

The Burning Bush

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

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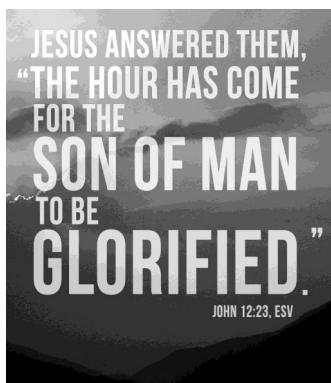
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This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

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.



Hosanna!

Welcome the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

This Holy Week Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends.

Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken.

Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

- 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: Maxine Campbell, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant and offering counter; Liana Yetsko, acolyte; Nicky Zaiser, alter preparer; and Carolyn Lewis, fellowship provider.

Thank you for your stewardship

The offering for last Sunday, March 17, was \$1,763.00. The average weekly offering for February was \$3,277.00.

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!

Fellowship Ministry to expand

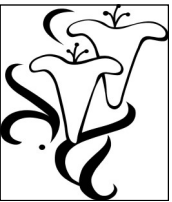
Carla Fiske, chair of the Fellowship Committee (whose volunteers provide delicious snacks following each Sunday service), announced last Sunday that she is looking for volunteers to help our families in two ways: people who can make cookies for church functions (open houses, Live Nativity, funerals, etc) and people who can make one-dish meals to help families who find themselves in crisis. Carla has a blue binder in the Fellowship Room where you can sign up to be called upon as needed. If you find you cannot help out when called, that's ok: she'll call on another volunteer. *Questions?* See Carla. Thank you!

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 24 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am Adult Bible Study: Book of Philippians 10:30am Palm Processional and Worship Service	MARCH 25 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	MARCH 26 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	MARCH 27 Noon - Final Lenten soup and discussion at St. Paul's UMC with Pastor Robbie leading	MARCH 28 7pm Maundy Thursday service at St. Paul's with hand-washing	MARCH 29 Noon - Cross Walk from St. Paul's to Tree of Life 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 4:00-5:30pm NO KINGDOM KIDS 7pm Good Friday service at ToL	MARCH 30 11am Easter Egg Hunt at St. Paul's
MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30am Worship Service	APRIL 1 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	APRIL 2 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5 10am-1pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office NO KINGDOM KIDS	APRIL 6

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