



The Burning Bush

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

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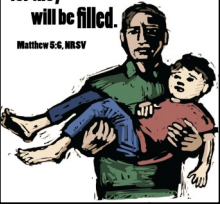
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We share a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith,
we embrace you as a whole person -- questions, complexities all. Join us as we do
God's work for the life of the world.

Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they
will be filled.
Matthew 5:6, NRSV



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; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; volunteer, acolyte; Maxine Campbell, altar preparer; Jean Schulze, fellowship provider; and Joe Schulze, offering counter.

The offering for last Sunday, February 9, was \$2,932.00. (The average weekly offering for the month of January was \$2,615.00.) Additionally, \$1,185.00 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 this 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.

Looking ahead to the Lenten season

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 4, 5:00pm, at Tree of Life. Watch for sign-up sheets for volunteers and attendance.

Some of our MOT area pastors get together periodically to discuss ways the churches can help each other. These congregations, for example, will be invited to our Pancake Supper March 4. In addition, there is a strong possibility that we will be attending each other's Lenten services as follows:

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5, the beginning of Lent, held here at Tree of Life at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday, Bethesda United Methodist Church, Middletown, April 17

Good Friday, Immanuel United Methodist Church, Townsend, April 18

Watch for more information.

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.

More ways to safely dispose of unused pills and other medicines

In addition to the CVS (674 Middletown-Odessa Rd), you can now safely dispose of unused medicine at Middletown's Walmart. Look for big boxes in their pharmacy departments.

The So. New Castle County Coalition, in partnership with the Middletown Police and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, collects and safely disposes of medicines twice a year at the Middletown police station. The next date is **Saturday, April 26**, 10am to 2pm. **Tip:** Dump your medicine in a bag, saving the pill bottles. Then clean them of all glue and paper and bring them to Tree of Life for our Pill Bottle Ministry!

<i>Volunteer, participate, attend</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 22
FEBRUARY 23 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 9:00am - Adult Bible Study about the afterlife: 10:30am Worship Service	FEB 24 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 25	FEB 26 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	FEB 27	FEB 28 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	MARCH 1

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