



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

December 8, 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!

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:

Buddy Lindquist, usher; Edwin Kruah, worship assistant and offering counter; Volunteer, acolyte; Sue Vetrano, altar preparer; and Carolyn Lewis, fellowship provider.

The offering for last Sunday, December 1, was \$8,095.00. The average weekly offering for the month of November was \$4,460.33.

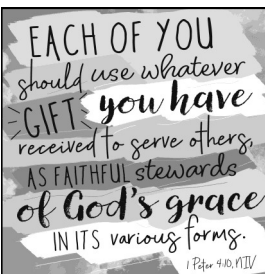
You can make a difference

** 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; and/or volunteer to serve a meal the first Wednesday of the month. 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 gifts to bring smiles to two families

What a generous congregation is Tree of Life! All of the gifts posted last Sunday for two Neighborhood House families were taken! Thank you! The deadline for bringing back wrapped gifts with their "angel" tags and color-coded ribbons attached is this Wednesday, December 11. We will sort, bag and deliver them to Neighborhood House that day.

A Thrivent grant will be used for Visa gift cards for each family.

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.

The wise still seek Him

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

December 22 - Blue Christmas service, St. Paul's UMC, Odessa; Pastor Robbie preaching

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight service, 7:00pm

Sunday December 29 - Lessons and carols worship service

Attend, participate, volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>DECEMBER 8</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>DEC 9</p> <p>1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office</p>	<p>Dec 10</p> <p>10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office</p> <p>6:00pm Council meeting</p>	<p>DEC 11</p> <p>10:00am Knot Quilters</p>	<p>DEC 12</p> <p>10:00am WELCA study group at Panera Bread</p> <p>6:00pm Worship & Music Comm.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 13</p> <p>10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office</p> <p>1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office</p>	<p>DEC 14</p>
<p>DECEMBER 15</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Choir rehearsal Noon - Kingdom Kids and Confirmation</p>	<p>DEC. 16</p> <p>1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office</p>	<p>DEC 17</p> <p>10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office</p>	<p>DEC 18</p>	<p>DEC 19</p>	<p>DEC 20</p>	<p>DEC 21</p> <p>1:00pm Live Nativity and Christmas Party</p>

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