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Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter

Worship Services

Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

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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

June Scripture Readings

June 2 Acts 1:12-26 Psalm 133 Revelation 22:1-6 and 7-20 John 17: 20-26

June 9 Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 143 Act 2:1-21 John 14:23-31

June 16 Proverbs 8: 1-4 and 22-31 Psalm 8 Acts 2:14(a) and 22-36 John 8:46-59

June 23 Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 3 Gallations 3:23-4:7 Luke 8: 26-39

June 30 1 Kings 19:9b-21 Psalm 16 Gallations 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

Message from the Pastor

As you know, Laurie and I are in the midst of moving from our old home in Port Charlotte to our new location, somewhere in Citrus County. It is not an easy task; it is a lot of work; things get lost. Decisions need to be made, "Do we keep this?" "When was the last time we used this?" "Pitch it out!" Being sentimental needs to be kept in check, and being practical needs to be enhanced. The goal: to fit everything into an 8x16 foot box that will be moved to Citrus. In that box, we have placed precious pieces of furniture, clothing, and other select things that make a house a home.

That is, in some ways, how it is with our spiritual life. We need to keep our eye on the goal...heaven. We need to remove everything from our lives which prevents us from reaching this goal. We need to remember to remove things that do not help us attain our goal. Instead of asking "When was the last time we used this", we need to ask ourselves, "Does this follow the path of *God*"? Does this fit into the box, the framework, that *God* has given us? Or do we throw it out? In that box, we place the Gospel, the absolution, Holy Communion, and *God* empowered works; things that *God* has given us that enables us to reach our goal of heaven.

It is good when those around us take a look in that box so that they can see what is truly special to us and what we deem as important. *Matthew 5:29 "If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into the fire."* Rather according to *1 Tim. 6, "...put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."*

May *God* enrich you with things that will provide you with those things necessary for you to reach your goal.

Pastor Steinke

Ascension

ohn Donne - 1571-1631



*Salute the last, and everlasting day,
Joy at the uprising of this Sun, and Son,
Ye whose true tears, or tribulation
Have purely wash'd, or burnt your drossy clay.
Behold, the Highest, parting hence away,
Lightens the dark clouds, which He treads upon;
Nor doth he by ascending show alone,
But first He, and He first enters the way.
O strong Ram, which hast batter'd heaven for me!
Mild lamb, which with Thy Blood hast mark'd the path!
Bright Torch, which shinest, that I the way may see!
O, with Thy own Blood quench Thy own just wrath;
And if Thy Holy Spirit my Muse did raise,
Deign at my hands this crown of prayer and praise*



*Sunday June 16th at
9:00 am on "Prayer"*

Prayer
*A man stands tallest
when he's on his knees*


Grounded in His Word

Sometimes I feel like giving up, just throwing in the towel,
When all I feel is pain and Come join, and start to wonder how
I'll ever make it through the day, and through the long, dark night.
But somehow, Lord, You come along, and make everything all right.
No, you don't always remove the pain, but You give me strength to endure.
When I feel Your presence near me, it makes me know for sure
That no matter what may come my way, somehow we'll get through it.
I just lean on You, and do my part, the only way I know to do it.
If I'm grounded in Your Word, Lord, I can see how you've helped others:
For Job, Paul, David and Noah are all my Christian brothers.
Lord, You helped them out, when things looked bleak and dark.
Somehow, they came out better, though they did bear the mark.
The mark that You place on Your servants' hearts, to show we're Yours.
Our having gotten through our trial, show Your strength endures.
It gives us the chance to witness to those who would never hear
The story of how You died for us, despite and sins and fear.

by Beth Fisher

Facebook Friends



Tree of Life Lutheran Church FB page

Thank you Karen, great job!

Outreach

Guardian ad Litem



Our next outing with the kids will be Saturday, June 29th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Ellie Schiller National Wildlife Park in Homosassa For more information speak with Keith or Karen!



REMINDER:

HAPPY FATHER'S Day!



<p>Snack List</p> <p>6/2 Kim Jackson 6/9 Sharlee Green 6/16 Sue Fullerton 6/23 Gladys Baker 6/30 Ellen Lodgek 7/7 Karen Huscher 7/14 Arlene Messer 7/21 Sue Grable</p>  <p>Interested in bringing snacks? Contact Sue Grable 341-0074</p>	<p>Prayer Chain Requests</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>Elder Visits</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: 35-653-8674</p>	<p>June</p> <p>Lector Karen Huscher Psalm/Epistle</p> <p>Pastor Steinke Gospel</p>
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