



Roses are Red, Violets are Blue...Boy Do We Have  
Something Sweet for You!



Muffins for Mom!!  
Mother's Day, May 10th  
Right after the service



## THE VOICE

**May 2026**

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Celebrate Mom, or just celebrate fellow-  
ship, by joining us right after the service  
for muffins, coffee and juice. Everyone  
is welcome!!

## *Notes From Pastor Eli!*

### **God's Riches**

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich," II Corinthians 8:9.

Several years ago I read the story about a death of a certain individual. This individual resided in the poorest section of town, in the most deprived circumstances. The empty cans on in the kitchen indicated she had been eating mostly pet food. The house contained little furniture. Her death would not have received much attention except for what was found. Among the little personal effects in her home was a bankbook showing a balance in her name of more than \$500,000.

Friends, most of us would think it tragic that a person would fail to draw upon such a rich resource to provide for herself. Yet, how many Christians live far below the level of spiritual resources that are available to us in Jesus Christ.

When you or I study the New Testament, we encounter several references to, and descriptions of, the triumph of Christ over foes and forces that ruin life on this earth. The New Testament clearly teaches that Christ made our enemies His enemies and that He went to war with every force and power that degrades, demeans and destroys human life.

Jesus dealt with the guilt and power of sin. Jesus confronted sickness, adversity, the failure of friends and the hatred of people who opposed Him. He did battle with temptation, with Satan and with death. And Jesus was victorious over every foe. His resurrection and His ascension into heaven absolutely verified the totality of His triumph. He rose to enter into a painless, sinless, endless life of perfect joy in His heavenly Father's presence.

Jesus broke the chains that bind us, left behind the adversity and affliction that penetrates life on earth, and left mortality in an empty grave. Clearly Jesus Christ possesses in Himself the answer to every human need and victory over every force that is against you and me and keeps life from being what God intended.

My dear friend, our Lord desires for you and me to experience in our lives His victory over temptation and sin, over adversity and fear, over anything that would seek us harm. By applying Christ's victory to our lives, you and I can face everything life has to offer with calmness, strength and peace.

Do we? Do we live in the blessings Christ has provided for each of us? Or, do we stumble along in discouragement, defeat, and spiritual poverty?

You and I can reach out with hands of faith and receive what our risen, ascended Savior has made available. You and I may experience His overcoming grace and power we need, and walk in the richness of His mercy. Experience and enjoy.

Blessings,

***Eli***

**The North Canton Ministerial Association  
National Day of Prayer Celebration**

**Thursday, May 7th at Noon**

**In case of rain, the gathering will be  
moved to the North Canton YMCA.**

**GLORIFY GOD  
AMONG THE NATIONS**

**SEEKING HIM  
IN ALL GENERATIONS  
1 CHRONICLES 16:24**

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**

**BITZER PARK\* - NOON - 1 PM**

\*IN CASE OF RAIN, WE WILL USE THE NORTH CANTON YMCA



**May Concern of the Month  
Monetary Donations for  
Beacon Charitable Pharmacy**

During May, GSLC will be accepting monetary donations for Beacon Charitable Pharmacy. Beacon is Northeast Ohio's ONLY charitable pharmacy. The pharmacy helps those at, to 300% below, the Federal Poverty Level afford life saving medications that they otherwise could not afford.



**Wednesday, May 20th Trip to  
Glamorgan Castle  
Private Tour will begin at 10:30am**

**Cost: \$10**

**Lunch at Grinders in Alliance after the  
tour**

GSLC will have it's own private tour of Glamorgan Castle on Wednesday, May 20th. **Please note that the tour will last over one hour and there are four floors to tour with no elevator.** If you would prefer not to tour the castle but would like to meet the group for lunch, they will be having lunch at Grinders in Alliance at 1820 W. State Street.



Dear Donna and Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donations to A Community Christmas. With your support, we helped 432 families with 1,592 people! Thank you for helping us make Christmas merrier!

Sincerely, Susan Hill, Judy Vellucci, and A Community Christmas Board Members

Dear Friends,

On behalf of myself and our furry friends. Thank you!!- Jackie, Stark County Humane Society

Dear Good Shepherd,

Thank you to the parishioners for sending cards and prayers in my behalf for Ed's passing. All was greatly appreciated. Please keep me in your prayers as I will you.

Peace be with you,  
Marilyn Kulczak

Thank you for all the cards and prayers during my recent illness. A huge thank you to Linda Miller for playing all the services in my absence! You are truly a blessing!

Pat Hoffman

I have numerous thank yous so here goes...

Tremendous thanks goes out to Pat Hoffman and Linda Miller for playing ALL the church music during Holy Week and Easter. That is a significant amount of music and you ladies played masterfully!! Thank you!

Speaking of music, thanks go out as well to Carl Fahrner for fixing the piano. There was panic on Maundy Thursday, but Carl did some quick repairs to make sure we were good to go for Good Friday and Easter!

Thanks also go out to Glenn Kulma, one of our newest members, for taking an afternoon to fix the GSLC flag pole. The flags look great again! Thank you, Glenn!!

Finally, thanks go out to Gale Nagel for donating Hosta plants for planting along the educational wing bed. And more thanks go out to Linda Lautenschlager and Lorelei Lopick for planting them amongst the rocky terrain of that bed! That was a tough job!

I truly appreciate how everyone pitches in to get things done! Thank you ALL!!

Lei Fahrner



Huge thanks to Alan Fahrner and Nolen Jatich for changing all the light bulbs in the sanctuary!!

The secret to changing the sanctuary light bulbs is horking around this massively heavy ladder that fits between the pews.

Thank you so much, gentlemen, as we can all “see” the fruits of your labors!



# Aultman Hospice Seeks Volunteers



## 2026 Training Sessions

### Session 1

May 12, 14 and 15

### Session 2

July 27, 28 and 30

### Session 3

October 20, 22 and 23

Aultman is seeking volunteers who are interested in providing compassion and support to those journeying through their final stages of life. Volunteer roles may include direct patient care, vigil sitter, administrative tasks, therapy dog program and bakers. **No prior experience is required.** Training is free, but registration is required. Potential volunteers must attend all the dates in the session of their choice. The sessions will be held at The Compassionate Care Center, 2821 Woodlawn Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44708. For more information please contact Mia Jones, volunteer coordinator, at 330-479-2370 or [Mia.Jones@aultman.com](mailto:Mia.Jones@aultman.com).

# May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Lei Worship 9:15a	4	5 Dominoes 7p	6 AA7p	7 Yoga 10a	8 Crafts & Con- versations 10a	9
10 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Muffins for Mom	11	12 Dominoes 7p	13 AA7p Council 7p	14 Yoga 10a	15 Quilting 10 a	16
17 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a	18	19 Dominoes 7p	20 AA7p Tour of Glamor- gan Castle 10:30	21 Yoga 10a	22 Crafts & Con- versations 10a	23
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