

March 2013



Breeze Thru the Leaves

Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Psalm 133



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

At the February Church Council meeting the final approval was given for Congregation Sar Shalom, Messianic Christians (Confess Jesus as Son of God, Lord and Savior, God as Father, X Son and Holy Spirit), to lease worship, fellowship and education space from us on Saturdays and selected other days upon which their feast days fall. They will begin worshiping here on Saturday, April 6th and I pray that God blesses them and us as we continue to seek and follow His will for us as a congregation. Although there are some differences between us as congregations, together, as part of the Body of Christ that is the Kingdom of God on earth, we believe and trust in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, and as Messiah, Lord and Savior. Congregation Sar Shalom (Congregation Prince of Peace) is a Trinitarian congregation that holds the three Ecumenical Creeds of faith (Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian) as we

do as Lutherans, as they seek to follow His will for their lives, both individually and corporately, as do we at Tree of Life Lutheran Church. All of the leadership at both congregations see this opportunity as a gracious blessing from God and we are thankful that the Lord has opened this door of fellowship.

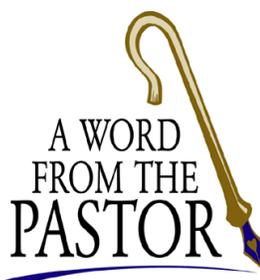
During our 2013 Lenten journey, the Father is

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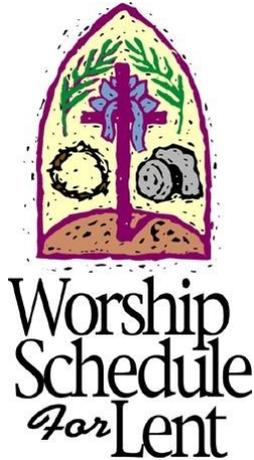
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March 6th

Meal 6:30 p.m. - Baked Potato & Salad
Olive Grove assist*
Service 7:30 p.m.

March 13th

Meal 6:30 p.m. - to be determined
Maple and Walnut Groves assist*
Service 7:30 p.m.

March 20th

Meal 6:30 p.m. - to be determined
Hickory Grove assist*
Service 7:30 p.m.

March 28th - Maundy Thursday

Service 7:30 p.m.

March 29th - Good Friday

6:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil
8:00 p.m. Service

March 31st - Easter

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
Breakfast served by Senior Youth
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

****Bring desserts and help with clean-up***

Sar Shalom (Prince of Peace)

COMING SOON!!!!!!

As many of you have heard already, Sar Shalom (a Messianic Jewish Congregation) will be renting our facilities for their Worship, noon meal and Bible Classes on Saturdays beginning in April.

The Church Council was looking for a way to welcome them and show them how glad we are that they are going to be here. It was brought up that it would be nice if our members would individually write welcome cards to their congregation. If this is something that you would like to participate in, please leave your welcome cards in the church office by April 3rd so that we can have them ready to give to them on their first Saturday with us (April 6th). I think that this will be a good way to let them know that we welcome them with open arms. Please consider being a part of it

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Pastor, any Elder or Council member. I'm sure any one of us will be happy to discuss this with you.

In His Service,

Linda A. Hill

(TOL Council President)

Adult Bible Class

Bob Green is leading the Sunday morning Adult Bible Class through Adam Hamilton's video-based series "Final Words From the Cross".

Please join us each Sunday during Lent!



Cortney Alexander 3-2
 Brandon Holzer 3-2
 Stan Lewis 3-2
 Dick Wendt 3-3
 Taylor Rattan 3-6
 Ryan Hroch 3-8

David Jander 3-8
 Sarah Porter 3-8
 Brett Rattan 3-9
 Shayla Wells 3-10
 Mike Angelbeck 3-12
 Patty Gibbs 3-17
 James Karlin 3-20
 Linda Angelbeck 3-21
 Joshua Jander 3-21
 Charles Melton 3-25
 Lee Wilson 3-28



Art & Ellie Silbernagel 3-1-1941
 David & Ginny Hoppe 3-14-1969
 James & Kathy Troxell 3-21-1975
 Gerald & Tammy Dixon 3-25-2000
 Tony & Helen Anne Iuliano 3-28-1981

Young at Heart

Please join us for "potluck lunch" on Tuesday, March 12th at 11:30 AM, here at the church. We are so excited to have Joe Green as our new head of Trustees, that perhaps we can now begin work on our cross/center circle project. We still need your input. Make it a point to be there.

