

The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

May 25, 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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The Lord opened her
heart to respond to
Paul's message.

Acts 16:14, NIV

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; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant and offering counter; Becky Bullock, fellowship provider; and Maxine Campbell, altar preparer.

The offering for last Sunday, May 18, was \$1,579.00. The average weekly offering for the month of April was \$3,080.45.

Our roof is not only completed, but also dedicated and paid for!

But we could use \$10,000 to replenish what we spent above your generous donations. 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 (K-pre-teen) 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. On Sunday we'll have a combined service outside at Tree of Life, followed by a barbecue. Registration forms are on a table at the back of the church. To volunteer to help, please see Pastor Robbie.

Do you have graduates in your life?

On Sunday, June 15, Tree of Life will recognize and pray for God's continued blessing upon member Anders Fratta and any other recent graduates related to parishioners. Anders is scheduled to graduate from MOT Charter School on May 31.

If someone in your family is graduating from school, college, a professional program or any other milestone this year, please add their name on the sheet found at the church or contact the church office.

Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Dot Schreppler, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, Kimberly Cilento, 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 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 treeoflifec@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.

OWLS to travel via Riverpacket on Chester River Sept. 15

Once again the OWLS will have a buffet lunch and excursion on Chester River's Riverpacket. The cost per person is \$50. The boat leaves from Chestertown, MD. If you would like to reserve your spot (no money due yet), please let Dee or George Matz know. Once they have the minimum number of people, the trip will be a go, and a link will be set up to pay the fee online.

Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Satur- day
MAY 25 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	MAY 26 Remember and Honor their sacrifice ** 	MAY 27	MAY 28 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	MAY 29 Ascension of our Lord	MAY 30 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office SYNOD ASSEMBLY May 30-31	MAY 31
JUNE 1 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	JUNE 2 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JUNE 3	JUNE 4 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JUNE 5	JUNE 6 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JUNE 7

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