



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, DE

December 28, 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.

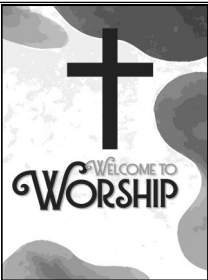
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ALL are welcome here!

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: Maxine Campbell, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant; Jerry Campbell, altar; Jean Schulze, fellowship provider; and Joe Schulze, offering counter. The offering for last Sunday was \$3,270. The average weekly offering for November (not including a 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 pledge amounts to determine the operating budget for next year.

Lutheran Campus Ministries (LCM) wishes us joyful blessings

- *Mindy Holland, chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD*

"We're grateful for God's abundant blessings this year! New students continue to visit, and seven of this fall's visitors have become more fully connected to LCM's activities and opportunities.... Thank you and bless you for the many ways in which you support LCM at UD.... The practical, financial, and spiritual care of the wide LCM network empowers us to continue providing a nurturing, Christ-centered place for students to grow in faith, outreach and discipleship."

Pastor Robbie will be on vacation today through Dec. 31. For any urgent pastoral needs, please call the Rev. Linda Ray, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Odessa, at (540) 207-1787.

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.



Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp & Retreat Center

Mar-Lu-Ridge ELCA Summer Camp registration opens this week

Registration for summer camp 2026 at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, Md, opens January 1. This facility, operated by the ELCA, operates a summer camp located in the beautiful Catoctin Mountains of Central Maryland during the months of June and July. There are specialized camps available for a variety of interests. Mar-Lu-Ridge offers day and residential camp opportunities for ages 6-17, plus Family Camp and Grand Adventure Camp. You can read descriptions of each type of camp [online](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/camp/camp-descriptions/) at www.mar-lu-ridge.org/camp/camp-descriptions/. Registration and schedules are also available [online](#).

Volunteer, participate, attend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur - day
DECEMBER 28 10:30am Service of Lessons and Carols Pastor Robbie on vacation thru Dec.31	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 11:00am- 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office	JAN 3
JANUARY 4 10:30am - Worship Service Noon - Choir practice	JANUARY 5 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 7 10:00am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office 4:00pm - Our Daily Bread	JANUARY 8 10:00am WELCA at Tree of Life, not at Panera's	JANUARY 9 11:00am- 1:00pm Pastor Robbie in office :00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JAN 10

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