

Weekly Banner

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Middle School Bake Sale

The middle school youth will have a bake sale after the services on **Sunday, March 7th**. The money raised will be used to buy food for the meal they are preparing and serving for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Cincinnati.



~ Barb Zumbiel

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 mak-

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ing 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 is a special offering spot in the fellowship hall for you to drop off these items throughout Lent.

~ Barb Fields



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. During this Lenten season, we praise God for his righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price of our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience. If you are a guest, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping 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.

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| Attendance last week: Saturday - 60; Sunday Early - 31; Late - 167; Total - 258 3/3 Lenten Service - 60 |
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This Week's Bible Readings!

This week's schedule for reading the Bible together is as follows: **Monday, 3/8**—Luke 9:28-62; **Tuesday, 3/9**—Luke 10; **Wednesday, 3/10**—Luke 11:1-28; **Thursday, 3/11**—Luke 11:29-54; **Friday, 3/12**—Luke 12:1-34; **Saturday, 3/13**—Luke 12:35-59, **Sunday, 3/14**—Psalm 50.

Items of Interest:

Wednesday Connection— Reminder to RSVP for Dinner

With our Wednesday Connection schedule, there is something for everyone. Delicious and extremely affordable dinners will be served each week so be sure to make Wednesday nights a family night and start off the evening with some quality family time. **The cost for dinners is just \$5 per adult (13 yrs+), \$4 per child (ages 3-12), children 2 years and under are free.** **It is very important that you RSVP each week for dinner, the children's activities, and the WOW events.** Weekly registrations may be done by calling the church office **OR** on-line @ www.hopefulchurch.com **OR** by completing a reservation card which can be found on the bulletin table and also in the slots under the chairs in the sanctuary. **The deadline for reservations is noon Tuesday.** This helps us to be better prepared and saves costs too. **This week's meal will be prepared by Sherry Walters and the menu is as follows: beef stew, chili, cornbread, and relish tray. Volunteers are asked to bring desserts.**

Volunteers are also needed to help with the children's activities. We encourage everyone who participates to help out in some way at some time throughout the year. To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Youth & Family Bulletin board. Your help is greatly appreciated. See the Wednesday Connection schedule on page 3 of the *Weekly Banner* calendar for the evening's schedule of events. This week's **WOW program is family movie night.** We will see "Junior's Giants—Envy Thou Not". Popcorn and water will be provided.

Easter Flower Order Deadline

It is time to place your orders for flowers for Easter Saturday/Sunday. Please complete and return the form that can be found on-line and also on the bulletin table in the fellowship hall. Forms and payment may be placed in the offering plate at services or returned to the church office. **The deadline for receipt of your order and payment is MONDAY, March 15th.** Flowers may be taken home following the 11:00 Easter service. *(The office will be closed on Monday, April 5th.)*



Gifts given to the **Memorial Fund in memory of Betsy Coppage** have been received from Mary Lee Garnett, Arlyn and Sandra Easton, Donna Baker, Frank and Janice Beemon, and Rick and Cindy Frederick. A gift given to the **G.R.O.W.T.H. Fund in memory of Betsy** has been received from Tom and Bernice Utz.

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.** The *Forever Young* seniors will be having their monthly potluck on **Tuesday, March 9th @ 12:30 p.m.**, weather permitting. To catch up on donations for Operation Christmas Child, please bring a knit hat or ball cap and a pair of gloves.

Holy Week Schedule



- April 1 Maundy Thursday—**
NO Dinner; Worship—7:00 pm
- April 2 Good Friday—**Worship—12 noon and 7:00 pm
- April 3 Holy Saturday—**Worship—5:00 pm
- April 4 Easter Sunday—**Worship—
7:00 am (Community Sunrise Service—
non-denominational service in the cemetery)
8:30 am (Traditional Service)
9:45 am (Modern Worship Service with the message being presented by the Sunday School Children in *Alive! Forever*—**NO** Sunday School)
11:00 am —Modern Worship Service with Cantata, *There Stands a Cross*—**PLEASE NOTE: This is the only service in which we will offer nursery care!**

Here's what's happening with our youth—



- ◆ **March 7—Middle School Bake Sale after Services**
- ◆ **March 10—Senior High Games—7:15-8:30 pm; Junior High Event Night—"Surprise Night"**
- ◆ **March 14—2:00-5:00 pm-Clown Practice**
- ◆ **March 21—2:00-5:00 pm-Clown Practice**
- ◆ **March 28—Senior High to Take Flower Orders; 2:00-5:00 pm-Clown Practice**

This being the first weekend/Sunday of the month is **Orphan Weekend**. If you wish to make a donation to our Sunday School orphan, Mangal Chand Yadav, please put your contribution in an envelope, mark it "orphan," and put it in the offering plate.

A huge "thank you" goes out to Denise Keller, Beth Texley, Todd Sayers, Pam Sayers, and Alice Sayers on all their help to make the Kids of the Kingdom lock-in such an Olympic success!

