



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

April 12, 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.

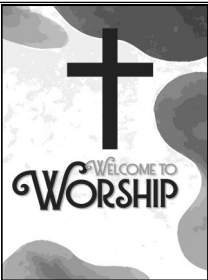
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ALL are welcome here! *The Lord is risen!*

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: Michelle Brill, usher; Edwin Kruah, worship assistant and offering counter; Maxine Campbell, altar preparer; and Jean Schulze, fellowship provider. The offering for last week, Easter, April 5, was \$4,587.00. An additional \$340 was donated for the Easter Flowers, funds which will benefit Lutheran Disaster Relief. The average weekly offering for March 2026 was \$2,879.00.

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 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.



Our Daily Bread says Thank You!

On March 4, the Tree of Life team served 186 meals to our neighbors in need.

"Thanks so much to you (Sylvia Schill) and the Tree of Life team for all of your help.

We are thrilled to have you partnering with us and supporting our work. Your regular service ab ODB makes an enormous

difference in our ability to function. We are blessed to have such wonderful and reliable friends helping us help our neighbors in need. Thanks again."

On the first Wednesday of each month, Tree of Life serves dinner at Our Daily Bread, 114 So Broad St., (<http://ourdailybreadmot.com>) - both at sit-down tables as well as serving to-go meals. Volunteers meet at 4:00pm, dinners are served from 5:00-6:00pm. Interested? See Sylvia Schill.

Improve our environment: dispose of unused drugs, sharpies safely on April 24, 2026

Unused drugs lying around? We all know it is not good to put them in the trash. Drop them off at the Middletown Police Station, Saturday, April 25, where they will be disposed of safely by the Delaware State Police. This event is coordinated by the So. New Castle County Communities Coalition, of which Tree of Life is a member.

Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Beth Pugh, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Darryl Dillard, Donald Foraker, Dot Schreppler, Ed Bullock, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Gary Letts, Jim Guldner and family, Joe and Courtney Allen, John Bock, Margaret Lunt, Nina Vaughn, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Quentin Roach, 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.



Happy 35th Birthday, Tree of Life!

Join us on May 16 at 4pm for a 35th Anniversary Party! Details to follow.

Something to think about.... To commemorate this anniversary, can we commit, as a congregation, to inviting a total of 35 people to church this coming year?

Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
APRIL 12 10:30am Worship Service Rev. Rusty May, presiding Noon - Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	APRIL 13 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	APRIL 14 12:30pm Council meeting	APRIL 15 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 10:00am Knot Quilters 10:00am - Worship & Music Comm.	APRIL 16	APRIL 17 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	APRIL 18
APRIL 19 9:00am- Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	APRIL 20 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	APRIL 21	APRIL 22 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	APRIL 23	APRIL 24 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	APRIL 25 10am-2pm Drug Take-Back Day at Middletown Police Dept.

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