



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

February 23, 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.

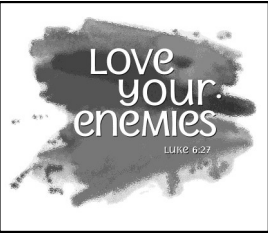
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You are always welcome here

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:

Maxine Campbell, usher; Janet Adams, worship assistant; volunteer, acolyte; Nicky Zaiser, altar preparer; Becky Bullock, fellowship provider; and Gene Zaiser, offering counter.

The offering for last Sunday, February 16, was \$1,590.00. The average weekly offering for the month of January was \$2,615.00. Check out the Raise the Roof Progress Board to see how close we are to replacing the roof. 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.



Looking ahead to the Lenten season

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 4, 5:00-7:00pm, at Tree of Life. Joe and Jean Schultze have already volunteered to help, as well as to donate sausages. Watch for sign-up sheets for more volunteers and to let us know that you are attending.

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, we are all invited and encouraged to attend these Lenten services as follows:

Ash Wednesday, March 5, the beginning of Lent, held here at Tree of Life at 7:00pm, with Pastor Grant Johnson of Immanuel United Methodist Church of Townsend, preaching

Maundy Thursday, to be held at Bethesda United Methodist Church, Middletown, April 17, Pastor Robbie, preaching

Good Friday, April 18, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Townsend, Pastor Nancee Bleistine of Bethesda United Methodist Church, Middletown, preaching

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> | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 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 10:00am-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 |
| MARCH 2 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 9:00am - Adult Bible Study about the afterlife: 10:30am Worship Service | MARCH 3 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office | MAR 4 5-7pm Pan-cake Supper | MARCH 5 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 4-6pm Our Daily Bread 7:00pm Ash Wednesday service here | MARCH 6 10:00am - WELCA at Panera | MARCH 7 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office | MARCH 8 |

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