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December 2014 Newsletter



Emmanuel: God with Us

Dear Friends in Christ,

The year 2014 is winding down as we move past Thanksgiving and enter Advent – in the church season of Christmas. The four weeks before Christmas are a time to examine our hearts, where most certainly we will find sin. Recognizing our sin leads us to contrition and then through the power of the Holy Spirit, repentance. That’s when we want more than anything to hear God’s absolution of our sin; spoken, clear, unwavering forgiveness declared for all present to witness and affirm in Christ. The only place to hear this: the divine worship service in LCMS Trinity Lutheran Church or in private confession and absolution with your pastor.

Having dealt with our sin,

we can prepare fully to receive our Savior to be with us as God promises in Isaiah 7:14: “the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name, Emmanuel.” His very name means “God with us” in the original Hebrew. Jesus is never called by that name except in prophesy. That is sufficient to bring home the blessed truth that God came to be one of us, a human being in this Son of Man we know to be Jesus, the Christ. What sweet comfort to know that our almighty, eternal, omniscient God loves us so much that he lowered himself to be one of us and experience all that it is to be human.

I invite you to make a special effort this Christmas to attend every worship opportunity – especially Christmas Eve – Nativity

of our Lord service so that you might more fully experience Emmanuel: “God with us.” Do this for yourself, but also for your family members that are local or visiting. I remember a particular Christmas in my youth when we were visiting family and neglected to attend Christmas Eve or Christmas Day worship. It was the emptiest Christmas ever! So this year, you know what God encourages you to do. Follow him so that you can feel the Spirit with the communion of saints gathered together for praise and God’s Word.

Finally, join me in praying diligently for your family, friends and every other thing the Spirit puts on your heart. I will be praying for you this Christmas season that you will feel blessed in your faith and life. And if you want to



hear that your sin has been absolved, come to worship services or make an appointment for individual confession and absolution – great ways to observe “God with us.” Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14, ESV)

Sunday Morning Bible Class: The Story of Angels

Sunday Bible Class is studying the topic: The Story of Angels. We explore the creation of angels, their work and their attributes. Do come when you can. Opening for the group is at 9:15 and class starts up with hot coffee provided about 9:25 am.

MINISTRY NEWS

Evangelism

Bring your friends to Movie Matinee, and Movie Night.

Denise Hosay

Education

Make a special effort to attend the Sunday Morning Bible Classes on The Story of Angels at 9:15 am

Fellowship

Movie Matinee is a great opportunity to enjoy one another. Join in the preparation and attend the

events.

Christina Wacker

LWML

In December, the regular meeting is Saturday the 20th at 10:00 am.

Loretta Meyer

Social Ministries

We helped 6 families with food in October and continue to pray with the families coming for food. We always appreciate food donations.

Teresa Dove

Youth

We're in the planning stages for some fun events.

Loretta Meyer

Disc Golf

The club is finding new energy because of Buffalo Run Course at Rotary Park and the Hospital grounds.

Pastor Glenn

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



Clayton Bible Study Monday, December 1, 6:30 pm
 Man Card Men's Breakfast Sat., December 13, 8:30 am
 LWML meeting Sat., December 20, 10 am
 Pigg Cell Group Thurs., December 11, 7 pm
 Lutheran Perspective Class Wed., December 10, 6 pm
 Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am
 Jr. Confirmation every Wednesday 6 pm (No class Dec. 24 or 31)

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Clayton/Sardis: Candlelight worship at 7:30 pm. December 24th
 McAlester/Krebs: Candlelight worship at 5:30 pm, December 24th (no Christmas Day services)

Trinity Lutheran Budget Plan

The Voter's Assembly passed a budget for 2015 on November 2 of \$71,677, which comes to a \$5,973 monthly average expenditure. This continues the downward trend on spending with a 2013 budget of \$99,814 and a 2014 budget of \$80,097.



Men's Man Card Breakfast Coming to a Saturday Near You!

If you don't have your **Man Card** yet, we can help you get one. December 13th will be our next Scheduled Men's breakfast. Prayer, food, fellowship and an invigorating video Bible study: "Noah - The Man, The Ark, The Flood" by the Lutheran Hour will earn you an official Man Card from Pastor Glenn (suitable for carrying in your wallet). We meet the second Saturday at 8:30 am at His Place.

