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Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter

Worship Services

Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

Location

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Sunday - 9am
Whispering Pines

Tuesday - 7am
Papa J's Restaurant

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Twelve Days
of Christmas

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God"

Rev. 2:7

What Exactly are the Twelve Days of Christmas?

The Twelve Days of Christmas actually start on Christmas Day, December 25th. The twelfth day ends at midnight on January 5th of each year. The Holy Day of the Epiphany is followed on January 6. All Christmas decorations should be left up until the Epiphany.

1. **The first day of Christmas** - My True Love, the Partridge in a Pear Tree (Jesus Christ is my true love). In ancient times a partridge was often used as symbol of a divine and sacred king.
2. **The second day of Christmas** - Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. The doves symbolize peace.
3. **The third day of Christmas** - The three French Hens are Faith, Hope and Love. These are the three gifts of the Holy Spirit.
4. **The fourth day of Christmas** - The four calling birds are the four Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
5. **The fifth day of Christmas** - The five golden rings describe the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. **The sixth day of Christmas** - The six geese a laying stood for the first six days of creation.
7. **The seventh day of Christmas** - The seven swans a swimming represented the the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.
8. **The eighth day of Christmas** - The eight maids a milking are the eight Beatitudes. These are Jesus' teachings of happiness.
9. **The ninth day of Christmas** - Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. These are Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty and Continency.
10. **The tenth day of Christmas** - The ten lords a leaping are the Ten Commandments.
11. **The eleventh day of Christmas** - The eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful apostles.
12. **The twelfth day of Christmas** - The twelve drummers drumming represent the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.



A Prayer for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,
 Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
 Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
 Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
 May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
 A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
 A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
 A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
 Come, Holy Spirit,
 Be with us today and always. Amen.



A little boy opened the big and old family bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly something fell out of the bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages.




"Momma look what I found", the boy called out.
 "What have you got there dear?", his Mother asked.
 With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered; "I think it's Adams suit."

Outreach

Guardian ad Litem

January 26th Picnic ~ New church location ~ more details to come

REMINDER: February 3rd Voters' Assembly meeting

Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	Lectors
<p>1/6 Karen Huscher 1/13 Arlene Messer 1/20 Kim Carroll 1/27 Sue Grable 2/3 Sharlee Green 2/10 Sue Fullerton 2/17 Gladys Baker 2/24 Bev Morris 3/3 Ellen Lodgek</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> 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: Bruce Thornton 920-461-2436</p>	<p>January</p> <p>New schedule to be announced</p>