

# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

September 7, 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.

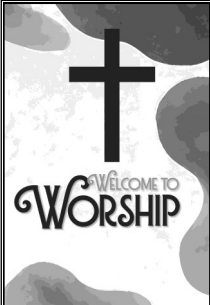
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## You are always welcome here

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 following today's service!

## We are called to serve

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

The Tree of Life offering for last Sunday, August 31, was \$2,248.00. The average weekly donation for August was \$2,899.60.00.

## 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 and Confirmants. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols.

## New Bible Study to begin next Sunday at 9:00am

What does the Bible say about truth, life and ethical responsibility especially as it relates to Christianity and technology today, particularly Artificial Intelligence? The group will discuss some of the biblical, theological and ethical challenges and opportunities that AI and related technology pose for our faith.

Led by Pastor Robbie, these discussions are a perfect opportunity to join your fellow parishioners in thoughtful and interesting conversation about an important new issue in our faith.

## OWLS to travel via *Riverpacket* on Chester River September 15

The cost per person is \$50. If you would like to reserve your spot, purchase your ticket online by today, and please let Dee or George Matz know you are coming. The online address has been emailed to all OWLS.

## Kingdom Kids and Confirmation classes to kick off new year September 21

All kids pre-school through elementary school are invited to join our Kingdom Kids classes in two weeks, noon to 1:30. Lunch is included—probably pizza! See the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room for all the dates. *Questions?* See Pastor Robbie or Pam Nichols ([pamela.nichols65@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.nichols65@gmail.com)).

## Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Dee Matz, Dot Schreppler, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Hanne-Lore Schill, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Sarah Schreppler, and William and Winnie Brill.

**Let us also pray for** those who serve and have served in our military; disaster victims (praying for the flash-flood victims in Texas) 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; Iranians; 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 [treeoflifec@verizon.net](mailto:treeoflifec@verizon.net). Please 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.

## Coming soon...

**Saturday, October 11** is our annual Blessing of the Animals, noon-2:00pm, at the dog park on Levels Road. During October please also consider donating used, clean linens (sheets, towels, blankets; no pillows or comforters) to benefit **Faithful Friends Animal Society**. Please wash, bag and label your donation and bring it to the Donation Station located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the kitchen.

### Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b> 10:30am Worship Service <b>RALLY DAY</b> Noon - Choir 2:00pm Worship service at Meadowcrest Retirement Center	<b>SEPTEMBER 8</b> 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	<b>SEPT 9</b> 6:00pm Council meeting	<b>SEPTEMBER 10</b> 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 10:00am Knot Quilters	<b>SEPT 11</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 12</b> 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	<b>SEPT 13</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b> 10:30am Worship Service	<b>SEPT 15</b> Noon - OWLS outing 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	<b>SEPT 16</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b> 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 2:00pm Choir rehearsal	<b>SEPT 18</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 19</b> 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	<b>SEPT 20</b>

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