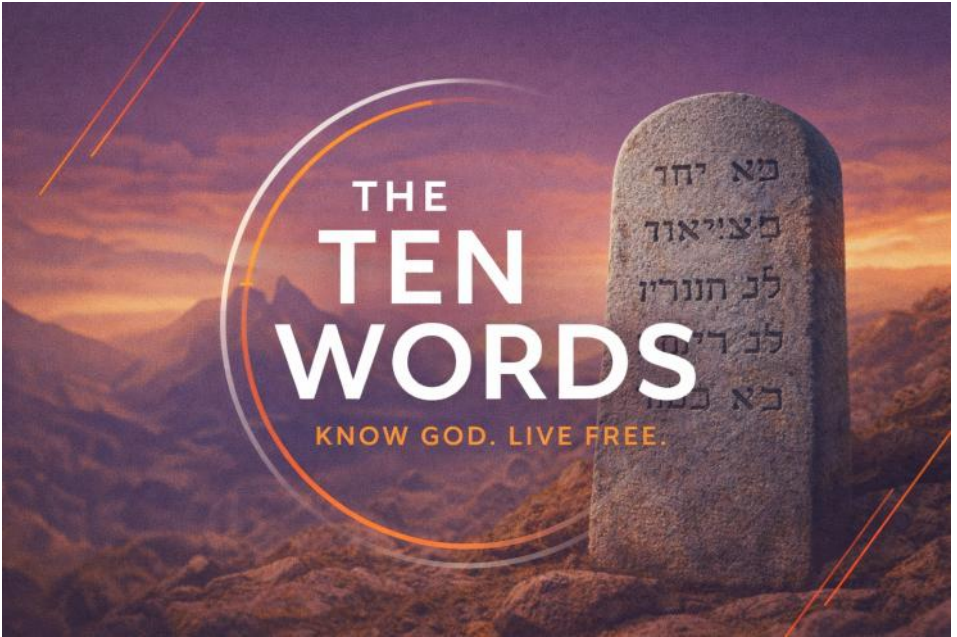


Message Title:

“Second Word: Bearing the Name”

Preaching: Pastor Michael Stoops



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

9:00 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 will be 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]: We love teaching our children about Jesus. Kids, from **kindergarten to 5th grade**, are invited to join us for Kids' Church. Children can sign in before the worship service, and they will be dismissed during the service to head to Kids' Church. Our caring leaders are excited to welcome your kids and help them connect with God in a way that is meaningful and engaging.

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;
Anthony Habib, Worship Assistant; *Kathy Bowman*, Director of Worship;
Deanna Parobeck, Organist; *Roger McKinstry*, Reader;
Linda Bryant & Nancy Schmeal, Greeter/s; **Connie Crowder*,
Mike Ford, Randy Long and Nancy Schmeal, Communion Servers.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Terry & Brenda Hopperton in celebration of their son, Joe Hopperton's birthday today! Schier Family in memory of Joe Schier.

Gather to Worship God

Prelude

*(“+” If able, please stand.)
(Congregation recites bold text.)*

Welcome & Announcements

+Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty
to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

C: Almighty and merciful God

grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

**I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.**

**I pray God Almighty
to have mercy on me
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.**

P: Almighty and merciful God
grant you healing, pardon, and
forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

+Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you!

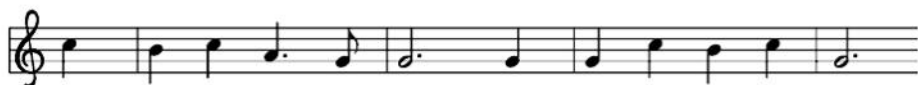
Please share a welcoming word and wave as a sign of God's love.

+Opening Hymn

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

+Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

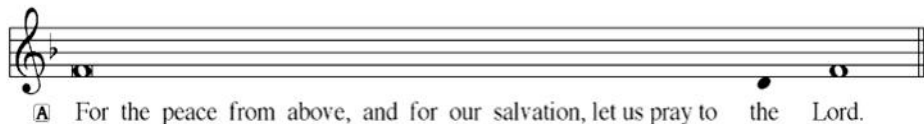
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



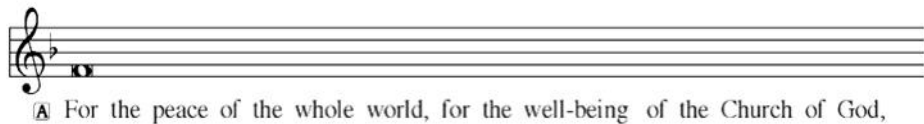
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



