



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 Christ the King Sunday!

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 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 service volunteers: Buddy Lindquist, usher; Janet Adams, worship assistant; Volunteer, acolyte; Sue Vetrano, altar preparer; Becky Bullock, fellowship provider; and Gene Zaiser, offering counter. The offering for last Sunday, November 17, was \$6,997.00. The average weekly offering for the month of October was \$2,638.00.

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. 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. 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. Questions? See Pam Nichols.



Consecration Sunday is today

Using what God has given us to further his Kingdom

Today, at the time of the Offering, we will come to the altar to give our gifts and promises for 2025, a small portion of what God has placed in our keeping. This is our opportunity to acknowledge that God is in charge and has assigned us to safeguard and use what He has entrusted to us to further His kingdom.

If you need a pledge card, you can find extras at the Ushers Table.

Join a Community Service of Thanksgiving, next Tuesday, November 26

Several congregations in the MOT area, including Tree of Life, are offering a Service of Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 209 Main St., Townsend. The Rev. Grant Johnson of Immanuel and Friendship UMC in Townsend will officiate. The Rev. Nancee Bleistine of Bethesda UMC and Summit UMC in Middletown will preach. Other participating churches include Tree of Life and St. Paul's UMC in Odessa.

Come and join our MOT community to give thanks for all God's blessings throughout the year! We are encouraged to bring a canned good. All offerings will be donated to Neighborhood House.

Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Anya Smith, Bill Glass, Christine K., Cindy Johnson, Dale & Clara Newcomb, Danielle Fangman, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, the family of Brian Fluck, Gail Norris, Grace Cilento and family, Grace Haviland, Jack Barilla, Kenneth LaMar, Linda Klein and Jeff Hillwig, Marilyn Brill, Mercedes Fisher, Noretta Burke, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Richard Jackson, Sarah Schreppler and William 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; 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 treeoflifelc@verizon.net. Please include the full name of the person as well 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.

The wise still seek Him

Next Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent; Choir sings each Sunday during Advent plus Christmas Eve; and a three-week Bible Study begins, 9am, about the Magi. Who are they? Why are they important to the Christmas story and to us today? All are invited.

Saturday, December 21, Live Nativity, 1:00pm; look for the sign-up sheet in the kitchen to volunteer to play a role in the story of Christ's birth during this popular community outreach event

Tuesday, December 24– Christmas Eve Candlelight service, 7:00pm

Sunday December 29 - Carol sing during worship service

Attend, participate, volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 24 CONSECRATION SUNDAY CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY No Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Choir rehearsal	NOV 25 10:00am - Decorating Sanctuary for Advent 1:00pm- 4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	NOV 26 7:00pm Community Service of Thanksgiving, Immanuel UMC, Townsend	NOV 27	NOV 28 	NOV 29 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	NOV 30
DECEMBER 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9am Adult Bible Study about The Magi (Matthew 2) 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Choir rehearsal	DEC 2 1:00pm- 4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 3 10:00am-1pm Pastor Robbie in office	DEC 4	DECEMBER 5	DECEMBER 6 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 7 Christ- mas in Odessa

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