

Hope LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL, 2025

Hope Lutheran Church

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10 a.m.
Sunday School during worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m.
Worship service with communion

Good Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m.
Worship service

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10 a.m.
Worship service with communion
Craft for children during the sermon only.



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

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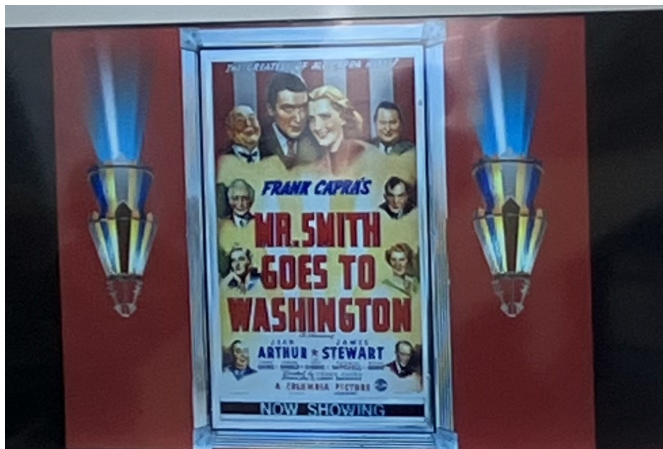
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APRIL SERVER'S LIST

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

Date	Music	Worship Assistant	Greeters	Reader	Communion	Sermon/PP	Acolyte
April 02 Maundy Thursday		Greg	Becky & Bev	Greg	Becky/Bev	Dan (sermon)	
April 03 Good Friday		Andy	Lynn R.	Andy	none	Dawn (sermon)	
April 05 Easter	Lori	Chris	Marge & Glenda	Chris	Becky/Bev	Dawn (sermon)	Shorter
April 12	Lori	na	Ruth &	Karol	none	Dawn	Gideon
April 19	Lori	Paul	Karol	Paul	Becky/Bev	Dawn	
April 26	Lori	na	Larry & Chris	Bob	none	Dawn	

THIRD @ 3



The 3rd at 3 speaker in March shared all about the life and legacy of Jimmy Stewart with our large group. Who knew he made 80 movies?

Join us on April 19th when we will hear all about the art of Louis Comfort Tiffany from our popular speaker and art historian, Felicia Zavarella Stadelman.

Bring a friend to this free event!

THE ART OF LOUIS COMFORT TIFFANY

APRIL 19 @ 3 PM

FREE





FELICIA ZAVARELLA STADELMAN

Hope Lutheran Church
456 S. Chillicothe Road, Aurora, OH

Third @ 3



Meet the former director of marking and publicity for the Front Row. Free. \$20 book

JEANNIE EMSER SCHULTZ

AS THE STAGE TURNED

MAY 17 @ 3 PM

“He is risen; He is not there.”~ Mark 16:6

April Birthdays



Dave B.	6
Cheryl T.	7
Carl S.	10
Peggy R.	11
Greg B.	11
Marge G.	23

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 26



AFTER WORSHIP

Hope will celebrate its members and friends having April birthdays on April 26th. Join us after worship that day in the fellowship hall.



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.

PRETZEL SUNDAY

Thanks to Becky, Cheryl and the Sunday School classes for reminding us about the Trinity on Pretzel Sunday. We remembered the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as we enjoyed our pretzels.



THE POWER OF PRAYER



From Pastor and Celia's daughter:

I wanted to let all my Hope prayer warriors know, not only were their prayers on my behalf heard, loud and clear, but God answered with the blessing of healing.

Through this entire journey, your prayers have given me comfort and strength and I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am. Never doubt the power of prayer.

Thank you and God bless,

Kelly

COUNCIL MEETING



The next church council meeting will be on Thursday April 9th at 3:30 p.m.

If you have any agenda items for the council to discuss, please see please see our church president, Greg B., or email him at president@hopelcaurora.org.

OUTSIDE AROUND HOPE



Hopefully the last snow plowing of the parking lot this season is over and done with. The winter took its toll, however, and we took advantage of some warmer temperatures to cold patch several potholes that had developed.

Last year Church Council approved a project to trim the trees in the front of Hope to improve the visibility of the church from Rt 43. In talking to the City of Aurora about the large oak trees along RT. 43 it was determined they were on the City right of way. Last week the 7 oaks were trimmed with Hope paying for “our” side of the trees to be trimmed at the same time.

We will be trimming the balance of the trees between church and the oaks sometime this spring to clean up the low hanging branches and open the view up even more. A photograph does not do justice to the trimming so take a look the next time you drive by or enter the driveway.



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.

Only April meeting date is April 18 (due to Easter).

No Bible Study on April 4!

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 is leading a study on 1 Corinthians.



A pastor decided to give a very brief Easter message because the sanctuary was sweltering. He stood up and said, “Brothers and sisters, I had a twelve-page sermon prepared on the Resurrection. But instead, I’ll give you a one-sentence version: He is risen, the tomb is empty, and the potluck starts in ten minutes.” He received the first-ever standing ovation in the church’s history.



