



# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

April 21, 2024

## HYMNS

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471 and 483

661

**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.



## 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.

## We are all called to serve

To volunteer to serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser or contact him at [gzaiser@yahoo.com](mailto:gzaiser@yahoo.com). We thank today's worship assistants: Maxine Campbell, usher and alter preparer; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant and offering counter; Liana Yetsko, acolyte; and Carolyn Lewis, fellowship provider.

## Thank you for your stewardship

The offering for last Sunday, April 14 was \$3,273.22. The average weekly offering for March (not including special Holy Week services) was \$2,598.00.

## Call for Special Offering today for Key Bridge Relief



Bishop William Gohl has asked the congregations of the Delaware-Maryland Synod to take up a special offering for the families of the victims of the Key Bridge collapse. This will happen here **today**.

To make a donation, please place it in an envelope marked **Key Bridge Relief**. All gifts will be sent to the Synod for distribution. Please know that 100% all gifts will be used for direct aid and assistance. These may include the International Seafarer's Center in Baltimore Harbor as well as the Seamen's Center at the Port of Wilmington.

**Speaking of Special Offerings**, the congregation and guests contributed \$340 in donations for Easter flowers, all of which was given to **Our Daily Bread in Middletown**.

## Sign up today for Progressive Dinner, Saturday, June 22



This is a chance to socialize and have fellowship with other adults here at Tree of Life—both our younger adults as well as the more veteran!

How will it work? We'll start at someone's house for an appetizer; then move on to another home for a main dish; and a third and final stop for dessert. If you care to volunteer to be a host home for one of these parts of the meal, feel free to ask friends to help you! You don't have to prepare everything.

Please indicate that you will attend by signing up on the sheet on the kitchen bulletin board. **Questions?** See Carla Fiske or contact her at [cbfiske@gmail.com](mailto:cbfiske@gmail.com).

## Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Anya Smith, Bill Glass, Christiine K., Cindy Johnson, Dale & Clara Newcomb, Dallas Dean, Danielle Fangman, 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 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](mailto: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.

## Ongoing service 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!

### Have youngsters? Bring them to our new WIGGLE ROOM!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 21 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service with Special Offering for Key Bridge Relief	APRIL 22 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	APRIL 23 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	APRIL 24	APRIL 25	APRIL 26 10am-1pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm KINGDOM KIDS and CONFIRMATION	APRIL 27
APRIL 28 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	APRIL 29 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	APRIL 30 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	MAY 1 	MAY 2 10:00am WELCA at Panera's 6:00pm Worship & Music Committee meeting	MAY 3 10am-1pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm KINGDOM KIDS and CONFIRMATION	MAY 4

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