



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

April 19, 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.

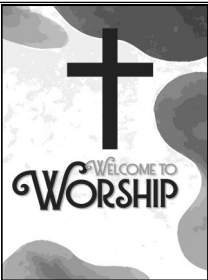
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ALL are welcome here! *The Lord is risen!*

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: Pat Vetrano, usher; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; Gene Zaiser, altar preparer; Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider, and Joe Schulze, offering counter. The offering for last week, April 12, was \$2,985.00. 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.



Improve our environment:

Dispose of unused drugs, sharpies safely on April 25
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, **Drug Take-Back Day**, where they will be disposed of safely by the Delaware State Police. You don't even need to get out of your car.

This event is coordinated by the **So. New Castle County Communities Coalition (SN4C)**, of which Tree of Life is a member. SN4C's mission is to prevent youth substance use and abuse in order to produce healthy, stable, family oriented communities.

You can also put unused drugs, creams (both human and animal!), etc. in a bag and keep any pill bottles to donate to our Matthew 25: Ministries collection! It doesn't matter if you have the bottles or not for April 25: everything goes into large boxes which are then taken by the State Police to an incinerator in Philadelphia. Sharpies? Those are disposed of differently, through the Solid Waste Authority.

Lutheran Community Services annual Room at the Table breakfast, May 6

Go to <https://lcsde.org/event/room-at-the-table> for more information about this event to hear client stories of moving from emergency to empowerment and to meet the new Executive Director, Maryum Lee.

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, Jerry Campbell, Jim Guldner and family, Joe and Courtney Allen, John Bock, Margaret Lunt, the family of Marge Brookes, Nina Vaughn, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Quentin Roach, Richard Ray, Sarah Schreppler, William and Winnie Brill, and Yvonne Cilento.

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.



Pentecost and Confirmation set for Sunday, May 24

This year on May 24 we will not only celebrate Pentecost, but also the Confirmation of three young members of Tree of Life: Olivia Brill, Aleksandra Fratta and Liana Yetzko! Be sure to mark this date on your calendar, wear **RED** for Pentecost, and to help these new members celebrate their Confirmation.

Volunteer, participate, attend						
Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thurs- day	Friday	Sat
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.
APRIL 26 9:00am– Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service Noon - Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	APRIL 27 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	APRIL 28	APRIL 29 10:00am–1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	APRIL 30	MAY 1 10:00am– 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	MAY 2

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