

The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

December 21, 2025

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.

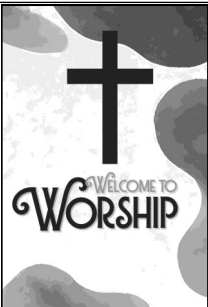
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Welcome to the fourth Sunday of ADVENT

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: Maxine Campbell, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant; Sue Vetrano, altar; Jean Schulze, fellowship provider; and Joe Schulze, offering counter. Since in-person church was cancelled last week, there is no offering to report. The average weekly offering for November (not including the Thrivent donation or the Thanksgiving service) was \$2,839.00.

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 pledges to determine the operating budget for next year.

Happenings during ADVENT: Hope, joy, love, peace

*Carla Fiske is starting to refill our **Food Library**. Please consider bringing in some canned goods or other non-perishables to the small table in the Kitchen.

* There will be a **Blue Christmas Service** at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (406 Main St., Odessa) for people who find the holidays difficult because of the loss of loved ones. It will be held **Sunday, December 21 at 3:00pm.**

* **Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 7:00pm.**

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.



We thank all of our volunteers

As Council President Nicky Zaiser mentioned recently, Tree of Life has many volunteers, although we could definitely use more! Today we thank everyone who organized and participated in our annual Live Nativity and donated 28 gifts for two Neighborhood House families !

Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur - day
DECEMBER 21 FINAL SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Community Blue Christmas service at St. Paul's UMC in Odessa	DECEMBER 22 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 23	DECEMBER 24 10am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	DEC 25 	DEC 26 OFFICE CLOSED	DEC 27
DECEMBER 28 10:30am Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols Pastor Robbie on vacation thru Jan. 3	DECEMBER 29 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	DEC 30	DECEMBER 31	JANUARY 1, 2026 Happy New Year!	JANUARY 2 1:00pm- 4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JAN 3

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