



Save the Date! Wednesday, October 14th

Trip to Hillcrest Orchard, Lunch and Miller's Bakery

We will meet at the church at 10am and carpool for a leisurely afternoon trip to the orchard, bakery and lunch (not necessarily in that order). You may even want to call Miller's bakery ahead **330-893-3002** to order some goodies for pickup!



Would you like to sing with the GSLC choir?

Then gather round the organ on **October 18th.**

Glenn K has volunteered to help GSLC's choir find its voice. Please join Glenn after service on October 18th if you are interested in being part of the choir!

THE VOICE

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Reformation Sunday, October 25th

Be sure to wear **red and plan to stay for donuts, coffee and juice during the fellowship hour after the service.**

Hope to see everyone there!

Notes From Pastor Eli!

I Am With You

My friend, what happens to you when life throws you a curve or you feel your back up against the wall? How do you respond? Do you shrink back in unbelief? Do you become discouraged and disillusioned?

I believe, because of our union with our Creator, you and I can face life's challenges and obstacles.

While the nature of our circumstances differ, God has a strategy available for every one of us who face seemingly devastating odds and problems. That strategy is blueprinted in the life of the Old Testament man named Gideon. Gideon was chosen by God to deliver the Israelites from the oppressive hand of the Midianites. When God called Gideon to lead the resistance against the Midianites, Gideon was not thrilled about God's challenge. Insecure, he asked God to demonstrate His power through several signs. God demonstrated His faithfulness, consistency and clear affirmation so that Gideon would know he was not alone. Judges, chapter 7 records how God gathered about 32,000 soldiers to help Gideon attack the enemy. Then God did a strange thing. God winnowed the Hebrew army down to a mere 300 men to face the Midianite army, who were "As numerous as the sand on the seashore," 7:12. The odds, from a human view point, were clearly stacked against Gideon. But God said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands." God did exactly what He said He would do. Always has. Always will.

Friend, do the odds seem stacked against you? You've just lost a loved one. You are on a limited income. The doctor has given you some bad news. You lost your job due to downsizing. It's tough to start over again at any age.

In situations like these, when you don't know which way to turn, what do you do, how to act, or what to say--God has a way. Whatever your circumstances, God can help you, even if your circumstance do not improve. God will give you grace, sustain and strengthen you as you incorporate the timeless principles of God's word in your life.

When the odds are against you, God wants to establish your faith and confidence in Him. God wants you to look to Him. God understands our tendency to doubt. But always remember, even when we are faithless God remains faithful and near.

Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

The Activities Committee has planned a trip to the Hillcrest Orchard. We will leave the church at 10am, have lunch at the Olde World Bistro, head to Hillcrest and then stop at Miller's bakery. The trip is planned for October 14th. There's a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

Blessings— *Eli*

October's Concern of the Month

Monetary Donations for Oesterlen Youth Services

Founded as an orphanage in 1903 by the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod, today Oesterlen is a Lutheran Nonprofit Foundation that awards grants to support programs that help children and families across Ohio.



Dear Friends,

Every year, your Akron-Canton regional Foodbank serves as the difference between hunger and hope for more than 263,000 different individuals facing hunger. Strong community partnerships are critical to this effort, and I thank you for your generous in-kind gift. Your donation will make a significant impact for the individuals and families served by the Foodbank and our network of hunger-relief partners.

Thank you again, for your in-kind gift and for taking an active role in the fight against hunger in our community.

Gratefully yours,

Colleen Benson

Chief Development Officer

Received: 189 pounds of food

We want to thank our Good Shepherd family for sharing in the celebration of our 70th Wedding Anniversary, Pastor Eli for a wonderful service, Francesca and Pat for the beautiful music and our dear dominoes friends for the special surprise celebration party. Our hearts are full of gratitude and love for all of you!

Judy and Wil



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Yoga 10a	2 Quilting & Crafts 10a	3
4 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30	5	6 Bible Study 10a Dominoes 7p	7 AA 7p	8 Yoga 10a	9 Crafts 10a	10
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18 Lei Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30 Choir Meeting	19	20 Bible Study 10a Dominoes 7p	21 AA 7p	22 Yoga 10a	23 Crafts 10a	24
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