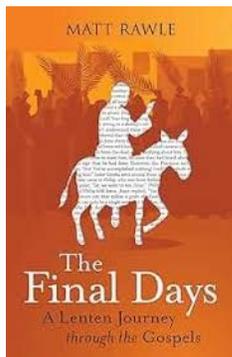




March



Lenten Book Study

The Final Days

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Pastor Eli's book study continues on Tuesdays through March 31st. Mark your calendars!



NEW Member Class

Lutheranism & What Lutherans Believe

On Sunday, March 22nd we will interrupt our regularly scheduled Sunday school for a presentation on Lutheranism and what Lutherans believe. Although this is geared for the folks who are interested in joining Good Shepherd, **everyone** is welcome to attend! In good Lutheran fashion, there will be cookies and coffee! All interested new members will be officially welcomed into Good Shepherd on Easter Sunday.

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Notes From Pastor Eli!

"Hallelujah, What a Savior"

Friends, I believe Jesus loved all people equally. Yet, Jesus was willing to identify with the common working person. In the Gospels we are told that Joseph was a carpenter. Wouldn't you like to have been able to spend time in Joseph's little shop and watch Jesus use the carpenter's tools?

Sometimes we forget that Jesus was human as well as divine. He had calluses on His hands. If the chisel slipped and cut His finger, His blood was red and warm like ours. He knew what it meant to work long hours, to come home at night tired and weary. That may be one of the reasons Jesus could say with such appeal, "Come unto Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest," (Matthew 11:28).

I also believe the greatest work Jesus did was not in the carpenter's shop, nor the marriage feast in Cana where He turned the water into wine. The greatest work that Jesus did was not when He made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the mute to speak, nor the dead to rise. The greatest work that Jesus did was not even when He taught as One having authority.

What was His greatest work? Jesus' greatest work for our redemption was achieved on Calvary and in the resurrection. On the cross, during those dark hours, He endured a burden that no other person in all the universe has ever experienced. 1Peter 2:24, "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness..." He bore your sin, my sin, on the cross.

Think of it. The nails driven into His hands and feet by the Roman soldiers could not hold Him there. There was something else which caused Jesus to stay on the cross when He could have come down from it. It was His love for you and me. The world has never seen such a manifestation of selfless love as was demonstrated on Calvary. Jesus, bearing our sin on the cross, frees us from all condemnation and guilt. The Bible is clear on that fact. "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus," (Romans 8:1). No condemnation. None. Zilch. Nadah.

My friend, as you continue your journey through Lent, please reflect on how much you are truly loved by your Creator. Such unselfish love should inspire deep gratitude in us, produce submissiveness to the Savior and prompt you and me to live for the One, the only One, who died for us and freed us by His death and resurrection. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Your Activities Committee has planned some future activities:

March 29, Perry High School "Grease" Lunch To Be Determined

April 29 Kingwood Center Gardens in Mansfield. Lunch at Pine Tree Barn.

May 20 Glamorgan Castle tour in Alliance. Lunch To Be Determined

July 15 The Ohio Star Theater production of "Elijah, Prophet of Fire" Lunch at Der Dutchman before the show.

Please mark your calendars for these great times together— Blessings—*Eli*



Maundy Thursday– 7pm

Worship & Holy Communion

Good Friday –7pm

Easter Sunday—9:15am

Festive Worship with Holy Communion and welcoming new members



**March Concern of the Month
Monetary Donations for Easter
Food Gift Cards**

We will be collecting monetary donations for Easter food gift cards. The gift cards will be distributed to those in need in the community.



I would like to thank Pastor Eli for helping with preparing the sanctuary for Lent. I don't believe I would have gotten that purple cloth on the cross without you! Thank you!!

I would also like to thank Terry Robinson for faithfully picking up the church mail everyday. Terry not only picks up the mail, but he frequently walks through the church building to make sure that everything is ok. Thank you, Terry, for all that you do.

Lei Fahrner



You know you're a Lutheran when...

It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

You hear something really funny during the sermon and you smile as loudly as you can.

Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

The communion cabinet is open to all, but the coffee cabinet is locked up tight.

When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say "May the Force be with you," you respond, "and also with you."

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| 1 Lei Worship 9:15a S School 10:30a | 2 | 3 Lenten Book Study 6:30p | 4 AA 7p | 5 Yoga 10a | 6 Quilting 10a | 7 |
| 8 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a S School 10:30a | 9 | 10 Lenten Book Study 6:30p | 11 AA7p Council 7p | 12 Yoga 10a | 13 Crafts & Con- versations 10a | 14 |
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