

The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

February 9, 2025

HYMNS

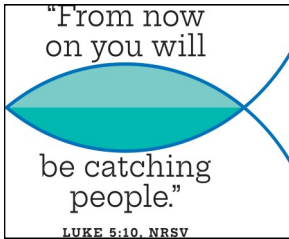
625

414

Folder 4 and 6

696

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; Edwin Kruah, worship assistant and offering counter; volunteer, acolyte; Sue Vertrano, altar preparer; and Carla Fiske, fellowship provider.

The offering for last Sunday, February 2, was \$6,615.00. (The average weekly offering for the month of January was \$2,615.00.) Additionally, \$10,210 was contributed to our new roof replacement fund. 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.



Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting next week

We hope to finalize dates and a theme and begin further plans. The sooner we make these decisions, the better able our young families can plan their summers and include VBS.

If you are interested in helping to plan, you are invited to join a meeting with folks from Tree of Life and St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 11am, Thursday, February 20, here at Tree of Life. *Questions?* See Pastor Robbie.

With their eyes on our children: We thank Sandra Yetsko and Michelle Brill

The theme of our Church Year, as we heard during the Annual Meeting, is generosity - not only with our money but also our time. It is time to thank Sandra Yetsko and Michelle Brill for their generosity of time.

Sandra brings her three children to Kingdom Kids and Confirmation, and helps the five year-olds, son Logan and Levi Pileggi, thereby helping Pam Nichols find ways to engage the five year-olds and the older girls, Sasha Yetsko and Anastasia Fratta. Without her, the juggling act would be nigh to impossible. And Michelle Brill and daughter Olivia man the Wiggle Room during service so that youngsters have a place to do crafts and activities which reinforce that God loves them. In addition, when Michelle and Olivia are able to attend church, Michelle stays with Pastor Robbie and the Confirmands so that those students have a "safe sanctuary." Both women are also there helping during our often chaotic lunches and group activities.

Thank you, Sandra and Michelle!

Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Bill Glass, Cecilia, Chris Collett, 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.

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.



We welcome Charli Evelyn Mirrione into God's family today

Charli Evelyn Mirrione, the daughter of Alyssa and Thomas Mirrione and granddaughter of Pat and Sue Vetrano, will be baptized today. Charli was born August 1, 2024, in Newark.

Thanks be to God for making Charli a new member of His family through this holy Sacrament!

Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 9 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 9:00am - Adult Bible Study about the afterlife: 10:30am Worship Service with sacrament of Holy Baptism	FEB 10 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 11 6:00pm Council meeting	FEB 12 10:00am Knot Quilters 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	FEB 13 10:00am Worship and Music Comm mtng Noon- OWLS Planning lunch	FEB 14 Valentine's Day 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 15
FEBRUARY 16 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 9:00am - Adult Bible Study about the afterlife: 10:30am Worship Service Noon - Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	FEB 17 PRESIDENTS DAY 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 18	FEB 19 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	FEB 20 11:00am - VBS Debrief and Planning Meeting at TOL	FEB 21 Valentine's Day 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 22

Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

505 Osbourne St., P.O. Box 64, Odessa, DE 19730-0064; 302-378-3345; www.treeoflifechurchde.com

Rev. Robbie Ketcham, pastor, Pastor@TreeOfLifeMOT.org

Nicky Zaiser, president, Church Council, nczaiser@hotmail.com

Duane Dillard, music director, duanedillard@gmail.com; Maria Gue, secretary, treeoflifelc@verizon.net

Pam Nichols, editor, *Burning Bush*; pamela.nichols65@gmail.com

Facebook: [TreeofLifeLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/TreeofLifeLutheranChurch); Email: treeoflifelc@verizon.net