From Lynn Hinkel

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as you know, last fall I had a midlife crisis (kind of late in life). I decided that Pam and I should buy a house and move to Michigan. Since then, there have been many items that my eyes have been opened to. Bottom line is, I have decided that a move to Michigan would NOT be in our best interests. I apologize for any confusion this might have caused,
 Your brother in Christ, Lynn

White Rock Center of Hope

White Rock Center of Hope is always in need of macaroni and cheese to give to their clients. When you're at the store please pick up a couple boxes and help feed families in need.

Offerings and Attendance for February

DATE	8:45	11:15	SS	General Offering	Growing To the Future	Mission Tithe
2/3/13	67	46	47	\$7,704*	\$675	\$770
2/10/13	50	59	48	\$3,281*	\$400	\$328
2/17/13	58	30	47	\$3,897*	\$400	\$390
2/24/13				\$*	\$	\$
Total for February				\$*	\$	\$

*Needed per week—\$4,738; Needed for February—\$18,952

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once again teaching us about prayer (during the midweek services) as we look at some of the times our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ humbly prayed in fellowship with the Father and in obedience to His will for His life. Please lift prayers of praise and thanksgiving to the Father for His gracious work among us and ask that He would bless both congregations with a clear vision of His will and with the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to fulfill His will. As you have opportunity, please joyously and lovingly welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ from Congregation Sar Shalom and help them to feel welcome and at home in this house of the Lord.

In the seventeenth chapter of his gospel, St. John relates the prayer of Jesus just prior to his going to the Garden of Gethsemene where He would be arrested; eventually being tried, flogged and crucified. In the second part of this High Priestly Prayer of our Lord, Jesus prays for the disciples, and by extension, the whole Christian Church on earth as she is called to be a witness to the world. In your prayers, echo these words of our Lord for Congregation Sar Shalom and for Tree of Life Lutheran Church.

(Jesus said): "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you

have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

John 17:6-19

To all the people of God at Tree of Life Lutheran Church and Congregation Sar Shalom:

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you ✠(shalom) peace.
So shall they put my name upon the people
of Israel, and I will bless them.*

Numbers 6:24-27

Amen!

In Christ's Service
Pastor Scott



Please join us for our Small Group Bible Study. We will be using the Lifelight Study of the New Testament book of Mark.

Saturdays from 4 - 5:30 PM

OneHarvest Food Ministries

Tree of Life is partnering with OneHarvest Food Ministries to serve the needs of our community.

OneHarvest provides quality frozen food at a very economical price and is open to everyone regardless of income. Once a month we will pick up prepackaged food boxes and bring them to Tree of Life to be picked up by those who have pre-ordered and pre-paid. This is an excellent way to minister to our community. To learn more about OneHarvest, you can go to their website:

www.oneharvest.com. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry please contact Kara Jander. As of this printing, no dates have been set for when we will begin this ministry. Please pray that OneHarvest will be a blessing to Tree of Life and the community.

From the Board of Outreach

COMING SOON-----

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 21st, right after 2nd service, you will have a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy some fellowship with our congregation and "hopefully" we will have several guests to join us to take advantage of our **"SILENT AUCTION"**. These are items donated by the vendors from our first craft fair and will make lovely Mother's Day gifts, or just something for yourself.

We will be serving a spaghetti dinner for lunch. There will be a **FREE WILL** offering of course, just to help pay for the meal.

The Board of Outreach would also invite you to donate an item of your own; in case you have a rare coin or perhaps a stamp just laying around and it would get lost in the stuff you are giving for youth Garage Sale on April 13th, please feel free to let us handle this for you. Your own "work of art" would be great. **SERIOUSLY:** we do need a few more items to make the auction a little more interesting and profitable. We would really appreciate your help. Please contact Chris Gibbs or Shannon Murphy for more information.

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The loving family of Tree of Life, rooted in God's Word, exists to share the joy, love, and peace of Jesus Christ with you!



Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 from 10 AM to noon. This is a community event with an Easter movie, games, crafts, snacks, and an Easter Egg hunt.

How can our members at Tree of Life help?

- 🌸 invite a friend or neighbor
- 🌸 take some plastic eggs from the table in the fellowship hall and fill with candy or trinkets & return to church
- 🌸 pray that we will plant seeds of the Gospel in the hearts of those who come



Senior Youth

The Senior Youth have several big events coming up. Please join us on Easter Sunday to worship our Risen Lord and fellowship together at the [Easter Breakfast](#).



On April 13th we will have a garage sale here at the church parking lot. Please remember us when you are doing your spring cleaning. This promises to be a big fundraiser for our trip to the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio this July with the possibility of extra funding from Thrivent. If you need help transporting items to church, please contact Kara Jander at 972-226-6086 or tolsec@treeoflifelcms.org.