Join in and Keep Praying for Movie Nights Success

The next edition of Movie Matinee is Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3 pm at His Place. The next movie is a Christmas themed, animated story about a train that goes north. Thanks to Vickie and Tessa for arranging and hosting a fun event. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

Our Clayton Satellite group has their showing of a story "about the first Christmas night in the stable" planned for Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm at 14235 SW 1000th Ave. off Anderson Lane near Yanush. Santa is making an appearance. Hot dogs, root beer floats, popcorn and other tasty treats planned.

Please pray for God blessing on this program to help us enjoy each other and bring our unchurched friends into church.



Poke Fun at Your Spouse — Carefully

In college I (Leslie) shared a single bathroom with several other girls on the same floor of a residence hall. I enjoyed communal living during that time of my life. We all became good friends and learned so much about each other — especially each other's little quirks. One of the girls, for example, was often irritated by the little globs of toothpaste that inevitably appeared in the bathroom sink each morning from so many users. Everyone knew Lisa would complain. We came to expect it and often joked with her about being a neat-freak. When Lisa got married at the

end of our school year, we were all at her wedding, and one of us (who shall remain nameless) warned her soon-to-be husband about her dislike of toothpaste in the sink. Apparently, he made a mental note of the comment, and when Lisa went into the bathroom on the first morning of their honeymoon, she found the following message written in the sink with a thick blue line of toothpaste: "I Love You, Lisa!" This new husband understood the value of a good marital laugh right from the beginning. And while his first attempt at poking fun at his wife could have backfired, it didn't. To this day, years later, they both love telling the

story.

Now, let's be clear that poking fun at your spouse must be done with caution. For example, you should steer clear of joking about sensitive issues, such as your partner's weight, family, work, and so on. In other words, if you're not sure if your partner will think it's funny, you'd better refrain.

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Interested in Cleaning the Church?

Every other week is open on the church cleaning sign-up sheet as we have one committed volunteer. We all appreciate the generous, love shown by those who clean for the benefit of all. May God bless all who serve him with their talents and gifts

Outreach Grant Application

Our application to the LCMS "Lutheran" Foundation for an outreach grant opportunity of \$10,000 was not successful in obtaining a grant. Thanks to Clif Loman and Pastor for their special effort to develop and write the grant application.

Advent Season is Upon Us

This year will bring a new Advent worship schedule devised by the church council. We will not have Wednesday night Advent services, as in the past. Instead, the Sundays in Advent will have a special sermon series that might have served in midweek services.

Thrivent Action Team YOUTH & Kiamichi Students

Wednesday night, our youth group went to Save-a-lot with Loretta and Pastor where they purchased \$250 of canned meats, pasta dinners, and soups to fill our near empty food pantry.

Friday, students from Kiamichi Technology Center delivered all manner of staple groceries for our food pantry from their annual food drive. Between the two groups, our food pantry is well stocked for a long time, given the rate we give out food. Please pray thanks to God for sending us these resources to do His

work of loving our neighbor. Finally, if you can volunteer some time to organize this bountiful blessing of food, talk to Pastor or Teresa Dove to arrange a time.

Only 7 Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2014?

To date for 2014, Trinity Lutheran has received \$7 in Thrivent Choice dollar donations from our members. Last year Thrivent gave \$49 million to 16,654 churches and 6,131 schools because 270,617 Thrivent members designated their Choice dollars that way. Thrivent Choice dollars are a wonderful tool that benefit members have to donate to their favorite cause. Why not

make Trinity Lutheran Church your charity as you elect the beneficiary of your Choice dollars?

Starting Sunday School

Our Education Chairperson is planning to start two Sunday school classes:

1. Parents and Twos – for 2 year olds and their parents, and
 2. Early elementary – for children ages 4 to 9.
- We are seeking teacher resources for these classes. If you think God may be calling you to this vocation, talk to Tessa Hamilton or Pastor.

Windows 7 for Church Desktop?

