

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JULY 5, 2026

We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 AM - 73

10:45 AM - 86

Online Viewers - 97

Facebook's analytics have recently changed. We are now using a different method for tracking viewership, which results in higher online attendance than previously recorded.

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God from **Craig and Bev Stichtenoth** in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

To help with this ministry, sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway. The cost is \$40.

Thank you to **Marlene Durst** for contributing the snacks/donuts for fellowship this morning.

Would you like to help the donut/snack ministry? Sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway. The cost is \$30.

VISITORS, MEMBERS and GUESTS

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.

Thank you for all the donations for **Two Can Sunday** which will help fill the food pantry at Encompass Ministries in Canton. They offer a free food pantry Tues - Fri. each week and your contributions help serve their needs.

Thank you also for the overwhelming response to our backpack drive for **Give-A Kid -A -Chance**. It is great to know the children receiving these backpacks will start out their school year equipped for success!

Lastly, we thank you for all the donations made to our food barrels in May and June for their **MUST Summer Lunch program**. We have brought carloads of breakfast and lunch items that help these food insecure families be able to provide a daily meal for their kids. All these programs are blessings that care for our neighbors in need.

Caregiver's Support Group

We will meet next on **Saturday, July 11th, at 1 PM** in Fellowship Hall. If you know a person who is caring for someone with Alzheimer's or Dementia, please let them know about our ministry.

A few more ways to get involved at Good Shepherd this month:

- Pray for peace in our world & for our world leaders.
- Missing someone in your pew? Reach out to them by phone, e-mail or maybe send them a card from our card ministry area.
- Wear your name tag and introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

More details are in our Sheep Buzz. Find the most recent "Sheep Buzz Newsletter" under our "Home tab" at gslutheran.org.

Summer Reading Opportunity

On Saturday, **August 15th at 4:30 PM** we will host a Social Justice Book Club. The book we will discuss is *James* by Percival Everett. This is an award-winning retelling of Mark Twain's story from the point of view of Huck's enslaved friend, Jim. Everett portrays Jim as a reader and a writer, a master of code-switching, which he uses as a means of survival, and a wise and mature companion for Huck.

Save the date and take some time now to read or listen to the book. Then join together with us in August for discussion or just save the date and sit in community with those who did read/listen and have snacks with us. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK

Sun	July 5	8:30/10:45 AM	Sermon Series: Weave Us Together Worship
			Two-Can Sunday Hefty Orange Bag Backpack Blessing
		9:45 AM	Coffee and Conversation Rm. 118
		9:45 AM	Men in Mission Rm. 116
Mon	July 6	6:30 PM	Personnel Mtg Teams
Wed	July 8	1:30 PM	Staff Mtg. Pastor's Office
Thurs	July 9	10:00 AM	Thursday Bible Study F. Hall
		6:30 PM	Executive Committee Teams
Sat	July 11	9:00 AM	Praise Team Rehearsal Sanctuary
		1:00 PM	Caregivers Support Group F. Hall
Sun	July 12	8:30/10:45 AM	Sermon Series: Weave Us Together Worship
		9:45 AM	Social Statement Study, Peace in God's World F. Hall
		9:45 AM	Men in Mission Rm. 116

Summer Bible Studies It's Summer! Does that mean we stop learning? Of course not! Please join us this summer for any of our Bible studies.

We are beginning our second **Social Statement Summer Study session** for the next three Sundays, July 12, 19 & 26th at 9:45AM, in Fellowship Hall. The statement we will focus on is Peace in God's World. What does it mean to be peacemakers in a time of ongoing war and conflict? Can war ever be just? What is a "just peace"? This study group will be led by Alan Boda and Sara Provost. More information on this topic and others can be found here: <https://www.elca.org/about-the-elca/who-we-are/our-purpose/social-teachings>.

Men in Mission: This group will continue to meet in the summer on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM, in room 116. We also meet at Marlow's Tavern, in Woodstock on the first Monday of the month for a casual meal and fellowship at 7 PM. This month, due to the holiday weekend, we will be meeting on July 13th. We would love to have new faces join us.

Theology on Tap: Come on out and spend the evening with us. In July we will meet at Game Day on Eagle Drive in Woodstock. Our first July meeting is the 8th, at 6:30 PM. This is a casual study over dinner of many current topics or questions you never thought to ask.

Coffee and Conversation: will meet on Sunday July 5th at 9:45 in room 118. We are continuing our study, titled "Beyond the Present Time". The lessons in this study will cover passages from various books of the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments. We will not meet July 12, 19 or 26th to be able to participate in the Social Statement Summer Study.

Thursday Bible Study: will resume this week on July 9th at 10 AM. This class is led by Pastor Karen and will focus on the lessons that are coming up for the next Sunday. Feel free to drop in at any time.