



The Burning Bush

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

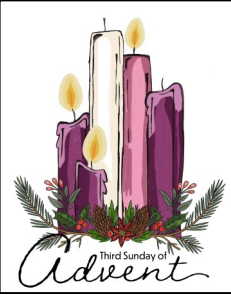
Odessa, DE

December 15, 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:

Maxine Campbell, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant; Volunteer, acolyte; Nicky Zaiser, altar preparer; Jean Schulze, fellowship provider; and Joe Schultz, offering counter.

The offering for last Sunday, December 8, was \$2,160.00. 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.

Stewardship Report: pledges up by 3% to date

- Gene Zaiser, stewardship chair

As of this report, 26 pledges for 2025 have been received as follows:

General Fund - \$109,720

Facility - \$7,112

Roof repair - \$16,520 (\$10,000 already paid in 2024, earmarked for "roof")

Total pledges (2025) - \$123,352

We did not ask for your intention to give for benevolences but many of you do give to benevolences since it is a Christian core value.

This total compares to the 2024 amount pledged of \$119,610, representing a 3% increase.

Thank you for your Stewardship.



Are you called to offer your skills, wisdom and insight on Council?

Please prayerfully consider this important way to serve. Elections will occur in January at the Annual Meeting.

Interested? Have questions? See Nicky Zaiser.

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.



Trombone/keyboard duet during Offertory today

Jim Pileggi and Duane Dillard will present a favorite carol - a Black spiritual - *Rise up Shepherd and Follow*, during the Offering today. Jim currently plays in two jazz bands, The Spartans Jazz Band and the Clifford Brown Jazz Band, both located in Wilmington.

Attend, participate, volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Choir rehearsal Noon - Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	DEC. 16 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 17 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	DEC 18	DEC 19	DEC 20 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 21 1:00pm Live Nativity and Christmas Party
DECEMBER 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 3:00pm Blue Christmas service at St. Paul's UMC in Odessa	DEC 23 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 24 7:00pm Candlelight Service	DEC 25 	DEC 26 Pastor Robbie on vacation until January 3	DEC 27 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 28

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