The great Microsoft has

decreed an end to Windows XP, which runs our church desktop. We could upgrade it to Windows 7 and then it would gain several years of potential life and improved performance. Perhaps you have a junk PC with Windows 7 or can pick one up cheap at an auction, then we can take the software license and use it? Perhaps you know where a Windows 7 license can be had for next to nothing (because that's about all we have)? Realize that the latest Microsoft offering is Windows 8 so we are looking for last generation stuff that people may be junking as they move up. Please keep an eye out for us.



BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Niesa Lopez
Kay Schumacher
Josh Meyer
- 2nd Misty Roberts
- 11th Nancy Ezell
- 12th Karen McGee
- 17th Lora Loman
- 23th George Loman
- 24th Kathy Scott
Robert Yoast
- 30th Alex Becker

DECEMBER



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Emily Harmon
- 2nd Canaan Potter
Glenn Meyer
- 5th Jade Potter
- 11th John Hutten
Kipp Opperman Jr.
- 16th Chandler Loman
- 19th Zachery Curtis
- 25th Nancy Ezell
- 31st Nathaniel Hummel
Jonathan Hummel



ALTAR FLOWERS

Vickie Hess
For Christmas



LORD, We Implore You to Hear Our Prayers:

Please contact the office when a name can be removed or changed to another category



LORD, We Implore You to Hear Our Prayers

For Healing: Winfred Boriak (Pastor's uncle), Deanna Bostick (friend of Teresa Dove, Debbie Galler (Pastor Glenn's cousin), Freda Gleichman (Don Gleichman's sister-in-law), Chad Hobbs (Jade Burdick's cousin), Denise Hosay, Glenn Hosay, Tanesha Gibson (friend of Velva Jacobson), Kelly Jundt (Glenn Hosay's cousin), Bill & Billie Moore (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's parents), Irene Meyer (Pastor Glenn's mother), Laura Moore (Primus & Veronica Moore's daughter-in-law), Steve Phipps, Carol Roberts (Misty Robert's aunt), Robert Yoast, Ester Valenta (Linda Valenta's mother-in-law)

Thanksgiving: Family and friends; newly elected people in government

Special Needs: Rev. Leonard Busch chemo & radiation, Deaconess Carla Carter (2nd cancer diagnosed), Pastor Dibell test results Glenn Hosay foot surgery Debbie Tabisz cancer (wife of Rev. Tabisz), Braden Page (friend of Denise & Glenn Hosay) sinus cancer, William Anderton (Denise Hosay's brother-in-law) lung cancer

In Hospice: Lyle Drews (Karen Brown's brother)

For Strength: Misty Roberts, Bradford family (friends of Denise Hosay), Carlene Fletcher (Tina Hile's sister), Doyel family, Peggy Gleichman family, Curtis Jacobson family, Vic Jundt (Glenn Hosay's cousin), John Peasha Jr., Eric and Becky Wise (Clayton)

Serving in the Military: Wesley Blake (Karen Brown's nephew) David & Courtney Guidry (Teresa & Gary Dove's grandchildren), Cole Jackson (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's cousin), Andy & Robert Starry (Mary Starry's son & grandson), Canaan & Alivia Potter (Jimmy Potter's son & daughter-in-law), Teddy Stevens (Audrey Brown's brother)

For Transformation: That we are feeling empowered by the Holy Spirit to keep inviting the lost to church so that God might save them and equip his kingdom workers at Trinity as evangelists

Prayer Focus for the Month of December : World Peace

TRINITY PRAYER WARRIORS

Please contact Denise Hosay 539-832-7623 for any prayer needs and she will start the prayer chain.

