



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

September 16, 2018

Today's
Hymns
770
660
496/469
543

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.



"Who do people say that I am?" - Mark 8:27

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

- sundaysandseasons.com

Jesus Rebukes Peter



Today's flowers are donated by Jean and Rick Mullen in honor of the birthday of their granddaughter, Isabella



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 ... Frank Houghton, 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.



Kingdom Kids Church School begins this Wednesday

Our Wednesday night Faith Formation Church School for youth has a new name: Kingdom Kids!

Our first Kingdom Kids get-together will be Wednesday evening, September 19, 6:00-7:15pm. As before we will have prayer, songs, the puppets JP and his friends, a Bible lesson and healthy snacks. All youngsters, whether they attend Tree of Life or not, are invited to attend, Pre-K to 6th grade, are welcome to attend.

Questions? Talk to Pam Nichols (pamela.nichols65@gmail.com) or Joanne Letwinch (jclet@aol.com), our Kingdom Kids teachers.

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$2,935.00. The weekly offering for the month of August was \$2,295.00. 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” October 20

There is a box in the Narthex for your contributions of clothing and household goods, jewelry, tools or toys. We will have community give-away Saturday, October 20.

Questions? Able to help? See Sylvia Schill.

New Member Conversation after church today

Interested in becoming a member of Tree of Life? Join Pastor Johnson after service today to talk about what that means.

This month our Grocery Pantry is in need of green vegetables and canned fruit.

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPT. 16 9:00am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service Membership information talk following service	SEPT. 17	SEPT. 18	SEPT. 19 6-7:15pm Kids Kingdom	SEPT. 20 3:00-5:00pm Grocery Distribution	SEPT. 21	SEPT. 22
SEPT. 23 9:00am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service Trip to Oktoberfest at Delaware Saengerbund	SEPT. 24	SEPT. 25	SEPT. 26 6-7:15pm Kids Kingdom	SEPT. 27	SEPT. 28	SEPT. 29

Serving today....

- Presiding and preaching:** Greg Johnson
- Musician:** Duane Dillard
- Usher:** John Collett
- Acolyte:** Sam Lintz
- Worship Assistant:** Lynda Giambra
- Communion Assistant:** Jean Mullen
- Altar Guild:** Maxine Campbell
- Offering Counter:** Bob Traver
- Fellowship:** Carolyn Lewis



- Dust Busters:** Cilento & Collett 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 and an adult volunteer will be summoned



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