



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

January 13, 2019

Today's
Hymns
448
581
496/491
300

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 and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.



Today is Baptism of our Lord Sunday

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

- *sundaysandseasons.com*



Today's flowers are donated by Maxine and Jerry Campbell
in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary



It is easy to donate altar flowers

Sign up for a Sunday of your choice at the desk near Fellowship Hall, put \$25 in one of the envelopes there (Make your check payable to Tree of Life LC.) with your name and date of the Sunday you are paying for, and place it in the offering plate. **After service, the flowers are yours to take and enjoy. Please leave the silver container and the vase - which belongs to the florist - on the kitchen counter.** You can take your flowers home in a vase located in the lower cabinet to the left of the stove.

Let us pray for ... The Fratta family, Joe Case, Tim Martin, Craig Allen, Richard Jackson, Doug Giambra, Eric Harmon, Lorraine Mills, Arnold Toller, Keith Rayher, Patricia Parker, Dallas Dean, Danny Matz, Elizabeth Schreppler, Patrick Pileggi, Dale Schreppler, Linda Steiner, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Ronald Rollerson, Danielle Fangman; for those who serve and have served in our military; disaster victims and victims of violence everywhere; and for discernment and the Spirit's guidance as we search for a permanent pastor.

Please submit any names of those you wish to add to our Prayer List to Jean Mullen at jaramullen1@gmail.com or treeoflifelc@verizon.net; or you may fill out a prayer card (find them on the Ushers Table) and place it in the offering plate. Please also let her know when to take someone off the list.



We can help hundreds of mariners at the Port of Wilmington

Gene Zaiser has volunteered to take "ditty boxes" of supplies to the Seamen's Center at the Port of Wilmington. These boxes contain items that the seamen often request: comb, razors, playing cards, cough drops, sewing kit, soap, warm socks, deodorant, shampoo, chapstick, candy/gum, hand lotion, pens/stationery, winter gloves, watch caps and scarves (knitting directions are available at link below). Gene will also need shoe boxes. Bring in your donations and place them in the white box in the Narthex. Thank you for your help with this mission.

For more information, go to: http://scwde.org/christmas_at_sea.html.

Finding Gospel Gold

Come join the Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:00am, led by Pastor Johnson. All are welcome!

After service, we are invited to meditate on a postlude by Music Director Duane Dillard.

Weekly financial update: *How are we doing with our weekly offerings?*

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$3,893.00. The average weekly offering for the month of December was \$2,860.00. To be able to call a full-time pastor, we need to average \$3,000/week, an amount we do not yet reach consistently. It is not too late to hand in your pledge amount for 2019 if you have not done so yet. You may put it in the offering plate or give it to Gene Zaiser.



Annual Congregational Meeting January 20

ANNUAL MEETING Please plan to stay for this important meeting after worship next Sunday when our budget proposal for 2019 will be presented, discussed, amendments considered and then approved. Reports from each of the committees regarding 2018 and their plans for the future will also be presented.

For the month of January, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **January 30 (10:00am)** instead of on its normal date, the third Wednesday of the month.

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JAN. 13 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service and Postlude	JAN. 14	JAN. 15	JAN. 16 6:00pm - 7:30pm 	JAN. 17 3:00-4:30pm Grocery distribution	JAN. 18	JAN. 19
JAN. 20 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service and Postlude	JAN. 21	JAN. 22	JAN. 23 6:00pm- 7:30pm 	JAN. 24	JAN. 25	JAN. 26

Serving today....

Presiding and preaching: Greg Johnson
Musician: Duane Dillard
Usher: Maxine Campbell
Acolyte: E.J. Kruah
Worship Assistant: Edwin Kruah
Cup Gatherer: George Matz
Altar Guild: Joanne Letwinch
Offering Counter: Edwin Kruah
Fellowship: Nicky Zaiwer



Dust Busters: Schill and Young families
Altar Flowers: Dot Schreppler
Office Manager: Jean Mullen
Worship Folder: Gail Russell
Burning Bush: Pam Nichols
The Leaflet: Donna Parks
Webmaster: Paul Schuler
Facebook: Jean Mullen
Nursery: *Need nursery?* Tell the Usher and an adult volunteer will be summoned



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