

Message Title:
“Pruned for Fruit”

Preaching: Pastor Michael Stoops



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Welcome to Hebron Lutheran Church!

As You Worship in Person or by Live Streaming!

Welcome to the worship of people engaged in the greatest mission in the world: following Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the Messiah sent from God whose mission is, in his very own words, “to seek and save the lost.” The life-transforming message we must tell everyone, simply put, is “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life!” Welcome to the Kingdom and mission of God, everyone! Welcome to eternal life with God and all God’s redeemed!

Guests: We believe that you are not here by accident. We invite you to fill out a Connect Card with whatever information you feel comfortable sharing. If we can support or pray for you in any way, please let us know. You can also contact the church by calling 859-689-7590 or visiting the Church website hebronlutheran.org.

Holy Communion: We believe that Holy Communion is a gift of grace. We practice "Open Communion," which means if you are a follower of Jesus, you are welcome to share this sacred meal with us.

Offering: We believe that God is generous, and we have been invited to share generously. An offering basket is available at the entrance/exit doors of the sanctuary for those who would love to contribute financially to the ongoing work of Hebron Lutheran Church. You can also give by text at 844-436-1665. Include a dollar sign with the amount (example \$100) you wish to give in the message area.



Kids' Church [9 am // 11 am]: Kids' Church for K-5th grade will resume on Sunday, August 23rd.

Nursery Available [9 am // 11 am]: We love having children with us, and we also know parents may need a little extra peace of mind. Our nursery, for **infants through age 6**, is located just across the hall from the sanctuary.

Serving in Worship:

Pastor Michael Stoops, Preaching & Presiding;

Kathy Bowman, Director of Worship;

Anita Bernardo & Linda Gayhart, Communion Servers

Roben & Colleen Dixon & Linda Gayhart, Greeters.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God Maria Dallas in memory of her sister-in-law, Mary Spellman.



Today's Celebration!

Welcome & Greeting

Table4Twelve

Graves Into Gardens

Yes And Amen

Revelation Song

Pastor Michael Stoops

“Pruned for Fruit”

Holy Communion and The Lord’s Prayer

Table4Twelve

Hungry

Left It In The River

Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

—Prayers—

This Week, Please Pray For:

Members: *Jeri Wege (health); Ron Rives (health); Rose Webster (recovering from surgery for broken wrist, 7/28); Sam Miller (health, recovering from a fall-Boone Springs); Julie Mills (health, radiation treatments); Sharon Bennett (recovering from foot surgery); Marlene Becherer (health); Carley Current (health); Lemmie Price (health issues); Tom Gibbs (health issues); Beth Campbell (health); Elizabeth Potter (health) and Bev Tekulve (cancer).*

Family/Friends of Members: *Jeff Webster; Janos Family; Tricia Gieser (health); Sarah F. (health); Donald Park (recovering from open heart surgery); Cassidy Feldhaus (baby Baylor was born he is still in the hospital being evaluated for his significant heart issues); David W. (health); Pr. David Jones (recovering from foot surgery, call the office for address); Savanna (recovering from traumatic bodily injury); Ken Firl (health concerns, Priscilla Mueller's dad); Fred Haas (recovering from back surgery 7/17); Denise Bobst (stage 3 lung cancer, never smoked, radiation/chemo, sister-in-law of Debi Graves); Diana R. (ALS); Kayla Gray (home from the hospital with oxygen & outpatient physical therapy, childhood friend of Jacqueline Stoops); Sarah K. (cancer); Nicole Sexton (continued healing from a kidney transplant); and Donna Elchesen (kidney disease, sister of Debbie Kloos).*

Card of the Week: We have a “Card of the Week” each week for the congregation to send encouraging cards to a specific person/s. If you or someone you know needs encouragement or prayers, please fill out one of the prayer care cards in the pew. Send a card to our sister, **Jeri Wege**. Jeri's address is 3236 Peel Road, Burlington, KY 41005. You are welcome to send cards to anyone you wish, but if you don't usually send cards, we encourage you to perhaps send a card to the person highlighted each week for “Card of the Week”.

Prayer Care People of the Week: Harvey & Nancy Richardson, Sylvia Sears, and Jeff & Tiffany Wege & Family.

Armed Forces Members and support staff known to HLC: **Ray Santa Cruz** (Cathy Fellow's nephew); **Jack Gerken** (14032 W. Mustang St., Unit #4464, Luke AFB, AZ 85309, family friend of the Owens); **Major Jake Ricks** (nephew of Anita Bernardo) and **Joshua Wilson** (Marines, grandson of Larry & Judy Gurksnis) and **Mollie Wilson** (Navy, wife of Joshua Wilson).

