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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

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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 2:21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

The church's new year began over a month ago, the first Sunday in Advent. Now, we celebrate the world's new year with two significant events: 1) the circumcision of the newborn king and 2) the giving to **God** incarnate the name Jesus.

Circumcision was commanded by **God** (*Gen. 17:11b*) as a physical sign of His covenant: it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. **God's** covenant to Abraham was three fold: 1) Abraham would be a great nation; 2) His descendents would receive the promised land and 3) all people would be blessed through Abraham's special descendent.

The second celebration of the new year is the giving of the name to this special descendent: Jesus, meaning "He will save His people" or Savior.

Names have meanings. Have you ever looked up the meaning of your name? Mark means, "God of War". (Boy, does that explain a lot!) I have no idea why my parents named me Mark. I do not know of any other person for generations in my family named Mark. Did my parents call me Mark because they knew that I would be the God of War? Highly Doubtful.

However, when **God** announced the name of Jesus, **God** was giving meaning to 4,000 years of history. He will save His people. And, that is what He did. Jesus went through all of the commands of being human, including being circumcised into **God's** covenant with Abraham to dying for His people.

We begin our new year, 2020 knowing that this is going to be an important year to Tree of Life, to us and to **God**. We are His chosen, integrated into His new covenant. Christ is reigning on the throne of David forever and ever. We are His people serving Him where **God** places us.

May **God** bless us and keep us throughout 2020 and all the years to come according to His covenant of Grace.

Pastor Steinke

January Scripture Readings

January 5	1 Kings 3:4-15	Psalms 119:97-104	Ephesians 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52
January 12	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalms 29	Romans 6:1-11	Matthew 3:13-17
January 19	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalms 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42a
January 26	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalms 27:1-9 (10-14)	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-25



Choir rehearsals will start January 15 ~ 6pm
in preparation for Easter, **Keith**

KIC Party

Whispering Pines Park
January 25th at 1:00

Kids in Care January Outreach

Contact Karen or Keith for more information
Come join the fun



Kick Off Meeting - January 8th
at Tree of Life Lutheran Church
Agenda: *Purpose, size, color, prayers*

Contact **Jeanette** 224-627-1857 travelingcook@yahoo.com
Looking forward to seeing all interested

Bible Study

Join us for Sunday Bible Study at 9:00 am - Currently studying Romans!






EPIPHANY PARTY

Everyone is welcome to join Pastor and Laurie at their house (45 Linder Circle, Sugarmill Woods) for an Epiphany party on **January 5th from 1 until 4 pm**. We will be having light snacks and cookies. Come and join us in celebrating as did the Magi from the East over the birth of the Newborn King of all.

Friendly Reminders!

Installation of Officers – January 5th
Voters' Assembly meeting February 2nd



Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	January
1/5 Ellen Lodgek 1/12 Laurie Steinke 1/19 Karen Huscher 1/26 Arlene Messer 2/2 Sue Grable 2/9 Barb Thornton 2/16 Sharlee Green 2/23 Sue Fullerton 3/1 Gladys Baker 	A list of those in need of prayer can be found on table at church entryway.  <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>	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>Contact: Ron Fullerton: 352-344-0905 Bob Morris</p>	Lector Karen Huscher Psalm/Epistle Pastor Steinke Gospel
Interested in bringing snacks? Contact Sue Grable 341-0074			

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