



The Burning Bush

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

Odessa, Delaware

September 30, 2018

Today's
Hymns
864
638
496/469
595

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

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control.

The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

- sundaysandseasons.com



Today's flowers are donated by Janet Parks
in memory of her wedding anniversary with John De Vecchio



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 ... 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.

"Come to the Lord's table"

First Holy Communion classes October 14, 21 and 28

Pastor Johnson will be holding First Holy Communion classes after worship on the Sundays listed above for any young members and their families, whether the youth are taking communion now or not. The classes will be 40 minutes in length, dealing with our Biblical history as well as the theory and practice of Holy Communion. Short books will be distributed for parents and children to share during the week.

After each class, any youth wishing to be trained to acolyte or carry up the bread and wine during worship will be trained.

On Sunday, October 28, Reformation Sunday, families will come together to the altar and the young Communicants will be recognized. For more information, see page 3 of the October *Leaflet*.

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

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$1,050.00. 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, 10am

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.

During the week of October 14, we will be sorting the clothes.

Questions? Able to help sort during the week of October 14 or help with the community give-away on October 20? See Sylvia Schill. Thank you!

Annual "Blessing of the Animals," Sunday October 14, 2pm

It is that time again to bring your pets to the dog park on Levels Road for a blessing.

"The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature." - Psalm 145:9

Mark your calendar, volunteer, participate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPT. 30 9:00am Bible Study - "Finding the Gospel Gold" 10:30 Worship Service Choir rehearsal	OCT. 1	OCT. 2 6:30pm Council meeting	OCT. 3 6-7:30pm 	OCT. 4 7pm Worship and Music Comm. meeting	OCT. 5	OCT. 6 10am-2pm Property Work Day at LCM at University of Delaware
OCT. 7 10:30 Worship Service Jim Guldner returns to preside Choir rehearsal	OCT. 8	OCT. 9 9:30am Grocery sorting	OCT. 10 10am Quilting 6-7:30pm Kingdom Kids	OCT. 11 Noon - OWLS luncheon at Grain H2O in Bear	OCT. 12	OCT. 13 2pm Baking communion bread - No experience needed!

Serving today....

Presiding and preaching: Greg Johnson

Musician: Duane Dillard

Usher: John Baker

Acolyte: Johanna DiLeonardo

Worship Assistant: Kati DiLeonardo

Communion Assistant: Bill Glass

Altar Guild: Maxine Campbell

Offering Counter: Tim Lintz

Fellowship: Irene Soucy



Dust Busters: Schill & 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: 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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