



The church that cares, our roots are strong

Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter

Worship Services

Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

Location

Whispering Pines Park
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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

Sunday, February 4th Voters' Assembly meeting



February 14th at 6:00 PM

Valentines Day



Wednesday at 6:00 pm

February 21st, February 28th,
March 7th, March 14th and March 21st



Ways to Connect Ash Wednesday & Valentine's Day

1. Send out **handwritten love notes** to houses near your church—this could even be an opportunity to explain why we celebrate Ash Wednesday.
2. **Combine your traditional Ash Wednesday service with a Valentine's celebration**; find a balance between the colorful Valentine's decor and the humble trappings of Ash Wednesday.
3. During Lent couples can come up with **ideas of things they can start doing to improve their relationship**.
4. Tuesday the day before Ash Wednesday is usually celebrated with eating pancakes—so have **heart-shaped flapjacks**.
5. Post **quotes about love on social media** to let people know you care; then post a few verses of scripture referring back to Ash Wednesday.
6. Organize a **service project** to help those who don't feel as loved in the community—encourage couples to come serve together, or singles to be a part of something that's not all about coupled romance.
7. Publish a **short Lent devotional** with the theme of **God's** love.
8. Donate to a charity you love.

Ash Wednesday last fell on February 14 in 1945. It will happen again in 2024 and 2029.

1 John 4:16: *God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.*

Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love. Believers say **God** worked through his life to perform miracles and teach people how to recognize and experience true love. This famous saint, an Italian doctor who later became a priest, inspired the creation of the Valentine's Day holiday. He was sent to jail for performing weddings for couples during a time when new marriages were outlawed in the ancient Rome.





Before he was killed for refusing to renounce his faith, he sent a loving note to a child he had been helping to teach, the daughter of his jailer, and that note eventually led to the tradition of sending Valentine's cards.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

2018 - Sunday Services Scheduled at Inverness Women's Club

February 11th, April 15th, May 13th, October 14th, and December 16th

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

Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	Lectors
<p>2/4 Arlene Messer 2/11 Kim Carroll 2/18 Sue Grable 2/25 Sharlee Green 3/4 Sue Fullerton</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: Bruce Thornton 920-461-2436 Henry Messer 352-726-4117</p>	<p>Lectors</p> <p>February Sue Grable Psalm/Epistle Bruce Thornton Gospel</p> <p>March Karen Huscher Psalm/Epistle Bob Morris Gospel</p> <p>April Ellen Lodgek Psalm/Epistle Rich Grable Gospel</p> <p>May Peggy Kepner Psalm/Epistle Ron Fullerton Gospel</p>

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