



Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

The church that cares, our roots are strong

Newsletter

Worship Services

Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

Location

Whispering Pines Park
Recreation Center
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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Just a dozen days ago I arrived in Inverness and entered into your fellowship. Thank you for inviting me to come and serve you and others in Inverness. I, especially look forward to your contributions to my faith and life. Your warmth and openness have already made me feel quite at "home."

I will continue my home visits but will expand the times to afternoons as well as evenings. You may choose either if both times suit you. Currently, the officers and spouses have welcomed me into their homes and informed me on their families and of *Tree of Life*. I am impressed with the diligence so many of you bring to *Tree of Life*. There is a readiness to assume responsibilities for no more incentive than "the work must be done." That provides support for a good future.

I will provide a more detailed report on my observations at the coming voter's meeting, **May 7th**. I will also present a "scope of the work" report on how *Tree of Life* can pick its hopes for the future, plan how to move ahead, and prepare for the work that will be needed. My sermons this Easter Season (up to Trinity Sunday) will focus on "Our Witness to the Gospel." I encourage you to be present for your own spiritual needs and those of *Tree of Life*.

In the meantime let's rejoice in our fellowship, be strengthened by the gospel of **Jesus**, and celebrate the good news of this Easter season.

Yours in Christ Pastor Koch

Happy Mother's Day Around the World

Mother's Day in Mexico

In the North American country of Mexico, Mothers Day is celebrated on a fixed day of May 10 as opposed to the Mothers Day in US that fall on the second Sunday in the month of May. Mothers Day in Mexico is celebrated in a colorful fashion. Children honor their mothers and thank them for their efforts in bringing them up and according to a custom in Mexico, sons and daughters make themselves present in the house on the eve of Mothers Day.

Mothers Day celebration in Mexico takes place on May 10 as the day is special for the people of Mexico. The day is celebrated with gusto as churches in Mexico organize special mass. The highpoint of the event is the orchestra which plays "las mañanitas" and distribution of 'tamales' and 'atole', the traditional early-morning meal to all local mothers.

On Mother's Day people in Mexico gift flowers and cards to their mothers. There is also a tradition of giving gifts on Mothers Day. While the older children buy gifts from the store the younger ones prepare handmade gifts to honor their mothers. In several schools mothers day functions are organized where little ones present skits and songs to express their gratitude for their mothers and to entertain them.



Mother's Day In India

Mother's Day Celebrations in India are slowly catching on!

The concept of celebrating Mothers Day on the second Sunday of May is very new in India and it can be said that in a time span of less than a decade, Mothers Day has been a great success. In the presence of umpteenth number of existing festivals, it is a remarkable achievement for a foreign festival to make its presence felt in the vast and culturally diverse country like India.

Globalization, to a great extent has helped to make this Western, or mainly American festival to make its presence felt in India. Besides interaction of Indians with the West is at an all time high. A lot many people have been in US or have their relatives staying there. Internet and satellite revolution has made information about other cultures more accessible than ever. But the reason behind the success of Mothers Day in India can be attributed to the emotions which are attached to the festival. Mothers are mothers everywhere, they are as much loved and respected in India as in any other part of the world. Perhaps Indians have always felt the need of such a day which is devoted solely to mothers. Mothers Day gives them all the opportunity to celebrate such a day.

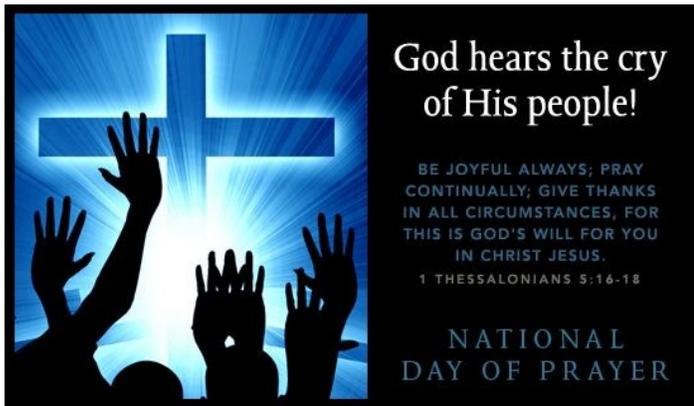
Mother's Day Celebration in Ireland

On Mothers Day, people in Ireland present flowers and cards to their mothers to express love and gratitude. People take their mother out for dinners and lunches and often pamper them with breakfast in bed. Gifts are given to mothers with love from caring children. Programs, plays and skits are organized at several places in honor of mothers.

History of Mother's Day in Ireland

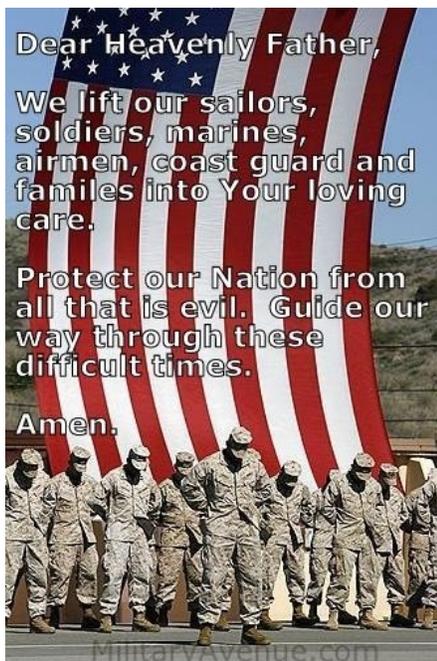
The history of celebrating Mothering Sunday or Mothers Day in Ireland can be traced to the medieval practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants and apprentices to work with the rich. Once in the year in the middle of the Lent these children were given a day off to visit their 'Mother Church' and worship Virgin Mary. After visiting the Mother Church or Cathedral of their home town these children visited their mothers and presented them with flowers they picked along the way. Girls bake special Mothering Cake on the day. Pattern of living changed after the Industrial Revolution and Mothering Sunday celebration almost lapsed. The custom was revived after World War II. Americans too helped to bring back the charm of the festival in European countries as their tradition and way of celebrating Mothers Day spread far and wide.





National Day of Prayer ~ May 4th

Every year on the first Thursday of May, people of all faiths are invited to pray for the nation. This event, known as The National Day of Prayer, was created in 1952 and serves as a day for all Americans to take a moment and pray for healing, comfort, protection and strength, among many other things.



Voters' Assembly meeting May 7, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! **2017 - Sunday Services Scheduled at Inverness Women's Club**
 July 16th, August 13th, November 12th, December 10th

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

<p>September Snack List</p> <p>5/7 Sharlee Green 5/14 Sue Fullerton 5/21 Gladys Baker 5/28 Kim Jackson 6/4 Bev Morris</p>  <p>Interested in bringing snacks? Contact Sue Grable 341-0074</p>	<p>Prayer Chain Requests</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>Elder Visits</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>Lectors</p> <p>May Kim Jackson Psalm/Epistle Rich Grable Gospel</p> <p>June Sue Grable Psalm/Epistle Bruce Thornton / Ron Fullerton Gospel</p> <p>July Karen Huscher Psalm/Epistle Bob Morris Gospel</p>
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