

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church

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

Announcements

Week of October 26, 2025

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

Oct.	26	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Reformation Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	26	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	27	Mon	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon (Friendship Hall)
	27	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	29	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Friendship Hall)
	31	Fri	11:30 a.m.	Sisters in Sobriety (Friendship Hall)
Nov	2	Sun	9:00 a.m.	All Saints' Sunday with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	2	Sun	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
	2	Sun	10:15 a.m.	Held in Hope – Grief Support (Sanctuary)
	2	Sun	10:15 a.m.	ACT Group Home Presentation (Friendship Hall)
	3	Mon	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon (Friendship Hall)
	3	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	3	Mon	2:00 p.m.	GFWC Group (Friendship Hall)
	4	Tues	8:00 a.m.	Lions Club Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	4	Tues	9:00 a.m.	Our PLACE (Conference Room)
	4	Tues	11:00 a.m.	Kiwanis Meeting (Friendship Hall)
	4	Tues	3:30 p.m.	Small Group Book Study (Friendship Hall)
	5	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Friendship Hall)
	7	Fri	11:30 a.m.	Sisters in Sobriety (Friendship Hall)
	8	Sat	9:00 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Vonore Mug Project (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, Penny Hatt, Deb Hickman, Jean & Ron Clesen, Dennis Smith, Cheryl Mandro, Joseph Jacob, Meg Stutz, Ingrid Kemper, JoAn Lemke

Family and Friends of So+L: Kathy Trusdorf, Ellen & Jerry Fox (Arrowood/Hatch/Lillestolen/Tisch), Jeri Flynn (Becker), Donna Harless (Brown), Calderola family, Sheri Lundell, Carolyn Blackman, Darren Taylor, Matt Fischer, Finneas Smith (Clesen), Toni Tschampion (DiPiazza), Sally & David Donohue, Heath Wakefield, Karla Walker, Addie Butler, Lillith Smith (Duvall), Jackson Findley (Findley), Scott Graening (Graening), Sue Demakos, Tom Peck (Hatt), Stephen Hohauser, Jen Lemmon, Jim Donald, Barbara Whitney, Caden, Jane Fitzgibbon, Marie Beckbay, Patty Lemmon (Kastner), Brian Kirts (Kirts), Tim Shally (Men's Fellowship), Elizabeth Campbell, Carol Tropf (Moxim), Scott Curfman, Jim & Linda Robins, Beth Turkin (Opsal), Kari Acord (Schaeffer), Jackie Curtiss (Shubeck), Chuck Oswald (Oswald), Barbara Brown, Quinn Taylor, Dan Corr, Elaine Nevin, Piper, Beverly Weems, Marilyn Toner, Mort Patterson, Keri & Diquan (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 the family and friends of Daniel Szczepanik (brother of Jean Clesen).

We also pray for healing in our world. We pray for the victims of violence. We continue to pray for the homeless and those in distress everywhere. We share the grief of those in the churches and synagogues affected by violence. We pray for our congregation, Pr. Phil, and Church Council, Bp. Kevin Strickland and the SE Synod staff; Bp. Yehiel Curry 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.



All Saints' Sunday – Sunday, November 2

All Saints' Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. **Our worship service on All Saints Sunday will include the remembrance of loved ones who have died during the past year.**

Please contact the church office 865-816-4756 with the names of loved ones to be included in the bulletin.

Scripture Readings

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

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday	Psalm 62; Amos 6:8-14; Revelation 3:14-22
Tuesday	Psalm 62; Hosea 10:9-15; James 5:1-6
Wednesday	Psalm 62; Hosea 12:2-14; Matthew 19:16-22
Thursday	Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36; Revelation 2:8-11
Friday	Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37; Revelation 2:12-29
Saturday	Psalm 37:1-9; Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 20:29-34



Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10am - Adult Catechism

catechism - from the Greek *katecheo* (κατηχέω), meaning “to instruct orally” or “to teach by word of mouth.”

Our 10am educational hour began a new focus in September. We have a catechism for grownups. Many of us remember attending catechism classes when we were in middle school, but this will be a version of catechism with no memorization necessary. We are looking at basic Christian theology, key bible texts, the creeds of the Church, the Lutheran witness, and many other important topics. Each session is stand alone. You don't need to bring anything. This will be a great opportunity for folks who are new to the Church, new to the Lutheran faith, or for those who just love to learn and dive deep into the faith -- and have fun doing it. Please join us. ***Pr. Phil***

CHURCH NEWS

Veterans Day List – DEADLINE October 31

Please note that our 2025 list of So+L veterans, family and friends is on the entrance table in the narthex through this Friday, October 31. Please review to verify whether your name and branch of service is on our list.

