

# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

August 31, 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.

## HYMNS

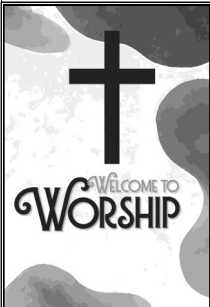
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## You are always welcome here

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](mailto:gzaiser@yahoo.com). We thank today's worship service volunteers: Buddy Lindquist, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant; Jerry Campbell, altar preparer; Maxine Campbell, offering counter; and Carla Fiske, fellowship provider.

The Tree of Life offering for last Sunday, August 24, was \$2,998.00. 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.

## New Bible Study to begin September 14 at 9:00am

What does the Bible say about truth, life and ethical responsibility especially as it relates to Christianity and technology today, particularly Artificial Intelligence? The group will discuss some of the biblical, theological and ethical challenges and opportunities that AI and related technology pose for our faith.

Led by Pastor Robbie, these discussions are a perfect opportunity to join your fellow parishioners in thoughtful and interesting conversation about an important new issue in our faith.

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

The cost per person is \$50. If you would like to reserve your spot, purchase your ticket online by next Sunday, September 7, and please let Dee or George Matz know you are coming. The online address has been emailed to all OWLS.

## Welcome, Marybeth!

Today we welcome Marybeth Miller, who will be leading our music while Duane takes a week of vacation. Thank you for sharing your gifts, Marybeth!

## Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Dee Matz, 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 [treeoflifec@verizon.net](mailto:treeoflifec@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.

## Coming soon...

**Next Sunday, September 7**, is Rally Day Sunday with Blessing of Students and Teachers.

**Saturday, October 11** is our annual Blessing of the Animals, noon-2:00pm, at the dog park on Levels Road. During October please also consider donating used, clean linens (sheets, towels, blankets; no pillows or comforters) to benefit **Faithful Friends Animal Society**. Please wash, bag and label your donation and bring it to the Donation Station located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the kitchen.

### Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 31 10:30am Worship Service		SEPT 2	SEPTEMBER 3 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 2:00pm Choir 4:00pm Our Daily Bread	SEPT 4 10:00am WELCA Bible Study at Panera Bread	SEPTEMBER 5 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	SEPT 6 <i>Progressive Dinner postponed till spring</i>
SEPTEMBER 7 10:30am Worship Service <b>RALLY DAY</b> Noon - Choir 2:00pm Worship service at Meadowcrest	SEPTEMBER 8 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	SEPT 9 6:00pm Council meeting	SEPTEMBER 10 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 10:00am Knot Quilters	SEPT 11	SEPTEMBER 12 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	SEPT 13

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