



The Burning Bush

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

Today's
Hymns
705
685
464/471
661

Odessa, Delaware

October 14, 2018

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.



Out of love, Jesus offers us an open door to life

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

- sundaysandseasons.com

Today's flowers are donated by Maxine and Jerry Campbell
in memory of Brian Campbell



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

Let us pray for ... Amanda Campbell, Eric Harmon, Lorraine Mills, Arnold Toller, Keith Rayher, Patricia Parker, Dallas Dean, Danny Matz, 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@gmail.com 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.

First Holy Communion classes begin today

Pastor Johnson is holding First Holy Communion classes after worship today, 10-21 and 10-28 for any young members and their families, whether the youth are taking communion now or not. The classes will be 40 minutes in length. On Sunday, **October 28, Reformation Sunday**, families will come together to the altar and the young Communicants will be recognized. For more information, see page 3 of the October *Leaflet*.

Thanksgiving meal donations being accepted now

Instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce.... Any donations will help make our monthly food boxes in November more special. Just leave them on the kitchen counter. Thank you!

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$3,625.00. The average weekly offering for the month of September was \$2,126.00. 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 you can talk to Gene Zaiser, our treasurer.

Second Annual TOL “Clothing Plus Giveaway” this Saturday, 10am

We will have a community give-away this Saturday, October 20. This week we will be sorting the clothes. *Questions? Able to help sort this or help on Saturday?* Contact Sylvia Schill at sylsch@gmail.com or 302-378-7904. Thank you!



Annual “Blessing of the Animals” today, 2:pm, Levels Road Park

It is that time again to bring your pets to the dog park on Levels Road for a blessing.

“The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.” - Psalm 145:9

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCT. 14 9:00am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Holy Communion Class and Choir rehearsal 2pm Blessing of the Animals Levels Park	OCT. 15	OCT. 16	OCT. 17 6-7:30pm 	OCT. 18 3-5pm Grocery distribution	OCT. 19	OCT. 20 10am - noon Clothing Plus Giveaway
OCT. 21 9:00am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Holy Communion Class and Choir rehearsal	OCT. 22	OCT. 23	OCT. 24 6-7:30pm 	OCT. 25	OCT. 26	OCT. 27

Serving today....

- Presiding and preaching:** Greg Johnson
- Musician:** Duane Dillard
- Usher:** Lynda Giambra
- Acolyte:** E.J. Kruah
- Worship Assistant:** Edwin Kruah
- Communion Assistant:** George Matz
- Altar Guild:** Maxine Campbell
- Offering Counter:** Edwin Kruah
- Fellowship:** Carolyn Lewis



- Dust Busters:** Zaiser & Volunteer 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
- Nursery:** *Need nursery?* Tell the Usher and an adult volunteer will be summoned



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