

# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

November 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.

## HYMNS

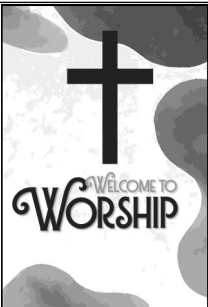
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## You are always welcome here

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: Michelle Brill, usher; Janet Adams, worship assistant; Gene Zaiser, altar preparer; Carla Fiske, fellowship provider; and Maxine Campbell, offering counter. The Tree of Life offering for last Sunday, November 16, was \$1,250.00. 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 Confirmants. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols.



## Thanksgiving service here, tomorrow

Tomorrow, November 24, at 7:00pm Tree of Life will host this year's community Thanksgiving Worship.

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.

## OWLS to enjoy holiday luncheon December 11



All are invited to join the OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) for their annual holiday luncheon. This year it will be held at the Augustine Inn in Port Penn, on the Delaware River, at noon.

**Please RSVP to George or Dee Matz by Sunday, December 7.** Also, please let them know if you will need to carpool.

# Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Beth Pugh, Becky Bullock, 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; 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](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 next Sunday

We enter a joyous church season next week - ADVENT. Our liturgical colors will change. We thank Denise Lindquist for making beautiful new Advent banners. 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 perform our annual **Live Nativity**, a treat for our families and Tree of Life neighbors. Is this the year you volunteer 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 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 See page 1.	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
NOVEMBER 30 <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service with Pastor Rusty May	DECEMBER 1 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 2	DECEMBER 3 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office  2:00PM Choir 4:00pm Our Daily Bread	DEC 4 10:00am  WELCA study at Panera Bread	DECEMBER 5	DEC 6  <b>CHRISTMAS IN ODESSA</b> 

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