
Welcome to Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church

To KNOW Christ, To SHARE Christ, To SHOW Christ

WE WELCOME all who worship with us today and pray the Lord will bless our worship together. We give thanks to God for the Spirit leading in your life, drawing you to Shepherd of the Woods on this day. Regardless of what is happening in your life, the Good News of Jesus Christ and of His love and forgiveness is for you! May our gracious Lord feed you in spirit and truth and may you be renewed in faith and hope.

Yellow Connection Insert - Please complete the Yellow Connection Insert to let us know you worshiped with us today and place in the offering plate during the worship service.

Our Summer 555 Program is going strong and runs through July 20th and this project allows our Youth Life group to participate in a community service project. This time we are collecting backpacks and school supplies for children in need. We strive to receive 500 items and 500 dollars in 5 weeks. Please ensure all donations are new and in original packaging.

If you would like to shop on Amazon and have items sent directly to the church, you can find the 555 Wish List at <https://a.co/hR4wvLb>.



Our wish list for this project includes

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| • Pencils | • 1" binders | • String backpacks |
| • Pens | • Pocket folders | • Traditional school backpacks |
| • Erasers | • Rulers | • Scissors – regular and children's |
| • Glue sticks | • Index Cards | • Notebook paper – all sizes |
| • Crayons | • Pencil bags | |
| • Markers | • Pencil cases | |

*Please
join us!*

Pastor Eric Swensson will be leading “Secularism: Threat or Opportunity?” –

a four-week study on being an evangelical people in our changing culture. Vibrant faith in the Triune God can survive in a secular culture, but it flourishes only within a Christian community that models discipleship and loving service. The fact is we live in a world shaped by secularism, pluralism, consumerism, and materialism, and Christians face real pressures that erode authentic faith. Yet, a church centered on Word and Sacrament

ministry, with a Lutheran emphasis on grace and vocation, will flourish for generations (John 15:16).

The first of four sessions will be on Wed., July 16 at 6:30pm. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the yellow Connect Card. At the end of the four-week series, the regular Wednesday Bible study program will resume on August 13th.

The Alpha Course is a 10 week program where people from all points of faith come together for open conversation. Many that attend are engaged Christians who want to “check it out” before inviting others or who want to discover a path to deepening their faith. Others are “seeking” something even if they can’t exactly define it. Other are non-believers who are struggling in life and want to explore the possibilities of God and faith.



If this would be of interest to you – or if you know someone who fits one of these categories and might benefit from this course, you are encouraged to join us and to invite others. **We begin Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30pm and meet weekly through Oct 7. Each meeting begins with dinner, followed by a short film on a topic of faith and then conversations at individual tables. All are welcome.** Please use the yellow Connect Card to indicate your interest in attending or to let us know you have invited others.

IMPORTANT NEWS & NOTES

First Fruits – Each month we set aside 10% of undesignated giving to support a variety of ministries in Christian love and care. This past month, our Benevolence ministry supported a global and local mission: HartFelt Ministries, Rolling Hills Church Food Ministry & LCMC Association Support.

Summer Calendar Updates - Summer is in full swing and we have several programs and studies “on break” for a period. So, we thought we would put everything in one place so you can plan ahead and mark your calendars for when these regular programs resume, and you don’t miss out on first sessions.

Sunday Morning – Confirmation Classes for grades 7 & 8 will resume after summer, dates TBD

Mondays – Women’s Bible Study resumes Mon, Sept 8

Tuesdays – Senior Choir & Bell Choir will resume Tues, Aug 12 at 6:30pm and 7:15pm

Wednesday – Midweek Bible Study will resume Wed, Aug 13 (please note 4-week study on Page One)

Shepherd’s Shelves – THANK YOU for your generous support of this ministry. We are blessed to support many families, and the congregation’s faithfulness has had an impact on our surrounding community. We gladly receive fresh, frozen and shelf-stable items. Please put dry goods on the marked shelf in the Gathering Area to be weighed and give cold items to a staff member.

Our current needs are rice, pasta, canned tomatoes & sauces, all types of canned veggies (especially green beans, potatoes, carrots), canned meats & tuna, boxed potatoes, breakfast cereals, jams & jellies, and all kinds of condiments. We would also like to add Hispanic cuisine items like spices, frozen plantains, tortillas, canned peppers, and chiles.

Vacation Bible School – if you would like to volunteer this year, please indicate this on the yellow Connect Card and the VBS coordinators will be in touch with you. We seek MANY helping hands planning, decorating, teaching, music, snacks and clean up! VBS will be July 14 – 18.

Knowing Christ:

- Bible Study on Matthew – Most Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Bible Study on Second Samuel – Thursdays, 1:00pm
- Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast – Second & Fourth Saturdays, at 8:00am
- Bible Study – “The Divine Drama” – Saturdays at 4:00pm
- Women’s Bible Study – On Summer break, resuming Monday, September 8th
- Adult Studies – Sundays at 9:30am – Study on the Small Catechism and study on Genesis

Weekly Quilting/Knitting & Crocheting – Wednesdays at 1:30pm. Quilters work on quilts for disaster relief efforts and prayer quilts. The knitters & crocheters are currently working on baby blankets for the NALC Disaster Relief ministry. All are welcome.

Today, the Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Sam Royse in loving memory of Jim Royse. The Communion Elements and the Eternal Candles are given to the glory of God.



The charts are available in the Gathering Area allowing you to sponsor the weekly Altar Flowers, the Communion Elements, and/or the Eternal Candles. Many choose to offer their sponsorship in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. You can fill in any dates you select on the charts. The Flowers are \$35, the Communion Elements are \$10 and the Eternal Candles are \$10. These items can be paid for with a check (mark Flowers on the memo line or use the envelopes near the charts) or use the Flowers icon on the Care Square.

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