

The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

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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 all 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:

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

The offering for last Sunday, January 5, was \$3,170.00. 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. Ouestions? See Pam Nichols.



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

Annual meeting 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.

Committee reports and budget requests due NOW!

If you are a committee chair, PLEASE send your budget requests for 2025 to Gene Zaiser asap at gzaiser@yahoo.com. Thank you. And please send your committee's annual report to Maria Gue at treeof-lifelc@verizon.net (or you can leave it on her desk) **asap** so that it can be included in the documents for our **Annual Meeting, January 26**.

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 also 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, 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.

New Prayer List has begun with new year

The new Prayer List above represents the names resubmitted recently by Tree of Life members.

The process for adding or removing names remains the same: 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.

LifeVac to aid choking victims added to the church's AED (defibrolator)

Dirk Schultze, facilities committee chair, announced recently that a LifeVac - a non-invasive, airway clearance device developed to resuscitate a victim with an airway obstruction - has been added to our AED defibrolator located in the back of the sanctuary.

Volunteer, participate						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne sday	Thursday	Friday	Satur - day
JANUARY 12 9:00am - Adult Bible Study about the afterlife: What does the Bible say happens after we die? 10:30am Worship Service	JAN 13 1:00pm- 4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JAN 14 10:00am- 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 6:00pm Council Meeting	JAN 15	JAN 16 10:00am Worship & Music Comm meeting	JAN 17 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JAN 18
JANUARY 19 JUSTICE SUNDAY 9:00am - Adult Bible Study about the afterlife: What does the Bible say happens after we die? 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

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