



The Burning Bush

News and information about growing God's children at
Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

Odessa, DE

May 4, 2025

We share a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith,
we embrace you as a whole person -- questions, complexities all. Join us as we do
God's work for the life of the world.

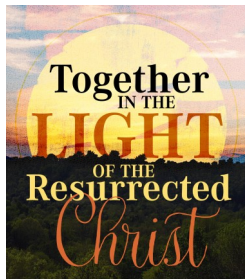
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You are always welcome here

We hope you feel comfortable being your full self here. We trust you find compassion and forgiveness, joy and community, and love among us. Please sign in to let us know who you are. We'd love to get to know you, connect you with others, and accompany you along your faith journey.

ALL baptized Christians are welcome to participate in Communion here at Tree of Life. And please join us for fellowship for a snack and coffee or tea following the postlude.

We are called to serve

To volunteer to serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser or contact him at gzaiser@yahoo.com. We thank today's worship service volunteers: George Matz, usher; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; volunteer, acolyte; Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider; Gene Zaiser, altar preparer; and Maxine Campbell, offering counter.

The offering for last Sunday, April 27, was \$1,418.42. The average weekly offering for the month of April was \$3,080.45.

Check out the Raise the Roof Progress Board! We have raised a bit more than \$40,000. The total needed is \$60,000. The roof was replaced last week! Thank you for your continuing generosity.

You can serve the community and make a difference

** Knot Quilters and Project Linus Blankets - 10am to noon, normally on second Wednesdays.

Questions? See Nicky Zaiser and Janet Adams, respectively.

** Seamens Center - Donations of toiletries, snacks, socks, etc. at the Donation Station between the Narthex and the kitchen. Questions? See Gene Zaiser.

** Donations for "Our Daily Bread" - Pick up a bag and list of food products at the Donation Station; and/or volunteer to serve a meal the first Wednesday of the month. Questions? See Sylvia Schill. Thank you!

** Pill bottle ministry - Place your clean, empty pill bottles in the box at the Donation Station. Bottles are sorted, counted and packed up for mailing to the Matthew 25 Ministries by our Kingdom Kids. Questions? See Pam Nichols.

Vacation Bible School set for Friday evening June 20-Sunday, June 22

We're trying something new this summer: an intensive weekend of VBS instead of a full week. The goal is to attract more families by not conflicting with camps and other summer activities. Mark your calendars for June 20, 5:00-8:00pm, June 21, 9:00am-4:00pm at St. Paul's UMC, and a combined Sunday morning service with St. Paul's on June 22. More details coming soon. To volunteer to help, please see Pastor Robbie.



Beware of dead tree branches!

One of our trees has some dead branches that are being held in place only by ivy, and are therefore at risk of falling. Dirk Schulze has put caution tape around the area at risk. Until the problem is corrected, please avoid the area inside the caution tape. Thank you!



Let us pray for ...

Abby and Dan Radcliffe, Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Cecilia, Chris Collett, Danielle Fangman, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, Gail Norris, Kimberly Cilento, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Sarah Schreppler, Sue Vetrano, and William Brill.

Let us also pray for those who serve and have served in our military; disaster victims and victims of violence and injustice everywhere; the health of our members and the world; our volunteers, church leaders, and Church Council; the people of Ukraine; the Israelis, Palestinians, hostages, civilians and everyone grieving —may warfare and hate give way to peace and justice.

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please leave a message at 302-378-3345 or email your request to treeoflifelc@verizon.net. Please include the full name of the person as well as your own. It is also important to notify the church office when this person can be taken off the list.

Have youngsters, little grandchildren? Bring them to church!

And feel free to bring them to our WIGGLE ROOM (located behind the sanctuary) whenever they need a chance to move around. The room has toys, books, coloring books, even a private restroom with a few infant supplies. It is also equipped with an intercom system so that you can hear the service and decide when you want to return to the sanctuary.

Women of the ELCA meet for Bible Study once a month

Join Janet Adams and other women of Tree of Life on the first Thursday of the month at 10am at Panera Bread (on the west side of Middletown) for fellowship and a Bible study. *Questions?* See Janet.

Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 4 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	MAY 5 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	MAY 6	MAY 7 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 2:00pm Choir Practice 4:00pm-6:00pm Our Daily Bread	MAY 8 10:00am WELCA meets at Panera Bread	MAY 9 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	MAY 10
MAY 11 MOTHERS DAY 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service Noon - Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	MAY 12 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	MAY 13 6:00pm Council meeting	MAY 14 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 10:00am Knot Quilters	MAY 15 Noon - OWLS lunch at Vita Nova 6:00pm Worship & Music	MAY 16 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	MAY 17

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