



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  
1700 Forest Drive  
Inverness, FL 34453

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**Bible Class**

Sunday - 9am  
Whispering Pines

Tuesday - 7am

TBD – Contact Keith

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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*

### How the Apostles Died

**MATTHEW** suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, killed by a sword wound.

**MARK** died in Alexandria, Egypt after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.

**LUKE** was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.

**JOHN** faced martyrdom when he was boiled in a huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison Island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.

**PETER** was crucified upside down on an X-shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way the Jesus Christ had died.

**JAMES**, the leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over 100 feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club. This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.

**JAMES THE GREAT**, son of Zebedee, was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was ultimately beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer

walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.

**BARTHOLOMEW**, also known as **NATHANIEL** was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.

**ANDREW** was crucified on an X-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by 7 soldiers they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words: *“I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it”*. He continued to preach to his tormentors for 2 days until he expired.

**THOMAS** was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the subcontinent.

**JUDE** was killed with arrows when his refused to deny his faith in Christ.

**MATTHIAS**, the apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned and then beheaded.

**PAUL** was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in AD 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational Doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our suffering here are indeed minor compared to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles and disciples during their times for the sake of the Faith.

*“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: But he that endureth to the end shall be saved”*  
Matthew

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**2018 - Sunday Services Scheduled at Inverness Women's Club**

October 14<sup>th</sup>, and December 16<sup>th</sup>



Happy Father's Day

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

| Snack List   | Prayer Chain Requests   | Elder Visits  | Lectors   |
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| <p>6/3 Kim Jackson<br/>6/10 Bev Morris<br/>6/17 Ellen Lodgek<br/>6/24 Karen Huscher<br/>7/1 Arlene Messer</p>  <p><b>Interested in bringing snacks?</b><br/>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><br/><b>1 Timothy 2:1</b></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:<br/>Bruce Thornton 920-461-2436<br/>Henry Messer 352-726-4117</p> | <p><b>Lectors</b></p> <p><b>June</b><br/>Peggy Kepner <b>Psalm/Epistle</b><br/>Ron Hansen <b>Gospel</b></p> <p><b>July</b><br/>Sue Grable <b>Psalm/Epistle</b><br/>Chris Carroll <b>Gospel</b></p> <p><b>August</b><br/>Karen Huscher <b>Psalm/Epistle</b><br/>Bob Morris <b>Gospel</b></p> <p><b>September</b><br/>Ellen Lodgek <b>Psalm/Epistle</b><br/>Rich Grable <b>Gospel</b></p> |