If you wish to place someone on the prayer list please call 859-689-7590 or email your prayer request to sonya@hebronlutheran.org. We will print prayer concerns in the bulletin for four weeks. Please call 859-689-7590 or email if your request has been removed and you would like to have it included longer.

– Announcements & Activities –

Join us this morning in the Hospitality Room for a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. In the Hospitality Room you can also find our monthly newsletter, and **Our Daily Bread (daily devotionals)**, as well as other items.

ATTENTION: Address correction for last week's Card of the Week for Marlene Becherer. Address is 1463 Burlington Pike, Florence, KY 41042.

Thank You, Hebron Lutheran! Loaves & Fishes is deeply grateful to the Hebron Lutheran Church for a Generosity Fund Grant that made it possible to provide **100 Summer Care Bags** to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Each bag includes a food bag with approximately **3,400 calories**, a hygiene bag, First Aid items, socks, mini-flashlights, and summer items such as electrolyte packets, sunscreen, and “buggy-bracelet” insect repellent to help people safely navigate the hottest months of the year. Your loving kindness is making a real difference, one Care Bag at a time. Thank you for helping us share practical care, dignity and hope with our neighbors in need.

From Loaves & Fishes-Beth Kamradt

Save the Date: A special congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 30th between the services, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** The special congregational meeting will be held instead of the congregational forum originally scheduled for that day.

SAVE-THE-DATE: Join us for the Church Summer Picnic on **Sunday, August 30th at 5:00 p.m.** at **Giles Conrad Park Shelter #1!** Grilled meat, drinks, and paper products provided. Please bring a couple dishes to share and your lawn chairs. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship! If you have any questions email Roben Dixon at roben.dixon@gmail.com.

4th Annual “Luther Run” at Hebron Lutheran Church: RACE FOR RECOVERY! An Outreach Opportunity for Recovery from Addiction. **Hosted by Hebron Lutheran Church Saturday, September 26th at 9:00 a.m.** Volunteers needed to help with the coordinating of this event. Volunteers would handout race packets, organize bibs and goodie bags, set up food and water at event, help promote on social media, etc. We need goodie bag items (stickers, samples, coupons, running gifts...etc.). If you are interested in helping and/or have goodie bag items to donate, please contact the church office at 859-689-7590 or email: info@hebronlutheran.org. For those wanting to run/walk the race, here is the link or click on the QR code. **RACE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** Please pass the link below to anyone you may know who enjoys a race for a good cause. [https://runsignup.com/Race/ KY/Hebron/HebronLutheranRunforRecovery5k](https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Hebron/HebronLutheranRunforRecovery5k)



Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study - Fall 2026: Men! Join your fellow brothers in Christ as we begin a new study on the Book of Romans. Come join us for lively discussion and learning as we explore the book of Romans each Saturday beginning on **Saturday, September 19th from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** in the church Hospitality Room. **Come see why the Apostle Paul was Lutheran before being Lutheran was cool!** Our study is open to all men from 15 years to 115 years old. Contact Keith Sholander at wksholander@gmail.com or at 859-479-7331 for further information.

Women's Adult Sunday School Class – Fall 2026: The Women's Adult Sunday School class will begin a new study on **Philippians** this fall using Lydia Brownback's guide, *Philippians: Living for Christ*. This warm, accessible study walks through Paul's letter chapter by chapter, helping women explore joy, humility, unity, and steadfast faith in Christ. Though written from prison, Philippians overflows with confidence in Jesus, contentment in every circumstance, and a call to shine as lights in the world. Led by **Debbie Kloos**, this class offers meaningful fellowship, thoughtful discussion, and spiritual growth for women at any stage of their walk with Christ. Join us beginning **Sunday, September 13, 2026, in Room 202 at 10:15 a.m.** between services. Come be refreshed by God's Word and strengthened by community. Questions? Contact Debbie at **859-816-8490** or debbiekloos@gmail.com.

Adult Sunday School Class – Fall 2026: This September, a new Adult Sunday School class will begin, focusing on **the life of Peter** and his New Testament letters, **1 Peter** and **2 Peter**. Led by **Rick Kloos**, the first three sessions will follow Peter's journey through the Gospel accounts—from Jesus' call by the Sea of Galilee to Peter's confession, struggles, and restoration. These lessons highlight Peter as a real, grace-shaped disciple. The class will then move into an in-depth study of Peter's letters, exploring themes of hope in suffering, holy living, spiritual growth, and standing firm in faith. Together, these books reveal the heart of a seasoned shepherd and fit beautifully within the wider witness of the New Testament. All men and women are warmly invited to join beginning **Sunday, September 13, 2026, in Room 205 at 10:15 a.m.** between services. Come grow in faith, deepen fellowship, and discover how Peter's life and writings continue to strengthen believers today. Questions? Contact Rick at **859-803-5163** or rickkloos@outlook.com.

