

Weekly Banner

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Ash Wednesday Service

This year, the ancient service for the beginning of Lent falls on **February 17**. We will hold our worship at **7:00 p.m.** **There is NO DINNER that night or any other activities that would normally fall under the Wednesday Connection program.**

The service begins with Confession as we enter this season of Repentance, and will include the imposition of ashes. The ashes of this day remind us that we are made from dust and to the dust we shall return. Begin your Lenten journey the right way and join us for worship.



We are a community of Word and Sacrament. We believe God speaks to us through His loving Word and comes to us in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) every Sunday. We invite all baptized Christians believing in the real and forgiving presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine, to join us in receiving this sacrament. Children who have not reached the age (4th grade) to prepare to receive Communion are asked to come forward with hands folded to receive a blessing.

A warm welcome from Hopeful Lutheran Church to our visitors. The Lord calls all of us to a new way of living under his wonderful grace in our Savior. If you are a guest, it is a pleasure to have you worshiping with us. Please help us to get to know who you are by introducing yourself at the door and signing our guest book. We would like to send you our monthly newsletter, *The Banner*.

On Sundays, our Nursery is available for children ages five (5) and under. The nursery is located downstairs; please ask an usher for directions.

Normally, we offer two styles of worship at Hopeful. The first service uses the organ as the primary instrument, and is offered at 8:45. The Saturday 5:00 p.m. service and the Sunday 11:00 a.m. service use the keyboard and a blend of Christian music.

“Cross-Stitch: Wrapped in God’s Love—2010 Lenten Theme

Starting on Ash Wednesday, our Lenten Series begins with the service of imposition of ashes. **We will also introduce the Lenten Worship theme: CROSS-STITCH: Wrapped in God’s Love.**



Join with us as we reflect on the all-encompassing presence of God in our lives. We all love the warmth of our favorite blanket, but many times we feel cold and vulnerable and blanket-less. This Lenten season will weave its way through a variety of blankets in our lives: a

baby blanket, a beautiful heirloom quilt, the Snuggie™, a Lutheran World Relief quilt, a worn-out and tattered quilt, a prayer shawl, and finally, a shroud.

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The series of Wednesday evening services will use visual presentations, dramatic readings, music and pastor's messages to carry this theme throughout Lent. The series will culminate on Holy Week with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services as usual. We hope this year's Lenten Series will touch all ages. We have designed the service with all ages in mind. Children will have an opportunity to color appropriate pages each week as they create a paper Lenten quilt throughout the season or even sew a few quilt squares. Check your *Weekly Banner* for worship times.

Dramatic readers are sought to participate in the Lenten weekly services on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to participate, please see Barb Fields.

This Week's Bible Readings!

This week's schedule for reading the Bible together is as follows: **Monday, 2/15**—Romans 9; **Tuesday, 2/16**—Romans 10; **Wednesday, 2/17**—Romans 11; **Thursday, 2/18**—Romans 12; **Friday, 2/19**—Romans 13; **Saturday, 2/20**—Romans 14, **Sunday, 2/21**—Psalm 6.

Attendance last week:

Saturday - 40; Sunday Early - 35; Late - 170; Total - 245

Items of Interest:

Forever Young Activities

The *Forever Young* group will be going to Northern Kentucky University for the production of "Bye Bye Birdie" on **April 18th @ 3:00 p.m.** If you are interested in going, please contact Nancy Dringenburg @ 859-384-4016. **The deadline for ordering your tickets is March 10th.**

Personal Hygiene Kits for Haiti

Hopeful Lutheran Church, in support of Church World Service, is accepting donations through **February 28th** to build much needed personal hygiene kits. Over 31,000 kits have arrived in Haiti since the earthquake. The hygiene kits help prevent infection and diseases that are quickly spreading through the Haitians. Items can be placed in boxes located in the ministry collection area to the left of the inside front entrance of the church. Donations can be assembled or loose. Kit assembly will be coordinated in early March. **Needed for each kit are the following items:** one hand towel approximately 16" x 28", one washcloth, one wide-tooth comb, one nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size in wrapper), one toothbrush (in original packaging), and six standard-size Band-Aids®. Place items in a one-gallon plastic zip closure bag. **DO NOT** include toothpaste due to expiration concerns. Toothpaste will be added at the time of shipment. Questions, Contact Tim Bertsch (513) 404-7850. Thanks for your help!!

