



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

February 8, 2026

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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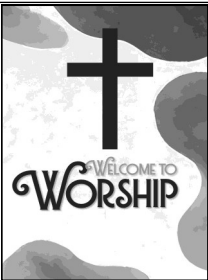
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ALL are welcome here!

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 service volunteers: Nicky Zaiser, usher; Edwin Kruah, worship assistant and offering counter; Maxine Campbell, altar; and Jean Schulze, fellowship provider.

The offering for February 1 was \$4,350.00. The average weekly offering for January 2026 was \$3,211.00.

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.

Congregation approves reports, budget for 2026

Highlights of Annual Meeting held last Sunday

*With only a few pledges outstanding, pledges are 15% higher than in 2025.

*The budget now reflects a 10% increase in donations to non-profit organizations, i.e. benevolences.

* Our staff is receiving raises this year. *Pat Vetrano was officially elected to serve on Council.

* A plea was again made to please pray about how you might help serve on Sunday mornings.

See Gene Zaiser to sign up or to ask questions.

If you were not here last week, you can pick up Annual Meeting documents in the back of the sanctuary.

Lent begins next Wednesday, February 18

February 17– **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper** at Tree of Life, 5:30-7:00pm

February 18– **Ash Wednesday service** 7:00pm, Bethesda United Methodist - 116 E. Main St., Middletown, with their new pastor, Dave McMillan, preaching.

February 19 - Noon, and every Thursday thereafter through March 26, at noon, all are invited to attend a **Lenten Mid-Week Soup & Study**, with the theme of *Making Change*, held each week at Tree of Life. *Questions?* See Pastor Robbie.

Let us pray for ...

Adam Bates, Annalise Fratta, Beth Pugh, Becky Bullock, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Dee Matz, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Gail Russell and family, Gary Letts, Jim Guldner and family, Joe and Courtney Allen, John Bock, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Richard Ray, 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; 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 give the full name of the person as well as your own name.

It is also important to notify the church office when this person can be taken off the list.



What is EVIL? What is GOOD?

Christians talk a lot about good and evil – but what exactly do we mean? This will be the focus of our new **Adult Bible Study** which began last week. Come whenever you can for lively and thoughtful discussions which begin at 9:00am and last for one hour.

Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
FEBRUARY 8 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am- Worship Service Noon - Choir Confirmation and Kingdom Kids	FEBRUARY 9 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 10 12:30pm Council meeting	FEBRUARY 11 10:00am Knot Quilters 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	FEBRUARY 12 Noon - OWLS luncheon at Pat's Select, Broad St., Middletown	FEB 13 11:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB. 14 Valentine's Day
FEBRUARY 15 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am- Worship Service	FEBRUARY 16 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 17 5:30-7:00pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	FEBRUARY 18 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 2:00pm - Choir 7:00 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - Bethesda UMC	FEB 19 10:00am - Worship & Music Comm. Noon - Mid-Week Soup and Study, <i>Making Change</i>	FEB 20 11:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	FEB 21

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