

The Burning Bush

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

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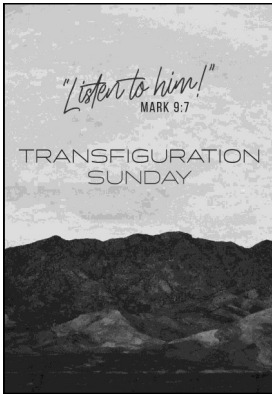
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This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

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 Transfiguration Sunday

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved.

As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

- 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 serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser. We thank today's worship assistants:

Buddy Lindquist, usher; Edwin Kruah, worship assistant and offering counter; Olivia Brill, acolyte; Gene Zaiser, alter preparer; and Becky Bullock, fellowship provider.

Thank you for your stewardship

The offering for last Sunday, February 4, was \$3,415.00. The average weekly offering for January was \$2,222.00.

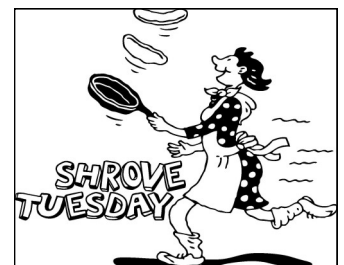
Ongoing community outreach opportunities:

**** Knot Quilters and Project Linus Blankets** - 10am to noon, second Wednesday's. 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!

Join us for Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras PANCAKE SUPPER, this Tuesday, February 13

5:30pm-7:30pm; seating begins at 5:10; enjoy pancakes, sausage, fruit and freshly-made donuts. **Sign up at the kitchen bulletin board.**

This kick-off event for Lent is free. However, free-will offerings will be accepted to benefit *Our Daily Bread*.



Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Anya Smith, Bill Glass, Carolyn Winiarski, Christine K., Grace Cilento and family, Dale & Clara Newcomb, Dallas Dean, Danielle Fangman, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, 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 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.

Lent, a season of preparation

Gather for soup and discussion of what the Bible tells us about grief and sorrow

We will explore how God has inspired faithful figures throughout the Bible to express sorrow and grief, and how God brought them comfort and hope. Members from St. Paul's United Methodist Church will join us over a soup lunch on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning February 21 at noon.

Questions? See Pastor Robbie.

Participate, volunteer, serve!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 11 9:00am Adult Bible Study on Book of Job 10:30am Worship Service	FEB 12 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	FEB 13 10:00am- 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 5:30-7:30pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	FEB 14 LENT BEGINS 10:00am Knot Quilters 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	FEB 15	FEBRUARY 16 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	FEB 17
FEBRUARY 18 9:00am Adult Bible Study on Book of Job 10:30am Worship Service	FEB 19 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	FEB 20 10:00am- 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	FEB 21 Noon— Lenten soup and discussion	FEB 22	FEB 23 No Kingdom Kids Pastor Robbie on vacation	FEB 24 Pastor Robbie on vacation today and Feb. 25

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