



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

December 1, 2024

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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 the season of Advent

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:

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

The offering for last Sunday, November 24, was \$2,789.00. The average weekly offering for the month of November was \$4,460.33.

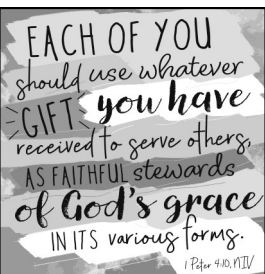
You can make a difference

** 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.



Using what God has given us to further his Kingdom

If you still need to make your monetary pledge for 2025, there is still time. There are extra pledge cards in the Narthex. Just fill one out and place it in the offering plate, give it to Gene Zaiser, or leave it in the Office. This is our chance to give back a small portion of what God has placed in our keeping. These pledge amounts are very important since they are used to determine Tree of Life's budget amounts for 2025. Questions? See Gene Zaiser.

Adopt-a-Family outreach to families now underway

Each Advent season we at Tree of Life help the families that are helped by Neighborhood House with Christmas presents. Again this year, we are set to help two local families. How does it work? Check out the presents attached to our "Angel Tree." Then take any post-it note or notes. Bring the gift (or gifts) back here **by next Sunday, December 8 WITH THE POST-IT NOTE(S) ATTACHED.** That way we know which family member the present is for.

If next week is too soon, please have them here by Wednesday, December 11. We will sort and bag them December 12 and bring them to Neighborhood House that day. Questions? See Pam Nichols.

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 treeoflifec@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

TODAY - 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

<i>Attend, participate, volunteer</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 4:00pm Serving dinner at Our Daily Bread	DEC 5 Noon— OWLS luncheon at Fishwhistle	DECEMBER 6 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 7 Christmas in Odessa
DECEMBER 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9am Adult Bible Study about The Magi (Matthew 2) 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Choir rehearsal	DEC 9 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 10 10:00am-1pm Pastor Robbie in office	DEC 11	DEC 12 10:00am WELCA study group at Panera Bread	DECEMBER 13 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 14

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