Also check for the names you have added to the list. This list includes military veterans and veterans of agencies of our government such as the Peace Corps.

If you add a family member or friend, please list the branch of service, their address and your name.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Opsal or Carol Becker.



Finding Hope After Loss: A New So+L Support Group

Grief comes in many forms—the loss of a loved one, a pet, a place, or even a chapter of life that once brought comfort. Whatever the source, sorrow can feel isolating. But healing begins when we gather, share, and lift one another up.

We have formed a new group called **Held in Hope** where hearts can speak freely and faith can guide us forward. Through shared stories, quiet strength, and spiritual encouragement, we'll walk together toward hope.

Gathering: Monthly

Location: Sanctuary

Time: Sunday, November 2, at 10:15am

Details: Come as you are—coffee in hand, heart open.



Whether your grief is fresh or long-held, you are welcome here.

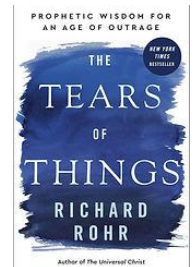
FELLOWSHIP

Small Group Ministry – Tuesday, October 21, at 3:30pm

The small group ministry will meet again October 21, with *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr.

We meet in Friendship Hall the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 3:30pm.

For questions contact: Shari and Tom Lillestolen 865-603-9467



Women's Fellowship Upcoming Events – SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, November 8, 9am-12pm

Mug Project for Vonore Elementary's Christmas Shop

Men are welcomed to help out. See SignUpGenius.

Thursday, December 11, 11:30am

Women's Fellowship Christmas Potluck Lunch in Friendship Hall.

More information to follow!



OUTREACH

Water to Thrive—October Outreach

October is the perfect month to highlight W2T. It was nine years ago that our congregation became supportive of W2T by funding three wells in 2016. The response was overwhelming to us and we continue to be grateful for the support that our congregation gives to W2T. Now, nine years later, our congregation has funded a total of 24 wells and there are funds toward the 25th well. Pastor Ingrid and I made a presentation a few weeks ago, so I won't go into the history of W2T again. Of course, if there are ever any questions, please ask me.

The following is a note about one of the beneficiaries of our 19th well that was funded in December 2023 and is serving a minimum of 500 people.

Forence Namuli is 39 years old and is excited about having access to clean and safe water.

Previously, she fetched household water from a swamp because the nearest borehole was over a mile from her home. This is what she said: "I would not get time to go far to fetch water for drinking," Mrs. Namuli said. "So, I would just fetch water from the swamp, leave it to settle, and pour it in the pot for drinking because I had a lot of work to do at home." However, Mrs. Namuli realized that her family members kept on suffering from typhoid. She recalled, "The little money we would get from farming would all be spent on medical bills. This affected my family economically because we were not able to save enough money to afford other basic needs. This frustrated my husband and we would have frequent quarrels at home. We were not a happy family at all." Since the community borehole was rehabilitated, Mrs. Namuli and her family are happy. They are no longer visiting the health facility frequently. They can now afford basic needs and are planning to start other projects. After the borehole was rehabilitated, a Water Committee was formed and trained. Mrs. Namuli serves as the caretaker of the borehole, which means she is actively involved in the community. As she shared, the community is "...working together to ensure that we maintain our water source properly such that we do not suffer again."



Our congregation has changed the lives of a minimum of 11,000 people. As Pastor Phil taught us in Bible Study, when you give expecting nothing back, that is sacrificial giving. If this sacrificial giving speaks to you, please make your check payable to So+L with Water to Thrive as the designation.

Let us keep the water flowing!!

Kandie Shubeck



When you donate your gently-used items to KARM Stores. You're not only giving them a second chance at a new life, but you're also providing a second chance for street homeless individuals to start on a path to their new life.

Be sure to tell them you are from Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church.

Drop off sites:

Lenoir City: 731 U.S. 321,
Lenoir City, TN 37771, USA,
Phone: (865) 521-0770 x 308
Store Hours: Mon - Sat : 9AM - 9PM
Sun : Closed
Drop Off Hours: Mon - Sat : 9AM - 6PM
Sun : Closed

Maryville, 37801
1610 W Broadway Ave
(865) 521-0770 x 730
Mon - Sat : 9AM - 9PM
Sun : Closed
Mon - Sat : 9AM - 6PM
Sun : Closed

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