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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

Tuesday - 7am Papa J's Restaurant

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"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** 

# March Scripture Readings

March 3Psalm 99; Heb. 3:1-6; and Luke 9:28-36March 10Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13; and Luke 4:1-3March 17Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17-4:1; and Luke 13:31-35March 24Psalm 85; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; and Luke 13:1-9March 31Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; and Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

## Ash Wednesday

March 6 Ash Wednesday - "Our Sin Offering"
Psalm 51:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Joel 2:12-19 and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

## Lenten Scripture Readings

 March 13
 "Our Scapegoat" Mark 1:12-15

 March 20
 "A Relentless Love" Mark 8:31-39 (Gen 28:10-22; Rom 5:1-11)

 March 27
 "Shock and Awe" John 2:13-22 (1 Cor 1:22-25; Ex 20:1-17)

 April 3
 "Snake Bit No More" Num 21:4-9 and John 3:14-17

 April 10
 "Seeing Jesus is Seeing God" John 12:20-33

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# Repentance

By Bob Gotti

Repentance, when it actually starts, continues on in believing hearts, As it produces changes in our lives, as new life in the Savior thrives, As Godly sorrow enters into a heart, from sinful ways we will depart, As we all strive to live out this life, to be like The Lord, Jesus Christ.

We need to know when we fail, so The Holy Spirit in us may prevail, Forsaking the old ways of our life, to live the Truths of Jesus Christ, Led by the Spirit who Christ had sent, so in our lives we may repent, To turn away from our old ways, to walk with our Savior all our days.

True change doesn't come from us, but by the Spirit of Christ Jesus, As we're moved by His Spirit within, exposing the truth of all our sin, Moving us to the changes required, to be that person Christ desired, When we accepted His forgiveness, to live for Him in righteousness.

True repentance produces change, so we're not to ever be the same, When we experience Godly sorrow, change continues into tomorrow, As God's Word dwells richly within, God leads us to repent of all sin, To produce all change within our life, all for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Create in me a clean heart, C) God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you.



### Prayer suggestions during the church's search for a new pastor

#### Pray for your search committee.

- Pray for patience. Pray that the committee would wait upon God's timing. Pray that your search committee will have the mind of Christ and agree.
- Much of the process is subjective. Personal opinions and preferences are involved. Differences can divide. Ask that the search committee would heed Paul's advice for unity, having the humble attitude of Jesus Christ [Philippians 2:1-12].
- Pray for wisdom to choose the right man. Pray the search committee will renew their minds in the Bible so that they can have Word-centered wisdom [Romans 12:1-2].
- Pray for discipline for your search committee and other church leaders. The search process will require a great deal of followthrough on the parts of individuals.

#### Pray for your next pastor.

- Pray that God would increase his passion for the Word of God.
- Pray that God would give him a love for you church and the strength to leave his current position.
- Pray that he would begin new relationships at your church in the right way.
- Pray that God would prepare him to shepherd your church through the trials and blessings he has faced and currently faces.
- Pray for his family.

#### Pray for your church.

- Pray for patience. The search process can go longer than expected. It is hard work for those doing the search process. Pray for trust in the leadership.
- Pray that your church would learn to place a high priority on the Word of God, the glory of Christ, and a love for His church. It is easy to gravitate towards personality, programs, or an ideal when calling a new pastor. Pray we focus on what matters: a man who loves Christ, His Word, and His church. Pray the new pastor will be a man of Christ-like character.
- Pray that your church would not react to your previous pastor. You will not get a pastor like your old one, nor should you expect to. Pray he will be loved by your church.

### Outreach **Guardian ad Litem**







#### Snack List

3/3 Ellen Lodgek

3/10 Karen Huscher

3/17 Arlene Messer 3/24 Sue Grable

3/31 Kim Jackson

4/7 Sharlee Green 414 Sue Fullerton

4/21 Gladys Baker 4/28 Bev Morris



Interested in bringing snacks? Contact Sue Grable 341-004/21

### 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.



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#### February

Service Leader Ron Fullerton

Lectors Sue Fullerton Psalm/Epistle Rich Grable Gospel