



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

April 13, 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: Buddy Lindquist, usher; Edwin Kruah, worship assistant; volunteer, acolyte; Carla Fiske, fellowship provider; Sue Vetrano, altar preparer; and Edwin Kruah, offering counter. The offering for last Sunday, April 6, was \$4,470.00. The average weekly offering for the month of March was \$2,490.60.

Check out the Raise the Roof Progress Board! We have raised \$40,000, the level desired in order to begin the roof replacement, which will begin after Easter! The total needed is \$60,000. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

The Wiggle Room is open for business

We will have Easter coloring pages and crafts available in our Wiggle Room next Sunday, so please feel free to bring young children next week. Children are always welcome here!



Today begins Holy Week observances

Today, **Palm Sunday**, begins Holy Week. We thank today's volunteers who are reading The Passion: **Gene Zaiser** as Jesus; **Janet Adams** as Peter; **Edwin Kruah** as Servant/Centurion; **Maxine Campbell** as Witness; **Sylvia Schill** as Pilate; **Nicky Zaiser** as the 1st Criminal; and **Carla Fiske** as the 2nd Criminal.

Maundy Thursday Service, this Thursday, April 17, will be held at **Bethesda United Methodist Church**, Middletown, **Pastor Robbie, preaching**, with Pastor Nancee Bleistine, presiding.

Good Friday Service, April 18, will be held at **noon at Immanuel United Methodist Church**, Townsend, Pastor Linda Ray of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Odessa, preaching, with Pastor Grant Johnson, presiding.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk and Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m., April 18, and proceed from Tree of Life to St. Paul's UMC (indoors if inclement weather). If you prefer not to walk, meet us at St. Paul's shortly after 6:30pm.

On Saturday, April 19, an Easter Egg Hunt will take place at St. Paul's UMC in Odessa at **10:00am**.

Flowers available after service Easter Sunday

Thanks to a grant from Thrivent, we were able to purchase Easter flowers to adorn the altar next Sunday. Please feel free to take some home with you. There will be a bucket for donations. All donations will be going to our **Roof Campaign Fund**.

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 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.

Join us for **Campfire Night**, Saturday, April 26

Enjoy the warmer weather and fellowship with a spring campfire night at Tree of Life! Gather around the firepit behind the church from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and enjoy some fellowship, snacks, cocoa and fun! And please consider bringing a friend (and chairs)!

Questions? Talk to Olivia Brill, Michelle Brill or Pr. Robbie. Hope to see you there!

Volunteer, participate, attend						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY and SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 9:00am - Adult Bible Study about the afterlife: 10:30am Palm Processional and Worship Service	APRIL 14 1:00pm- 4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	APRIL 15	APRIL 16 10:00am - 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 2:00pm Choir practice	APRIL 17 10am Worship & Music mng 7pm Maundy Thursday at Bethesda UMC, Middletown	APRIL 18 Noon - Good Friday service at Immanuel 6:30pm - Stations of the Cross Walk and Worship from TOL to St. Paul's	APRIL 19 10am Easter Egg Hunt at St. Paul's
APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30am Worship Service He is risen! Alleluiah!	APRIL 21 1:00pm- 4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office Pastor	APRIL 22 Robbie	APRIL 23 on	vacation.	APRIL 25 10:00am - 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	APRIL 26

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