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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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Sunday - 9am

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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

Pastor's Message

Luke 12:24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

Whether we admit it to ourselves or not, we are consumed by anxiety. That is why we have stomach ulcers, are overweight and cannot sleep at night. These are among the signs of worry and stress. I will admit it, I am anxious about things, and I overeat (as though that really helps!)

In the Gospel for August 4th, *Luke 12:22-40*, the Lord comforts us with the knowledge that He has created this world and all that is in it and that He is still controlling it. No matter what man has done to *God's* creation, no matter how much man rebels against *God*, and no matter how man worries about collecting security for the future, *God* is still 100% in control.

He is in control of the entire universe and galaxies, stars and planets, each individual creature and plant on these planets. All the way down to the very things that make up the things that make up atoms that make everything. His almighty power alone continues to make even our atoms function as they are meant to.

John hated to fly. He was scared to death of flying. One day he received a phone call from his son, Robert, who lived across the country. It seems Robert needed a life saving operation and wanted his dad to come right away and be at his side.

With fear and trepidation, John booked the first flight to see his son. He took his seat on the plane, and as soon as the wheels lifted off the ground, John began to lift himself from his seat by pushing against the armrests. John was helping the plane to fly by carrying some of his own weight.

Ridiculous, right?! How often we try to carry our own weight with the *God* who personally makes every little thing work in the heavens and on earth. *God* cares for the ravens who do not plant anything or harvest anything. How much more valuable we are to *God* than ravens! *God* is willing to carry the entire load.

Lord, God. Cause me to remember that You are intimately involved in my life. You know my needs. You know what concerns me most. You know what worries me. Remove those things that distract me from knowing You to be my all powerful Father. You love me to the point that you gave up Your Son to removed my greatest fear...eternal death. All praise to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor Steinke

August Scripture Readings

August 4 Psalm 100 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, & 2:18-26 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
August 11 Psalm 33:12-22 Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-16 Luke 12:22-34
August 18 Psalm 119:81-88 Jeremiah 23:16-29 Hebrews 11: 17-31 Luke 12:49-53
August 25 Psalm 50:1-15 Isaiah 66:18-23 Hebrews 12:4-24 Luke 13:22-30

Bible Study

New Bible Study begins on August 11th at 9 am entitled “Out of Nothing”. We will be studying God’s method of the creation of our universe and His caring for us. Please spread the word!

Our current Bible Study, “Noah”, will end on August 4th.

Adult Instruction

Covering Martin Luther’s 6 Chief Parts of the Small Catechism. It is never too late to join us at 7 pm on Monday evenings for a lively and enlightening conversation about the symbols of our faith.

Evangelism

Continues on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. We are studying simple ways to transform your everyday conversations into outreach opportunities. Come join us. It is never too late.

June Outreach FOSTER CHILDREN OUTING

We all had a fun time during our day at Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. The animals and the children were all cooperative and the weather was perfect.



Facebook Friends



Tree of Life Lutheran Church FB page



August Outreach

August 31st

Come and join the fun

You're Invited




Everyone is welcome to a special event at the Steinke's new home. On Saturday, August 17th, we are having a combination open house and birthday party for Laurie beginning at 4 pm with a light dinner. Knowing the generosity of all of you, we do have one request...If you feel so moved to bring gifts, please bring donations to one of Laurie's favorite charities: LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs (<https://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org/k-9-comfort-dogs-about.html>)

Thank you and we will see you then!
45 Linder CIRCLE, Homosassa (Sugarmill Woods)

REMINDER: August 4th Voters' Assembly meeting

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

| Snack List | Prayer Chain Requests | Elder Visits | August |
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| <p>8/4 Sharlee Green 8/11 Sue Fullerton 8/18 Gladys Baker 8/25 Ellen Lodgek 9/1 Karen Huscher 9/8 Arlene Messer 9/15 Sue Grable 9/22 Kim Jackson</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: Ron Fullerton: 352-344-0905</p> | <p>August</p> <p>Lector Peggy Kepner</p> <p>Psalm/Epistle</p> <p>Pastor Steinke</p> <p>Gospel</p> |

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