



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

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This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

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.



Welcome to Tree of Life and the ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Please sign in to let us know who you are - especially if you are visiting - so we can welcome you properly. Please feel free to take a face mask available at the sign-in area.

During our "sharing of the peace," please do not feel obligated to shake hands: those who simply wave are also sharing the peace. **ALL baptized Christians are welcome to participate in Communion here at Tree of Life.** And please join us for Fellowship for a snack and coffee or tea following the postlude.

We are all called to serve

To volunteer to serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser or contact him at gzaiser@yahoo.com.

We thank today's worship assistants:

Carolyn Lewis, usher; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; Olivia Brill, acolyte; Nicky Zaiser, altar preparer; Jean Schulze, fellowship provider; and Gene Zaiser, offering counter.

The offering for last Sunday, July 14, was \$6,914.00. The average offering for the month of June was \$2,607.00.

You can make a difference

** Knot Quilters and Project Linus Blankets - 10am to noon, second Wednesdays. Questions? See Nicky Zaiser and Janet Adams, respectively.

** Seamens Center - Donations of toiletries, snacks, socks, etc. Questions? See Gene Zaiser

** Pill bottle ministry - Place your clean, empty pill bottles in the box at the Donation Station between the Narthex and the kitchen. Bottles are sorted, counted and packed up for mailing to the Matthew 25 Ministries by our Kingdom Kids. Questions? See Pam Nichols.

** Donations for "Our Daily Bread" - Pick up a bag and list of food products at the Donation Station. Questions? See Sylvia Schill. Thank you!

Registration deadline for VBS campers is Wednesday, July 31



Vacation Bible School is free and open to **all youth**, pre-school through grade 5. The first two evenings will be at St. Paul's and Wednesday and Thursday will be here at Tree of Life. Friday we are planning an all-day field trip to the Delaware Space Museum in Smyrna, followed by a picnic lunch at the park next door, and the afternoon at the Killens Pond Water Park. Pick up a registration form at the back of the sanctuary.

Pastor Robbie away for two weeks



Pastor Robbie will be away from July 22-August 3, for vacation and a professional conference.

Next week's "Hymn Sing Sundae" (followed by an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social) will be a non-Communion service led by Music Director Duane Dillard and Tree of Life members.

For any urgent pastoral needs during this time, you can contact the Rev. Linda Ray of St. Paul's UMC in Odessa, at (540) 207-1787.

Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Anya Smith, Bill Glass, Christiine K., Cindy Johnson, Dale & Clara Newcomb, Dallas Dean, Danielle Fangman, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, Grace Cilento and family, Grace Haviland, Jack Barilla, Kenneth LaMar, Marilyn Brill, Mercedes Fisher, Pam Baker, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Cronin, Paul Schuler, Richard Jackson and Sarah Schreppler.

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, Palestinians, hostages, civilians 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 treeoflifec@verizon.net. Please include the full name of the person to be included, as ys, as yours. It is also important to notify the church office when this person can be taken off the list. Non-Tree of Life members will remain on the list for two weeks unless someone asks that they remain.

Join in today's Offertory Hymn, "Fill My Cup, Lord"

Richard Eugene Blanchard Sr. (1925 – 2004), the son of missionaries, became a minister in the Methodist Church, serving in Georgia and Florida after graduating from Emory University in 1949. Where did this song come from? He was asked by a young couple to perform their marriage ceremony. While waiting for the tardy couple, Blanchard went to a piano. "Fill my Cup, Lord" came to him in less than 30 minutes!



"Fill my cup, Lord. I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more. Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

Attend, participate, volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 21 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30am Worship Service	JULY 22 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	JULY 23 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	JULY 24 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	JULY 25 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	JULY 26 <i>Pastor on vacation</i> 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	JULY 27 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>
JULY 28 10:30am HYMN SING SUNDAY Ice Cream Social following service <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	JULY 29 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	JULY 30 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	JULY 31 <i>Pastor on vacation</i> Deadline to register for VBS	AUGUST 1 <i>Pastor on vacation</i> 6:30pm Worship & Music Comm.	AUGUST 2 1:00pm-4:00pm Maria Gue in office <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	AUG 3

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