

# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

November 16, 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

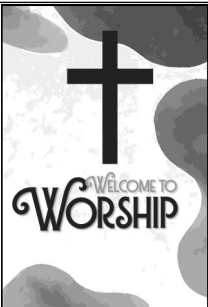
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## You are always welcome here

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: Maxine Campbell, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant; Sue Vetrano, altar preparer; Carla Fiske, fellowship; and Joe Schulze, offering counter. The Tree of Life offering for last Sunday, November 9, was \$4,155.00. The average weekly offering for October was \$2,610.00.

## 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 Confirmands. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols.

## Looking ahead to Thanksgiving

Monday, November 24, Tree of Life will host this year's community Thanksgiving Worship at 7:00pm. This service will bring together the churches of the MOT Ministerium: Tree of Life and St. Paul's in Odessa; Bethesda and Summit Methodist churches in Middletown; and Immanuel Methodist and Friendship Methodist in Townsend. Pastor Robbie will preside. The Reverend Grant Johnson of Immanuel and Friendship UMC will preach.

## Many thanks to Olivia and Michelle Brill for Campfire Night

Olivia (a Confirmation student) and her mother Michelle Brill are trying to find ways to bring families together - youngsters, their families and our OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors). We thank them for planning last Friday's second annual fun evening of fellowship, games, s'mores, cocoa and song.

**Do you have an idea for a social event for families? Talk to Pastor or any member of our Church Council.**



## Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Beth Pugh, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Dee Matz, Dot Schreppler, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Gary Letts, John Bock, Judy Vinther, 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; Iranians; Palestinians; 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](mailto:treeoflifelc@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.

## Advent begins in two weeks, November 30

We enter a joyous church season in two weeks - ADVENT. Our liturgical colors will change, our Kingdom Kids will be re-learning the story of our Savior's birth, the role of angels, the meaning and juxtaposition of lowly shepherds and the learned magi ....

A note for your calendar: On Saturday December 13 at 2:00pm we will lead our annual **Live Nativity**, a treat for our families and Tree of Life neighbors. Is this the year you volunteers to be a shepherd, a wise man, Mary, Joseph, or even an angel? Also, on Sunday, November 30, substituting for Pastor Robbie, who will be on vacation, will be the Reverend Rusty May, his first time at Tree of Life.

<b>Volunteer, participate, attend</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tues- day</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thurs- day</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Satur- day</b>
NOVEMBER 16 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	NOVEMBER 17 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	NOV 18	NOVEMBER 19 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 10:00am Worship & Music Comm. 2:00pm Choir practice	NOV 20	NOVEMBER 21 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	NOV 22
NOVEMBER 23 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service Noon - Choir Noon - Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	NOVEMBER 24 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office 7pm - Thanks- giving Worship	NOV 25	NOVEMBER 26 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	NOV 27 	NOVEMBER 28 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	NOV 29

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