



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

March 25, 2018

Today's
Hymns
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465 483
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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 Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion and beginning of Holy Week

Today we read the Passion story, beginning with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to the Crucifixion. Christ empties himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication.

Mark's Easter story next week will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

- *sundaysandseasons.com*



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



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 proposed for July 16-20,
8am to 5pm

We are very excited to announce that Pastor Greg, with help from his wife 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. Watch for more information coming soon!

Immigration Study Group to resume meeting on noon, Sunday, April 8

At this meeting, an immigration lawyer will be present to discuss immigration issues today in our area and answer our questions. See Gene Zaiser if you have any questions about this meeting or the Study Group in general.

St. Stephens holding Service of Healing and a Walk for Justice today, 4pm

You are invited to join the Lutheran churches of New Castle County and Trinity Episcopal in Wilmington for a Service of Healing and Walk for Justice and Reconciliation at 4pm. St. Stephens is located at 1301 N. Broom St. in Wilmington. For more information, go to www.ststeph.org or see the poster on the bulletin board.

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$1,916.00 The weekly average for the month of February was \$2,301.00. 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 see Gene Zaiser, our treasurer.



There is no Easter without the Cross: Please join us for Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday is this Thursday with a 7pm joint service at St. Paul's UMC, Odessa. Good Friday service is at 7pm, this Friday, a joint service with St. Paul's here at Tree of Life. Easter Sunday is next week, April 1, with a potluck breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt following the service.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to our Easter Celebration beginning with breakfast

Yes, please come early for a hearty Easter Breakfast, pot-luck style. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Room. Come with your food by 9:15am. We'll begin eating around 9:30am. Then, after service, stay for the Easter Egg hunt.

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>PALM SUNDAY 10:30 Procession and Worship Service</p>	MARCH 26	MARCH 27	MARCH 28 6-7:15pm Troop 505	MARCH 29 7pm Joint Maundy Thursday service, St. Paul's	MARCH 30 7pm TOL 	MARCH 31
<p>April 1 EASTER SUNDAY <i>He is risen!</i> <i>He is risen indeed!</i></p> <p>9:45 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Worship Service Noon Easter Egg Hunt</p>	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4 NO FAITH FORMATION (schools are closed)	APRIL 5	APRIL 6	APRIL 7

Serving today....

- Presiding and preaching:** Greg Johnson
- Musician:** Duane Dillard
- Usher:** Lynda Giambra
- Acolyte:** Gene Zaiser
- Worship Assistant:** Dallas Dean
- Communion Assistant:** Jean Mullen
- Altar Guild:** Joanne Letwinch
- Offering Counter:** Johanna Saleminck
- Nursery:** Volunteer
- Fellowship:** Mark Cilento



- Dust Busters:** Schill and Young 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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