

The church that cares, our roots are strong

Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter

"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 Center 1700 Forest Drive Inverness, FL 34453

Mailing Address

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Bible Class

Sunday - 9am Whispering Pines

Tuesday - 7am Papa J's Restaurant

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December Scripture Schedule

Dec 2: Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 19: 28-40

Dec 9: Psalm 66: 1-12; Philippians 1: 2-11; Luke 3: 1-14 **Dec 16:** Psalm 85; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 7: 18-28

Dec 23: Psalm 80: 1-7; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

Dec 30: Psalm 111; Isaiah: 61: 10- 62: 3; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 22-40



Advent Schedule ~ Wednesday's 6pm

Joy



Dec 5: Isaiah 40: 1-8

Dec 12: Luke 2: 1-12; Isaiah 35: 1-10

Dec 19: Isaiah 7: 10-17





6pm ~ Dec 24: Service of Lessons and Carols





Christmas Thoughts

Norma M. Smith

Let's think of Christmas and all that it means,
For it's more than Christmas carols,
More than sparkling evergreens;
It's more than the holly wreath hung on the door.
The dolls and the toys that each child longs for.

It's the cheery "hello" of friends far and near, The warmth of our homes with loved ones so dear. It's the good will to men that this season imparts.

Yes, Christmas means this, but, oh so much more!
It's the essence that makes life worth living for;
It was on this night, long, long years ago,
Our loved Savior came to dwell here below.

He taught us the path that our footsteps should tread.

He laid down his life; He suffered and bled

That each one of us, if we follow his plan,

Can win the salvation God promised to man.

Yes, these are the thoughts Christmas brings unto me As I sit in my home neath the bright Christmas tree. Lord, help me always to think first of Thee.

What Christmas Means to Me

Susan G. Wier

Just a warm fire on the hearth, Nearby, a Christmas tree With candlelight and the smell of pine-This means Christmastime to me.

The air outside is crisp and cold; With soft flurries drifts the snow. There's a faint sound of far-away bells, And churches dimly glow.

A choir is singing softly there, And the song is "Silent Night." A little child sits listening, Transfigured at the sight.

Christmas means joy and beauty, Mistletoe, berries, and holly, Emeralds on brightest red velvet. Everyone gay and jolly.

I long for times to be normal With people and nations free. When Peace and Good Will again prevail, Each day will be Christmas to me.

Outreach Guardian ad Litem



December 29th - 4PM to 7PM - Bowling a Sportsman's

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2018 - Sunday Services Scheduled at Inverness Women's Club - December 16th

Voters' Assembly Meeting rescheduled for Sunday, $\textbf{December}~\textbf{9}^{\text{th}}~\textbf{.}$

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



Snack List

12/2 Sharlee Green
12/9 Sue Fullerton
12/16 Gladys Baker
12/23 Bev Morris
12/30 Ellen Lodgek
1/7 Karen Huscher



Interested in bringing snacks? Contact Sue Grable 341-0074

Prayer Chain Requests

A list of those in need of prayer can be found on table at church entryway.



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people 1 Timothy 2:1

Elder Visits

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: Bruce Thornton 920-461-2436

Lectors

December

Sue Grable Psalm/Epistle
Chris Carroll Gospel

January

Karen Huscher Psalm/Epistle Bob Morris Gospel

February

Ellen Lodgek Psalm/Epistle Rich Grable Gospel

March

Peggy Kepner **Psalm/Epistle** Ron Hansen **Gospel**