

# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

January 21, 2024

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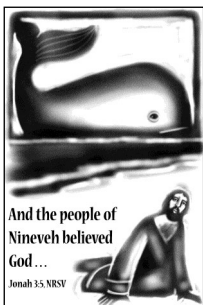
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**This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.**

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.



## God alone is my rock and my salvation - Psalm 62:6

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers - Simon and Andrew - leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

- [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com)



## 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:*

Carolyn Lewis, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant and offering counter; Kaitlyn Yetsko, acolyte; Nicky Zaiser, alter preparer; and Carla Fiske, fellowship provider.

*Thank you for your stewardship*

The offering for last Sunday, January 14, was \$2,120.00. The average weekly offering for December was \$3,568.00.

## Annual Meeting today at 11:45 - time for important conversations about ToFL's future

At our Annual Meeting today, we will elect members to our Church Council. Please prayerfully consider this exciting service to our church's mission. The meeting's agenda will also include community outreach and other ways to fulfill our mission.

If you haven't already, please pick up a copy of the Annual Meeting documents today.



## Tree of Life beginning outreach to *Our Daily Bread*

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](http://www.ourdailybreadmot.com). Watch for more information about this involvement including your ideas during our Annual Meeting today. **In the meantime, check out the bags in the back of the Sanctuary in the alcove behind the Ushers Table for a list of food you can donate now. Thank you!**

## OWLS sponsoring trip to see *The Fantasticks*, August 14: open to non-OWLS, too!

Gail Russel know today if you would like to reserve a spot to see a matinee production of the musical, **The Fantasticks** on Wednesday, August 14 at the Candlelight Dinner Theater in Arden. We will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch followed by this popular musical. To hold your spot, please give Gail Russell \$20 per person **by today**. The total cost per ticket is \$56. More details will be coming soon.

## Let us pray for ...

Amanda Campbell, Annalise Fratta, Anya Smith, Carolyn Winiarski, Christine K., the Cilento 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 [treeoflifelc@verizon.net](mailto:treeoflifelc@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.

## In Memoriam: We remember our Brother Mark Cilento

The funeral service for devoted Tree of Life member and friend, Mark Cilento, will be at noon this Wednesday, January 24, at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Pastor Robbie will be joined by Rev. Patrick Downes and Rev. Amy Wright in leading the service. Calling hours are from 10 a.m.-noon that day. A reception will follow the service, also at St. Philip's.

Interment will be at 11:00am, Thursday, January 25, at Barratt's Chapel Cemetery, 6362 Bay Road, Frederica.

Participate, volunteer, serve!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JANUARY 21</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Study on Book of Job  10:30am Worship Service <b>11:45am Annual Meeting</b>	<b>JAN 22</b> 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	<b>JAN 23</b> 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	<b>JAN 24</b> Service for Mark Cilento, St. Phillips LC - See above.	<b>JAN 25</b>	<b>JANUARY 26</b> 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office  1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	<b>JAN 27</b>
<b>JANUARY 28</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Study on Book of Job  10:30am Worship Service	<b>JAN 29</b> 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	<b>JAN 30</b> 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	<b>JAN 31</b>	<b>FEB 1</b> 6:00pm Worship & Music Comm. mtng	<b>FEBRUARY 2</b> 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office  1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	<b>FEB 3</b>

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