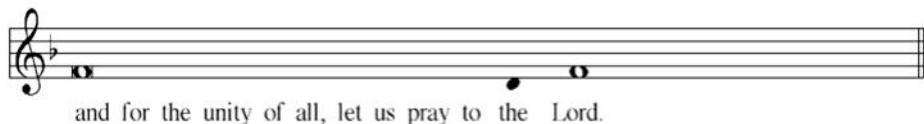
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



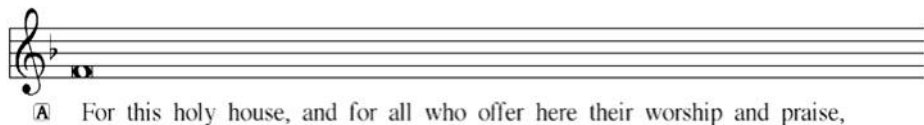
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



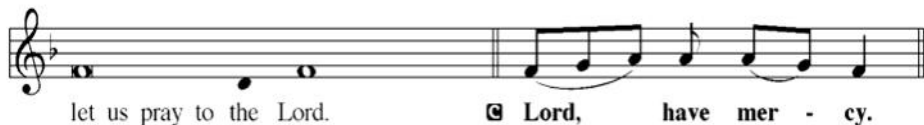
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** **A - men**

+Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray together:

C: Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We Hear God's Word

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7 (ESV)

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: **“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; **when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, **and from the west I will gather you.**

⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; **bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,**

⁷everyone who is called by my name, **whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV)

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world.

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message **“Second Word: Bearing the Name”** Pastor Michael Stoops

Our Response to God's Word

+Hymn of the Day *"Savior of the Nations, Come"*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

+The Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

+The Prayers

A: Father of mercy, you have called us by name and claimed us as your own.

C: Shape us to live as your holy people.

A: Lord Jesus, you have placed your name upon us in baptism.

C: May our lives reflect your truth and grace.

A: Holy Spirit, guide our words and actions.

C: Help us honor your name in all we do and reflect your goodness and glory to the world around us.

A: Lord, we trust that you are merciful and gracious,

All: Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

+The Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray for God's blessings upon our tithe and offering:
Merciful Father,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

+The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

+The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray in the words our Savior taught us:

C: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen*

Holy Communion

+Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

+Post Communion Canticle

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

+Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray....

C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

+Closing Hymn

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.
stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Organ Postlude

— Prayers —

This Week, Please Pray For:

Members: Andrew Schier & Family (death of his father, Joe); Family & Friends of Bob Foxworthy (Bob passed away 1/5); Holly Pelley & Family (death of Harvey Pelley 12/24, services planned for the end of January); Pat Foxworthy (recovering from a broken femur); Debbie Kloos; Dale Ankenman (home); Patti Brown (recovering from back surgery 12/4); Glenn Curry (upcoming hip replacement surgery postponed until further notice); Michelle Ewing (health); Jeff Stine (health); Elizabeth Potter (health) and Bev Tekulve (terminal cancer).

Family/Friends of Members: Barb Fried (hospitalized, & death of her husband 12/17); Rose Bingess (cancer); Nicole Sexton (upcoming kidney transplant surgery 1/20); Tami Hughes (upcoming surgery for bladder cancer on 1/22, sister of Cyndi Kuhn); Matt Rabold (health, Joanne Wheeler's son-in-law); Mascaluso Family (health, & granddaughter recently diagnosed with epilepsy); Barb Ellis (medical); Darla Smyth (recovering from liver transplant, sister of Daune Owens); Mike Combs (health, father of April Hopperton); Jenny Brown (breast cancer); Diana R. (ALS); Jabari Washington (health); Carter (10 yr. old with brain cancer); Kennedy (health); Becky Garnick (breast cancer); Jason R. (health); Sarah K. (cancer); Angie L. (health); Bill Court (health); Katie Burlingame (breast cancer surgery & treatment); Donna Elchesen (kidney disease, sister of Debbie Kloos); Susie Pelley Maxwell (hospice care in FL., sister of Harvey Pelley) and David Maxwell (health, brother-in-law of Harvey Pelley).

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 the our brother, *Andrew Schier* Andrew's address is 1978 Wedgewood Lane, Hebron, KY 41048. 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:

Bruce, Ann & Claire Gerken, Justin, Norah, Clara & Emily Hibbits, Paul & Marilyn Hogan and Jeff & Annette Kern.

