

# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

April 1, 2018

Today's  
Hymns  
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**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.

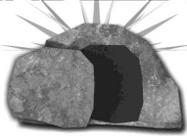
**He Is  
RISEN  
INDEED!**

*Allelujah! He is risen! He is risen indeed!*

Today's Gospel reading from Mark is a telling of the empty tomb story that speaks more directly to us than the other gospels. "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

- *sundaysandseasons.com*



Today's flowers are donated by Dolores Billé  
in memory of her parents, Helen and Gustave Rothenhofer



## 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 church vase located in the lower cabinet to the left of the stove.

**Let us pray for ...** Keith Rayher, Patricia Parker, Dallas Dean, Danny Matz, Deborah Atkinson, Elizabeth Schreppler, Dale Schreppler, Dot Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Ronald Rollerson, Danielle Fangman, Patrick Pileggi; 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@verizon.net](mailto:jaramullen1@verizon.net) or [treeoflifelc@verizon.net](mailto: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.

## Easter Egg Hunt following service today at noon

Everyone who is young at heart is invited to join us for a special surprise-filled Easter Egg Hunt outside following service at noon! And we thank everyone who brought delicious food this morning and who came to enjoy Easter fellowship!



## New Summer Bible Camp set for July 16-20, 8am to 5pm

We are very excited to announce that Pastor Greg, with help from his wife and parents of our Troop 505 families, are planning a Bible Camp July 16-20, here at Tree of Life, ending on Friday with a trip to Killens Pond State Park.

Watch for more information coming soon!

## Immigration Study Group to resume meeting at noon, next Sunday, April 8

At this meeting, an immigration lawyer will be present to discuss immigration issues in our area and answer your questions. See Gene Zaiser if you have any questions about this study group.

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$4,018.00, making the weekly average for the month of March \$3,233.25. To be able to call a full-time pastor, we need to average \$3,000/week, an amount we do not yet reach consistently. If you would like to reconsider your pledge amount for 2018, pledge forms are on the Ushers Table, or see Gene Zaiser, our treasurer.

**Sunday Bible Study to begin April 15, 9am. See page 1 of the April *Leaflet*.**

**Reminder:** Please put your worship folders and any other papers you won't be taking home in the Recycling Basket in the Narthex. Reusing the worship folders saves us paper, ink and time reprinting and folding.

**Girl Scout Johanna DiLeonardo collecting baby items**

Girl Scout Troop 467, of which our own Johanna DiLeonardo is a member, is collecting donations of new baby items for "Exceptional Care for Children," an organization that helps families with technology-dependent children. The organization's wish list is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Johanna will collect your donations in a box in the Narthex until Sunday, May 13.

**Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 1 EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>He is risen!</i> <i>He is risen indeed!</i> 9:30 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Worship Service Noon Easter Egg Hunt	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4 <b>NO TROOP 505 FAITH FORMATION</b>	APRIL 5 Noon - OWLS luncheon outing at Brick Works in Smyrna	APRIL 6	APRIL 7
APRIL 8 Pastor Jack Little preaching and presiding 10:30 Worship Service	APRIL 9	APRIL 10 9:30am Grocery sorting	APRIL 11 10am Quilting 6-7:15pm Troop 505 Faith Formation	APRIL 12	APRIL 13	APRIL 14 10am-2pm Council, MSP Task Force and Call Comm. Mtng

***Serving today....***

- Presiding and preaching:** Greg Johnson
- Musician:** Duane Dillard
- Usher:** George Matz
- Acolyte:** Sam Lintz
- Worship Assistant:** Jim Pileggi
- Communion Assistant:** Lynda Giamba
- Altar Guild:** Gene Zaiser
- Offering Counter:** Tim Lintz
- Nursery:** Volunteer
- Fellowship:** Nicky Zaiser



- Dust Busters:** Collett and Cilento families
- Altar Flowers:** Dot Schreppler
- Office Manager:** Jean Mullen
- Worship Folder:** Gail Russell
- Burning Bush:** Pam Nichols
- The Leaflet:** Donna Parks
- Webmaster:** Jeff Russell
- Facebook:** Scott Soucy and Jean Mullen
- Troop 505 - Faith Formation:** Pam Nichols, Joanne Letwinch and parents



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