

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church

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

Announcements

Week of August 17, 2025

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

Aug	17	2Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	17	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	17	Sun	10:15 a.m.	Altar Care Meeting (Sanctuary)
	18	Mon	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon (Friendship Hall)
	18	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	19	Tues	11:00 a.m.	Howard Kastner Service (Sanctuary & Friendship Hall)
	20	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Friendship Hall)
	21	Thurs	11:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Dock Party (Jean Clesen's, Vonore)
	21	Thurs	6:00 p.m.	Biblical Storytelling (Friendship Hall)
	22	Fri	11:30 a.m.	Sisters in Sobriety (Friendship Hall)
	23	Sat	9:00 a.m.	New Villagers (Friendship Hall)
	24	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	24	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	25	Mon	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon (Friendship Hall)
	25	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	25	Mon	1:00 p.m.	GFWC Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	26	Tues	9:00 a.m.	Church Council (Conference Room)
	26	Tues	1:30 p.m.	Dream Study (Conference Room)
	27	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Friendship Hall)

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

Bulletins, Announcements, and News from the Pews, are 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 Kastner, Mary Brown, Jim Wuolukka, Steve Opsal, Wayne Lemke, Penny Hatt, Deb Hickman, Jean & Ron Clesen, Kris Rowe, Dennis Smith, Charlie Shubeck, Cheryl Mandro

Family and Friends of So+L: Kathy Trusdorf, Ellen & Jerry Fox (Arrowood/Hatch/Lillestolen/Tisch), John Draper (Arrowood), Donna Harless (Brown), Calderola family, Sheri Lundell, Carolyn Blackman, Darren Taylor, Matt Fischer (Clesen), Toni Tschampion (DiPiazza), Sally & David Donohue, Heath Wakefield, Karla Walker, Addie Butler, Lilleth Smith (Duvall), Jackson Findley (Findley), Scott Graening (Graening), Sue Demakos, Tom Peck (Hatt), Stephen Hohausser, Jen Lemmon, Jim Donald, Barbara Whitney, Caden, Jane Fitzgibbon, Marie Beckbay, Patty Lemmon (Kastner), Brian Kirts (Kirts), Tim Shally (Men's Fellowship), Elizabeth Campbell, Richard Goins (Moxim), Mary Petrie (Nevin), Scott Curfman, Jim & Linda Robins, Jeri Flynn (Opsal), Kari Acord (Schaeffer), Jackie Curtiss, (Shubeck), Chuck Oswald (Oswald), Victor Tisch (Tisch), Barbara Brown, Quinn Taylor, Dan Corr, Elaine Nevin, Piper, Beverly Weems, Marilyn Toner, Mort Patterson (So+L), Stephen & Betsy Friedrich, (Vickers), Emma Stielau (Warfel)

Comfort in the Midst of Grief: We pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones, especially Susan and family of Howard Kastner.

We also pray for healing in our world. We pray for the victims of violence. We pray for those trying to recover from hurricanes and other weather-related devastation. We pray for the homeless and those in distress throughout the world.

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:

The usher will invite you to come forward in groups 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 communion is just another way to honor the sanctity of the Eucharist.

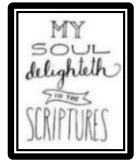
Reminder: Please silence cell phones and electronic devices prior to worship.

Scripture Readings

Lectionary readings arrive by email every Monday morning for your review prior to Bible Study and worship.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday	Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 18:1-12; Colossians 1:27—2:7
Tuesday	Psalm 119:97-104; Proverbs 9:1-18; 1 John 2:1-6
Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-104; Deuteronomy 12:1-12; John 6:41-51
Thursday	Psalm 138; Esther 2:19—3:6; Acts 1:15-20
Friday	Psalm 138; Esther 3:7-15; Acts 2:22-36
Saturday	Psalm 138; Esther 4:1-17; Luke 8:22-25



Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10am



We are looking at the assigned lectionary texts for the coming Sunday. I will have all the materials we need, and you do not need to bring anything.

This study meets in either the Sanctuary or Friendship Hall every Wednesday at 10am. If you have not previously been attending Bible study this would be a great time to jump in.

Pr. Phil

Biblical Storytelling Series - Studying Biblical Stories Four-Week Series

Sign Up for Biblical Storytelling Series

Thanks to all who attended the introductory meeting Sunday to learn more about the new four-week series on Biblical Stories. You can sign up for the series led by Pastor Phil and Linda Schuessler even if you missed the intro session -- or if you can only attend some of the sessions. We will convene in Friendship Hall, 6:00-7:00 pm on Thursdays, August 21, 28 and September 4. This in-depth bible study will focus on one story, and you will be introduced to the process of learning biblical stories and techniques for remembering and telling them. You can take what you want and need from this study: Telling the scripture in worship is totally optional and not the expectation! Contact Linda Schuessler (text—865-312-1537, [email—tellicoschuess@gmail.com](mailto:tellicoschuess@gmail.com)) with questions.

Please let us know you plan to join us by registering on Signup Genius. Thanks!

