

The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE June 22, 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.



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: George Matz, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant, altar preparer and offering counter; and Becky Bullock, fellowship provider.

The offering for last Sunday, June 15, was \$1,390.00. The average weekly offering for the month of May was \$3,019.00.

Our roof is completed and paid for, and the Facility Fund is replenished! 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 and Confirmands. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols.



Stay for cookout today!

As part of our combined service and Vacation Bible School with the members of St. Paul's UMC, and as a wrap-up to our 2025 ROAD TRIP Vacation Bible School, we invite everyone to stay for a cookout. It is a great time to meet each other in shared fellowship. We thank all of today's cookout volunteers, as well as VBS volunteers, and the folks who spread the word about our church by manning a table at the Odessa Fire Company's Open House last Saturday, and the Townsend Fair and Jazz Festival, the previous Saturday, June 15.

OWLS to travel via Riverpacket on Chester River Sept. 15

Once again the OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) will have a buffet lunch and excursion on Chester River's Riverpacket. The cost per person is \$50. The boat leaves from Chestertown, MD. 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.

Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Dot Schreppler, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, Kimberly Cilento and Will Beardell, Noretta Burke, 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 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.

You are invited....

After worship on **Sunday**, **June 29**, **you are invited to a free lunch and presentation by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**, a non-profit founded by Lutherans to offer life insurance, retirement planning and other financial services. In addition to introducing Thrivent's work, the presentation will offer a workshop on "Your Legacy: Family, Church and Charity." There will be a free lunch of sandwiches and drinks. To help Thrivent prepare, a sign-up list is posted by the kitchen and at the sanctuary entryway to get a rough headcount for the event.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	day
JUNE 22 10:00am Joint Worship Service outside at TOL with St. Paul's followed by a cookout	JUNE 23 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JUNE 24	JUNE 25 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JUNE 26	JUNE 27 10:00am -1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JUNE 28
JUNE 29 10:30am Worship Service Thrivent Financial luncheon and presentation. See above.	JUNE 30 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JULY 1	JULY 2 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 4:00pm Our Daily Bread	JULY 3	JULY 4 4 of JULY Judanda Cor	JULY 5

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