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“Empty Tomb -- Easter Freedom ”

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Time of Easter Begins this month, as we're in **The Season of Lent. Holy Week** is around the corner with the **Festival of Easter**. Consider this story.

One summer back in high school, my family went without me to Lake Sam Rayburn in Texas for a camping and fishing vacation. After working a few more days, I planned to drive there with our dog and join them. Dad's directions – the part that I remembered, anyway – was go left on the first road before the marina. The first road inside the park was a sandy gravel road heading straight downhill to the water. I passed a few tent campers to the right and thought they'd be goofy enough to camp on such an undeveloped road. But then the road got all rutted with muddy clay and I wanted to turn around. But the car high centered in a rut and stuck. I tried jacking up the car and putting logs under the tires, but they

leaving the dog leashed to the bumper. I ran some and walked some, heading down paved campsite roads and not finding them on the first two. But then I saw a familiar car – my mom's cousin's – coming to me. Dad was there in the car with him. They were looking for me -- expecting I might have gotten lost. We drove back to the stuck car; pulled out the logs, and 3 men got in front lifting and pushing while I gunned it in reverse. It came free from high center and I backed up to solid ground. We jumped in and headed for the actual campsite on a paved road. The dog had gotten free and we found him on the way. Now I was free ... and the dog. And after washing the mud off the car, we had a great vacation of fishing and camping. There's movement in the church season. Lent takes us the foot of the cross and repentant hearts. The Festival of Easter proclaims Christ's victory over sin for us. And the season of Easter – the 50 days after it serve to celebrate our freedom to live for Jesus.

in their guilt that holds them as tightly as the muddy road held my car. They rightly experience the penitential time that takes them to the crucifix – Jesus dying for their sins on the cross. But they stay there – stuck in remorse, yet desperately searching for the way out. They should move to the empty cross and empty tomb of Easter. That's where Jesus' victory over our sins sets us free to live without the crushing guilt. I can't tell you how overjoyed I was to see that familiar car coming toward me. Similarly, you can feel that kind of joy when the risen Jesus of Easter comes to free you from the guilt of your sins. Come Easter Sunday and beyond, the joy of such freedom makes every day like a spring vacation. Even life's bad days and struggles are fine when you're on vacation. So let us be sure we keep moving with the church seasons and following the themes so that we can experience God richest blessings! Just a few more weeks and Holy Week will be here. Try



related events so that the passion story and Easter celebration carry you to freedom and happiness! Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Glenn

Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the

Evangelism: We're planning to have a booth to tell people about our Reconciliation Outreach Ministry at local community events like Italian Festival and County Free Fair. Help us find more events. Clayton Mission moved to Annette Ezell's house near Clayton.

Karen & Squeakie Brown

Education: We have Sunday School materials for all ages children on hand. Bring your grandkids, friends and other children. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Fellowship: We're planning Family Night activities on the first Saturday of the month, except when we have to shift to a different one. Most will be at His Place. *Christy Baugh*

Social Ministries: We have started a project to re-stock the food pantry. Lindley's gave us 3 cases of canned vegetables.

LWML: *Next meeting will be Saturday, 4/20/19 @ 10:00 am* The March was decorating with "teapots." *Loretta Meyer*

Stewardship: No report

Youth: No activity to report *Loretta*

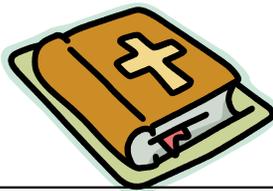
Reconciliation Ministry Outreach

We're hoping that Primus Moore can fit a May Reconciliation Coaching practicum at St. Louis into his schedule. We have to develop and purchase signage and literature ASAP for our planned booth tables at local festivals.

Disc Golf The club offered to split the cost of a new programmable thermostat for His Place since they use it every week. Grass mowing will commence very soon.