Hope's unit of the LWML meets **the second Sunday of every month** in the fellowship hall following worship. All ladies are welcome to help us plan for future ministry outreach opportunities.

National mission grant amount awarded was **\$2,622,270.00 to 33 different ministries for 2025-2027**. Thank you to all who use a mite box to contribute your change to make LWML such a "mityev" ministry! You can drop off your mite box in the wooden box on the welcome table or the church office. **Our LWML unit at Hope collected \$86.00 in mites in February and \$85.00 for mites from the sale of extra mug rugs! Thank you to ALL who share their change for Missions such as the following...**

2025–2027 National LWML Mission Grant #9

Introducing Muslims to the Savior — Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Global \$100,000

Fear: It's a word that comes up again and again when former Muslims, Buddhists or Hindus speak about their former religions. Fear of ghosts. Fear of angry gods. Fear of never doing enough to earn eternal reward.

But all that changes when someone tells them about Jesus Christ.



**"AS AN LWML MEMBER,
YOU'VE BEEN THAT "SOMEONE."**

For over a decade, LWML members have voted at their conventions to adopt Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) mission projects. Through your national LWML mission mites, you have assisted LHF in translating and printing thousands of Bible storybooks and Luther's *Small Catechism* for children and families around the world.

In the pages of these books, children lost in spiritual darkness have seen the Light of the Savior. As parents have read the books, translated into a language they can understand, the Holy Spirit has called them to faith – and

peace – in Christ Jesus.

The mission of the LWML Ohio District is to assist each woman in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.



Hope Lutheran Church
is a congregation In the
Ohio District of the
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

"All I really need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt!" – Charles M. Schulz



Northeast Zone
Ohio District

NORTHEAST ZONE SPRING RALLY

“Caring by Serving”

April 25, 2026,

Faith Lutheran Church,
8125 Mentor Av., Mentor

Begins at 9:30 am with continental breakfast fellowship,
meeting at 10 a.m. followed by a light lunch.



Deaconess
Katherine Rittner

Our keynote speaker will be from the **Director of the Food and Clothing Co-Op at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Deaconess Katherine Rittner**. This will be a wonderful way to learn about one of our higher learning Lutheran institutions.

The Food & Clothing Co-Op is open to all students enrolled in classes at Concordia Theological Seminary located in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Food, clothing and household items are available at no charge. Students volunteer service time for the privilege of shopping. The Food Co-Op is in the lower level of the Student Commons and is set up like a small grocery store. The Clothing Co-Op is housed in a former dormitory and has fourteen shopping areas. The Food & Clothing Co-Op relies solely on the generous donations of perishable and non-perishable food items, clothing, household items, and monetary gifts from individuals and organizations.

There will be two in-gatherings.

1. A mite offering to be used for the 2026-2028 mission grants.
2. Donations for the Lutheran Seminary Food and Clothing Co-Op located in Fort Wayne, Indiana. **There is a complete list of items to donate on the bulletin board, but a few are ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, salad dressing, hot sauce, pancake syrup, tomato paste. There will be a collection basket in the gathering room next to the welcome table for donations.**

Your registration can be made with the secretary of Faith Lutheran Church at (440) 255-2229 or emailing her at faith.lutheran@att.net Cost is \$6.00 when you arrive.



Easter Lilies are available to purchase as we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection and His gift of eternal life for those who believe. Cost is \$8.50 for a 6" pot covered in gold foil. Please complete an order form, located on the welcome table, mark Lily in the memo line of your check, and place in the offering plate with your check. Thank You!



LWML SPRING

Rally



April 25, 2026

Faith Lutheran
8125 Mentor Ave.
Mentor, OH

Caring by Serving

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ...Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches."
Galatians 6:2,6

9:30am Coffee & Fellowship

10:00am Rally, Business Meeting

Mites Gathering

Ingathering details on separate page!

\$6.00 at the door

Light Luncheon to follow

Registration to Secretary Faith Lutheran Church

faith.lutheran@att.net (440) 255-2229

By Monday, April 19

*Guest
Speaker*



Deaconess Katherine Rittner
Director of Food & Clothing

Co-op at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne



With Thanks...
Billie Lelle, President of the Northeast Zone of the LWML, sent this note-

Dear Ladies of Hope,
WOW! Thank you so much for hosting the Northeast Zone Prayer service.

So many positive comments were heard concerning the food, the decorations and the warm fellowship that was enjoyed.

May God continue to bless your efforts

as you serve Him with gladness.

AND from the ladies in Thompson...

Dear LWML Ladies,

It's the thoughtfulness of people like you that makes the world so bright.

The LWML from Thompson (Grace Lutheran) wish to thank you for your warm welcome at Saturday's PRAYER SERVICE.

The coffee and fellowship time gave everyone a time to reunite with friends from other churches while enjoying a lovely buffet of breakfast treats. The prayer service was thought-provoking yet up-lifting. To top off a wonderful event, you ladies served a very delicious lunch.

Thank you. May God bless your service in His name.

Mary Lou Hope for the Grace Lutheran Church LWML ladies.



Ohio District LWML Convention
"Joyful Always"
June 26-27, 2026
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Westlake, OH