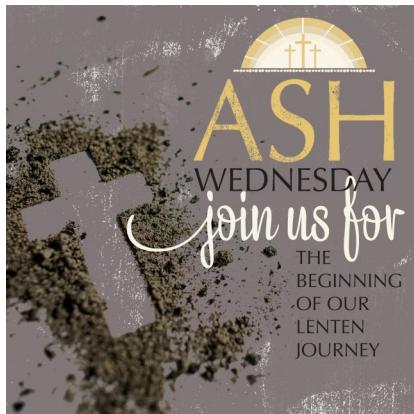


February News



Sunday, February 8th Rite for the Burning of the Palms

We will burn last year's Palm branches in the parking lot in preparation for Ash Wednesday. This will happen right after the service but before Sunday school.



Ash Wednesday Service February 18th –Noon

Join us for the imposition of ashes and holy communion as we begin our Lenten journey.

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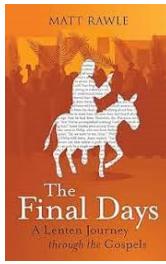
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Lenten Book Study *The Final Days* Tuesdays at 6:30pm starting February 24th

Mark your calendars if you have signed up for Pastor Eli's book study. The books are \$10 and can be picked up in the office.

Notes From Pastor Eli!

“Let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ be ‘No’”

What a difference a year makes. You and I have gone through a whole bunch of changes since this time last year. We've gone through changes in our lives, in our families, in our church and in our world. Like you, I was not as prepared for some of those changes as I could have been. As we move into the month of February none of us knows what may be ahead.

I was sent an email that I want to pass on to you: “May I be the first to wish you... May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastroenterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber and the I.R.S. May your hair, your teeth, your face, and your stocks not fall; may your blood pressure, your triglycerides and your cholesterol not rise. May you find a way to travel anywhere to anywhere in rush hour in less than an hour, and when you get there may you find a parking space. May you have good friends, including a doctor who keeps you out of the hospital, a lawyer who keeps you out of court, and an accountant who keeps you out of jail. May you remember to say ‘I love you’ at least once a day to your spouse, your child, your parent; but not to your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse or your hair dresser. May we discover civilized life on Mars, and may we also discover civilized life on Earth. And may you be aware of God’s love on every sunset, every flower’s unfolding petals, every baby’s smile, every human act of kindness, every lover’s kiss, and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of your heart. And peace on Earth.”

My friend, in a way this piece of whimsy captures our wishes for each other, doesn't it? Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, taught a straight forward approach to life that is sound advice for every day of the year. Jesus said, “Simply let your ‘yes’ be ‘yes’ and your ‘no’ be ‘no’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one,” Matthew 5:37.

I believe this is a sound way to face each and every day that I am given. Jesus’ advice speaks of integrity. It speaks of honesty. It tells me that I need to be a person others can trust and that I will keep my word. It also encourages me to, when, due to the frailty of a sinful nature and I momentarily slip a bit in my integrity, I will do what is right.

Friends, I know I want to be treated this way by others. I know, when others treat me this way, I feel loved, respected, and the presence of God. The atmosphere for healthy and intimate relationship will be strong and real.

This February, there are a couple opportunities for your spiritual growth.

First, Ash Wednesday service will Wednesday the 18th at 12 noon.

Second, our Lenten series begins on Tuesday the 24th at 6:30pm. We will be looking at the book, “The Final Days A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels.”

Blessings,

Eli



Sunday School Starts February 15th!

The History of the Bible and History in the Bible

Join us as we study the history of the Bible (who organized the books and decided which ones should be included) and the historical events that are referenced in the Bible. We will also study how many of the prophets predictions came true! Join us beginning on February 15th for some interesting history!



February Concern of the Month

The Stark County Humane Society

Here is a list of items the Humane Society needs that we will be collecting.

Dry or canned cat or dog food

Peanut Butter Chicken Broth

Liquid Laundry Soap Paper Towels

Monetary donations are always welcome.

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Dear Good Shepherd,

Thank you so much for the monetary gift. When Dave handed me the envelope on Christmas Eve, I was genuinely touched. I would like to put the check of \$175 toward a special charity or cause (to be determined as the year progresses). I will update you later.

I truly love working with Pat as we prepare/plan various music for services at GSLC. Sharing the responsibility has enriched our friendship as well as our commitment to the church that we love.

Sincere appreciation, Linda Miller

I want to thank all the ladies who have been sending me cards, especially Diane Deem. I really appreciate them and the notes that go with it. I hope you all have a lovely 2026. I thank you again.

Joanne Wile

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15s Congregational Meeting 10:30	2 3	4 AA 7p	5 Yoga 10a	6 Quilting 10a	7 	
8 Lei Worship 9:15s	9 10	11 AA 7p No Council	12 Yoga 10a	13 Crafts & Conversations 10a	14	
15 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15s Sunday School 10:30a	16 17	18 Ash Wednesday Service-Noon AA 7p	19 Yoga 10a	20 Quilting 10a	21	
22 Lei Worship 9:15s Sunday School 10:30a	23 24	25 Lenten Book Study 6:30p	26 AA 7p	27 Yoga 10a	28 Crafts & Conversations 10a	