

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church

A Christian community sharing God's love with the world.

Announcements

Week of December 4, 2022

We welcome you - join us to explore and participate in our activities!

Dec	4	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary & online)
	4	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	5	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	6	Tues	9:00 a.m.	Yoga Class (Friendship Hall)
	6	Tues	2:00 p.m.	Dream Study Circle (Conference Room)
	6	Tues	7:00 p.m.	Tellico Village Christmas Tree Lighting (Town Square)
	7	Wed	5:00 p.m.	Advent Worship and Soup Supper (Sanctuary)
	11	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary & online)
	11	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	11	Sun	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange (Navratil's)
	12	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	13	Tues	9:00 a.m.	Yoga Class (Friendship Hall)
	14	Wed	5:00 p.m.	Advent Worship and Soup Supper (Sanctuary)
	14	Wed	7:00 p.m.	Let Us Pray (Sanctuary)
	15	Thurs	12:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon (Schemberger's)
	17	Sat	8:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Friendship Hall)

/Email announcements by Wednesday noon: Sandy Hagan shepherdofthelake13@gmail.com

Find sermons, *News from the Pews*, and Announcements on our website: shepherdofthelaketn.org

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In our prayers...

Caring and Healing – Our So+L family: Susan & Howard Kastner, Bill Sittler, Mary Brown, Peter Phelps, Jim Wuolukka, Bill Mincks, Quinn Taylor, Steve Opsal, Ron Clesen, Linda Brady, Roger Madson, Wayne Lemke, David Meilleur, Marjorie Porr

Family and Friends of So+L: Kathy Trusdorf (Arrowood/Hatch/Lillestolen), Jeri & Phil Flynn, Gabriel Toriello (Becker), Donna Harless (Brown), Carolyn Blackman, Calderola family (Clesen), Frank & Marge McConnell, Barbara Brown, Carmen & Nancy Morgani, Robert Bertoli (Collins), Forest & Aileen Grauel, Sally Donohue, Heath Wakefield (Duvall), Jackson Findley, Kari Findley (Findley), Scott Graening (Graening), LaRhonda Forsyth (Hatch), Aileen Demakos, Sue Demakos, Marlys Peck (Hatt), Robert Love, Jen Lemmon, Rick Papke, Stephen Hohausser, Keith Pretorius, Roger Legako, Darren Spresney, Jim Donald, Wanda Pillsbury (Kastner), Brian Kirts (Kirts), Craig Mandro (Mandro), Judy, Scott, Josie (McKnight), Robin Lauzon (Mills), Chong Zhang, Jeff McLemore (Moxim), Deborah Navratil (Navratil), Tim Shally (Men's Fellowship), Jennifer Seymour, Joanne Meyer (Moodispaugh), Mary Petrie, Ryan Smith (Nevin), Jim & Linda Robins, Scott Curfman (Opsal), Jean Welch, Mark Reus (Schuessler), Al Sponholz (Shubeck), Ukrainian Family (So+L)

Comfort in the Midst of Grief: We pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones, especially the families and Ruth Sittler (Sittler family Bill, Carolyn, Sharon, Andy, Tim) and Gladys Meilleur (mother of David Meilleur).

We also pray for: Prayers for the healing of our land and around the world due to COVID and those affected by hurricanes in the Southeast and severe weather around the world. We pray for victims of violence and their families. We pray for our country, our military, our allies, the people of Ukraine, and U.S. citizens there.

We pray for our congregation, Pr. Phil, and Church Council, Bp. Kevin Strickland and the SE Synod staff; Bp. Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA Churchwide staff.

Worship services are livestreamed on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

To livestream, go to shepherdofthelaketn.org

- scroll down to “livestream Worship”
- click on the light blue button on the right to connect to YOUTUBE
- click on WORSHIP tab at top of home page for worship bulletin.

The Bulletin and Announcements are sent via email on Friday.

REMINDER: If you have not turned in your 2023 commitment for giving and “What Is God Calling You To Do?” form, please do so as soon as possible.

WORSHIP



Reminder:

Please silence cell phones and electronic devices prior to worship.

Communion Procedure

Communion is available either by all-in-one cups available when you pick up your bulletin, OR by coming to the altar to receive the elements from the pastor when directed by the usher. The pastor will offer the wafer and the assisting minister will offer cups filled with either wine on the outside rings, or white grape juice in the center. After consuming the wine or grape juice, move to the communion assistant and place the empty cup in the tray.

Scripture Readings

Sunday lectionary readings arrive by email every Wednesday morning for your review prior to worship.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday	Psalm 123; Job 20:1-11; 2 Peter 1:16-21
Tuesday	Psalm 123; Job 21:1, 17-34; 2 John 1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 123; Job 25:1—26:14; John 5:19-29
Thursday	Psalm 98; 1 Samuel 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25
Friday	Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 21:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
Saturday	Psalm 98; Ezekiel 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37



Stewardship Moment

Romans 15:13 – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let Paul's words be your call not only to find joy and hope, but also to share it with the world – especially those for whom the season brings sadness. That is good stewardship of your Christmas cheer!



Advent Worship and Soup Supper – Dec. 7, 14, 21 at 5:00 pm

Each Wednesday evening during Advent, we will gather using a different image to symbolize a certain aspect of Advent. The Worship offering will be given to ACT Group Home in Loudon. Worship will begin at 5pm followed by a simple meal of soup, bread, and dessert.

