



The church that cares, our roots are strong

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
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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

Luther's ministry was in teaching, though he served as an assistant in pastoral ministry in most locations where he served. His formal call was as a professor of Theology and Old Testament studies. (Bet you thought it would have been New Testament. I did.) His elector used Luther to research the spiritual needs of his people. This required time away from his university position because he had to travel about to the people and give them oral quizzes. Most of them could neither read or write. An estimate was that 80% could not.

When Luther discovered this, he asked himself an old "catechism" question: "What does this mean? "What it meant was that most of the people could not answer the easiest questions about the Christian faith. For example, most had no way of describing who Jesus was and what he had done for us, Luther was so convinced about this that he declared that the vast majority of the citizens of his part of Germany were not Christian. They were simply followers of saints tales and some remaining pagan customs.

One reason this was so was that the Sunday worship services were in Latin and not German. The messages from the pulpit were often brief and not about the love of God through Jesus. The ordinary people did not know that Jesus was their savior. Luther was asked to compose a model service in German so that pastors could use it to bring the love of God to their people. Later Luther was asked to write a small book for parents to use to teach their children about Jesus in their homes, That came to be called "The Small Catechism."

Luther had a co-worker and friend, called Melanchthon, who was asked to set up school systems in various parts of Germany. He did this so well, in so many German territories, that he came to be called "The Schoolmaster of Germany."

Their combined efforts provided basic skills in reading and writing for the common people. This alone contributed very much to the success of the Lutheran Reformation. That was important, for the love of God in Jesus became the living faith of thousands, and ultimately millions. Their ability to read led them to believe in Jesus and in his gift of forgiveness and eternal life. Praise God.

And now we have Sunday School in which to listen, read, and learn about God's love in Jesus. Praise God for that also.

Peace to all Pastor Karl

Rally Day

Sacred Word Search



We will be providing a delicious lunch for all of our search teams Games, Prizes, Crafts.

The church will provide meats, rolls, condiments and drinks.

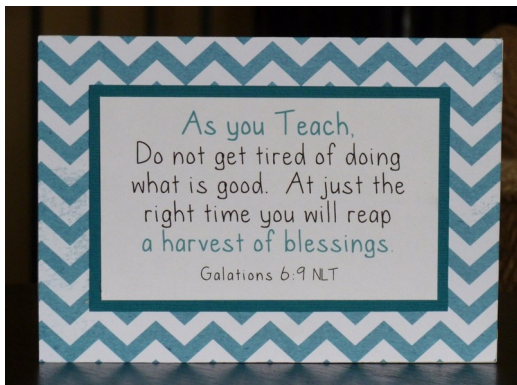
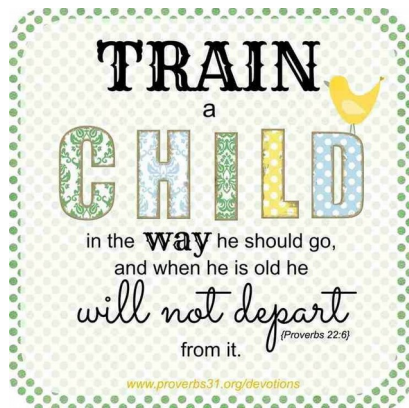
Asking church members to sign up for chips, baked beans, cold salads,
veggie platter, fruit platter and deserts.

Whispering Pines Pavillion

Sunday, September 10, 2017

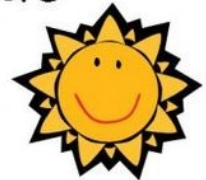
11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

Church Service 9:30 to 10:30



Why God Made Teachers

by Kevin William Huff



When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.

Personalize the Faith

About 25 years ago I purchased the book *The Purpose-Driven Church*, by Pastor Rick Warren. It permanently altered my views about church life. It was the most thorough analysis I have ever seen about the issues of church life present in the Bible, as opposed to our customary ways of viewing what "being the church" is all about. He provided guidelines also, for church renewal and recovery from its own bad habits and the baleful influences of each culture within which it exists.

Early in the volume he addressed the dimensions of church life that contribute to numeric growth. First, please note that he recognizes that quality church life will lead to true and healthy numeric church growth. We have spoken about how we would like to see our congregation grow, in Sunday School, in members of a variety of ages, etc. These concerns are laudable Warren suggests five areas of church life that we should examine in our congregation as the true spiritual dimensions of church growth.

The Five Dimensions of Church Growth (Acts 2:42-47)

1. Churches grow warmer through fellowship.
2. Churches grow deeper through discipleship.
3. Churches grow stronger through worship.
4. Churches grow broader through ministry.
5. Churches grow larger through evangelism.

Think on these categories as ways we can explore improvements in our church life. I shall report on how R. Warren explores this subject in coming issues of our newsletter. For those interested I have a 25 page outline of the book I can provide you.

Pastor Koch

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

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!




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You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. - Psalm 128:2

Happy Labor Day!

School Supplies Drive - We are continuing to collect school supplies for children in foster care. We had a great start. But, as the year goes on, these children need new supplies or to replace supplies that may be lost when they are moved to a new home. Please bring something (e.g., notebook paper, pens, pencils, or highlighters) each week so we can continue to meet their need.

Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	Lectors
<p>9/3 Arlene Messer 9/10 Kim Carroll 9/17 Sue Grable 9/24 Sharlee Green 10/8 Sue Fullerton</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>September Peggy Kepner Psalm/Epistle Ron Fullerton Gospel</p> <p>October Sue Grable Psalm/Epistle Bruce Thornton Gospel</p> <p>November Karen Huscher Psalm/Epistle Bob Morris Gospel</p> <p>December Ellen Lodgek Psalm/Epistle Rich Grable Gospel</p>

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