



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

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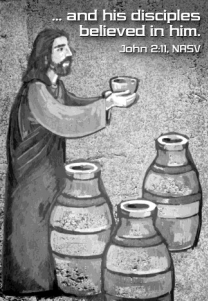
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This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

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.



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 the church

To volunteer to serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser or contact him at gzaiser@yahoo.com.

We thank today's worship service volunteers:

Maxine Campbell, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant; volunteer, acolyte; Nicky Zaiser, altar preparer; Jean Schulze, fellowship provider; and Joe Schulze, offering counter.

The offering for last Sunday, January 12, was \$5,441.00. The average weekly offering for the month of December was \$3,493.11. Thank you!

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.



Are you called to offer your skills, wisdom and insight on Council?

Annual meeting next Sunday January 26

Please prayerfully consider this important way to serve. Elections will occur at the **Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 26** following Worship Service. *Have questions?* See Council President Nicky Zaiser.

There will be written reports from Pastor Robbie, Council President Nicky Zaiser and all committee chairs with ample time for the congregation to ask questions. These reports include a proposed budget for 2025 which those present will be able to question, discuss, and possibly amend before voting to approve.

Volunteering at *Our Daily Bread* resumes Wednesday, February 5



Sign up on the sheet on the Kitchen bulletin board for the job you would like. (This service opportunity is only for people who have received training.) Be there at 4pm. The dinner normally finishes around 6:00pm.

Questions? See Sylvia Schill. Like to be trained? See Sylvia for that too.

Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Bill Glass, Cecilia, Danielle Fangman, Edwin Kruah and family, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, Gail Norris, Kimberly Cilento, Marilyn Brill, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Sarah Schreppler 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.

From the ELCA website:

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod, Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. Here's what you can do.

Pray: Please pray for communities in California impacted by the wildfires. May God's healing presence bring them peace and hope in their time of need and give strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Give: Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to communities affected by wildfires and related disasters. Gifts to "U.S. Wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete. To give by phone, call 800-638-3522. Checks or money orders can be mailed to: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Make payable to Lutheran Disaster Response and put *U.S. Wildfires* in the memo line.

Donate online at <https://give.elca.org/page/77859/donate/1>.

Volunteer, participate						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 19 JUSTICE SUNDAY 9:00am - Adult Bible Study about the afterlife 10:30am Worship Service NOON - Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	JAN 20 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JAN 21 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JAN 22	JAN 23	JAN 24 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JAN 25
JANUARY 26 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 9:00am - Adult Bible Study about the afterlife: 10:30am Worship Service 11:45 Annual Congregational Meeting	JAN 27 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JAN 28 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JAN 29	JAN 30	JAN 31 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 1

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