



Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter

The church that cares, our roots are strong

"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
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Bible Class

Sunday - 9am
Whispering Pines

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Lenten Services Wednesday evening at 6 pm

Choir practice will immediately follow Lenten Services.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday ~ March 20th 10 am



Maundy Thursday Worship Service ~ March 24th

Time and place to be announced.

Good Friday Service ~ March 25th 6 pm

Easter Services ~ March 27th 10 am



March Snack List

3/6 Ellen Lodgek
3/13 Sue Fullerton
3/20 Kim Carroll
3/27 Kim Jackson
4/3 Bev Morris

Prayer for the season of Lent

You are my Righteousness, I am your sin

Lord Jesus,

You are my righteousness, I am your sin.

You took on you what was mine; yet set on me what was yours.

You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not.

-Martin Luther

(Romanian translation)

Ways to Get Closer To God

Getting close to God is easy, staying close to God is more difficult. With the hustle and bustle of everyday life, staying close to God requires commitment and dedication. Starting your morning off with a conscious desire to draw close to God will ensure a day full of God's presence. God is always close to you, but it is up to you to remain close to Him.

1. Start each day by saying good morning to God. Psalm 5:3 says, "I lay my requests before you Lord in the morning, and I wait in hopeful expectation." Acknowledging God in the morning is a great way to draw closer to Him and it establishes a relationship that remains throughout the day. As you pray to God your urgent requests, you will wait expectantly for His answers. Realizing that God wants to bless you with the desire of your heart will keep you focused on Him as you wait.
2. Quote scripture, God's word, to put God in the center of your heart and mind. Psalm 119:11 states, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might sin against God." Memorizing scripture for daily devotions is a great way to get closer to God. Choose one scripture to meditate on. Psalm 51:10 says, "Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me." This is the perfect prayer request to start off any day. Ask God to mold you into the person He wants you to be. As you choose to live right, you will get closer to God.
3. Worship God throughout the day to keep you close to Him. Psalm 22:3 says, "God inhabits the praises of His people." When we sing worship songs to God, He is there. Get closer to God by worshiping Him. Psalm 95:6 says, "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care."
4. Celebrate communion with others as a way to get closer to God. Take the elements, the bread and the cup, in remembrance of what God did for you when he sent His son Jesus to die on the cross for your sins. Communion is done in fellowship with other believers as a reminder of God's love.
5. Enter church, or God's house, gets you closer to Him. Hebrews 10:25 says, "Do not forsake the gathering of yourselves together as some are in the habit of doing." Coming together in unity with other believers invites God's presence. Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." If you want to get closer to God, get closer to others. Unity among believers is powerful and effective.
6. Observe nature as a powerful way to get closer to God. Sit by a running stream or climb the highest mountain. Watch the ocean tide or sit in the midst of a forest. Psalm 95:4,5 says, "In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for he made it, and His hands formed the dry land." God created everything and nature is a representation of His glory, His splendor and His beauty. If you want to get closer to God, get closer to His creation.
7. Remember that God speaks to everyone differently. He speaks to some of us through music/song, nature, art, reading, listening, talking and many other ways. Whatever you do, do it for our amazing, loving, merciful, beautiful God.



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