

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church

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

Announcements

Week of December 10, 2023

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

Dec	10	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	10	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	11	Mon	9:00 a.m.	Church Council (Conference Room)
	11	Mon	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon (Friendship Hall)
	11	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	12	Tues	9:00 a.m.	Yoga (Sanctuary)
	12	Tues	2:00 p.m.	Dream Study Circle (Conference Room)
	13	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Matter of Balance (Friendship Hall)
	13	Wed	5:00 p.m.	Advent Worship & Soup Supper (Sanctuary & Friendship Hall)
	13	Wed	7:00 p.m.	Let Us Pray (Sanctuary)
	14	Thurs	9:00 a.m.	Yoga (Sanctuary)
	16	Sat	8:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Friendship Hall)
	16	Sat	10:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	17	Sun	8:30 a.m.	Choir Warm-up (Friendship Hall)
	17	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	17	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	17	Sun	5:00 p.m.	Annual Christmas & White Elephant Party (Navratil's home)

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

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

Pastor Phil contact information: cell: (913) 229-2129 email: fathervickers@gmail.com

In our prayers...

Caring and Healing – Our So+L family: Susan & Howard Kastner, Mary Brown, Jim Wuolukka, Steve Opsal, Linda Brady, Roger Madson, Wayne Lemke, Marjorie Porr, Dick Sawinski, Joyce Mincks, Char Gingrich, Jim Newman

Family and Friends of So+L: Kathy Trusdorf (Arrowood/Hatch/Lillestolen), Donna Harless (Brown), Calderola family, Fran Clesen, Bill (Clesen), Sally Donohue, Heath Wakefield, Karla Walker (Duvall), Sam (Elbert), Jackson Findley (Findley), Scott Graening, (Graening), Sue Demakos, Aileen Demakos, Larry Mau, (Hatt), Robert Love, Jen Lemmon, Stephen Hohaus, Jim Donald, Kari Donald, Barbara Whitney, Caden, Jane Fitzgibbon (Kastner), Brian Kirts (Kirts), Craig Mandro, Albert Mandro (Mandro), Tim Shally (Men's Fellowship), Robin Lauzon (Mills), Jennifer Powers (Moxim), Roger Navratil, Donnie Zinsmeister (Navratil), Beth Keith (Newman), Mary Petrie, Elaine & Bob Nevin (Nevin), Jim & Linda Robins, Scott Curfman, (Opsal), Marjorie Waldrop (Sawinski), Paul Miller (Schemberger), Lillian Hodges, Mark Reus (Schuessler), Joan Fox, Belinda, Jackie Curtiss (Shubeck), Ukrainian Family, Barbara Brown, Quinn Taylor, Sue McDermott (So+L)

Comfort in the Midst of Grief: We pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones including the family & friends of Pat McGlashan (cousin of Claire Moxim).

We also pray for healing in our world. We pray for those homeless and those in distress in Israel and Palestine, the Maui devastation and the Afghanistan and Libyan earthquakes We pray for our country, our military, our allies, the people of war-torn countries, 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



Worship services are live streamed on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
To live stream, go to shepherdofthelaketn.org
- scroll down to “Live Stream 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.

Communing by Table:

We will continue communing by tables. The usher will invite you to come forward in groups of about eight to stand side by side before the altar. The Pastor and the communion assistants will pass in front of you and offer the elements. When all those standing at the altar have communed, the Pastor will say a blessing for all and invite you to return to your seats. This way of taking communion is just another way to honor the sanctity of the Eucharist.

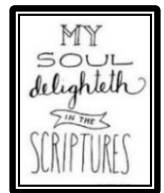
Reminder: Please silence cell phones and electronic devices prior to worship.

Scripture Readings

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

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday	Psalm 63; Amos 8:7-14; 1 Corinthians 14:20-25
Tuesday	Psalm 63; Joel 1:1-14; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Wednesday	Psalm 63; Joel 3:9-21; Matthew 24:29-35
Thursday	Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; Ezekiel 6:1-14; Revelation 16:1-7
Friday	Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; Ezekiel 7:1-9; Revelation 16:8-21
Saturday	Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; Ezekiel 7:10-27; Matthew 12:43-45



Stewardship Moment

“Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.” –Psalm 85:8

Are you listening for what God is saying to you? To your congregation? All of God’s people? It’s hard to hear anything with the anxious noise of the world. Living right, we turn away from the noise and listen for God’s word of peace. And we live it!



Saturday, Dec. 16 - Choir rehearsal at 10am in the Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 17 - Choir warm-up at 8:30am in Friendship Hall

Christmas Caroling - Sunday, December 17, Following Coffee Fellowship

Make plans today to join us as we sing Christmas Carols at the ACT Home in Loudon, on Sunday, December 17 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, and gloves, and lend your voices to cheer the hearts of these special ladies.



Advent Service and Soup Suppers – December 13 and 20 at 5pm

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the scripture tells us that the Father's voice came from heaven naming Jesus as his beloved Son and that the Spirit at that moment descended upon him like a dove. This is only one of many times in Scripture when the triune nature of God is revealed. We worship God as a Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We begin each service in the name of this Trinity, sometimes making the sign of the cross over our bodies as a visible prayer to the triune God.



This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day. This means we will have only three Wednesdays in the season of Advent. As we gather on each of these Wednesday evenings for fellowship and worship, we will be reflecting on the themes of Advent in relation to each person of the Holy Trinity. Please plan to join us for these services as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

There will be a basket in Friendship Hall for Advent offerings. The offerings will be used to defray a portion of the main entrée cost for So+L's Christmas Day Dinner. The remaining offering will support the ladies of the ACT Group Home.

CHURCH NEWS



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Matter of Balance – Wednesdays at 2pm, in Friendship Hall

A Matter of Balance class is being offered to seniors or anyone with a specific need as stated below. This class is sponsored by UT Extension and there is no cost to attend. It is not too late to join the group.

The class is open to anyone, so if you have a friend or neighbor that could benefit from the class, call the church office (865-816-4756) letting us know you are interested in attending so there will be enough handouts.

Several people from So+L as well as others in the community have been participating in this class. If you or someone you know might have interest after the first of the year to participate, please contact the church office at 865-816-47546. It is an eight-week course in Friendship Hall at 2pm.

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship Breakfast – Saturday, December 16 at 8:30am, Friendship Hall



Have you signed up for Men's Fellowship Breakfast? Make plans now to join the men with coffee and breakfast items of your choice as they fellowship together.

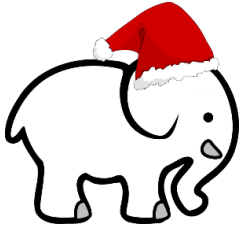
Go to SignUpGenius, make your reservation, and select the food you plan to bring. It will be a great time to socialize. For questions, email Howard Kastner howardkastner285@gmail.com)

Annual Christmas & White Elephant Party!

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

WHEN: Sunday, December 17 at 5pm

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



Bring appetizers (finger food) 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, please. *Donna Navratil*

OUTREACH

Christmas Day Communal Dinner – Monday, December 25, at 12:30pm, Friendship Hall

We will celebrate Christmas Day with those who would like to share a meal with So+L friends. We will gather at 12:30pm in Friendship Hall. Please bring a dish to share with the main entrée (Ham). Please sign up on SignUpGenius so that we will have an accurate count of those who plan to attend. If you have a neighbor or friend you would like to invite, please include their name in the Comment Section. **All are welcome.**



*15 days until Christmas
if you are counting!*

