

The Burning Bush

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

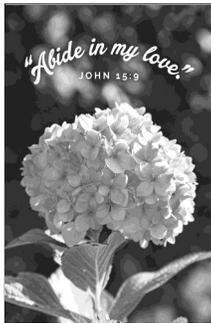
Odessa, Delaware

May 6, 2018

**Today's
Hymns**
720
449
WS 14 and 16
821

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 the sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

- *sundaysandseasons.com*



Today's flowers are donated by Carolyn Lewes
to the Glory of God

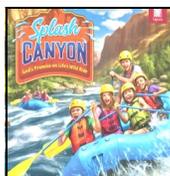


It is easy to donate altar flowers

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 ... Arnold Toller, Tim Driscoll, 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 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.



Sign up today for Summer Bible Camp July 16-20, 8am to 5pm

Splash Canyon will be held here, July 16-20. The cost is only \$50 to cover some expenses. Thursday will feature a picnic and play, and Friday we'll take a trip to Killens Pond State Park. Sample materials are displayed in the Narthex. Sign up today! Invite friends!

Nursery available for the very young

Please let the Usher know if you have pre-school or younger children (age 5 and under) that you would like to have supervised in our Nursery area during service. He/she will make sure that one of our Nursery volunteers is summoned. Thank you!

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$1,645.00. The weekly average for the month of April was \$2,574.00. To be able to call a full-time pastor, we need to average \$3,000/week, an amount we do not yet reach consistently. If you would like to reconsider your pledge amount for 2018, pledge forms are on the Ushers Table, or see Gene Zaiser, our treasurer.

Johanna DiLeonardo conducting a "Wish Drive" for new 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 next Sunday, May 13.

Sign up for road clean up, Saturday, May 19

Meet at 9am at the corner of Armstrong Corner and Choptank Roads. You will be given a safety vest and trash bags but do wear your own work gloves. If you have questions or to sign up, please see Mark Cilento or email him at mtcilento@verizon.net.

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 6 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service with "Noisy Change" collection	MAY 7	MAY 8 6pm Council 9:30am Grocery sorting	MAY 9 10am Quilters 6-7:15pm Troop 505	MAY 10	MAY 11	MAY 12 10am-2pm LCM Prop- erty Work Day (see p. 11 of the <i>Leaflet</i>)
MAY 13 MOTHER'S DAY 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service	MAY 14	MAY 15	MAY 16 6-7:15pm Troop 505 Final session till Fall	MAY 17 3-5pm Grocery distribution	MAY 18	MAY 19

Serving today....

Presiding and preaching: Greg Johnson

Musician: Duane Dillard

Usher: George Matz

Acolyte: Sam Lintz

Worship Assistant: Jim Pileggi

Communion Assistant: Jean Mullen

Altar Guild: Joanne Letwinch

Offering Counter: Bob Traver

Nursery: Volunteer



Fellowship: Nicky Zaiser

Dust Busters: Schill & Young 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: Jean Mullen

Troop 505 - Faith Formation:

Pam Nichols, Joanne Letwinch and parents



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