



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

November 30, 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.

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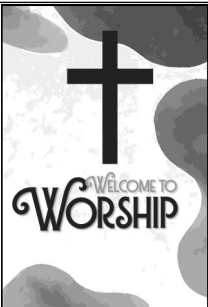
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Welcome to the first Sunday of ADVENT

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 worship service volunteers: George Matz, usher; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; Gene Zaiser, altar preparer and offering counter; and Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider. The Tree of Life offering for last Sunday, November 23, was \$1,856.00. 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.

We welcome the Rev. Rusty May who will help us begin Advent today

We enter a joyous church season today - ADVENT. Our liturgical colors have changed. 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 and shepherds..... And today, substituting for Pastor Robbie, who is attending a conference and then on vacation, is the Reverend Rusty May.

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? Sign up on the Kitchen bulletin board.

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 today. 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, 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. 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.

More happenings during ADVENT...



***December 15** is the deadline to have your wrapped and tagged gifts for Neighborhood House delivered to the Fellowship Room. Questions? See Pam Nichols or Gloria Brewer.

*Carla Fiske is starting to refill our **Food Library**. Please consider bringing in some canned goods or other non-perishables.

*Pastor Robbie has begun a short **Prayer Service** at noon on Wednesdays during ADVENT.

*The deadline for signing up for the **OWLS Holiday Luncheon** is TODAY! See Dee or George Matz.

Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 30 ADVENT 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service with Pastor Rusty May Pastor Robbie at conference and on vaca-	DECEMBER 1 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 2 10:00am WELCA study at Panera Bread	DECEMBER 3 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office Noon - Advent Prayer Service 2:00PM Choir 4:00pm Our Daily Bread	DEC 4	DECEMBER 5 10:00am- 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm- 4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 6 CHRIST- MAS IN ODESSA 
DECEMBER 7 ADVENT and CONSECRATION SUNDAY 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Noon - Choir practice 2:00pm - Service at Meadowcrest	DECEMBER 8 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 9 12:30pm Council meeting	DECEMBER 10 10:00am Knot quilters 12 Noon - Advent Prayer service	DEC 11 Noon - OWLS holiday luncheon at August- tine Inn	DECEMBER 12	DEC 13 2:00pm Live Nativity 

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