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Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter

Worship Services

Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

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Sunday - 9am
Whispering Pines

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"You have ears; then listen to what the spirit says to the churches. Be victorious, and I will let you eat from the Tree of Life that stands in God's Paradise." Rev. 2:7

Message from the Pastor

Our Time of the Year

The calendar of the Church Year is divided into two halves (approximately).

1. **Advent to Pentecost: How God has saved us.**
2. **Sundays in Pentecost up to Advent. How we respond.**

Some called the first part "The Season of the Christ" and the second part "The Season of the Church". You've likely heard this before. But this year the season of the Church is strengthened by Tree of Life's commitment to begin two programs of service, mission, and outreach.

We have already started a program of ministry for children and youths who are placed into a special guardianship program by our courts. We have individuals who are experienced as guardians themselves. They have already provided information on the frequent need of these children for school supplies. We have started that effort.

We have had general discussions on other forms of support through direct contact with the children and their court-appointed guardians. You will be informed on these as they are developed.

Another program will explore ways in which we can be visible as a Christian Church at public gatherings. This also is under development but we hope to start this effort of public communication as soon as possible.

I am personally excited about my chance to be involved in these witness opportunities and I invite all members and friends of Tree of Life to join in these efforts.

Thanks for your generous allowance of vacation time. It was consumed by four days of travel (two each way) and the joyful five days my wife and I shared in Columbus. Dorothea had arranged to have the time off from her work so we were able to do whatever we wished on those days. Our only disappointment was the rain that caused the cancellation of an outdoor concert by the Columbus Symphonic (Beethoven's 9th Symphony). It is good to be back with you I look forward to another round of home visits with all of you. I'll be contacting you to arrange a convenient day and time for the visit. Until we meet then... God's richest blessings be with you Pastor Karl.



Katharina von Bora

Katharina von Bora (January 29, 1499 – December 20, 1552), also referred to as "**die Lutherin**" was the wife of Martin Luther, German leader of the Protestant Reformation. Beyond what is found in the writings of Luther and some of his contemporaries, little is known about her. Despite this, Katharina is often considered one of the most important participants of the Reformation because of her role in helping to define Protestant family life and setting the tone for clergy marriages.

depicted by Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1526.

Marriage to Luther

Martin Luther, as well as many of his friends, were at first unsure of whether he should even be married. Philipp Melancthon thought that Luther's marriage would hurt the Reformation because of potential scandal. Luther eventually came to the conclusion that "his marriage would please his father, rile the pope, cause the angels to laugh, and the devils to weep." Martin Luther married Katharina on June 13, 1525, before witnesses including Justus Jonas, Johannes Bugenhagen, and Barbara and Lucas Cranach the Elder.

There was a wedding breakfast the next morning with a small company. Two weeks later, on June 27, they held a more formal public ceremony which was presided over by Bugenhagen. Von Bora was 26 years old, Luther 41. The couple took up residence in the "Black Cloister" (Augusteum), the former dormitory and educational institution for Augustinian friars studying in Wittenberg, given as a wedding gift by the reform-minded John Frederick, Elector of Saxony, who was the son and nephew of Luther's protectors, John, Elector of Saxony and Frederick III, Elector of Saxony.

Katharina immediately took on the task of administering and managing the vast holdings of the monastery, breeding and selling cattle, and running a brewery in order to provide for their family and the steady stream of students who boarded with them and visitors seeking audiences with her husband. In times of widespread illness, Katharina operated a hospital on site, ministering to the sick alongside other nurses. Luther called her the "boss of Zulsdorf," after the name of the farm they owned, and the "morning star of Wittenberg" for her habit of rising at 4am to take care of her various responsibilities.

The marriage of Katharina von Bora to Martin Luther was extremely important to the development of the Protestant Church, specifically in regards to its stance on marriage and the roles each spouse should concern themselves with. "Although Luther was by no means the first cleric of his time to marry, his prominence, his espousal of clerical marriage, and his prolific output of printed anti-Catholic propaganda made his marriage a natural target." The way Luther described Katie's actions and the names he gives her like "My Lord Katie" shows us that he really did feel strongly that she exhibited a great amount of control over her own life and decisions. It could even reasonably be argued that she maintained some influence in the actions of Martin Luther himself since he says explicitly, "You convince me of whatever you please. You have complete control. I concede to you the control of the household, providing my rights are preserved. Female government has never done any good".

Luther also makes the statement “If I can endure conflict with the devil, sin, and a bad conscience, then I can put up with the irritations of Katy von Bora.” This again exhibits his reluctance, but overall willingness to give her control and a voice in their lives and his eventual support for all women to behave in the same way.

In addition to her busy life tending to the lands and grounds of the monastery, Katharina bore six children: Hans (7 June 1526 – 27 October 1575), Elizabeth (10 December 1527 – 3 August 1528) who died at eight months, Magdalena (4 May 1529 – 20 September 1542) who died at thirteen years, Martin (9 November 1531 – 4 March 1565), Paul (28 January 1533 – 8 March 1593), and Margarete (17 December 1534 – 1570); in addition she suffered a miscarriage on 1 November 1539. The Luthers also raised four orphan children, including Katharina's nephew, Fabian.

Anecdotal evidence indicates that Katharina von Bora's role as the wife of a critical member of the Reformation paralleled the marital teachings of Luther and the movement. Katharina depended on Luther such as for his incomes before the estate's profits increased, thanks to her. She respected him as a higher vessel and called him formally “Sir Doctor” throughout her life. He reciprocated such respect by occasionally consulting her on church matters. She assisted him with running the menial estate duties as he couldn't complete both these and those to the church and university. Katharina also directed the renovations done to accommodate the size of their operations.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

REMINDER: August 6th Voters' Assembly meeting

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

2017 - Sunday Services Scheduled at Inverness Women's Club
August 13th, November 12th, December 10th

Turn in your mite boxes on the last Sunday of every month!

September Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	Lectors
<p>8/6 Kim Jackson 8/13 Bev Morris 8/20 Ellen Lodgek 8/29 Karen Huscher 9/3 Arlene Messer </p>  <p>Interested in bringing snacks? Contact Sue Grable 341-0074</p>	<p>A list of those in need of prayer can be found on table at church entryway.</p>  <p><i>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people</i></p> <p>1 Timothy 2:1</p>	<p>Elders are willing to visit the sick and home bound with prayer. Will also bring the sacrament of Holy Communion to either the hospital or home bound upon request.</p>  <p>Contact: Ron Fullerton: 352-344-0905 Bob Morris: 352-628-6452</p>	<p>August Ellen Lodgek Psalm/Epistle Rich Grable Gospel</p> <p>September Peggy Kepner Psalm/Epistle Ron Fullerton Gospel</p> <p>October Sue Grable Psalm/Epistle Bruce Thornton Gospel</p> <p>November Karen Huscher Psalm/Epistle Bob Morris Gospel</p>

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