USHERS CAPTAIN
Clyde Pigg

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Harold Dunlap

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ALTAR GUILD
Loretta Meyer
GREETER
Denise Hosay

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Clayton Bible Study 6:30 pm	2	3 Eufaula Visits Confirmation 6 pm Youth Night 7:30 pm	4	5 Pastor's day off	6 Pastor's day off Movie 3 pm His Place Movie 7 pm Clayton
7 Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Holy Communion Circuit Forum/Regional Caucus 3:00 pm	8 Council Meeting 5:30 pm	9	10 Confirmation 6 pm Youth Night 7:30 pm Lutheran Perspective 6pm	11 Pigg Cell Group 7pm	12 Pastor's day off	13 Pastor's day off Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
14 Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Voters Meeting 11:45 am Clayton Worship 6 pm	15	16	17 Confirmation 6 pm Youth Night 7:30 pm	18	19 Pastor's day off	20 Pastor's day off LWML meeting 10 am
21 Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Holy Communion	22	23	24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service McAlester 5:30 pm Holy Communion Clayton 7:30 pm	25 Christmas	26	27 Pastor On Vacation
28 Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Clayton Worship 6 pm Pastor On Vacation	29 Pastor On Vacation	30	31 Pastor On Vacation			

“FIRST OFFERING SUNDAY”

Sunday, November 9, was officially First Offering Sunday. Every journey of commitment begins with a first step. The date was simply to encourage those who completed an Estimate of Giving Card to begin their new giving patterns on First Offering Sunday, if that was possible. You can start any time, adjust the date and giving however you want.

Please note that the estimate is between you and God. The church is merely a book-keeper to serve you and your need to give. It does not use your **estimate of giving** in planning the budget and no one will ask you whether you made it. Your estimate card will be returned to you in a year so that you can evaluate how well you did. No one will use the information for any purpose. Many people struggle with past experience to filter and re-invent what was communicated. The message is simply: give yourself to God first because you feel the need to do it. If you have any questions about our Consecrated Stewards program, please call CS committee members Rev. Clif Loman (417) 440-0281, Primus Moore (918) 423-5687, or Bill Borgelt (717) 385-0057.

Lord’s Cavalry Church Closing

December 21st is the Sunday for the last worship service of Paul Tucker and the Lord’s Cavalry church that has met at His Place for a long time. The Tuckers have a new plan to travel the rodeo circuit full time with their ministry.

If you know of another young church struggling to find an affordable Sunday morning meeting space, let them know. The rate flyer is on the bulletin board, with flyers available to take with you under the rolling table in the Narthex.

Strengthen Your Community Make an impact with a *Thrivent Action Team*

If you’re a Thrivent Financial member, you can lead a **Thrivent Action Team** to bring people together for a one-time project to help others be wise with money and live generously. Each Thrivent member can do two action teams per year.

You can: Coordinate an educational event; conduct a service activity; or organize a fundraiser.

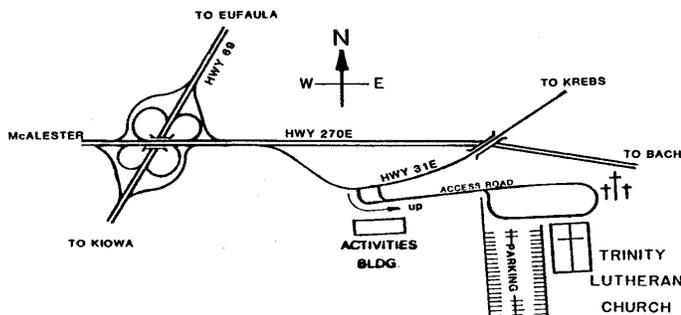
Thrivent will provide: Resources to help you plan the event; promotional items, including Thrivent T-shirts and community Impact Card with \$250 of seed money.

Learn more at <https://www.Thrivent.com/actionteam/> and apply online. If you’re not a member, go to the web site and join for \$19.95 a year. You can also become a member by doing business with Thrivent. Contact Tim D Veldstra, Toll-free: 866-406-7130.

Clayton Mission News: Christmas Nativity

The Clayton Mission Team is planning a Christmas Nativity and Santa picture event at the Kroecker’s house in Yanush, Oklahoma, near Clayton. It was a success last year so this time, we have more planned. We will read a short nativity story to those at that attend and get their contact information. We are placing signage to guide folks to this “off the main highway location. We’ll have hot chocolate and roast marshmallows and cookies. We’re taking pictures of the children and putting them in paper frames with the church information as a keepsake. Of course, we have refrigerator magnets and invitation cards to the church. And we’ll invite them to our Clayton Christmas service on Dec. 23rd.

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