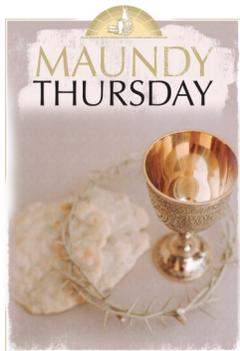




April

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, April 2nd

7pm



Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3rd

7pm



**Festive Easter Sunday Service with
Communion and Welcoming New**

Members

9:15am

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Notes From Pastor Eli!

“Fact or Fable?”

Easter Sunday is April 05, 2026. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In all the stores you see signs of Easter. Easter bunnies. Easter candy. Easter clothes.

For many people, Easter celebration, along with Christmas, is the highlight of a 365-day-a-year personal commitment to Jesus Christ. For some, Easter Sunday is an inspiration to make their once-or-twice entrance into a church building. For others, Easter will have little or no meaning at all.

How about you my friend? How have you approached the Easter celebration? Have you pondered the question, "Is it possible that God became a human being and actually died on a cross for our sins and then rose from the dead in victory over sin and death?" Some believe the talk about resurrection is a fable and/or myth. They say, "It's a nice story, but it never happened."

There have been many theories given to try and explain away the claim that Jesus rose from the dead. Some have said that the disciples stole the body of Jesus so that they could pretend that He was risen from the dead. According to those who believe this way, the Christian faith is a hoax propounded by men and women who were disillusioned by the death of their leader but were determined to carry on His message and cause even though He had died a martyr. Others have said that Jesus' body was removed from the tomb so that the disciples would not be able to steal the body from the tomb, pretending that Jesus had risen. Others have said that those who claim they saw Jesus after His death were suffering hallucinations. Others have claimed that Jesus never actually died on the cross. They hold to the "swoon theory". This theory claims that Jesus was crucified. In the course of events, Jesus fainted and was mistaken for dead. He was wrapped for burial and put in the tomb. He awakened and released Himself from the tomb.

The debate goes on. How about you? Is the resurrection of Jesus Christ fact or fable, reality or myth? It makes a difference in what you believe. Take time to read and think about 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. The Apostle Paul declares that if Jesus has not been raised from the dead, than our preaching and our faith is useless. More than that, Paul declares that we are false witnesses, we are liars. If Jesus has not risen then no one has made it out of death. Dead family and friends are just that. Dead. It makes a difference, a eternal difference, what you believe.

Please join us Easter Sunday no matter where you are in your thoughts about the resurrection of Jesus. I will speak to you on this issue. We will, together, join with others who with open hearts and minds will experience the reality and presence of the risen Christ. *-Eli*

April Concern of the Month

Meals on Wheels



This month we will be collecting monetary donations for Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels programs in the Canton/Stark County area serve thousands of seniors, providing over 500,000 meals annually across the region. These programs are heavily dependent on volunteers and donations, and are facing challenges from inflation and operating deficits.



Your activities committee is ready to travel again!

Mark your calendars for a Wednesday, April 29th trip to Kingwood Center Garden!!

We will travel to the Kingwood Center Garden in Mansfield and enjoy lunch at the Pine Tree Barn. Cost for the Garden is \$10.

We hope to rent a van, as well, and will ask folks to donate \$15 to cover the rental cost.

Sign up sheet will be in the Gathering Space this Sunday, March 29th.



Sunday school will be cancelled March 29th and April 5th. We will resume our History In the Bible study on April 12th.

Chair Yoga Cancelled

April 2nd & 9th



Due to Mike, our instructor, being unavailable, Thursday chair yoga is cancelled for April 2nd and April 9th.

Northeast Ohio Synod Statistics



Northeastern
Ohio Synod

Average Worship Size of Congregations

1-49: 70 congregations

50-150: 48 congregations

151-250: 5 congregations

251+: 1 congregation

April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AA 7p	2 Maundy Thurs Service 7p	3 Quilting 10a Good Friday Service 7p	4
5 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Happy Easter!	6	7	8 AA 7p Council 7p	9	10 Crafts & Conversations 10a	11
12 Lei Worship 9:15a S school 10:30a	13	14	15 AA 7p	16 Yoga 10a	17 Quilting 10a	18
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