



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 and the seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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; Janet Adams, worship assistant; Gene Zaiser, altar preparer and offering counter; Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider; and volunteer, acolyte. The offering for last Sunday, June 30, was \$1,651.00. The average weekly offering for June was \$2,607.

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!

Church Safety Training: St. Paul's UMC is offering a "Safe Sanctuary" training at 10a.m., Sat., July 13, both in-person and on YouTube. This program helps ensure that churches are safe places for children and youth. It is highly encouraged for all VBS or Kingdom Kids volunteers. Registration forms can be found in the entryway to the sanctuary.



We need helpers for Vacation Bible School, August 5-9, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

We are in need of volunteers, in partnership with volunteers from St. Paul's, to help with Vacation Bible School, especially in the area of Bible Study. There is a leader guide on the table in the small conference room so please feel free to take a look to see what is involved. We are looking for three leaders for three age groupings. So far, we only have one. Each area will have at least two volunteers, one from Tree of Life and one from St. Paul's. Please prayerfully consider this service to our youth and sign up on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Questions? See Pastor Robbie, Council Pres. Nicky Zaiser or Pam Nichols. Thank you!

Registration deadline for VBS campers is Wednesday, July 31

Vacation Bible School is free and open to **all youth**, pre-school through grade 5. The first two evenings will be at St. Paul's and Wednesday and Thursday will be here at Tree of Life. Friday we are planning an all-day field trip to the Delaware Space Museum in Smyrna, followed by a picnic lunch at the park next door, and the afternoon at the Killens Pond Water Park. Pick up a registration form at the back of the sanctuary.

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 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 treeoflifelc@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.



Music and Ice Cream! Sunday, July 28

On Sunday, July 28, we'll worship and sing favorite hymns and spirituals, both old and new, with our Music Director Duane Dillard. Same time, same place: 10:30am in the sanctuary.

And following our "Hymn Sing Sundae," please stay for an old-fashioned summertime Ice Cream Social! Invite family, friends, neighbors!



Attend, participate, volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 7 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30am Worship Service	JULY 8 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JULY 9 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 6:00pm Council Mtng	JULY 10 10:00am Knot Quilters	JULY 11 Noon - OWLS luncheon at KiKu's in Middletown	JULY 12 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office; 1:00pm-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	JULY 13 10am Church Safety Wksp at St. Paul's UMC
JULY 14 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30am Worship Service	JULY 15 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JULY 16 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JULY 17 11am VBS planning Meeting at St. Paul's UMC	JULY 18	JULY 19 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office; 1:00pm-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	JULY 20

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