



December 2019  
January 2020  
Where Is He?

Dear Friends in Christ,

Israel's King Saul was waiting for Samuel the prophet to come and offer a sacrifice before the big battle. But Samuel was taking forever. After impatiently waiting for three days, he decided to take matters into his own hands. That's where he crossed God by offering the sacrifice himself, for God only allowed prophets to offer it. Saul went bad, driving himself crazy wondering, "Where is he?"

Wise men came seeking the King of the Jews promised in prophecy and now born, as evidenced by the special star that they saw in the heavens. They expected the whole country to be buzzing with excitement and asked, "Where is he?"

In our time, the preparations for Christmas have turned into the busiest time of the year. There are always the obligatory company dinner parties, the friends' parties, the special worship services, the seasonal concerts and

and giving that seem to consume all that we have to give.

And then there's the point, the foundation, the root cause of all this hustle and bustle, Jesus. But as we are so busy rushing around, we can get to the place where *even we* get caught asking, "Where is he?"

Jesus isn't lost. He's always with us, living in the hearts of Christians and present for any who call upon his name. The challenge is for us to keep him at the center of our activities so that we don't lose him. So practically, we're looking for some more actions to do, albeit some extras that pull us back to where we belong.

You might try at some of your events or any time ...

- Singing Christmas carols at events
- Reading the Christmas story of Luke 2
- Offering a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus coming to earth as a baby
- Sharing the Christmas story with an...

- Inviting the party-goers to Christmas Eve worship
- Giving a special gift to Jesus for his birthday
- Having a Happy Birthday, Jesus, party
- Calling a loved one during Advent to share your Christmas joy

Let us rejoice in the birth of our Savior for the whole Christmas season and carry the thought that we do it all in his honor. Have a very blessed Christmas!

Yet, we anticipate even more – the New Year starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our church plans seem to have dragged as we wait for the entryway remodel to find its conclusion. Our worship format change to the screen has gone through its many phased trials and tests so that we're doing most of what we envisioned. In fact, we're expanding that vision now that the waiting is past us. And the outreach ministry plans progressed to their fullness, though full operation is still out there. We have learned patience and open hearts in the process. And God has many



... bless our efforts to make disciples! So bless us all this Christmas and after -- in the New Year, too!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

"{wise men from the east came,} saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.""  
(Matthew 2:2, ESV)

**Evangelism:** We made some progress developing a communication card that everyone will use in worship services. We hope to get communication materials going for Olive Branch ministry. We hope to do a chancel drama in coming weeks to introduce a method for using them to reach a specific person you want to tell about Jesus and invite in to the Trinity Life. We aim to get a new Trinity Life banner sign for the entrance up before Christmas. Josh Meyer is maintaining and enhancing our web site all the time. That is how people find us, today – using Google. The other part is road signage – a critical component. Even our District President drove by once before finding us the second try.

*Pastor Glenn*

**Education:** Our Sunday School continues with children and grandchildren. Carol Niedfeldt is leading a cell group Bible study at noon and Thursday even-

ing using the Lifelight series *Acts*. The noon group meets at church and the evening class in Pastor's living room. Each group meets 2 times per month. Raven resumed confirmation class with Pastor using FB Messenger video chat.

*Carol Niedfeldt*

**Youth:** no activity to report. Hoping to start up Youth night on Sunday afternoons in the Spring. *Loretta Meyer*

**Fellowship:** We had a fun brat dinner after church in November with our Friendship Sunday. We did a Family Night for November 9<sup>th</sup> that went very well. Thanks for Primus Moore's Thrivent Action team.

*Christy Bangh*

**Social Ministries:** The food pantry served one family in November.

**LWML:** The November activity was needle crafts and sewing and crocheting. December we set up the Christmas tree and decorations, then ate out. We are collecting cleaning supplies for Hope House again. *Loretta Meyer*


**Olive Branch Outreach**

Our Christian Reconciler ministry is now listed as an available resource on the Ambassadors of Reconciliation website along with about 6 other organizations. We have volunteers working to develop a logo, fonts and marketing materials. We need the marketing materials to let people know what we do. Pick up your 2020 offering envelope at the end of this month.

