

The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

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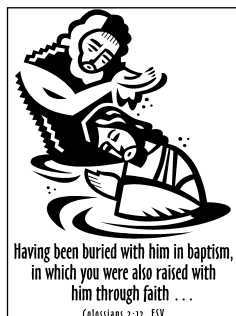
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This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

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.



Today is Baptism of our Lord Sunday

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's.

The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

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Welcome!

Please sign in to let us know who you are - especially if you are visiting - so we can welcome you properly. And please join us for Fellowship following the postlude. Please feel free to take a face mask available at the sign-in area if you would like.

Are you called to serve? To serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser.

We thank today's worship assistants:

George Matz, usher; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; Maxine Campbell, alter preparer; Nicky Zaiser; fellowship provider; and Gene Zaiser, offering counter.

Thank you for your stewardship

The offering for last Sunday, December 31, was \$2,695.00. The average weekly offering for December was \$3,568.00.

Are you called to serve on Council?

At our Annual Meeting, which will be held following worship on **Sunday, January 21**, we will elect members to our Church Council. Please prayerfully consider this exciting service to our church's mission.

Remaining on Council are Dirk Schulze and Denise Lindquist. On the ballot so far are Carla Fiske, Donna Parks, Nicky Zaiser and Sylvia Schill. Thank you! We can have more nominees. Please contact Church Council President Nicky Zaiser or Pastor Robbie with any questions and/or to put your name in nomination.

The meeting's agenda will also include important topics including community outreach and possibly expanding the use of our facilities, both to fulfill our mission.

Annual Reports deadline extended to today, January 7

Email committee reports to Maria at treeoflifelc@verizon.net by today.



Tree of Life beginning outreach to *Our Daily Bread*

Many of you have been looking for ways to combat hunger since the end of our Food Pantry distribution program last year. We are planning to become more involved with **Our Daily Bread**, a volunteer Middletown initiative to combat hunger in our midst. Located in the former New Castle County Health Building off of Broad Street, Our Daily Bread serves seven meals a week. To learn more, go to www.ourdailybreadmot.com.

Watch for more information about this involvement including your ideas during a discussion during our Annual Meeting (see above). In the meantime, check out the two baskets in the back of the Sanctuary for ways to help now. Thank you!

Let us pray for ...


Annalise Fratta, Anya Smith, Carolyn Winiarski, Christine K., Dale & Clara Newcomb, Dallas Dean, Danielle Fangman, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, Grace Haviland, Jack Barilla, Kenneth LaMar, Kimberly Cilento, Marilyn Brill, Mark Cilento and family, Mercedes Fisher, Pam Baker, Patrick Pileggi, 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 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.

“Peace be with you”

We know that the our congregation respects those who, for various reasons, wish to not physically share the peace; that those who smile and wave are also sharing the peace.

Participate, volunteer, serve!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 7 9:00am Adult Bible Study on Book of Job resumes 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am –2:30pm CPR class; lunch included (registration required) 	JAN 8 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	JAN 9 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 6:30pm Church Council meeting	JAN 10 10:00am Knot Quilters	JAN 11 Noon - OWLS Planning luncheon 6:00pm Worship & Music Comm. mtng	JANUARY 12 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 3:30-5:00pm Kingdom Kids and Confirmation resume	JAN 13
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