

The Burning Bush

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

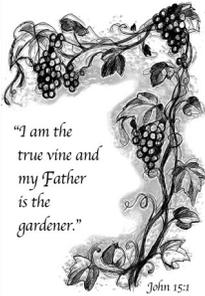
Odessa, Delaware

April 29, 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.



We are sent to bear fruit for the life of the world

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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Today's flowers are donated by Pam Nichols and Jim Pileggi to the Glory of God

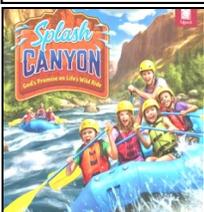


It is easy to donate altar flowers

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 ... Arnold Toller, Tim Driscoll, 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.



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! Invite friends!

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!

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$1,388.00. 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.

We welcome Judy Horensky!

Please join in welcoming **Judy Horensky** who became a member of Tree of Life last Sunday. She lives in Four Seasons at Silver Maple and is a friend and neighbor of Joanne Letwinch.

Johanna DiLeonardo conducting a "Wish Drive" for new 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.

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Comm.	MAY 4	MAY 5
MAY 6 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service with "Noisy Change" collection 11:45 Immigration Study Group	MAY 7	MAY 8 6pm Council 9:30am Grocery sorting	MAY 9 10am Quilters 6-7:15pm Troop 505 - final session next week	MAY 10	MAY 11	MAY 12 10am-2pm LCM Property Work Day (see p. 11 of the Leaflet)

Serving today....

Presiding and preaching: Greg Johnson

Musician: Duane Dillard

Usher: John Baker

Acolyte: E.J. Kruah

Worship Assistant: Lynda Giambra

Communion Assistant: John Collett

Altar Guild: Maxine Campbell

Offering Counter: Tim Lintz

Nursery: Volunteer

Fellowship: Carolyn Lewis



Dust Busters: Zaiser and Schulze 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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