Help Feed The Poor

The Mary Rose Mission is opening a soup kitchen in the Florence/Boone County area but they need your help. If you have a location that the Mission could use, even temporarily, they would greatly appreciate it. Please call Cindy Carris @ 859-663-8009.

Kids of the Kingdom Lock-In

All youth, grades 3-5, are invited to a Kids of the Kingdom "Olympics" Lock-In, **February 26th @ 7 pm until February 27th @ 8:30 am.** Cost is \$5.00. Bring a Bible, healthy snack to share, white t-shirt that can be decorated, sleeping bag, pillow & essentials. **RSVP by 2/24** to Suzanne Strawn OR sign up on the Youth & Family Bulletin Board in the fell. hall.

Special thanks to Pastors Shockey and Smith from Hebron Lutheran Church, LCMC, who are serving as guest preachers this weekend. Pastor Fields will be preaching at Hebron for their Consecration Weekend.

Donations Sought During Lent

In tandem with this year's Lenten theme, we are seeking the following items. These items may be donated all through Lent.

- ◆ Yarn or gift cards from Jo-Ann Fabrics or Michael's will be used in the making of our prayer shawls here at Hopeful. Our Prayer Shawl Team requests that you donate *Lion Brand Home-Spun* yarn. It takes 4 skeins to make a prayer shawl and any color is welcome. (You don't have to donate 4 skeins.) This will serve our church family.
- ◆ New and gently used baby blankets, afghans, quilts, or receiving blankets will either go to Mercy Maternity or the Ronald McDonald House to be distributed to those in need. This will serve our local community.
- ◆ Any scrap fabric (cotton weight to upholstery fabric), used (clean) sheets, blankets, curtains, crochet thread (any color), or batting (72 x 90) can be used in the making of the Lutheran World Relief quilts. These quilts are used for more than a bed covering. These quilts can be used as a bed itself, a room divider, a shelter, and even as a knapsack to carry someone's belongings from place to place. This will serve our global community.

There will be a special offering spot in the fellowship hall for you drop off these items throughout Lent.

~ Barb Fields

Community Crutch and Wheelchair Collection for Haiti



There are thousands of amputees right now in Haiti. There are very few crutches or wheelchairs (*non-motorized wheelchairs are needed; they will collapse easily for transporting, and they will not need repairs in Haiti*). After individuals have received a leg amputation, it is extremely difficult for them to leave the operation site to get food or shelter. Many will not survive without this aid. Every pair of crutches represents a person who will have a much better

chance to survive with the ability to walk to these resources.

Crutches and non-motorized wheelchairs can be dropped off on Saturday, February 20th, between

the hours of 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. There will be a large Matthew 25 truck at the large parking lot next to the Boone County Extension Office at 1961 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY.



Here's what's happening with our youth—

- ◆ February 17—Ash Wednesday Service. No other activities that night.
- ◆ February 18—5-8 pm—"Spirit Night" @ Chick-fil-A on Houston Road in Florence. 7% of sales to benefit the youth of Hopeful who will be attending Lutheran Hills Summer Camp.
- ◆ February 20 @ 4:00 pm-February 21—Clown Troupe Lock-in
- ◆ February 24—7:15-8 pm—Senior High Movie & Pretzels; Confirmation
- ◆ February 26—7 pm through February 27th @ 8 am—Kids of the Kingdom Lock-In



One of the **flower arrangements** is given by Ruth Dringenburg in memory of her father, Shelby Beemon. The other **flower arrangement** is given by Wanda Jo Tanner in memory of her beloved husband, Arthur Tanner, Jr.

The **eternal flame** is given by Kurt and Judi Kretzmann in memory of Cameron Michael Bendzlowicz.

