



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

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:

George Matz, usher; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; Aleksandra Fratta, acolyte; Gene Zaiser, altar preparer and offering counter; and Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider.

The offering for last Sunday, July 28, was \$1,372.84. The average offering for the month of July was \$5,166.54.

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!



School supplies needed for Neighborhood House families: *thanks for your generosity!*

Once again, Tree of Life is answering the call to donate backpacks and school supplies to families in need, clients of Neighborhood House in Middletown. A project being continued by our new Outreach Committee, the congregation is asked to check out the two boards in the Fellowship Room and donate whatever they wish.

If you don't want to shop, you may make a cash or gift card donation. We'll use cash to purchase items; gift cards will be given to

Neighborhood House for the families.

In addition to individual items, there are lists on the boards, should you care to purchase all supplies for one backpack, approximately \$50.00.

The deadline for bringing in items, with the post-it note attached, is **Sunday, August 18**. After worship that Sunday those who would like to help stuff the backpacks are invited to gather at the conference table in the main office. (Thrivent has approved a \$250 grant to purchase backpacks.)

Questions? See Pam Nichols or contact her at pamela.nichols65@gmail.com.

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.

Welcome back, Ann!

We thank Ann Fabian for returning to Tree of Life to bless us with her musical talent while Duane takes a well-deserved vacation day. Ann is a long-time friend of Tree of Life and we are always glad to see her.

Attend, participate, volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship Service followed by Postlude and Fellowship	AUGUST 5 6:30-8:30pm VBS at St. Paul's 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	AUGUST 6 6:30-8:30pm VBS at St. Paul's	AUGUST 7 6:30-8:30pm VBS at Tree of Life	AUGUST 8 10:00am Women of the ELCA at Panera Bread 6:30-8:30pm VBS at Tree of Life	AUGUST 9 VBS field trip	AUG 10
AUGUST 11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am Worship Service Blessing of the Backpack ministry	AUGUST 12 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	AUGUST 13 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 10:30am Outreach Comm. mtng 6:00pm Council Meeting	AUG 14 No Knot Quilters today 11:00am OWLS at Fantastics!	AUGUST 15	AUGUST 16 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	AUG 17 Pastor Robbie away

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