

The Burning Bush

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

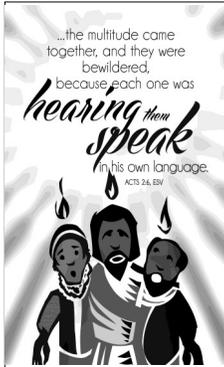
Odessa, Delaware

May 20, 2018

**Today's
Hymns**
399
400
WS 14 and 16
582

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 Pentecost Sunday: *Come, Holy Spirit!*

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created.

Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

- sundaysandseasons.com



Today's flowers are donated by Rick and Jean Mullen
in celebration of daughter Cathy's birthday

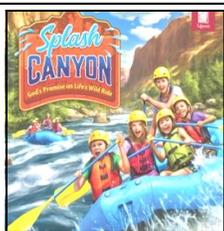


It is easy to donate altar flowers

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 ... Amanda Campbell, 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 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. After several years, we are delighted to have a Vacation Bible School back at Tree of Life!

The cost is only \$50 to cover some expenses. Thursday will feature a picnic and a play for the whole congregation, 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! **Questions?** See Pastor Greg.

Check it out!

The colleges and universities of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America (ELCA) have a helpful website – www.whygolutheran.org – for students and parents as they embark on the college search process.

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$1,970.00. 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 you can talk to Gene Zaiser, our treasurer.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



We congratulate Pastor Michael Merkel on 50th anniversary of his ordination!

Today, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newark, will be a celebration honoring our past interim pastor, Michael Merkel, who is marking 50 years of ministry. We have sent along a card, which many of you signed last Sunday, to add our congratulations and gratitude for being willing—even enthusiastic—about helping us at a critical time.

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 20 PENTECOST  PENTECOST SUNDAY "Noisy Change" collection to fight World Hunger	MAY 21	MAY 22	MAY 23 Move furniture - See Jerry Campbell to help	MAY 24 Carpets to be cleaned	MAY 25	MAY 26
MAY 27 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service with Final "Noisy Change" collection to fight World Hunger	MAY 28	MAY 29	MAY 30	MAY 31 Synod Assembly begins	JUNE 1	JUNE 2

Serving today....

- Presiding and preaching:** Greg Johnson
- Musician:** Duane Dillard
- Usher:** Bill Glass
- Acolyte:** Sam Lintz
- Worship Assistant:** Paul Schuler
- Communion Assistant:** Maxine Campbell
- Altar Guild:** Maxine Campbell
- Offering Counter:** Maxine Campbell
- Bible Study:** Rev. Dr. Greg Johnson



- Fellowship:** Donna Lintz
- 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:** Jean Mullen
- Nursery:** Tell the Usher that you have a child for the Nursery



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