Children / Youth Information

Kids' Church: Kids' Church for K-5th grade will resume next Sunday, August 23rd.

Youth Group: Youth Group for grades 7th - 12th meets twice a month from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** Youth group will meet downstairs in the youth room this **Wednesday, August 26th and September 9th.**

Outreach

For Loaves & Fishes...

Help Us Fill the Collection Bin! Items needed for our summer/ fall needs include **baseball hats, sun hats, sunglasses, reading glasses, and/ or prescription eyeglasses** (cases are especially appreciated). New or gently used items are welcome. For example, Dollar Tree reading glasses and sunglasses are wonderful additions that help many of our friends on the street. Every donated item helps someone stay a little safer, more comfortable, and better able to navigate daily life. Items can be placed in the designated bin in the hospitality room or dropped off to the church office now through the beginning of September.

For Operation Christmas Child...

During the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for Operation Christmas Child! We are looking for items such as: *pens, sharpened pencils, scissors, glue sticks, stickers, notebooks, protractors, rulers, small books, flashcards, solar calculators, etc.* Please remember **NO liquid items and NO bars of soap**. You can place your donated items in the bin in the Hospitality Room.

Join us for a **Shoebox Wrapping/Organizing Day**—We will be wrapping boxes, making jump ropes, and organizing donations. You have lots of opportunities to find your favorite activity to support this ministry.

Join us for some great fellowship, **Monday, August 24th. We will meet at Longnecks in Hebron for lunch at 12:30 p.m.** and afterwards will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the church to shoebox wrap/organize.

9/14 - Meet at Hebron Grille in Hebron for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30 p.m.

9/28 - Meet at LaRosas in Hebron for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30 p.m.

In the Community



CASA 5K Superhero Run/Walk! Be a Hero for a Child Join Our 13th Annual 5K Superhero Run/Walk! Registration is \$30. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 9:30 a.m. **Come join us on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Idlewild Park in Burlington, KY,**

for a fun-filled morning supporting children who have experienced abuse or neglect throughout the Northern Bluegrass Region. Whether you run, walk, or cheer from the sidelines, every step helps provide trained Volunteer Advocates for children involved in the family court system across Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Owen, and Pendleton Counties.

Dress as your favorite superhero or come as you are—because the children we serve need community heroes like YOU!

Event Highlights:

Emcee: FOX19's Joe Danneman

Race & Kids Fun Run

Music by DJ Butlers

Professional Face Painting & Balloon Artist

FREE Donuts

Kona Ice & Tom's Coffee Truck

Giveaways, Raffles & Awards for All Age Groups

Whether you're a competitive runner or bringing the whole family, there's something for everyone! **Register today! 13th Annual CASA of the**

Northern Bluegrass Region 5K Superhero Run/Walk

AC Replacement Update

AC Replacement Update...We are still waiting for Carrier, the manufacturer of the sanctuary unit, to fix the issue we are having with cooling the sanctuary. The issue is covered under the warranty, so there is no additional cost to the church. Our final payment to DeBra-Kuempel will be made once the sanctuary air is working correctly. We do appreciate everyone's patience as we wait for the sanctuary air to work properly. Beyond working with Carrier on our behalf, DeBra-Kuempel has been sending a technician outside of regular contract hours early on Sunday mornings to make sure the sanctuary is cool for our worship services. **We appreciate their help as we wait for Carrier to come up with a solution for the issue the unit is having.**

As of July 27th, we have received \$58,336 from the congregation, enough to complete the entire AC replacement project. Since we have reached our goal to complete the project, the AC Replacement Fund is officially closed. We thank everyone who contributed to the AC Fund including the Hebron Lutheran Foundation. Thanks to your faithfulness and generosity we completely paid the \$311,836 for this entire project in less than a year and without obtaining a loan. **We give God all the glory and praise for providing the means for this capital improvement!**

Amount Needed from the Congregation	Amount Received from the Congregation through July 27 th	Funds Still Needed to Complete the Project
\$58,336	\$58,336	\$0

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Hebron Lutheran Church Information

3140 Limaburg Road, Hebron, KY 41048

Sunday Worship Services:

9:00 a.m. (Traditional with Kids' Church)

10:15 a.m. Adult Learning Classes

11:00 a.m. (Modern with Kids' Church)

Live Streaming for 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday Services - Hebron Lutheran Church YouTube

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For information about Hebron Lutheran Church or our activities be sure to visit our website at www.hebronlutheran.org or call the Church Office between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The latest newsletter and weekly bulletins are available on our website.



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To know Him and to make Him known.