

The Burning Bush

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

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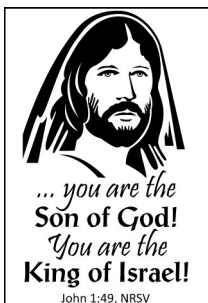
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This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

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.



We prepare for worship on this second Sunday after Epiphany

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel.

The story of the calling of Nathanael in the New Testament plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

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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. Please feel free to take a face mask available at the sign-in area if you would like. And please join us for Fellowship 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, January 7, was \$3,755.00. The average weekly offering for December was \$3,568.00.

Pick up Annual Meeting documents today

At our Annual Meeting, which will be held following worship on **next 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.

Pick up a copy of the Annual Meeting documents (committee reports, proposed budget, agenda, etc.) today in order to be better prepared to participate in the meeting. Please bring them back with you next week.



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 our

Annual Meeting (see above). In the meantime, check out the bags in the back of the Sanctuary for ways to help now. Thank you!

Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, 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, Marilyn Brill, the Cilento 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 14 9:00am Adult Bible Study on Book of Job 10:30am Worship Service	JAN 15 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	JAN 16 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JAN 17	JAN 18	JANUARY 19 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	JAN 20
JANUARY 21 9:00am Adult Bible Study on Book of Job 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Annual Meeting	JAN 22 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	JAN 23 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JAN 24	JAN 25	JANUARY 26 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	JAN 27

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