Shepherd ...we are called to be together. John 10:1-10
- 05/03 ...I am the way, the truth, and the life ... we are the followers John 14:1-14
- 05/10 ...I am love and truth ... we are the ones who serve. John 14:15-21
- 05/17 ...I am the Savior ...we are witnesses Luke 24:44-53
- 05/24 ...I am the Living Water ...we are the church Acts 2:1-21



We will be having our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:30am. The hunt will be set up downstairs in the DIT area, with an area designated for toddlers and preschoolers. Bring your Easter baskets and join us! All are welcome!



**2026 VBS
Snowball Mountain
Challenge**
Find Your Strength
In God!
June 22-26;
9am-12:15pm

Are you ready to pull out your snow gear in the middle of the summer?! Year after year, volunteers and students alike share both how much fun they during VBS and how big an impact it has on their faith to dig into the Bible stories in so many ways. Plus, everyone gets to live out their faith with daily service projects. Registration is now open on Hope’s website for children between age 3 and fourth grade. We are also looking for volunteer station leaders for science & games as well as age group leaders and assistants! Youth who have finished fifth grade are encouraged to help out! A donation list for supplies will be available soon. Talk to Pastor Kristin pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net with questions or for more information!



Guardian Angel Tea

If you are involved with the Guardian Angel program this year, we will be having the Tea on Sunday, May 3rd at 10:00 am in Larson Hall. There will be goodies served while the Guardian Angels meet with their students. There will also be a craft and games played. More information and RSVP will be available from Pastor Kristin soon!



We are excited to recognize all high school, college, and graduate school graduates next month. If you are a graduate or have a graduate in your immediate family, please send their name and graduation information to Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net).

Faith & Family Night at the Mudhens!

June 14, 4:05pm

Join us for an afternoon of faith and fun at the ballpark. First pitch is at 4:05 with player testimonials prior to the game. Tickets are \$13/ person and you can reserve them by contacting the office. Deadline to reserve a ticket in our group seating is May 20.



Backpacks of Hope

Thank you to everyone for your donations of peanut to restock the pantry! Right now, that shelf is filled, but we currently need boxes of cereal and cans of pasta. Donations can be placed on the white shelves across from the nursery or financial contributions can be marked “Backpacks of Hope.” Thanks again for your support!



We are getting ready to start a new class for those interested in learning more about Hope and its ministries. The class will be on April 12th for a few hours one Sunday after-noon following the 11 AM worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member, or just learning more about Hope Lutheran, we invite you to participate. Please note your interest by emailing the church office, noting it on a connection card or calling the church office. Lunch will be served as we begin at 12:15 so please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

The office will be closed
Monday, April 6th



April 26th! Glass City Marathon!

The annual Glass City Marathon is coming up this month and will run through Bancroft—As such crossing Bancroft on Secor will be blocked. Please plan your route accordingly!

