



Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod, English District

The church that cares, our roots are strong

Newsletter

"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

Worship Services

Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

Location

Whispering Pines Park
Recreation Center
1700 Forest Drive
Inverness, FL 34453

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Guest Pastors

Pastor David Raetz
Pastor Paul Sutterer

President

Ron Hansen

Vice President

Rich Grable

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Sharon Hansen

Trustees

Rich Grable
Matthew Manchester

Elders

Bob Morris
Ron Fullerton

Christian Education

Kim Carrol
Kim Jackson
Sue Grable

Bible Class

Sunday - 9am
Whispering Pines

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Message from the President

The first month of the year is already over and what a month it was! With our acceptance into the English District, we begin a new phase of our development. This acceptance gives us "legitimacy" in the eyes of the community and makes Tree of Life more appealing to prospective members. We have the people, the talents and the ability to grow Tree of Life Lutheran Church exponentially.

One important thing is that we have a Voters' Assembly meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 7th, after our service. I would like to remind everyone that regular Voters' Assembly meetings are on the first Sunday of every February, May, August and November.

Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, with services at 6:00 PM in our normal location. Please plan to attend.

Last Sunday, January 31st, was an auspicious occasion. If you missed it, you missed one of the most inspiring events in our short history. Our service began with three pastors serving, Pastor Sutterer, Pastor Raetz and our very special guest, Bishop Jamison J. Hardy, president of the English District.

There were 77 people in attendance. Bishop Hardy asked questions of the congregation pertaining to our commitment to the Word and desire to be part of the English District. The charter was presented and Bishop Hardy and I signed it. The service continued with our choir performing beautifully along with our always excellent music. Bishop Hardy gave a truly powerful sermon followed by the largest communion participation to date. At the end of the service, all the current members were invited to sign the charter.

After the service, we traveled to Citrus Hills Country Club for a reception, around 80 people. We had a visual presentation along with a brief history of how Tree of Life came to be. We had a wonderful lunch and fellowship with many old and new friends. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to all the pastors that have helped us along the way on our sacred journey.

The entire reception was paid for by donations to a dedicated fund. No offering funds were used.

Now it is up to us to carry on and maintain our momentum, attracting new members, ministering to our current members, serving the community, preparing to call a pastor, looking for or building a larger facility that is ours and, of course, spreading the Word of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ Ron Hansen



Ephesians 4:2

“with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love”

True Love

*Love can always conquer
Whatever discord brings
And love can also cover
A multitude of things*

*Don't you under estimate
What love can ever do,
For love is God eternal
And His love can renew*

*What is cold and lifeless,
Now lost all hope and died,
For love can breathe new meaning
And give it back new life*

*Please don't give up on love
When it seems that all is lost,
For there is always hope
If we're prepared to pay the cost*

*For love is always worth it
No matter how much the price,
For love will be much stronger
When we trust in Jesus Christ*

*So let God have full reign,
Let Him live within your heart
Then you will know true love,
For this He will impart.*

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