The **communion wine** is given by Carroll and Lorraine Laufmann in thanksgiving for all their many blessings.

Sympathy is extended to Elaine Osterbrook and family on the February 7th death of her father, Charles "Lin" Raleigh.

Prayer Breakfast

The next Prayer Breakfast will be held **February 16th** (the 3rd Tuesday of the month) at Bob Evans Restaurant. The gathering will be between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. An RSVP is not necessary, but welcome. **If you care to, please call Margie Page @ 859-384-4268 with your reservation by February 15th.**

Calendar

Saturday	5 pm-Casual Worship
Sunday	Happy Valentine's Day 8:45 am-Traditional Service 9:50-10:50 am-Sunday School 10 am-Yellow Team 11 am-Contemporary Service
Monday	RSVP for Prayer Breakfast 6:30 pm-Girl Scout Troop # 463
Tuesday	9 am-Prayer Breakfast @ Bob Evans 7 pm-Church Council
Wednesday	7 pm-Ash Wednesday Service (No other church activities)
Thursday	10 am-Prayer Shawl Group 5-8 pm-"Spirit Night" Summer Camp Fundraiser @ Chick-fil-A 7 pm-Troop # 890 8-10 pm-Theology Pub @ LaRosa's
Saturday	9 am-12 noon-Preschool Open House Preschool Registration Begins for Community 10 am-Easter Cantata Practice 4 pm-Clown Troupe Lock-In Begins 5 pm-Casual Worship
Next Sunday	Clown Troupe Lock-In Ends 8:45 am-Traditional Service 9:50-10:50 am-Sunday School 10 am-Blue Team 11 am-Contemporary Service

Prayer Concerns

We remember in prayer friends and members of our congregation who are either ill or have other special needs: Roger Markey, Caren Stallard, Stephen and Lisa Kayara, Allison Groenek, Jennifer Dinardo, Lea Ann Crigler, Ann Strunk, Vernon Scott, Gaylard James, Robby James, Betsy Coppage, Patty Main, Zach Vasseur, Michael Trumble, Brian Adkins, Mike Jarvis, Kyle Quin, Jon Dorger, Dan Rehard, Tim and Sandy Padgett, Kay Padgett, Sandy and Alan Gates, Vickie Tanner, Steven Albrich, Helen Yanovitch, Bill Collar, Jana Crigler, Randall Donithan, Nathan Howe, Leanna LaDuke, Tony Keller, Betty Gallagher, Fred Copeland, Anne Ellington, Jessica Long, Judy McEntyre, Clarence McEntyre, Mark, Susan, and Jack, Peggy Sebree, Trudy Roth, Jacob Bradford, Rosetta Dringenburg, Marietta McIntosh, Larry Blackburn, Mary Schaefer, Bob Buchanan, Cindy and Robin, Ken Strawn, Ben Heeger, II, Flossie Erb, Victoria White, Jackie Darnley, Brittany Langas, Lindsay FASTER, Beverly Henley, Jim Henley, and Anna Henley, Debbie Scholer, Brittany Langas, Natalie White, Gordon Wallace, Tyler Salter, Jo Ann Lloyd, Charles Swanson, Jack Lloyd, Dale Scholer, Ted Scholer, Frances Barlow, Stephany Houston, Nancy Schaffer, John Kwap, Maggie Hodnett, Caroline Buddenberg, Kelly Mayhew, Larry Mayhew, Nancy Wyatt, Jan Karpin, Bev Beck, June Witemyre, Crosby Fugate, and Connie Marshall. **Please continue to remember our shut-ins:** Chuck McKenney, Nettie Retzius and Aileen Tanner. **Please remember those serving our country:** Ryan and Michael Trackwell—Air Force; Kevin Schwartz—Army; Zachariah J. Kenter—USMC; Airman Randall Donithan, II—USAF; Evan Davies—USN; Christina Rushlow—USAF; Chris Barnes—USMC (Iraq); Lt. Cole Hyvonen—Army; LTC Kevin Sari—Army; Spec. Kevin M. Bartlett—Army (Afghanistan); Clint Johnson, MPO—Army (Ft. Campbell, KY); Brad Bell—USMC (Camp Lejeune), CPT Thomas P. Morrison (Iraq); Jeffery Rice—USMC (Afghanistan).

