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Lunch Away

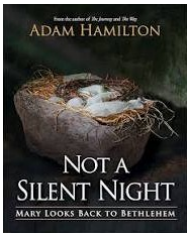
Our next lunch away will be to Hartville Kitchen on **Tuesday, November 10th. Our reservations are for 1pm.**

Please sign up in the gathering space.



Attention all knitters and crocheters, we will be putting our mitten tree up by Sunday, November 1st. If you are looking for something to craft, we would love to have your mittens, hats and scarves on our tree. All items will be donated to Community Christmas by early December.

Pastor Eli's Advent book study will begin on Tuesday, November 24th at 6:30pm. Mark your calendars!



THE VOICE

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We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season after service on **Sunday, November 22nd.** Please plan to help, if you are able, as many hands make light work!

Notes From Pastor Eli!

Thank God For Himself

“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night..” Psalm 92:1,2.

My friend, I commend to you that it is a good thing to praise the Lord. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. It is a good, good thing for each of us to, “forget not all His benefits,” Psalm 103:2

I would throw out a thought to you that there is something better for the believer than just God's benefits. That is the knowledge of and fellowship with God Himself.

Great saints of the past sought after God rather than for God's benefits:
Charles Wesley wrote, "Thou Shepherd of Israel, and mine, the joy and desire of my heart, for closer communion I pine; I long to reside where Thou art."

Nahum Tate, writing in the 17th century, penned this, "For Thee, my God, the living God, my thirsty soul doth pine; oh, when shall I behold Thy face, Thou Majesty divine?"

Albert B. Simpson wrote a song that strongly influenced my heart and life. In his hymn, "Himself" Simpson wrote, "Once it was the blessing, Now it is the Lord; Once it was a feeling, Now it is His Word; Once His gift I wanted, Now the Giver own; Once I sought for healing, Now Himself alone." Now Himself alone. That is how it can and should be.

The Psalmist was not asking for things from God but for God Himself when he wrote in Psalm 42:1-2, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."

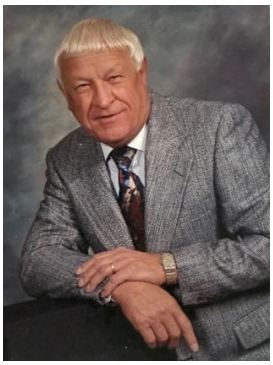
The heart aspiration of the Apostle Paul was expressed not in a prayer for material prosperity or for greater peace and happiness. Instead, Paul proclaimed, "I want to know Christ." (Philippians 3:10).

These writers understood that God Himself is a greater treasure than any blessing God can give. Communion with God is far more satisfying than the riches God may extend to us, or the benefits God might provide. God Himself is enough.

Actually, when we think about God's blessings, they can be a temptation to cause us to miss the Lord Himself. Sometimes we can be taken up with God's gifts to us that we have little time for the Lord. Sometimes it is those who have gone through personal sorrow and suffering, who seem to know the greater riches of deep communion with God.

My dear friend, it is proper for us to say "Thank you" to our generous God for all the gifts God gives. It is proper to have the attitude of gratitude not just on Thanksgiving Day, but each day. It is a good, good thing to also give thanks for God Himself.

Your Activities Committee has planned a Lunch Away on November 10th at the Hartville Kitchen. Reservations are for 1pm.
We are also wanting to have lunch and enjoy a musical program at the Massillon's Woman Club on December 1st. We are gathering more information and will pass that along ASAP. – *Eli*



Edward Kulczak
1937-2026



Pastor Paul Young
1934-2026

Edward Ray Kulczak, 88, of Canton, Ohio, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, after a brief illness.

A lifelong resident of Canton, Ed graduated from Timken High School with the Class of 1955. In 1957, he married the love of his life, Marilyn, beginning a beautiful partnership that spanned 68 devoted years. Together, they built a life centered on faith, family, and community, raising four loving children.

Ed dedicated 30 years of service to U.S. Steel, where he worked as a General Foreman before retiring. Never one to slow down, he continued his career for several years as a County Auditor. A natural leader, Ed never passed up an opportunity to serve. He contributed his time and talents to numerous boards and organizations, including the Canton Elks and as a Charter Member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Ed found great joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved golfing, gardening, playing cards, and spending time at the beach — where many cherished family summers were spent together. A devoted and lifelong Cleveland Indians fan, he remained loyal to his team through every season. Above all, Ed's greatest pride and priority was his family.

