

# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

April 22, 2018

Today's  
Hymns  
836  
764  
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860

**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 Good Shepherd Sunday

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

- [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com)



Today's flowers are donated by Janet Parks:  
Happy Birthday, Donna!

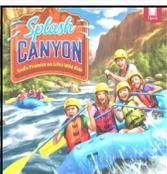


### It is easy to donate altar flowers

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](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.



### 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 hosting a Bible Camp, *Splash Canyon*, 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. Sign up today!

### Sunday Bible Study has begun - Come whenever you can - 9am

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 under) 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!

### National Drug Take-Back Day Sat., April 28, 10am-2pm, Middletown Police Dept.

Safely dispose of your left-over prescription drugs next Saturday: tablets, capsules, ointments, creams and liquids will be accepted, in their original packaging. No need to separate medication.

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$1,630.00. 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: Spring Celebration at Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Delaware, 1-4pm**

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 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. 10am-2pm National Drug Take-back Day
APRIL 29 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Immigration Study Group	APRIL 30	MAY 1	MAY 2 8am LCS Room at Table Breakfast 6-7:15pm Troop 505	MAY 3 Noon—OWLS luncheon at Café Napoli 7pm Worship & Music mtng	MAY 4	MAY 5

**Serving today....**

- Presiding and preaching:** Greg Johnson
- Musician:** Anne Fabian
- Usher:** John Collett
- Acolyte:** Sam Lintz
- Worship Assistant:** Dallas Dean
- Communion Assistant:** Jean Mullen
- Altar Guild:** Joanne Letwinch
- Offering Counter:** Maxine Campbell
- Nursery:** Volunteer
- Fellowship:** Mark Cilento



- Dust Busters:** Cilento and 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:** Scott Soucy and Jean Mullen
- Troop 505 - Faith Formation:** Pam Nichols, Joanne Letwinch and parents



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