

The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

January 4, 2026

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.

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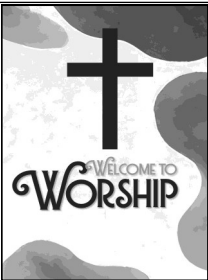
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ALL are welcome here!

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 following today's service!

We are called to serve

To volunteer to serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser or contact him at gzaiser@yahoo.com. We thank today's service volunteers: George Matz, usher; Jim Pileggi, worship assistant; Sue Vetrano, altar; Nicky Zaiser, fellowship provider; and Gene Zaiser, offering counter. The offering for last Sunday was \$1270. The offering for Christmas Eve was \$1,274. The average weekly offering for December 2025 (not including Christmas Eve) was \$3,322.00.

You can serve the community and make a difference

** Knot Quilters and Project Linus Blankets - 10am to noon, normally on 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 and Confirmants. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols.



If you have not yet turned in the green pledge card with your offering pledge for next year, you can still do so. You can find extra cards on the Ushers Table. Leave it in the offering plate or give it to Gene Zaiser, stewardship chair. The Budget Committee and

Church Council use our pledge amounts to determine the operating budget for next year.

Annual Congregational Meeting February 1, following worship service



All members of Tree of Life are urged to attend our annual congregational meeting following service on February 1. This is the business meeting where we set the path for 2026: we discuss and approve a budget for 2026; consider and approve committee reports; consider old and new business; hear from our Council President and Pastor

about 2025 and the year ahead; and elect new Council members.

Watch for documents for our review to be made available soon.

Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Beth Pugh, Becky Bullock, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Dee Matz, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Gail Russell and family, Gary Letts, Joe and Courtney Allen, John Bock, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Richard Ray, Sarah Schreppler, and William and Winnie 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; 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. Please the full name of the person as well as your own.

It is also important to notify the church office when this person can be taken off the list.

Volunteering at *Our Daily Bread* is fun, easy and helps many

On the first Wednesday of the month, Tree of Life is responsible for helping out at the sit-down dinner meal and distribution of take-out meals at ***Our Daily Bread***.

There are other volunteers who prepare the meals. We have different jobs: greeting and bringing the meals to people who sit down in the dining area; greeting the drive-up families who are given take-out meals; and washing up the dishes. There are always people available to answer questions. The monthly sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchen. For answers to your questions, see Sylvia Schill.

Volunteer, participate, attend						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur - day
JANUARY 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 10:30am - Worship Service 2:00pm Meadowcrest service	JANUARY 5 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JANUARY 6  EPIPHANY	JANUARY 7 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 2:00pm Choir practice 4:00pm - Our Daily Bread	JANUARY 8 10:00am WELCA at Tree of Life, not at Panera's Noon - OWLS Planning luncheon at Tree of Life	JANUARY 9 11:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JAN 10
JANUARY 11 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY 10:30am - Worship Service Noon - Choir practice Kingdom Kids and Confirmation	JANUARY 12 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JANUARY 13 12:30pm Council meeting	JANUARY 14 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 10:00am Knot Quilters	JANUARY 15 10:00am - Worship and-Music Comm. Meeting	JANUARY 16 11:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JAN 17

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