

The Burning Bush

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

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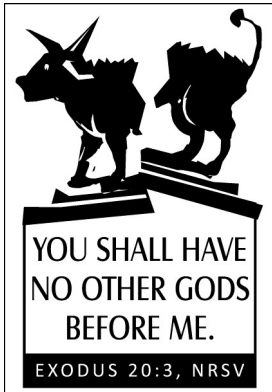
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This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

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.



Preparing for worship

Today is the third Sunday of LENT

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

- 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; Olivia Brill, acolyte; Maxine Campbell, alter preparer and offering counter; and Becky Bullock, fellowship provider.

Thank you for your stewardship

The offering for last Sunday, February 25, was \$1,408.00. The average weekly offering for February was \$3,277.00.

Ongoing community outreach 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!

Lenten Observances at Tree of Life continue

Wednesdays at noon, Lenten Bible Study reading and discussion, with soup, at St. Paul's through March 20

Sunday, March 24, 10:30am, Palm Sunday Holy Communion and Palm Processional

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm at St. Paul's UMC, Odessa

Good Friday, March 29, Noon, Good Friday Devotional Crosswalk from St. Paul's to Tree of Life

Good Friday Solemn Worship, March 29, 7:00pm here at Tree of Life, joined by St. Paul's UMC

PLUS, Saturday, March 30, 11:00am, Easter Egg Hunt with games and crafts at St. Paul's UMC

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, Debra Reen, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, Grace Cilento and family, Grace Haviland, Jack Barilla, Kenneth LaMar, Marilyn Brill, 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 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.

Sign-up to help read the Passion story on Palm Sunday

Everyone is invited to sign up to participate in the reading of the Passion on March 24, Palm Sunday. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary. You can simply read from the booklet from your seat.

Participate, volunteer, serve!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 3 10:30am Worship Service Adult Bible Study resumes next Sunday, March 10, at 9:00am	MARCH 4 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	MARCH 5 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 6:00pm Council meeting	MARCH 6 Noon - Lenten soup and discussion at St. Paul's UMC	MARCH 7 10:00am Coffee at Panera's to start a Women in the ELCA group 6:00pm Worship & Music Comm. Meeting	MARCH 8 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	MARCH 9
MARCH 10 9:00am Adult Bible Study resumes Phillipians 10:30am Worship Service	MARCH 11 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	MARCH 12 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	MARCH 13 10am-noon Knot Quilters Noon - Lenten soup and discussion at St. Paul's UMC	MARCH 14	MARCH 15 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	MARCH 16

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