

# The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

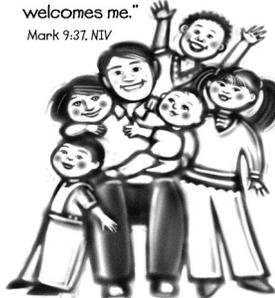
September 23, 2018

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.

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me."  
Mark 9:37, NIV



***"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all"***

In today's second reading we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while, in the book of Mark, the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child.

We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

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



Today's flowers are donated by Janet S. Parks  
in celebration of the birthday of daughter Janet Ann Parks,



and by Annalisse Fratta in honor and memory of the birthday of her mother, Jytte R. Swanson

## 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](mailto:jaramullen1@gmail.com) 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.

**Hebrews 6:19:** "Hope we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast"

During the Offertory today, Duane Dillard and Pam Nichols will present the hymn *Whispering Hope*, written by Septimus Winner (1827–1902) in 1868. A Philadelphian, Winner was a well-known poet, composer and violin player. He composed over 2,000 works, both secular and sacred. *Whispering Hope* was recorded as early as 1914 (a copy of the original record is in the Library of Congress) and has been recorded by many artists since then.

The congregation is most welcome to join in the chorus: **Whispering Hope, oh how welcome thy voice, making my heart in its sorrow, rejoice.**

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$2,550.00. 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.

## Today we offer 14 quilts for distribution by Lutheran World Relief

The Quilters Group, which meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 10-noon or so, is ready to deliver 14 more quilts for refugee families. Led by Nicky Zaiser, the group takes its mission from Jesus's words: "If you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).



## Second Annual TOL "Clothing Plus Giveaway" October 20

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

**Questions? Able to help sort or volunteer on October 20?** See Sylvia Schill.

## Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPT. 23 9:00am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service Trip to Oktoberfest at Delaware Saengerbund Choir rehearsal	SEPT. 24	SEPT. 25	SEPT. 26 6-7:15pm 	SEPT. 27	SEPT. 28	SEPT. 29
SEPT. 30 9:00am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service Choir rehearsal	OCT. 1	OCT. 2	OCT. 3 6-7:15pm 	OCT. 4	OCT. 5	OCT. 6

### **Serving today....**

**Presiding and preaching:** Greg Johnson

**Musician:** Duane Dillard

**Usher:** Bill Glass

**Acolyte:** E.J. Krahn

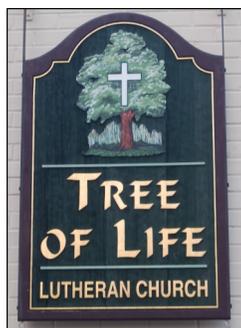
**Worship Assistant:** Gene Zaiser

**Communion Assistant:** John Collett

**Altar Guild:** Joanne Letwinch

**Offering Counter:** Johanna Saleminck

**Fellowship:** Nicky Zaiser



**Dust Busters:** Zaisers & Volunteer family

**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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