Please sign up on SignUpGenius or call the church office if you will help by providing something for the meal or to register your attendance.

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COME, LET US PRAY – Wednesday, December 14, at 7 pm (Sanctuary)

Faith grows by reading and meditating upon the Word of God. Most of all, faith thrives in an atmosphere of prayer. ~ E.M. Bounds

Please join us in the Sanctuary following the Soup Supper as we lift the names of our Shepherd of the Lake members, family. And friends to the Lord. Join us in the sanctuary as we pray for our church families and people around the world.



CONGREGATION NEWS

Road Closure at Marathon Station (Traffic Light)

On Thursday, December 1, the south entrance of Chota Road, at the Marathon gas station, closed for approximately 4-6 weeks for construction of pavement from Tellico Parkway to the entrance Tellico Village Shopping Center. There are a few map copies of the alternate routes in the Narthex should you need assistance. There is a traffic signal light to help with traffic control at north end of Chota Road. Due to this construction, you may want to leave home earlier than usual to get to the church since there will be heavier traffic on Sunday mornings.

Pastor Phil Facebook Devotion – DID YOU KNOW?

Do you use Facebook? Many of you do because you like to respond to birthdays, show off the grandchildren, maybe the dog or cat and just special events in the life of your family and friends. While you are out there, search for Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church TN and check out Pastor Phil's devotional video and share it with your friends. The videos will be posted frequently so don't miss the opportunity to hear his message.

Tellico Village Christmas Tree Lighting – Tuesday, December 6, at 7pm, Tellico Village Square

Community Tree Lighting Service will be Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in "Downtown Tellico Village" (next to the Tellico Village Welcome Center across from the church). The Loudon County Concert Band Brass will be playing that night. There will be wassail (hot cider) and hot chocolate courtesy of the First Baptist Church. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for this community-wide event.

FELLOWSHIP

Annual Christmas & White Elephant Party – SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: Shepherd of the Lake Christmas social and white elephant gift exchange.

WHEN: Sunday, December 11 at 5pm

WHERE: Frank & Donna Navratil, 221 Chickasaw Lane, Loudon, TN 37774

Bring appetizers and sweet treats as always, and of course your gift of laughter! Start searching now for the "white elephant" gift that everyone will be eager to take home. Remember, you don't need to shop for this gift – we all have those "treasures" from birthdays and Christmases past that are looking for new homes!! One beautifully wrapped gift per person attending. *Donna Navratil*

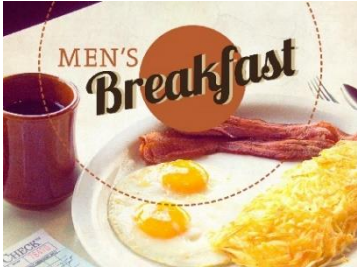


Women’s Fellowship Christmas Luncheon – Thursday, December 15, at 12 Noon at Schembergers



The Women’s Christmas Luncheon is an annual event and wonderful time to fellowship and enjoy great food with other ladies. Bring your favorite dish to share. This event will be at 12 noon at the home of Sue Schemberger, 156 Oonoga Way, Loudon. There is a SignUpGenius posted on the website to register your attendance or call the church office 865-816-4756.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast – Saturday, December 17, at 8:30am in Friendship Hall



Join the men with coffee and breakfast items of your choice as they fellowship together. Host for the December gathering will be John Baker. Go to SignUpGenius, make your reservation, and select the food you plan to bring. It will be a great time to socialize while safe distancing.

Men's Fellowship: Men's Fellowship Breakfast (signupgenius.com)

For questions, email Howard Kastner (howardkastner285@gmail.com) or call Sandy at the church office 865-816-4756.

OUTREACH

Kiddie Kingdom Christmas

Children everywhere are getting excited about Christmas. Kiddie Kingdom has been one of our outreach programs for several years. Even though we haven’t been back to read to the children, we have been in contact with the director and continue our support. The congregation has been helpful with monetary donations. We would like to purchase an outfit (top and pants), a book, and a stuffed animal for each child. Please make you checks payable to So+L with a memo “Kiddie Kingdom”.



Sandy Arrowood and Penny Hatt

Christmas Caroling - Sunday, December 18, Following Coffee Fellowship

Make plans today to join us as we sing Christmas Carols at the ACT Home in Loudon, on Sunday, December 18 following Coffee Fellowship. Song sheets will be provided and all we need are your voices to share seasonal songs with these ladies. This is another one of our annual outreach activities, and it is so appreciated by the residents. So, grab your winter coat, earmuffs, scarf, gloves, and lend your voices to cheer the hearts of these special ladies.



Water To Thrive

Remember the story from Matthew where Jesus fed the crowd with five loaves of bread and two fishes? He fed 5,000 men, besides women and children. There was even food left over! A well is similar to the five loaves and two fish in Galilee. They both satisfy the thirst and hunger. For so little, \$5,000.....we can provide so much! Clean water is life changing! We have funded our 13th and 14th well. We are only about \$1,000 short of funding our 15th well. In this time of Advent, while we wait in anticipation of celebrating the birth of our Savior, let’s shorten the wait for clean water for more of God’s children.

