



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

December 31, 2023

HYMNS

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hymns

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.



Let us prepare for worship on this first Sunday of Christmas

Today's service of Lessons and Carols includes Nativity readings from the Old Testament prophets, the Gospels and the singing of Christmas carols. Instead of our normal service liturgy, we will focus entirely on the gift of Jesus and the story of his remarkable, humble birth, through word and song.

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Welcome!

Please sign in to let us know who you are - especially if you are visiting - so we can welcome you properly. 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, alter preparer and offering counter; Kaitlyn Yetzko, acolyte; Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider

Thank you for your stewardship

The offering for last Sunday, December 24, both services, was \$2,529.00. The average weekly offering for November was \$2,083.00.

Are you called to serve on Council?

At our Annual Meeting, which will be held after fellowship on Sunday, January 21, we will elect members to our Church Council. Please prayerfully consider this important service to our church and its mission. Please contact Church Council President Nicky Zaiser or Pastor Robbie with any questions and/or to put your name in nomination.

Annual Reports due this Friday, January 5

If you are a committee chair, please start writing your annual report to be included with the budget and other documents at our annual meeting. Email it to Maria at treeoflifelc@verizon.net by January 5.

If someone were having a heart attack, could you give them life-saving CPR?



Sign up for free, hands-only CPR class

Sign up on the sheet located at the back of the Sanctuary. This class will be given by New Castle County paramedics. You can take the class for certification (having the ability to say that you are CPR-certified) or just to audit. The class will also include how to properly use the church's AED machine (automated external defibrillator).



When: Next Sunday, January 7, 11:30am right after church to 2:30pm.

Where: Right here at Tree of Life

Questions: Talk to Dirk Schultz or contact Lorraine Williams at lorraine.k.williams@newcastlede.gov or by phone at 302-395-2736.

Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Anya Smith, Carolyn Winiarski, Christine K., Dale & Clara Newcomb, Dallas Dean, Danielle Fangman, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erica Zaiser, Grace Haviland, Jack Barilla, Kenneth LaMar, Kimberly Cilento, Marilyn Brill, Mark Cilento and family, 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. 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.



“Peace be with you”

We know that the Tree of Life congregation respects those who, for various reasons, wish not to physically share the peace; that those who smile and wave are also sharing the peace.

Participate, volunteer, serve!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 31 No Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service of Lessons and Carols	JANUARY 1 Office closed Happy New Year!	JAN 2 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JAN 3	JAN 4	JANUARY 5 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office Maria Gue in office 1:00-4:00pm NO KINGDOM KIDS OR CONFIRMATION Committee annual reports due	JAN 6
JANUARY 7 9:00am Adult Bible Study on Book of Job resumes 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am –2:30pm CPR class	JAN 8 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office	JAN 9 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 6:30pm Church Council meeting	JAN 10 10:00am Knot Quilters	JAN 11 Noon - OWLS outing 6:00pm Worship & Music Comm. mtng	JANUARY 12 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00-4:00pm Maria Gue in office 3:30-5:00pm Kingdom Kids and Confirmation resume	JAN 13

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