Armed Forces Members and support staff known to HLC:

John Tyler Conner (*National Guard, nephew of Jeanette Tanner*); Ray Santa Cruz (*Cathy Fellow's nephew*); Jack Gerken (14032 W. Mustang St., Unit #4464, Luke AFB, AZ 85309, family friend of the Owens); CPT Adam Rauch (*husband of Georgia Rauch, 3SFAB, BAT 600 APO, AE 09316*); 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 to sonya@hebronlutheran.org. We will continue to 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.

HLC 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.

Reminder: The Church Office will be closed, **TOMORROW, Monday, January 19th** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Hebron Lutheran Church's New Officers for 2026:
President, **Randy Long**, Vice President, **Keith Sholander**,
Treasurer, **Debbie Kloos** and Secretary, **Mark Goetting**.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2026 offering envelopes in the Hospitality Room on the table.

Attention! End of the Year Giving Statements: End of Year Giving Statements will be sent through email towards the end of January. We plan to email the statements to everyone who has an email address on file. If we don't have an email address for you, we will put your statement in a sealed envelope and put in the mail. If you have any questions contact Sonya in the church office at 859-689-7590.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers - 2026: Help to brighten the altar on Sunday mornings. Choose a Sunday that has special meaning to you. **Please write your name and the occasion next to the day you pick on the chart on the bulletin board in the Hospitality Room.** The cost to sponsor the altar flowers for a Sunday is **\$35.00**. Please mark on your offering envelope or memo field of your check "*Altar Flowers*".

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31, 2026: Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**, to direct their 2025 Choice Dollars. Don't miss the opportunity to designate your available 2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Hebron Lutheran Church. To direct them or to learn more go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Saturday 8:30 a.m.: "Acts: The Birth of the Church." The Men's Bible Study Group is working through a study based on David Jeremiah's book, "Acts: The Birth of the Church." The study is partitioned into twelve lessons that emphasizes God's guidance of His church, the spread of the gospel, and the empowering work of the Holy Spirit in believers. It highlights Acts as the most fertile period of outreach in Christian history, showing churches planted and disciples empowered despite persecution and hardship. The study is designed for both personal reflection and group learning, with each chapter including Scripture passages, commentary, and life application questions. We would like to invite all men from Hebron Lutheran Church to join us each Saturday morning for a time of study, reflection, and fellowship. If you have any questions, please feel free to call/text Keith Sholander at 859-479-7331 or email at wksholander@gmail.com.

Sundays 10:15 a.m.: “God’s Dwelling Places:” Join us for an Adult Bible Study Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. From Genesis to Revelation God has chosen to dwell among His people in remarkable ways. These sacred spaces were more than just mere structures—they symbolized God’s presence, His covenant, and His desire for an intimate relationship with humanity. This Bible study will take us on a journey through the significance of the dwelling places of God that began at the Garden of Eden to the time when Jesus walked the earth and entered Herod’s Temple. This class, instructed by Rick Kloos, takes place in the first-floor classroom #205, located at the end of the corridor on the left. All are welcome to join us each week for study and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Rick by phone or text at 859-803-5163 or email at rickkloos@outlook.com.

Sundays 10:15 a.m.: “James: Walking in Wisdom:” Adult Women’s Bible Study meets Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. The book of James offers practical advice for living a faithful Christian life, focusing on themes like trials, temptations, and the link between faith and good works. This 10-lesson Bible study by Lydia Brownback explores these topics, highlighting the contrast between earthly and heavenly wisdom. This study will help to quench the thirst for women seeking a deeper understanding of wisdom in faith. Debbie Kloos leads this class on the first-floor classroom #202, the last room on the right. If you have questions, please contact Debbie by phone or text at 859-816-8490 or email at debbiekloos@gmail.com.

Children / Youth Information

Kids’ Church: Kids’ Church for K-5th grade is offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Kids’ Church includes a Bible lesson, music, and activities to teach kids about God on their level. We also have a staffed nurse available for infant to 6 years old. For information, questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with Kids’ Church or in the nursery, contact Sydney Spaulding, Director of Children’s Ministry and Nursery at: sydney@hebronlutheran.org.

Youth Group: Hebron Lutheran Church’s Youth Group, grades 7th - 12th meets on Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. downstairs in the youth room. *Reminder if Boone County schools are closed due to inclement weather, youth group will also be canceled to keep everyone safe.

Outreach

Operation Christmas Child 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, January 26th - meet at McDonald’s for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30 p.m.** We will also meet on these upcoming dates:

2/9 - Meet at LaRosa’s for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30 p.m.

2/23 - Meet at McDonald’s for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30 p.m.

3/9 - Meet at Hebron Grille for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30.

*If the weather is bad on one of our meeting days during the winter months, we may not meet.

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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To know Him and to make Him known.