

The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE July 6, 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.

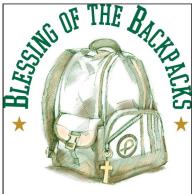
We are called to serve

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; Gene Zaiser, altar preparer and offering counter; and Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider.

The Tree of Life offering for Sunday, June 22, was \$337.00 (VBS outdoor service/cookout). Free will offerings for that Sunday are being donated to Neighborhood House. The offering for last Sunday, June 29, was \$1,036.00. The average weekly donation for June was \$2,042.00.

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 Confirmands. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols.



Annual MOT School Book Bag Giveaway program underway

We participate annually in the Book Bag and School Supply campaign for Neighborhood House's by donating bookbags stuffed with school supplies for their families in the MOT area.

The list of supplies suggested by the Appoquinimink School District is now available in the Fellowship Room. Pick what you'd like to donate and bring it back, with the post-it note attached, by **Sunday, August 3**.

There are also plenty of complete lists of what is needed in case you'd like to purchase everything for a backpack, about \$30. We will apply for a Thrivent grant for \$250 worth of backpacks.

Pastor Robbie will bless our bulging back packs on Sunday, August 10.

Questions? See Pam Nichols or Gloria Brewer. Thank you!

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 and Will Beardell, Noretta Burke, 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; 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 *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.

Thank you, Thrivent!

We thank Philip Leshock, Nathaniel Cooper and Matthew Buckery for being with us last Sunday and presenting information about **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**, a non-profit organization founded by Lutherans which offers life insurance, retirement planning and other financial services. And for providing lunch! Thrivent also encourages members to be active in their communities by applying for Thrivent Action Grants, which Thrivent members at Tree of Life often do!

Coming August 3 - Hymn Sing Sundae!

Volunteer, participate, attend						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
JULY 6 10:30am Worship Service	JULY 7 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JULY 8	JULY 9 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 10:00am - Knot Quilters	JULY 10 Noon - OWLS outing to Schaeffer's Canal House	JULY 11 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JULY 12
JULY 13 10:30am Worship Service	JULY 14 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JULY 15	JULY 16 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JULY 17	JULY 18 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JULY 19

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