



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
1700 Forest Drive
Inverness, FL 34453

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Bible Class

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*

The **Reformation** began on October 31, 1517, when German monk Saint Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the castle church door in Wittenburg, Germany.



Luther's reply at the Diet of Worms

"Since then Your Majesty and your lordships desire a simply reply, I will answer without horns and without teeth. Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason - I do not accept the authority of peoples and councils, for they have contradicted each other - my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen."

Luther on the exchange of our sin with Christ's righteousness

"Who then can fully appreciate what this royal marriage means? Who can understand the riches of the glory of this grace? Here this rich and divine bridegroom Christ marries this poor, wicked harlot, redeems her from all her evil, and adorns her with all his goodness. Her sins cannot now destroy her, since they are laid upon Christ and swallowed up by him. And she has that righteousness in Christ, her husband, of which she may boast as of her own and which she can confidently display alongside her sins in the face of death and hell and say, "If I have sinner, yet my Christ, in whom I believe, has not sinned, and all his is mine and all mine is his..."

Luther on how the Reformation came about

"I simply taught, preached, wrote God's Word; otherwise I did nothing. And then, while I slept...the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that never a prince or emperor did such damage to it. I did nothing. The Word did it all."

Luther on the paradox of sinners being declared righteous

"We are in truth and totally sinners, with regard to ourselves and our first birth. Contrariwise, in so far as Christ has been given for us, we are holy and just totally. Hence from different aspects we are said to be just and sinners at the same time."

Luther on the battle for the truth of the gospel

"Our warfare is not with flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places, against the world rulers of this darkness. Let us then stand firm and heed the trumpet of the Lord. Satan is fighting, not against us, but against Christ in us. We fight the battles of the Lord. Be strong therefore. If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Luther on those who identified with him and followed his teachings

"The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone...How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?"

Luther on looking to Christ for our righteousness

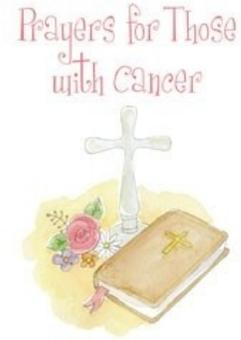
This is wonderful news to believe that salvation lies outside ourselves. I am justified and acceptable to God, although there are in me sin, unrighteousness, and horror of death. Yet I must look elsewhere and see no sin. This is wonderful, not to see what I see, not to feel what I feel."



Hey there Sisters in Christ,
 Let's get together on Saturday, October 8th at Sue's place (515 Whispering Pines Blvd, Inverness, Fl. 34453) 9:30 to 11:30.....we will be discussing Building Fund Boxes and watching a DVD of War Room that Arlie suggested and will be bringing with her. Let me know your thoughts, please. This is for all the Ladies at Tree of Life and their friends and neighbors. (even relatives are welcome!)
 God's blessings to ALL! Sister Suzie.



Tree of Life presented a \$250 donation to Guardian ad Litem



Tree of Life presented a \$250 donation to Citrus County Family Resource Center

Reminder: Voters' Assembly meeting November 6th

October Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	Lectors
10/2 Ellen Lodgek 10/9 Arlene Messer 10/16 Sue Fullerton 10/23 Kim Carroll 10/30 Kim Jackson 11/6 Bev Morris  Alternate: Gladys Baker 203-0576 Interested in bringing snacks? Contact Rose Brooks 201-0924	A list of those in need of prayer can be found on table at church entryway.  <i>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people</i> 1 Timothy 2:1	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.  Contact: Ron Fullerton: 352-344-0905 Bob Morris: 352-628-6452	Lectors October Rose Books Psalm/Epistle Matthew Manchester Gospel November Kim Jackson Psalm/Epistle Rich Grable Gospel December Sue Grable Psalm/Epistle Bruce Thornton / Ron Fullerton Gospel January Karen Huscher Psalm/Epistle Bob Morris Gospel