

The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

August 17, 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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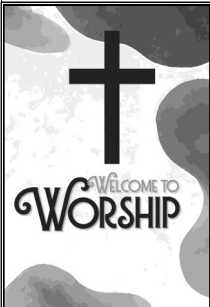
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You are always welcome here

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 following today's service!

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: Maxine Campbell, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant; Sue Vetrano, altar preparer; Jean Schulze, fellowship provider; and Joe Schulze, offering counter.

The Tree of Life offering for last Sunday, August 10, was \$2,256.00. The average weekly donation for July was \$1,941.00.

You can serve the community and make a difference

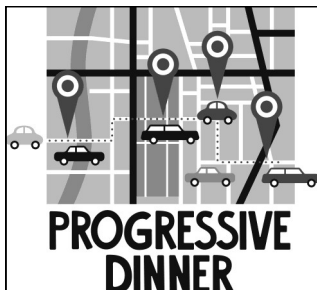
** Knot Quilters and Project Linus Blankets - 10am to noon, normally on second Wednesdays.

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 Confirmants. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols.



Fellowship and Food at our second annual Progressive Dinner, Saturday, September 6

Mark your calendars for this fun time of fellowship. Sign up today!

Think about opening your home to 6-8 people for part of the meal.

Sign ups for food and hosts are on the kitchen bulletin board.

Questions? Contact Carla Fiske.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism next Sunday

Olivia Breigner Castello will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during worship next Sunday. Olivia is the daughter of Tree of Life parishioners Derek Breigner and Luisa Castello Belda. Thanks be to God for pouring out His grace upon Olivia through this Sacrament!

Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Dot Schreppler, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Hanne-Lore Schill, 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 (praying for the flash-flood victims in Texas) 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 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.



OWLS to travel via *Riverpacket* on Chester River September 15

Once again the OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) will have a buffet lunch and excursion on Chester River's *Riverpacket*. Enjoy views of historic Chestertown as well as the birds that inhabit these shores.

The cost per person is \$50. If you would like to reserve your spot (no money due yet), please let Dee or George Matz know. Once they have the minimum number of people, the trip will be a go, and a link will be set up to pay the fee online.

What is a packet boat? In the 18th & 19th centuries, Packet Boats were used to transport mail, passengers, and freight up and down smaller rivers across Europe and North America.

Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 17 10:30am Worship Service	AUGUST 18 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	AUG 19	AUGUST 20 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 2:00pm Choir	AUG 21 10:00am Worship & Music Comm. meeting	AUGUST 22 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	AUG 23
AUGUST 24 10:30am Worship Service Sacrament of Holy Baptism	AUGUST 25 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	AUG 26	AUGUST 27 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	AUG 28	AUGUST 29 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	AUG 30

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