



# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

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## HYMNS

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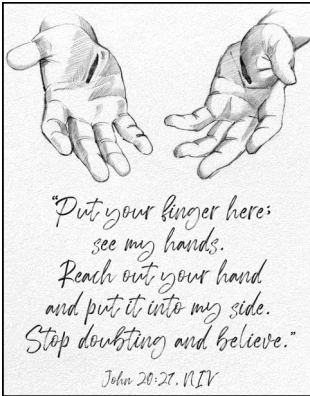
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**This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.**

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.



**John 20:28: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe"**

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we revel in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John.

Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

- [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com)

## You are welcome here



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.

## Are you called to serve?

To volunteer to serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser. We thank today's worship assistants: George Matz, usher; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; Kaitlyn Yetsko, acolyte; Sue Vertrano, alter preparer; and Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider; and Gene Zaiser, counter.

## Thank you for your stewardship

The offering for last Sunday, March 31, was \$3,173.00. Good Friday service offerings were \$122.00, which we will share with St. Paul's UMC; and Easter flower donations were \$275.00, which will be donated to *Our Daily Bread* in Middletown. The average weekly offering for March (not including special services) was \$2,598.00

## Ongoing service opportunities:

**\*\* Knot Quilters and Project Linus Blankets** - 10am to noon, second Wednesdays. See Nicky Zaiser and Janet Adams, respectively. **\*\* Seamans Center** - Donations of toiletries, snacks, socks, etc. *Questions?* See Gene Zaiser **\*\* Pill bottle ministry** - Place your clean, empty pill bottles in the box underneath the sign-in table. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols. **\*\* Donations for "Our Daily Bread"** - Pick up a bag and list of food products in the closet behind the Ushers Table. *Questions?* See Sylvia Schill. Thank you!

## Welcome, Pastor Hamlin!

The Rev Wes Hamlin, who previously served as our pastor, will preside and preach today! He is a great friend of Tree of Life.

Pastor Robbie is away on vacation until April 9—to view the solar eclipse in Ohio with daughter Abby! For any urgent pastoral needs, you can call Pr. Kelley Ketcham at 814-360-8798.

## Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Anya Smith, Bill Glass, Carolyn Winiarski, 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, Janet Adams, Kenneth LaMar, Marilyn Brill, Mercedes Fisher, Pam Baker, Patrick Pileggi, Richard Jackson, Sarah Schreppler and Viola Mann.

**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](mailto:treeoflifelc@verizon.net). Please include the full name of the person to be included, 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.

## Women of the ELCA has begun here

Join Janet Adams and other women of Tree of Life on the first Thursday of the month at 10am at Panera's (on the west side of Middletown) for fellowship and a Bible study. The group will use the study in the ELCA's WELCA magazine, *Gather*. The group plans to have other activities later in the day in order to include those who can't make an activity on weekday mornings. *Questions?* See Janet.

Have youngsters? Bring them to our new WIGGLE ROOM during the sermon!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>APRIL 7</b> No Adult Bible Study; resumes April 14, 9:00am  10:30am Worship Service The Rev. Wes Hamlin, presiding and preaching	<b>APRIL 8</b> 1:00pm- 4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in of- fice	<b>APRIL 9</b> 6:00pm Church Council	<b>APRIL 10</b> 10:00am Knot Quilters	<b>APRIL 11</b> Noon— OWLs to McGlynn's Pub in Dover	<b>APRIL 12</b> 10am-1pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office  4:00-5:30pm KINGDOM KIDS and CONFIRMATION	<b>APRIL 13</b>
<b>APRIL 14</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Study  10:30am Worship Service	<b>APRIL 15</b> 1:00pm- 4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in of- fice	<b>APRIL 16</b> 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	<b>APRIL 17</b>	<b>APRIL 18</b>	<b>APRIL 19</b> 10am-1pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office  4:00-5:30pm KINGDOM KIDS and CONFIRMATION	<b>APRIL 20</b>

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