

Hope LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL, 2025

Hope Lutheran Church

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10 a.m.

Worship service with palm frond processional

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

Worship service with communion

Good Friday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

Worship service

Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

Worship service with communion

**He is risen,
indeed!**

Sunday Services
9 AM Adult Bible Study
10 AM Worship Service
1st & 3rd Sundays—
communion



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APRIL SERVER'S LIST

If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please find a replacement and let Dawn know. Thank you for serving.



Date	Music	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Greeters	Reader	Communion	Sermon/ PP
April 6	Lori	Cheryl	Beckett	Marge & Glenda	Becky	Bev	Dawn
April 13 Palm	Lori	None	Deacon	Ruth & Ruth	Andy	None	Dawn
April 17 Maundy Thursday	Lori	Chris	None	Karol	Chris	Bev or Becky	Dan
April 18 Good	Lori	Greg	None	Larry & Chris	Greg	None	Dawn (Sermon only)
April 20 Easter	Lori	Chris	CJ	Fred & Sheila	Chris	Becky	Dan
April 27	Lori	None	Hank	Becky & Bev	Andy	None	Dawn

Easter Lilies



Easter April 20th

Lilies (6" pots) will be available for purchase to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday for \$8.00 per plant. They may be taken home after the service. There are forms to complete on the welcome table for your order. Please print clearly and fill out a form for each plant. Place your check, with your order form, in the offering plate marked "Easter Lily" by March 30th. *Sponsored by Hope's LMLW*

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Dave B.	06
Cheryl T.	07
Carl S.	10
Peggy R.	11
Greg B.	11
Marge G.	23

APRIL 27 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



AFTER WORSHIP

Join us after worship on April 27 for cake to honor our friends and members who have an April birthday.



Do you have an event you are planning at Hope?

Please be sure to let Dawn know details of your event.

She will add it onto the new master calendar.

The welcome tablecloth and sign are located on top of the filing cabinets in the office and are available for all church events.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



Our Sunday School and Confirmation students worked hard to make fresh Lenten pretzels for the congregation one Sunday in March. The classes were reminded that the twisted shape of the pretzels resemble two arms crossed in prayer. Making these pretzels for over 30 years has served as a tasty reminder that Lent is a season of prayer and reflection.

Sunday School meets on April 13th and 27th during the worship service. Children are invited to sit with their families for the beginning of worship and are dismissed to Sunday School following the children's chat.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next church council meeting will be on Thursday April 10th at 3:00 p.m.. If you have any agenda items for the council to discuss, please see our church president, Greg B., or email him at Greg_belt@att.net

EASTER ILLUSTRATION

Easter Illustration Ministry Reminder: Please return any individual pieces of the congregation wide illustration to the basket on the welcome table by April 6th. This will allow for enough time for the mosaic to be assembled before Easter.

LENTEN DINNER

The final Lenten service and supper will be held on Sunday, April 6th. Join this final gathering at 5:00 p.m. to mark season of prayer and repentance at 5:00 p.m.

See Dawn G. with any questions or email her at dghlc456@gmail.com.

You're Invited!

LWML



Want to know more about LWML?
National website LWML.org
or the Ohio District website at lwmlloh.org

PRAYER SQUARE MINISTRY HAS BEGUN!



Our LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission), with the help of MANY women in the congregation have begun a Prayer Square Ministry. As they are stitched, the person prays for the person who will receive it. Placed in a pocket or backpack or purse, the prayer square serves as a reminder: a reminder to pause and pray and a reminder that someone has already prayed for you.

Please take one to give to someone you know (does NOT have to be a member of Hope) who needs a reminder that Jesus is just a prayer away.



Northeast Zone of the Ohio District Lutheran Women in Mission will gather for a Spring Rally on April 26th at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Mayfield Heights. There is still time to register, and you can let Celia Esala (czesala@aol.com) know if you would like to go with us and she will call in your registration. Please see the in-

formation sheet on the mite collection box for more information.

"BLESSED TO BLESS" (Genesis 12:2-3) Our LWML ladies will deliver the items collected in our church wide "Blessed to Bless" donation campaign to the Food Pantry located at Our Savior Lutheran Church where we will meet for our Spring Rally on April 26th. The donation box is located by the front entrance doors with a list of items needed.



PRAYER SQUARE MINISTRY

The LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) of Hope Prayer Square Ministry has started with a bang. Many women of the congregation have volunteered to crochet/knit/quilt 3x3 or 4x4 squares. As they are stitched, the person prays for the person who will receive it. Placed in a pocket or backpack or purse, the prayer square serves as

a reminder: a reminder to pause and prayer and a reminder that someone has already prayed for you.

"The best Easter is one spent with your Peeps." ~ Unknown

THIRD @ 3

RABBI ABBA SILVER'S BATTLE AGAINST CLEVELAND NAZIS



SUNDAY, APRIL 27
3 PM

SPEAKER: DENNIS SUTCLIFF
FROM LOST CLEVELAND MEMORIES

In the 1930's stormtroopers were Apriling in Parma and local auto-workers were being recruited for jobs in German factories.

Learn how Rabbi Silver's League for Human Rights led the fight against the fascists in our town.



Join the **In the Word bi-weekly Saturday** study and an examination of the Book of James. The study takes place at church and new members are welcome at any time.

The only April meeting date is 4/5 (due to Easter)

9:15 coffee and fellowship; 9:30 small group study; 10:30 Q&A with the pastor.

For more information, please email Cheryl T. at 505Tomaselli@gmail.com

The **Sunday morning adult Bible Study** meets at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Pastor Esala leads the study on "Discipleship" by Ray Vander Laan. The study examines what it means to be a follower of Christ through cultural, historical, and contextual lenses of Scripture.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month for 45 minutes following worship. Meeting dates for April are April 13th and April 27th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Do you have a prayer request on your mind and heart? Prayer requests can be emailed to Hope's church secretary, Dawn, at dghlc456@gmail.com.

A prayer list is distributed to the congregation each Sunday after worship and prayers remain on the list for one month.



A
BEAUTIFUL DAY
IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD

THIRD @ 3

SUNDAY, MAY 18
3 PM

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
456 S. CHILICOTHE ROAD

MOVIE AND SNACKS

FREE FIREWOOD

We cut up a tree that had fallen on the north side of the church property. The wood is free to a good home if anyone wants it.



"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life." — Janine di Giovanni



**HOPE LUTHERAN
EVERY MEMBER SURVEY
2025**

Hope is conducting a follow-up to the survey and workshop that were conducted a few years ago. A number of positive changes were made as a result of the previous effort and we believe that it is time to build upon those changes.

The survey can be completed online and, for those who prefer, can also be completed on paper. Instructions will be in the cover letter that accompanies the survey.

We would like all members and friends of Hope to return their completed surveys by April 20th, so that we can summarize the data in preparation for a workshop on Saturday, May 3rd (after the Bible Study) to discuss the results and (hopefully) come up with new ideas going forward.

Food and refreshments will be provided at the workshop.

Please contact Greg Belt (greg.belt@gmail.com) with any questions.

PRETZEL SUNDAY



**Easter Blessings
to you
and your family.**



Are you following Hope? Church news, updates, and reminders are posted several times a week on Hope's website as well as on Hope's Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter) accounts. Be sure to check these resources often to stay up to date.

Website: hlcaurora.org

Facebook: Hope Lutheran Church in Aurora, Ohio

Instagram: [hopelutheranchurchauroraohio](https://www.instagram.com/hopelutheranchurchauroraohio)

Twitter: @HLCAurora

"Easter: when eating chocolate for breakfast is acceptable."