



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.

Moses
made a
serpent
of *bronze*,
and put
it upon
a *pole* ...

Numbers 21:9, NRSV



Preparing for worship

Today is the fourth Sunday of LENT

The fourth of the Old Testament promises is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live.

In today's gospel reading from John, Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live.

When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

- 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: Buddy Lindquist, usher; Edwin Kruah, worship assistant and offering counter; Kaitlyn Yetsko, acolyte; Gene Zaiser, alter preparer; and Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider.

Thank you for your stewardship

The offering for last Sunday, March 3, was \$2,530.00. 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 27

Sunday, March 24, 10:30am, Palm Sunday Holy Communion and Palm Processional; sign up to read

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, Janet Adams, Kenneth LaMar, Marilyn Brill, Mercedes Fisher, Pam Baker, Patrick Pileggi, Richard Jackson, Sarah Schreppler and Viola Mann.

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.

Flowers available Easter Sunday - proceeds to benefit Our Daily Bread

Thanks to a \$250 grant from Thrivent, we will have lilies, daffodils and crocus adorning our Easter alter area. Everyone is invited to take flowers home and encouraged to leave a donation. All monies collected will be donated to Our Daily Bread in Middletown to benefit their food programs.

Participate, volunteer, serve!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 10 Daylight savings time begins 9:00am Adult Bible Study: Book of Philippians 10:30am Worship Service 3-4pm Communication Strategies with People with Alzheimer's disease - St. Paul's Church	MARCH 11 1:00- 4:00pm Maria Gue in office	MARCH 12 10:00am- 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 6:00pm Council meeting	MARCH 13 10am-noon Knot Quilters Noon - Lenten soup and discussion at St. Paul's UMC	MARCH 14 Noon- OWIS luncheon at Sully's restaurant Middletown	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
MARCH 17 9:00am Adult Bible Study: Book of Philippians 10:30am Worship Service	MARCH 18 1:00- 4:00pm Maria Gue in office	MARCH 19 10:00am- 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	MARCH 20 Noon - Lenten soup and discussion at St. Paul's UMC	MARCH 21	MARCH 22 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 23

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