A note to you: *We would like to thank your congregation for their very generous contribution of \$500 to the Henry Hosea House. Due to their generous efforts, hot and nutritious meals will be provided to the homeless, elderly, needy, and families with children. So far this year, we have served 6,601 meals and Hopeful Lutheran Church has contributed greatly to continue to make this possible with your on-going support. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated. God Bless, Karen Yates, Executive Director, ECHO, IntErCHURCH Organization.*

Calendar

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| Saturday | Orphan Weekend 5 pm-Casual Worship |
| Sunday | Orphan Weekend Middle School Bake Sale 8:45 am-Traditional Service 9:50-10:50 am-Sunday School 10 am-Red Team 11 am-Contemporary Service |
| Monday | 6:30 pm-Pack # 890 Dens |
| Tuesday | 12:30 pm- <i>Forever Young</i> Potluck |
| Wednesday | Wednesday Connection 5:30-6:30-Dinner 6:30-8 pm-Nursery 6:30-7:10 pm-Worship 7:15-8 pm-WOW—Family Movie 7:15-8:30 pm-Middle School Event 7:15-8:30 pm-Sr. High Games 7:15-7:35 pm-Youth Choir 7:40-8:00 pm-Children of Christ/Kids of the Kingdom |
| Thursday | 10 am-Prayer Shawl Group 6:15-8:30 pm-MOPS |
| Saturday | 10:00 am-Easter Cantata Practice 5 pm-Casual Worship (Reminder to turn clocks AHEAD before bedtime.) |
| Next Sunday | 8:45 am-Traditional Service 9:50-10:50 am-Sunday School 10 am-Yellow Team 11 am-Contemporary Service 2-5 pm-Clown Troupe Practice |

Prayer Concerns

We remember in prayer friends and members of our congregation who are either ill or have other special needs: Leah Mosier, Charles Adams, Patty Borchers, Carol White, Andrea Donohoo, Melanie Simpson, Dawn Baker, Joyce Martich, Janice Beemon, Roger Markey, Caren Stallard, Stephen and Lisa Kayara, Allison Groenek, Jennifer Dinardo, Lea Ann Crigler, Ann Strunk, Vernon Scott, Gayhland James, Robby James, 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 Langlas, 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

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| Serving Sunday (8:45) | | | |
| Head Usher: | Nancy Babbitt | | |
| Usher: | Scott Babbitt | | |
| Comm. Assts: | Nancy and Scott Babbitt | | |
| Lector: | Diane Rich | | |
| Acolyte: | Brooke Williams | | |
| Serving Sunday (11:00) | | | |
| Head Usher: | Don Wentzel | | |
| Usher: | Lauren Wentzel | | |
| Ushers/Comm. Assts: | Debbie and Gary Fogle | | |
| Com. Assts. | Barb Fields and Sherry Walters | | |
| Lay Reader: | Dyke Page | Lay Leader: | Rachel Warren |
| Acolyte: | Eliza Kohl | | |
| Children's Ch: | Johnica Baker and Laura Watson | | |
| Counters | Brian Riddell, Don Wentzel, and Mel and Judy Insko | | |

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Office Hours
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.

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

Upcoming Information Session With LCMC Coordinator

Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. we will have an information evening with LCMC coordinator, Bill Sullivan. This session should answer many questions for Hopeful folks about LCMC, but more importantly it gives other Lutherans a chance to come and ask questions and learn about the work of LCMC. Feel free to check out the LCMC website so you can be ready with your questions: www.LCMC.net.



Looking Ahead!!
Did you know that Daylight
Savings time takes place
March 14th? (Think Spring!!)

Easter Sunday Nursery FYI

In regard to Easter services, **there will only be nursery service available during the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.** This will allow Lisa Duncan, our nursery attendant, to attend a church service as well. Since we are hoping to have many visitors, some of whom may have nursery age children, we are asking for volunteers to assist Lisa during this service. If you can be a volunteer, please sign up on the sheet posted outside the nursery door. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Youth Band

We are currently looking for any youth who plays an instrument and is interested in being a part of our new Youth Band that will perform at the **Talent Show** on **April 28th** and possibly at additional events and services throughout the upcoming year. If you are interested in being a part of the band, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Youth and Family bulletin board in the fellowship hall OR contact Suzanne or Jamey Strawn.

Easter Egg Hunt Items Needed



Donations of individually wrapped candy, Easter stickers, small Easter toys that will fit inside plastic eggs, and small stuffed animals are needed for the **Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd at 11:00 a.m. PLEASE DO NOT BRING PLASTIC EGGS!** At this

fun activity the children will enjoy story time, a craft, and, of course, the egg hunt. Volunteers are needed to decorate the fellowship hall, fill the eggs, and help the bunny with the task of hiding the eggs. (If you wish to help, **eggs will be stuffed on Wednesday, March 31st from 11:30-1:00 p.m.**) Sign-up sheets for the children and volunteers are posted on the Youth and Family bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please place all donations in the ministry collection area to the left just inside the doors of the narthex **NO LATER than 11:00 a.m., March 31st.** All children need to bring a basket of some type for the egg hunt on April 3rd. Questions?? See Suzanne Strawn.