CHURCH NEWS

Howard Kastner Service – Tuesday, August 19, at 11am

A service for Howard Kastner is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, at 11am in Sanctuary, with additional space available with streaming in Friendship Hall. After the service, friends of the family are invited to attend a reception at the Yacht Club.

There have been several inquiries if the service will be Live Stream. Yes, and here are the instructions: **shepherdofthelake.org**

on the bottom of our HOME page, Click for Live Stream, this will take you to the service



Interested in a Refresher Course on AED, First Aid, or CPR?

If you or someone you know would like to brush up on lifesaving skills, the Tellico Village Fire Department (TVFD) offers refresher courses in AED, First Aid, and CPR.

If there's enough interest, we'll coordinate with TVFD to schedule a date for this valuable training. Please contact the church office to express your interest at 865-816-4756.

Let's come together to ensure our community stays safe and prepared!



FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship: Summer Gathering at the Dock



Mark your calendars for a refreshing day of connection and community! On Thursday, August 21, the Women's Fellowship will gather at Jean Clesen's dock for a summertime celebration filled with laughter, good food, and meaningful fellowship.

The event kicks off at 11:30am, with carpooling from the church at 11:00am—drivers are encouraged to note "DRIVE" in the comments box when signing up. Lunch will be provided at no cost and include sloppy Joes, chips, watermelon, cookies, and a selection of drinks.

In the spirit of giving, we'll be collecting donations for CAC, so please consider bringing a contribution. And don't forget your swimsuit—cooling off in the water is part of the fun!

Come ready to relax, connect, and celebrate the joy of summer with your sisters in faith.

OUTREACH

Kairos Prison Ministry Update

Last Sunday, Kathy Sisco shared her powerful story of incarceration and transformation during Coffee Fellowship, following our worship service. Thank you to everyone who stayed to listen and supported the ministry with donations and meal ticket purchases.

Your generosity helps fund our upcoming "cookie ministry"—we'll be baking 560 dozen cookies on Saturday, September 27 at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. These cookies carry love and hope to those behind prison walls.

Our next Kairos Prison Ministry weekend is set for October 16–19, 2025. As we prepare to serve and uplift the women at Bledsoe Correctional Complex, we invite you to join our prayer vigil. You can sign up for a 30-minute time slot to pray for the participants and team members.

Prayer slots are available from Thursday at 4:00pm through Sunday at 3:00pm. To sign up or learn more, please contact Sandy in the church office.

Bringing Light into the Darkness

Kairos Prison Ministry was founded in 1976 by a group affectionately known as the “Nine Old Men.” Kairos began as a three-day Christian retreat in a Florida prison. Today, Kairos serves nearly 500 prisons and communities across 37 states and 13 countries. Through its three main programs—Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch—the ministry reaches incarcerated men and women, their families, and youth affected by the justice system.

Kairos Prison Ministry offers three powerful programs that bring hope and healing to incarcerated individuals and their families through faith-based support and community building:

Kairos Inside

- A 3½-day weekend retreat held inside prisons for incarcerated men and women.
- Builds a Christian community within the prison through talks, discussions, prayer, and fellowship.
- Followed by ongoing support groups that meet regularly to sustain spiritual growth.

Sandy Hagan serves with the Bledsoe Correctional Complex for Women, helping organize two transformative weekend retreats each year. These weekends, which cost over \$8,000 each, are supported by your donations and the tireless work of more than 30,000 Kairos volunteers nationwide.

Kairos Outside

- Designed for women who have been impacted by incarceration—whether they were formerly incarcerated or have loved ones in prison.
- Offers a weekend of healing, affirmation, and connection in a safe, supportive environment.
- Continues with reunions and support groups to foster long-term encouragement.

Kairos Outside, launched in 1990, extends compassion to the female family members of the incarcerated, while Kairos Torch focuses on mentoring youth aged 25 and under. Through talks, prayer, and ongoing support, the ministry empowers participants to rebuild their lives and reconnect with their faith.

Kairos Torch

- Focused on incarcerated youth (ages 25 and under).
- Begins with a weekend retreat and continues with a mentoring program for six months.
- Encourages better decision-making and builds character through guidance and faith.

The prison environment is often dark and isolating. Kairos offers a chance for those living inside to experience grace and community in a powerful way. We've seen gang leaders become peacebuilders and entire facilities shift toward hope and healing.

We know we can't change someone's past, but we can walk with them into a future filled with hope and forgiveness. That's what Kairos is all about—God's special time.

To learn more or support the Bledsoe Correctional Complex Advisory Council, donations go directly toward creating these life-giving weekends and expanding the reach of a ministry that's changing lives—from the inside out. You can also contact Sandy at shagan39@bellsouth.net if you'd like to be a volunteer, offer donations, or have her speak at your organization.

Checks can be made to: Kairos of TN – BCCXW, P.O. Box 1161, Lenoir City, TN 37771

You will receive a tax donation receipt at the end of the year for your giving.

Sandy Hagan