Trustees: The new worship projector is installed along with a new balcony computer driving it and the sound system. All fire extinguishers got replaced and 2 added to the

church plus 2 at His Place and one in the garage. We combined parts from the old balcony computer with the office computer, added memory and a second screen to arrive at the strong office tool. The retaining wall around the sign is having slope failure, sliding down the hill due to water erosion. Council believes we can handle it with volunteer resources a few months from now. Wind damage to the garage was repaired on the March workday. We need to replace the roof this summer along with roofs on the playhouse and Noah's Ark. We need a volunteer to do a Thrivent Action team project to partially fund the \$600 materials. We also need to do a thorough unpacking and going through the garage this summer to discard all the stuff that useless and care for what's still useful so that we create and manage storage space better.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)

Clayton Bible Study — 1st Tuesday of the month 6:30

Man Card Men's Bible Study Breakfast, 2nd Saturday @ 8:30 at His Place

Pigg Cell Group — 1st Thursdays @ 7:00 pm @ church classroom

Sunday Morning Bible Class: Sundays at 9:15 am

Clayton Adult Bible Class: 2nd and 4th Sundays @ 4:45pm

MAN CARD GUIDELINES

This Man Card acknowledges your good standing as an "authentic" man in today's society. As a Man Card Holder, your conduct should always bring honor and respect to men.

This Man Card will be seized and all privileges revoked for dishonorable actions, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Using the words "cute," "adorable," and "precious" for anything other than a baby and not even then!
- Stopping to ask for directions
- Tearing your blue jeans
- Reading romance novels
- Refusing aid to a woman in distress
- Showing disrespect to God, country, and family

*You may have your Man Card restored for exceptional acts of manliness requiring courage, heart or intelligence.

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Next Men's Man Card Breakfast April 13, 2019

Ever wonder how science can co-exist in truth with a 6-day creation? Pastor Glenn applies his Bachelor of Science education to a video-based LHM class adding his years of research on the topic with godly, biblical insight! FREE pancake and sausage breakfast served with coffee and juice. If you don't have your **Man Card** yet attend to get one. Prayer, food, fellowship and an invigorating Bible study by Pastor Glenn will earn you an official Man Card (wallet size). We meet the second Saturday at 8:30 am at His Place. It's at the entrance to the church and disc golf course property.

Lutheran Bible Translators – Ghana!

Michael Ersland, works with the Komba Old Testament translation project.

The Bible Class and Sunday school are devoting their special offerings to him and the LWML also does fundraising to support him in this ministry.



Food Pantry Donations

The food pantry is getting low. If you would like to donate. Accepting cash or food donations. Here is a list of the items needed. Please put food donations in the Church Kitchen. Thank you.

Canned Foods		Dry Foods
Tuna	Spam	Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

ALTAR FLOWERS
 April : Christy Jo Baugh For
 Easter



April
 1st Zachariah Edwards
 24th Christy Jo Baugh
 27th Jonathan Hummel
 27th Tessa Hamilton
 29th Peggy Gleichman
 30th Kathy Collins

HOT BOBOLY CATS

April
 7th Christy Jo Baugh (Cooper)
 8th Zacharial Edwards , Jr
 9th Karen Yagher
 9th Brandon, Niesa & April Lopez
 22nd Michele Fields
 22nd Rick & Sheila Curtis
 26th Peggy Gleichman

ANNIVERSARIES
April

14th Jerry & Karen Yagher
 26th Archie & Annie Miller

Please contact Pastor and Karen Brown when a name can be removed or changed to another category



LORD: We Implore You to Hear Our Prayers

For Healing of Chronic Ills: Maggie Brennan, (Clayton Lutheran) COPD & emphysema, Sheila Curtis health issues, Darlys Hutten, health issues, Zane Jacobson, Kevin Pollard, & Echo Merryman, knee injury, Pastor Meyer, health issues, Lisa Milton, COPD, Bill & Billie Moore, health issues (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's father), Laura Moore (Primus & Veronica Moore's daughter-in-law), Ellen Paar, colon cancer, (Pastor's Aunt), Steve Phipps, Betty Rivers, Alzheimer's, Ester Valenta, health issues (Linda Valenta's mother-in-law)

Thanksgiving: For Don Gleichman, doing rehab where Peggy is staying after successful knee replacement surgery, for spring warmth turning on the fishing for us to enjoy, for delightful worship last Sunday at Annette Ezell's house near Clayton, for Curtis Jacobson holding his own on the cancer.

