



# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

May 13, 2018

**Today's  
Hymns**  
645  
392  
**WS 14 and 16**  
697

**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.



***"All mine are yours, and yours are mine"***

The gospel for today, Easter's seventh Sunday, is always taken from the long prayer (Jesus' High Priestly Prayer) which Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death. It includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, inter-penetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

- *sundaysandseasons.com*



Today's flowers are donated by Dot Schreppler  
in memory of her wedding anniversary



## 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, 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.

## 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. On Sunday, July 22, the youngsters will sing for the congregation, followed by a church picnic. Sign up today! Invite friends!

## Famed Delaware Storyteller Ed Okonowicz speaking this Friday, 7pm, at St. Paul's UMC

This Friday Ed Okonowicz, from the Delaware Humanities Forum, will be at St. Paul's UMC at 7pm to speak on "So You Think You Know All About Delaware." A renowned storyteller, he is also a regional author of more than 24 books on Delmarva culture, oral history, folklore and ghost stories. He is retired from the Univ. of Delaware where he taught folklore and writing. St. Paul's is inviting Tree of Life to join them. Light refreshments will be served after the program. No RSVP necessary, and the talk is free.

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$4,419.00. The first week of the month is always the highest. 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.

**Happy Mothers Day** to all mothers, aunts, caregivers, neighbors - women who offer love and care to children.

*Carnations* are the most popular flowers for Mother's Day and are thought to be made from the tears of Jesus' Mother (Mary) when she wept at his feet the day He was crucified.



**The Baylor Correctional Institute crochet class thanks you!**

Joanne Letwinch has displayed some photos of the womens' work in the Fellowship Room by the fireplace. The women thank you all very much for your donations of yarn.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MAY 13</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service with "Noisy Change" collection to fight World Hunger	MAY 14	MAY 15	MAY 16 6-7:15pm Troop 505 Final session till Fall - Ice Cream Sundae party!	MAY 17 3-5pm Grocery distribution	MAY 18 7pm DE history lecture at St. Paul's UMC	MAY 19 9am Road Cleanup 
 <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service with "Noisy Change" collection to fight World Hunger	MAY 21	MAY 22	MAY 23	MAY 24	MAY 25	MAY 26

**Serving today....**

- Presiding and preaching:** Greg Johnson
- Musician:** Duane Dillard
- Usher:** Maxine Campbell
- Acolyte:** E.J. Kruah
- Worship Assistant:** Edwin Kruah
- Communion Assistant:** Bill Glass
- Altar Guild:** Gene Zaiser
- Offering Counter:** Edwin Kruah
- Nursery:** Volunteer



- Fellowship:** Irene Soucy
- Dust Busters:** Collett & 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:** Jean Mullen
- Troop 505 - Faith Formation:** Pam Nichols, Joanne Letwinch and parents



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