

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church

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

Announcements

Week of April 27, 2025

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

April	27	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	27	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	28	Mon	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon (Friendship Hall)
	28	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	30	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Friendship Hall)
May	1	Thurs	3:00 p.m.	Small Group Book Study (Friendship Hall)
	2	Fri	11:30 p.m.	Sisters in Sobriety (Conference Room)
	3	Sat	1:00 p.m.	Click Funeral Service (Sanctuary)
	4	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	4	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	5	Mon	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon (Friendship Hall)
	5	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	6	Tues	11:00 a.m.	Kiwanis Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	7	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Friendship Hall)
	7	Wed	1:30 p.m.	Stroke Support Group (Conference Room)
	8	Thurs	10:00 a.m.	Card Making Ministry (Friendship Hall)
	8	Thurs	3:00 p.m.	Small Group Book Study (Friendship Hall)
	9	Fri	11:30 a.m.	Sisters In Sobriety (Friendship Hall)
	10	Sat	8:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Friendship Hall)
	11	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	11	Sun	10:15 a.m.	Mother's Day Brunch (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 & Howard Kastner, Mary Brown, Jim Wuolukka, Steve Opsal, Wayne Lemke, Penny Hatt, Deb Hickman, Jean & Ron Clesen, Kris Rowe, Dennis Smith

Family and Friends of So+L: Kathy Trusdorf, Ellen & Jerry Fox (Arrowood/Hatch/Lillestolen/Tisch), Donna Harless (Brown), Calderola family, Sheri Lundell, Carolyn Blackman, Darren Taylor (Clesen), Sally & David Donohue, Heath Wakefield, Karla Walker, Addie Butler (Duvall), Jackson Findley (Findley), Scott Graening, Lavonne Miller (Graening), Gina Rose (Hatch), Sue Demakos, Tom Peck (Hatt), Stephen Hohausser, Jen Lemmon, Jim Donald, Barbara Whitney, Caden, Jane Fitzgibbon, Marie Beckbay (Kastner), Brian Kirts (Kirts), Tim Shally (Men's Fellowship), Elizabeth Campbell, Janet Browne (Moxim), Irene Tison (Newman), Mary Petrie (Nevin), Scott Curfman, Jim & Linda Robins (Opsal), Kari Acord (Schaeffer), Jackie Curtiss, (Shubeck), Chuck Oswald (Oswald), Victor Tisch (Tisch), Barbara Brown, Quinn Taylor, Dan Corr, Elaine Nevin, Piper, Beverly Weems (So+L), Stephen & Betsy Friedrich (Vickers)

Comfort in the Midst of Grief: We join the world in praying for the soul of Pope Francis, and pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones.

We also pray for healing in our world. We pray for the victims of violence and their loved ones. We pray for those trying to recover from floods and hurricanes, and the California wildfire devastation. We pray for the homeless and those in distress throughout the SE United States, the Middle East and Europe. 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:

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 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20
Tuesday	Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-11
Wednesday	Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23; Luke 12:4-12
Thursday	Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Revelation 3:14-22
Friday	Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11
Saturday	Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14



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

FELLOWSHIP

Mother's Day Appreciation Brunch – Sunday, May 11, at 10:15am



The Men's Fellowship will again host a very special brunch to honor the women of the church. Join us in the Friendship Hall right after the worship service for this delightful event.

Menu Highlights: Two egg dishes, Fruit cup, Coffee cake, Coffee and water

Make your reservation today on SignUpGenius!

Card Making Ministry - Thursday, May 8, Friendship Hall, at 10am



Our Card Making ministry serves a very special purpose at So+L. It provides fellowship, learning and creativity for those who participate, and it shows caring and love to those who receive the cards...a win-win for all involved. We create Birthday, Get Well, and Sympathy cards as needed for all church members. There are lots of occasions to celebrate during our lifetimes, and we help by sending cards to remind all and celebrate all at these special times!

We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday from 10am – Noon. If you have a question, feel welcome to call me. Carol Opsal, at 936-520-2271, or e-mail csopsal@gmail.com

Men's Fellowship Breakfast – Saturday, May 10 at 8:30am, Friendship Hall



Yes, this is a week earlier this month as after breakfast the men will be setting up for the Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday.

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)

CHURCH NEWS

Announcements - "In our prayers" Keeping Requests Current: A Call for Updates and Additions

In times of both joy and struggle, our church community finds strength and encouragement through prayer. Each week we share prayer requests to lift up those in need, to celebrate answered prayers, and to support one another in faith. As we continue this heartfelt tradition, we ask for your help in ensuring that our prayer list remains updated and reflective of our congregation's current needs.

If you have a prayer request that needs to be added, updated, or removed, please let us know. Whether it's for healing, guidance, praise, or any other concern, your requests matter, and we want to pray intentionally and effectively.

Ways to update a request:




- Contact the church office directly at 865-816-4756
- Submit a request through our church email shepherdofthelake13@gmail.com
- Share updates with the Pastor or Office Manager

Let us continue to stand together in faith, lifting one another up through the power of prayer. May our words and hearts bring comfort, healing, and hope to all who need it.

OUTREACH

Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department Hosts Annual Open House

Mark your calendars! The Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department is excited to announce their annual Open House event, a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation for the community that supports them so generously.

-  **Date:** Saturday, May 3, 2026
 **Time:** Starts at 10:00 AM
 **FREE Food:** Served from 11am to 2pm

This event is the perfect way to connect with the local First Responders who work tirelessly to keep Tellico Village safe. Bring your friends and family to enjoy a day filled with gratitude, delicious food, and community spirit.

Donations are kindly appreciated and will go toward supporting the fire department's continued service and dedication to the area. See you there!

Our PLACE 2nd Annual Gala – Sunday, May 18, Yacht Club

- **Pack Your Bags for a First-Class Evening**
- **Thank you for joining us for the *Our PLACE* 2nd annual Gala, an amazing evening of fun, silent and live auctions, great food, and dancing!**



The Gala benefits *Our PLACE* participants, caregivers, and families who must meet the daily challenges of Alzheimer's and dementia-related diseases. It supports our mission to provide person-centered care and dementia-specific therapies and interventions for adults while supporting their families and caregivers through respite, support groups, education, and resources.

This year's event features exciting opportunities to bid on auction items throughout the evening. Like last year's inaugural event, the Silent Auction runs throughout the evening with larger ticket items featured in the Live Auction. Items in the auction include a weekend getaway in a mountain cabin, handmade woodworking pieces, signed UT memorabilia, dinners for two, and *more*.

The Silent Auction features *Trips of a Lifetime Luxury Travel* for exclusive domestic and international trips from our nonprofit partner, AmFund. Follow *Our PLACE* on Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor for information on our *Trips of a Lifetime* and other Auction items.

Your participation will provide you with an enjoyable and entertaining evening and continue providing "Moments of Joy" to many participants and caregivers.

EVENT DETAILS

May 18, 5-10 P.M.

LOCATION

Tellico Village Yacht Club, Loudon, TN

5:00 P.M. Hors d'oeuvres served with wine (Cabernet & Chardonnay compliments of *Our PLACE*)

6:30 P.M. Dinner

MUSIC DJ Philip from Philip Mobile DJ playing throughout the evening.

Sign up online at www.OurPLACETN.org/gala-trips as reservations are filling fast.