Special Needs: Pastor Dibell, treatment for lymphoma & sarcoma cancers, Don Gleichman, knee replacement rehab in Kingfisher, Curtis Jacobson, metastatic cancer, broken bones & COPD, Velva Jacobson, kidney stones, Rev. Paul Johnson, recent MS diagnosis, (Pastor's friend), Lisa Milton, emphysema and pinched nerves in neck, Tandy Thomas, Guillen-Barr Syndrome, (Pastor's friend), Lujeanne Walton, heart problems (friend of Primus Moore)

For Strength: Harlie Breiland, (grandchild of Yagher's), Audrey Brown & family, Peggy Gleichman family, Curtis Jacobson family, Jason Alexander Luvenburgh & family, (infant grandson of Harold Dunlap), Donnie & Lisa Milton (Clayton friends), Primus Moore family, John Peasha Jr., family

Prayer Focus for the Month of April: for Seminarians and Vicars receiving divine calls or assignments & all calling congregations

Trinity Prayer Warriors

If you have a request for special prayers, please contact Karen Brown 918-569-7885 or email her at karensdbrown@hotmail.com. Also call Pastor Glenn 918-916-4469 cell.



Lent and Easter Plans

The Church Council has lovingly prepared the following schedule for the Lent and Easter worship and festival times.

Lent	(April 3)	Soup, salad & dessert 6:30 pm	Worship 7:30 pm
Lent	(April 10)	Soup, salad & dessert 6:30 pm	Worship 7:30 pm
Palm Sunday	(April 14)	Worship with processional palms (regular schedule)	
Maundy Thursday	(April 18)	Balcony Brass Music with 7:00 pm worship	
Good Friday	(April 19)	Tenebrae service Worship at 7:00 pm	
Easter Sunday	(April 21)	Bible Class and Sunday School 9:15 am	
		Communion Worship	10:30 am
		Shared Meal at Church	after worship

There will be sign-up sheets for the pre-Lenten service meals and special Easter meal in the entryway so watch for those.

LEADERS CAPTAIN
Harold Dunlap

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Primus Moore

ALTAR GUILD
Loretta Meyer

GREETER
Jo Ann Pigg

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Clayton Bible Study 6:30 pm	3 Confirmation 6:00 pm Soup & Salad 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm	4 Pigg Cell Group 7 pm	5 Pastor's day off	6 Pastor's day off
Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am	8 Council Party Mtg. 6:00pm	9	10 Confirmation 6:00 pm Soup & Salad 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm	11	12 Pastor's day off	13 Family Night @ 6:00 pm
Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am	15 City Men's Holy Wk. Breakfast 7 am	16 City Men's Holy Wk. Breakfast 7 am	17 City Men's Holy Wk. Breakfast 7 am Confirmation 6:00 pm	18 City Men's Holy Wk. Breakfast 7 am Maundy Thursday Balcony Brass Music & 7:00 pm worship	19 City Men's Holy Wk. Breakfast 7 am Good Friday Tenebrae service 7:00 pm worship	20 City Men's Holy Wk. Breakfast 8 am @ 1st Bal- cony Pastor's day off
Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am	22 Easter Monday	23	24 Confirmation 6:00 pm	25 6-Church Men's Group @ Sallisaw 6:30 pm	26 Pastor's Day Off	27 Pastor's Day Off LWML Meeting
Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am	29	30				Altar Flowers for Month: Christy Jo Ba

FREE BIBLE APPS

Go online or the google play store or Apple's store to YouVersion to download free Bible apps. We recommend the English Standard Version or NIV.

Re:Vitality Congregational Assessment Survey Complete

Thanks to the 20 persons that participated. Our participation in the re:Vitality congregational survey opens opportunities to strengthen our congregation for years to come. We have assessed the results and are pleased that we are already working on the points of weakness and are doing the things that needed work. We are strong in hospitality, unity, handling change and handling conflict. That is excellent!

New Bible Study: The Challenge of Islam

We are starting a new Bible study class today; **“The Challenge of Islam”** For a religion practiced by so many worldwide, Islam is understood by surprisingly few in Western society. Be one of those in the know when you join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

Reconciliation Ministry Outreach

If you have a conflicted relationship and wonder how to approach the other party, call Pastor, 918-916-4469. That's what this ministry is for – helping people through relationship problems. He is trained to coach you and it's

