

# The Burning Bush

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

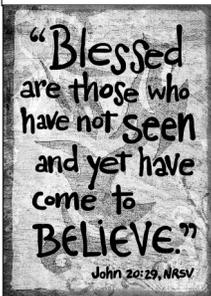
Odessa, Delaware

April 8, 2018

**Today's  
Hymns**  
389  
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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.



## Today is the second Sunday of Easter—Doubting Thomas Sunday

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

- [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com)



Today's flowers are donated by Rick and Jean Mullen  
in honor of the April birthdays at Tree of Life



### 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.



### 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. Sample materials are displayed in the Narthex. Watch for more information coming soon!

### Immigration Study Group to resume meeting at noon today: all are welcome

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.

### Sunday Bible Study to begin next week, April 15, 9am

Join Pastor Greg for a new Bible Study, "Mining the Gospel," as he leads us in learning and discussion.

### 270 new toys donated to A.I. DuPont Hospital

Young John Collett thanks everyone who donated new toys for the young patients at A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital. Last week he reported that they were also able to donate Easter baskets to the children in one of the unit's there. We thank you, John, for doing the Lord's work: serving others.

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$4,941.00. The first Sunday of the month is when many congregants make their monthly offering. The weekly average for the month of March was \$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

**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.

**April 28: Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware, 1-4pm, big party!** All are invited. See Gerrit Salemink or page 11 of the April *Leaflet* for more information.

### Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>APRIL 8</b> Pastor Jack Little preaching and presiding  10:30 Worship Service Immigration Study Group following service	<b>APRIL 9</b>	<b>APRIL 10</b> 9:30am Grocery sorting	<b>APRIL 11</b> 10am Quilting  6-7:15pm Troop 505 Faith Formation	<b>ARIL 12</b>	<b>APRIL 13</b>	<b>APRIL 14</b> 10am-2pm Council, MSP Task Force and Call Comm. Mtng
<b>APRIL 15</b> 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service	<b>APRIL 16</b>	<b>APRIL 17</b> 6:30pm Council meeting	<b>APRIL 18</b> 6-7:15pm Troop 505	<b>APRIL 19</b> 3-5pm Grocery distribution 7pm Worship & Music Meeting	<b>APRIL 20</b>	<b>APRIL 21</b>

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

**Presiding and preaching:** Jack Little

**Musician:** Duane Dillard

**Usher:** Maxine Campbell

**Acolyte:** E.J. Kruah

**Worship Assistant:** Edwin Kruah

**Communion Assistant:** George Matz

**Altar Guild:** Maxine Campbell

**Offering Counter:** Edwin Kruah

**Nursery:** Volunteer

**Fellowship:** Irene Soucy



**Dust Busters:** Volunteer & Zaiser 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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