



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

April 15, 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.



Today is the third Sunday of Easter

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.
- sundaysandseasons.com



Today's flowers are donated by Carolyn Lewis
in memory of her mother, Betty Lewis



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 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.



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 Cheryl 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!

Final Troop 505 session for this year will be Wednesday, May 16

We will resume "Faith Formation" for youth ages 4 to Grade 5 in the Fall. Happy Summer!

Sunday Bible Study to began today - Come whenever you can

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

Nursery available for the very young

Please let the Usher know if you have pre-school or younger children (age 5 and younger) 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!

Many thanks to **Jack Little**, retired Pastor and member of Tree of Life, for preaching and presiding last Sunday while Pastor Johnson took a well-deserved vacation.

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$3,266.56. 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 treasurer.

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, Spring Celebration!

All are invited. See Gerrit Salemlink or page 11 of the April *Leaflet* for more information.

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 15 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Immigration Study Group	APRIL 16	APRIL 17 6:30pm Council meeting	APRIL 18 6-7:15pm Troop 505	APRIL 19 3-5pm Grocery distribution 7pm Worship & Music Meeting	APRIL 20	APRIL 21
APRIL 22 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Immigration Study Group	APRIL 23	APRIL 24	APRIL 25 6-7:15pm Troop 505	APRIL 26	APRIL 27	APRIL 28 1-4pm LCM party. See above.

Serving today....

Presiding and preaching: Greg Johnson

Musician: Duane Dillard

Usher: Carolyn Lewis

Acolyte: Gene Zaiser

Worship Assistant: Pam Baker

Communion Assistant: Maxine Campbell

Altar Guild: Joanne Letwinch

Offering Counter: Maxine Campbell

Nursery: Volunteer

Fellowship: Donna Lintz



Dust Busters: Young and Schill 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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