Ed's legacy of love, leadership, loyalty, and devotion to family will live on in all who knew him.

Reverend Paul David Young, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and retired Lutheran Pastor, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2026.

He was born on July 5, 1934, in Circleville, Ohio to Kenneth and Ruth Young.

Paul was a graduate of Circleville High School, Capital University and received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus on June 9, 1961.

Paul was a pastor for many years, faithfully serving the parish of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Recovery, Ohio/St. James Lutheran in Salamonia, Indiana; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton, Ohio and Peace Lutheran Church in Galion, Ohio. He also provided ministerial support to Trinity Lutheran in Circleville, Ohio and St. John's Lutheran in North Woodbury, Ohio.

Paul will be remembered for his kind spirit, his steadfast faith, his love for Marilyn and his family, and the many lives he touched through his years of pastoral service.

His earthly journey has ended, but the love he gave and the legacy he leaves behind will continue in the hearts of those who knew him.

From the President

Dear Friends,

I have been a Lutheran all of my life. Part of the predictable schedule of the Lutheran faith is our annual stewardship campaigns that have always arrived in October or November. Every year, like the changing of the clock, we would hear temple talks, hand out pledge cards, have raffles, and even, occasionally, lunches. It has been an inescapable part of the church year-until this year. This year Good Shepherd will not have a Stewardship campaign. We are currently able to maintain our budget without difficulties. Now that doesn't mean that we can all quit giving. We deeply and gratefully appreciate all that you folks contribute and hope and encourage you to maintain that giving. In fact, you are also welcome to increase your giving if you so choose.

What has inspired me to call off our Stewardship Campaign was a question from one of our potential new members who point blank asked me "Why do **you** want us to join?" My response was heartfelt, sincere and immediate "Because you folks are already part of our Good Shepherd family and it would be wonderful to make it official." This question really made me think how numbers driven the Lutheran church and many other churches are. I want you all to know that you are not numbers or dollar signs. We are a church family with almost a 100% participation rate who enjoy fellowship and benevolent projects together. Sure we need your contributions, but they do not define you as a family member of Good Shepherd. Please know that we appreciate all that you do here at Good Shepherd, and that you will always be viewed as an important family member regardless of your contributions. Churches who view members as only dollar signs or numbers usually aren't very successful. If we need a special capital campaign for anything in particular we will let you know. In the meantime, enjoy a Stewardship Campaign free year.

Lei Fahrner

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

During this season of gratitude, I want to thank each and every one of you for the warm welcome and kindness you have shown me since I began attending services. Your hospitality has made me feel truly comfortable and included in all the church activities.

Reverend Eli encouraged me to worship here, and I am so glad he did. He speaks highly of this congregation, and my own experience reflects his praise. In the past, we enjoyed Bible studies, bus trips, and combined services together, which made the transition here feel natural and familiar.

Thank you again for embracing me so warmly,

Connie H

Thank you to the Fall property clean up crew:

Jan C

Jill & Bill T

TJ M

Lorelei L

Linda L





Are these ladies the quilting crafters or the crafty quilters? Doesn't matter because it looks like they're all having a great time! Join them on Fridays at 10am for sew much fun and fellowship.

November Concern of the Month

Monetary Donations for Thanksgiving Food Gift Cards for our friends in need.



Community Christmas

We will also be collecting monetary donations for Community Christmas this month, as they need their donations by the end of November.



The choir will start rehearsals on Nov. 1st and continue every Sunday shortly after the end of the service. All rehearsals are in the back of the church by the organ/piano. We will sing on Nov. 22, Dec. 13 and Christmas Eve. See you all at rehearsal!



Christmas Luncheon at the Massillon Woman's Club

Tuesday, December 1st

Join the activities committee for lunch and musical program from local school choirs.

Sign up sheet is in the Gathering space. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lei Worship 9:15a Choir Practice Sunday School	2	3 Dominoes 7p	4 AA 7p	5 Yoga 10a	6 Quilting & Crafts 10a	7
8 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Choir Practice	9	10 Lunch Away Hartville 1p	11 AA 7p Council 7p	12 Yoga 10a	13 Crafts & Conversation 10a	14
15 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Choir Practice Sunday School	16	17	18 AA 7p	19 Yoga 10a	20 Quilting & Crafts 10a	21
22 Lei Worship 9:15a Choir Practice Decorate Church	23	24 Advent Book Study 6:30p	25 AA 7p	26 	27	28
29 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Choir Practice Sunday School	30					