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Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter

Worship Services

Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

Location

Whispering Pines Park
Recreation Center
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Inverness, FL 34453

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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 ~ A New Year

The years roll on of their own accord. They carry us to new days and new experiences. We have shared 9 months of a year since my arrival in Inverness. During that time I experienced my first hurricane, with the accompanying concern expressed for my safety and comfort. Thanks Ron and Sharon.

I shared duties of worship and confirmation classes with Keith, though I believe he put so much into each that I was also a beneficiary of his ministry among us. I learned about members' good understandings of evangelism, member care and treats.

I have a desire to see Tree of Life prosper and grow. I apologize for the times when I was not "up to the task.. I pray that you saw some contributions from my side of things.

I have been told that you wish to continue the prayer ministry out to the community. I will be especially pleased to share my interests and plans for its continuance and growth. Let's get the right people together to plan the transition.

I will be here up to the morning of January 15th and then returning home to my wife Dorothea (it means gift of God). She certainly has been that for me, our son, and many people of Columbus, Ohio. I am saddened that my leaving here occurs before we had a chance to have her come here to meet you. Perhaps on another future occasion.

I shall be pleased to conduct worship on January 14th. I shall conduct a workshop on Leadership at First Baptist Church. They were encouraged by members who had met me to ask if I would do so. You are cordially invited by them to attend. There will be no registration fee but a free will offering will be collected to cover expenses. I'll provide detailed information in our Sunday bulletins.

We have learned to pray for all sorts of folk during my time here. I shall continue in prayer for them and for all of you and request that you do the same for me, and Dorothea and Doug. Please inform me of any special prayer needs you have. I shall take this information with me to include in my prayers.

Peace to all Pastor Karl

Making Leadership Work for the Church

I invite the members of Tree of Life to attend my workshop on *Making Leadership Work for the Church*. It is designed to cover the basic and elementary knowledge and skills in leadership -- and in being a supporter of leaders. The subjects to be covered are:



1. Defining Leadership and how it differs from Administration.
2. How the followers and situation can support the new leader.
3. How Leaders can lead groups of members as they evaluate, recommend, decide and take action.
4. How spiritual leadership is needed in the church.

It will be held on Saturday, January 13th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the First Baptist of Inverness. They have graciously allowed me to use their facility free of charge. There will be no fee to attend. A free will offering will be used to cover costs. A set of two documents, a text and note taking outline, will be provided. The church is located at 550 Pleasant Grove Rd. in Inverness.

Please register in advance at either: Karl Koch, ka6ko@aol, (614) 890-1898, or at First Baptist john(a) fbcinverness.com
I look forward to your participation.

God bless all of you. Karl Koch

Thank you Pastor Koch

We pray God's blessings be with you
In abundance even more,
For you have been so special to us,
A blessing from the Lord
We just want for you to know
How much you mean to us,
For all you've done, and for who you are,
We appreciate so much.

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Christian New Year Resolutions

What sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions:

1. Resolve to stay faithful to Jesus Christ. He is the one Truth, Way and Life. There's no reason to look elsewhere.
2. Resolve to not let anything – a career, a significant other, social media, a house – become an object of worship.
3. Resolve to watch your language and not speak any destructive talk, especially involving the name of **God**.
4. Resolve to prevent burnout by putting aside work one day a week. Trust **God** to provide for your needs that day and just enjoy the time He's given you.
5. Resolve to talk to your parents on a regular basis, and show them love and respect.
6. Resolve to be angry less. Channel any feelings of rage, which Jesus said are as severe as murder, into worshipping **God** and serving others.
7. Resolve to honor your commitment to your spouse. Whether in thought or in deed, stay pure and loyal in the union **God** made.
8. Resolve to not take anything that's not yours, including stuff you can hold and put in your pocket, and plenty that you can't, like music downloads, streaming movies and hours on your timecard.
9. Resolve to speak about others only with truth and love, not gossip.
10. Resolve to be content with what you have, and not worry about that others are amassing.



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Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	Lectors
<p>1/7 Gladys Baker 1/14 Bev Morris 1/21 Ellen Lodgek 1/28 Karen Huscher 2/4 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: Bruce Thornton</p>	<p>Lectors</p> <p>January Peggy Kepner Psalm/Epistle Ron Fullerton Gospel</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>

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