



The church that cares, our roots are strong

Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter



“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

Worship Services
Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

Location

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Bible Class

Sunday - 9am

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Pastor’s Message

Genesis 2:9 *The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

Genesis 3:22 *And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”*

Revelation 22:18-20 *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.*

Several years ago, I was walking through the garden section of one of the home improvement stores when I ran across an unusual tree. It was called a “Fruit Salad” tree. I am certain that you have seen one or at least have heard about it. It has a base tree on which many different other fruit branches are grafted. You may see limes, lemons, grapefruits, mandarins, oranges and the like all growing there. It certainly is a wonder and seems to be a symbol of harmony.

However, this tree is not the tree that it was before man became involved. It is not the pure tree that nature (**God**) intended, but an aberration. After a while, the grafted branches have a tendency to become unproductive and die, and with it, one’s ability to harvest the intended fruit of the original tree.

God has blessed us with a holy name...Tree of Life. *THE* Tree of Life is mentioned only 7 times in Holy Scriptures. **God** uses the term Tree of Life as a blessing, the way to eternal life with **God**. To be without the Tree, or to pervert the Tree was the indication of being outside of Paradise (Eden/Heaven).


The Bible is our instruction manual, our reference and guide concerning what we are to believe, teach, and confess. In order to make themselves more appealing or likeable, some church bodies are adopting teachings that may draw in more people. At the same time, they are weakening their stance on what is truly important...the main trunk of the tree: the Gospel.

In the Holy Scripture, **God** has outlined, very clearly, the path to *His* glorious Kingdom of heaven. It is the way of the Cross, pain suffering and sacrifice; the way of faith given by **God** and not earned by man; the way that glorifies the Creator and not the creation. **God** has given us such rich gifts that it is our duty to protect and preserve them--**Genesis 2:15** *The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*

Our strict adherence to the teachings of Scripture are what separate us from, literally, everyone else. We are Tree of Life; members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District. We believe, teach and confess that through the Synod’s scholars, we have the correct understanding of this Gift of **God’s** Grace.

Pastor Steinke

October Scripture Readings

October 6	<i>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:104</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1:1-14</i>	<i>Luke 17:1-10</i>	
October 13	<i>Ruth 1:1-19a</i>	<i>2 Timothy 2:1-13</i>	<i>Luke 17:11-19</i>	
October 20	<i>Genesis 32:22-30</i>	<i>2 Timothy 2: 1-13</i>	<i>Luke 18:1-8</i>	
October 27	<i>Revelation 14:6-7</i>	<i>Roman 3: 19-28</i>	<i>Luke 18: 9-17</i>	

Reformation Sunday

Bible Study Join us for Sunday Bible Study at 9:00 am - Currently studying Creation vs Evolution!

Adult Instruction Monday at 7:00 pm for enlightening conversation about the symbols of our faith.

Evangelism Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Come join us. It is never too late.

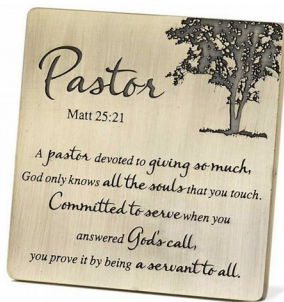


Kids in Care October Outreach

10/26/19 ~ 1-4PM

Come and join the fun

REMINDER: November 3rd Voters' Assembly meeting



Happy 5th Anniversary





Tree of Life Lutheran Church

October 19, 2019

Nehemiah 8:10 "...for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Pastor Appreciation Day

October 13, 2019

Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	September
<p>10/6 Sharlee Green 10/13 Sue Fullerton 10/20 Gladys Baker 10/27 Ellen Lodgek 11/3 Laurie Steinke 11/10 Karen Huscher 11/17 Arlene Messer 11/24 Sue Grable 12/1 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>Lector Sue Grable Psalm/Epistle</p> <p>Pastor Steinke Gospel</p> 

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