Sunday's Worship Leadership Schedule

Serving Sunday (8:45)			
Head Usher:	Norman Meier		
Usher:	Barb Zumbiel		
Comm. Assts:	Norman Meier and Barb Zumbiel		
Lector:	Carroll Laufmann		
Acolyte:	Ben Gruber		
Serving Sunday (11:00)			
Head Usher:	Jeff Pasquale		
Usher:	Gilbert Pasquale		
Ushers/Comm. Assts:	Scott and Gayle Lykowski		
Com. Assts.	Judy Insko and Mary Dixon		
Lay Reader:	Jay Sweeney	Lay Leader:	Chuck Barnes
Acolyte:	William Watson		
Children's Ch:	Margaret Pasquale and Shelley Walters		
Counters	John Blanchard, Don Volland, Pam Volland, and Kay Wentzel		

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Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm
Friday: 9 am-1 pm

Our Mission is to:
WELCOME people to faith in
Jesus Christ;
EQUIP people with a faith that
works in real life; and
SEND people in
service into the world
in Jesus' name.
Ministers:
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Director of
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Suzanne Strawn
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Jamey Strawn
Preschool Director:
Judi Kretzmann
Nursery Attendant:
Lisa Duncan
Administrative Assistant:
Susan Burcham
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Pat Davies

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Kasey Nicol
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Jay Watson

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Tim Bertsch
John Blanchard
Dave Crigler
Carla Donithan
Brian Riddell
Kevin Schmidt
Don Wentzel
Tony Williams

Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for the 2010/2011 school year began **Monday, February 8th** for church members and existing preschool families. **Registration is open to the community on Saturday, February 20th**. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration packets are located on the bulletin table outside of the new Sanctuary. There is NO registration fee for Hopeful Lutheran Church members. Open registration begins for the community at our **Open House 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, February 20th**. A non-refundable registration fee of \$50.00 is due at the time of registration.

Two year olds (Mon./Wed., or Tue./Thurs.)	\$120.00 per month	All two-year olds must be age two NO LATER than July 1, 2010. All three and four year olds must be 3 or 4 on or before Oct. 1, 2010. The five-year old class is for students who turn five between July 1 st and Dec. 1 st and are not quite ready to begin kindergarten (this is not a kindergarten class). All students 3 years of age and older must be potty trained. If you have any other questions you can email me, jkretzmann@hopefulchurch.org or call the preschool office at 859-647-1105, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Three year olds (Tue./Thur.)	\$115.00 per month	
Four year olds (3 day class Mon/Wed/Fri)	\$130.00 per month	
Four year olds (4day class Mon. – Thurs 12:30 – 3:00)	\$135.00 per month	
Five year olds (4 day class Mon.-Thurs.)	\$150.00 per month	

~ Judi Kretzmann

Theology Pub—Thursday, February 18th, 8-10 PM

What is it? Theology Pub is in the great Lutheran tradition of Martin Luther's Table Talks. Luther had many guests gather around his table and share their homemade beer as they discussed important issues of life and our understanding of God.

Well, we will gather at LaRosa's off Houston Road, share a little of Luther's words to get the conversation and discussion going, and take off on a wonderful journey of deep thinking and pondering about God's activities in the world around us today.

WHEN: The 3rd Thursday of the month

WHAT TO BRING: Your mind and I might suggest your Bible and Small Catechism

ARE WE PAYING FOR YOUR LIBATIONS?: No

WHERE: LaRosa's, and we will meet in Buddy's Room in the back, which holds 40.

CAN I BRING A FRIEND?: Absolutely, the more folks there are means more brain power.

WHAT TIME:? We start at 8:00 p.m. which is after their dinner rush.

DO I HAVE TO HAVE A BEER?: Absolutely not! Table Talk can occur around a coke.