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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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Sunday - 9am
Whispering Pines

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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



THANKSGIVING : FOR WHAT?

Message from the Pastor

It's been a while since I first wrote a newsletter piece on Thanksgiving. It was in 1960. The challenge is to find another new way of talking about that day -- which is deserving of our special attention. Fortunately my "deadline" coincided with my reading the **Proverbs, chapter 8** specifically.

Thanksgiving originated as a celebration of the gifts of this earth given to us. The Pilgrims had several earthly things to rejoice about. One was the adequate if meager foods they had to sustain their lives. Another was the friendship of Native Americans, who gave them some forms of wisdom and understanding about survival in our land. What intrigues me is that both sets of gifts originate with the first act of **God** for the blessing of humanity -- the creation and gift of Wisdom. Read **verses 22-29**.

From that time to this, Wisdom has been **God's** co-worker. conveying the good will and blessings of God to all in his creation. **Verse 30** proclaims:

*"Then I was the craftsman at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind."*

The personification of **God** in Wisdom gave us the continuation of **God's** act of creation. Wisdom comes as the embodiment of prudence, understanding, and power. It is available, with its gifts, to walk together with all who invite it into their lives. It provides great abundance and the promise of joyful lives to all who walk in its ways, as it walks in the ways of **God**.

And finally, Wisdom came in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was a wisdom unto salvation. It was a power to saving faith through the Holy Spirit. It was a certification of the word of **God** proclaiming -- *"I am the Lord, your **God**."*

It was wisdom that leads from the blessings of t his life to that prepared if Jesus as Life Eternal.

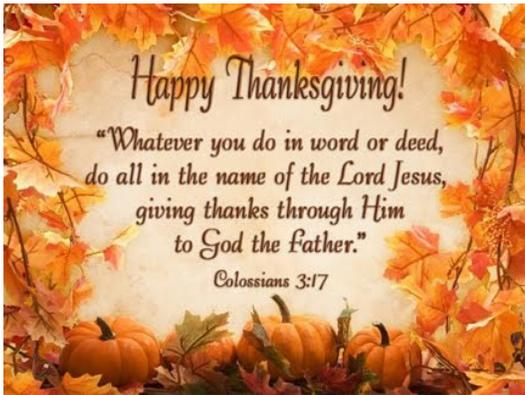
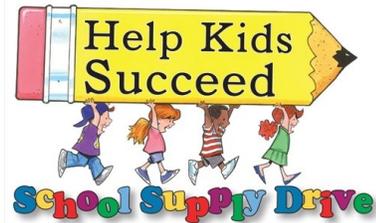
May this Thanksgiving Day be a celebration of the coming of **God's** wisdom into your lives, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Peace to all Pastor Karl

Outreach

Guardian ad Litem

Sweats for Vets



Voters Assembly Meeting **November 5th**

2017 - Sunday Services Scheduled at Inverness Women's Club

November 12th, December 10th

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

Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	Lectors
<p>11/5 Karen Huscher 11/12 Arlene Messer 11/19 Kim Carroll 11/26 Sue Grable 12/3 Sharlee Green</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: Ron Fullerton 352-344-0905 Bob Morris 352-628-6452</p>	<p>Lectors</p> <p>November Karen Huscher Psalm/Epistle Bob Morris Gospel</p> <p>December Ellen Lodgek Psalm/Epistle Rich Grable Gospel</p> <p>January Peggy Kepner Psalm/Epistle Ron Fullerton Gospel</p> <p>February Sue Grable Psalm/Epistle Bruce Thornton Gospel</p>

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