**Stewardship:** No report

**Disc Golf:** The club split the cost with us of the new wi-fi programmable thermostat for His Place. They plan to build 9 new holes on our East property after putting gate and fencing up to keep out dumpers. The club is planning a kiosk at the course entrance.

**Trustees:** We are re-starting the entry-way project with furniture and more. We've been doing repairs to fix numerous



gutter leaks before winter sets in, but more work is needed.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)**

Clayton Bible Study — 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:30 pm  
 Man Card Men's Bible Study Breakfast, 2nd Saturday @ 8:30 am at His Place  
 Sunday Morning Bible Class: Sundays at 9:15 am  
 Noon Cell Group Bible Study in the Church 1st and 3rd Thursdays@ 12:00pm

**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
- Ironing 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.

[WWW.LHMMEN.COM](http://WWW.LHMMEN.COM)

**Next Men's Man Card Breakfast December 14, 2019**

A video-based study of Paul of Tarsus, "Odyssey of St. Paul," spans from the founding of Christianity through his missionary journeys to his demise in Rome. Historic views from all over the Mediterranean region give you the feeling that you're there with St. Paul as it's happening. 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***, this year has been filled with transitions. I transitioned back to the US this spring. This summer I traveled through much of the US and this fall transitioned back to the life of a masters student in Dallas, Texas. Amidst all these transitions God has been with each step of the way and I am thankful. I would like to offer a brief introduction to Naomi Erber an occupational therapist working in Topeka, Kansas. We have become engaged and are planning to get married December 28th. (continued page 6)



8th Connor Fields  
 10th Karen Brown  
 11th Nancy Ezell  
 12th Karen McGee  
 23rd George Loman  
**January**  
 8th Vickie Lyles  
 18h Darlys Hutten  
 22nd Connie Loman  
 27th Gerald Valenta



LORD OF OUR LORDS

**December**  
 1st Jerry Yagher  
 2nd Pastor Glenn Meyer  
 5th Jade Potter  
 11th John Hutten  
 11th Kipp Opperman, Jr  
 12th Jacky Parker  
 25th Nancy Ezell  
**January**  
 1st Joyce Hendrickson  
 10th Connor Fields  
 10th Cameron Fields  
 26th Seth Gleichman  
 30th Jay Henson



**December**  
 Don & Carol Neidfeldt  
 45th Wedding Anniversary  
**January**

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**December**  
 14th Don & Carol Neidfeldt  
 26th Richard & Sheila Curtis



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, **Don Gleichman**, knee, **Darlys Hutten**, health issues, **Earl & Irene Meyer**, high BP, (Pastor's dad and mom), **Lisa Milton**, COPD, **Bill & Billie Moore**, health issues (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's father), **Laura Moore** (Primus & Veronica Moore's daughter-in-law), **Steve Phipps**, **Ester Valenta**, health issues (Linda Valenta's mother-in-law)

**Thanksgiving:** For **Irene Haller**, back to herself, (Annette Ezell's mom), for **Primus Moore**, out of the hospital & in outpatient rehab, for caregivers that selflessly give of themselves to care for the infirm, for Christmas concerts that inspire the joyful season for us, for the Chrismon's, Christian symbols, on our beautiful sanctuary Christmas tree, for the opportunity to give to many charities to carry out God's goodness to those with special needs

**Enduring Cancer:** **Harold Hackler**, cancer (Conner Field's uncle), **Curtis Jacobson**, metastatic cancer & COPD, **Primus Moore**, cancer, **Ellen Paar**, breast and colon cancer, (Pastor's Aunt), **Walt Saborin**, cancer (Lay Minister at Wagner), Josh Mindemann's uncle

**Special Healing Needs:** **Maggie Brennan**, (Clayton Lutheran) declining with COPD & emphysema, **Primus Moore**, in rehab from cancer surgery, **Tandy Thomas**, Guillen-Barr Syndrome, (Pastor's friend), **Gerry Valenta**, recovering from stroke

**For Strength:** **Audrey Brown & family**, **Keith Doyel family**, **Curtis Jacobson family**, **Raven Jacobson**, **Jason Alexander Luvenburgh & family**, (infant grandson of Harold Dunlap), **Donnie & Lisa Milton** (Clayton friends), **Primus Moore family**, **John Peasha Jr. family**, **Kevin Pollard**

**Serving in or with the Military:** **Cole Jackson** (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's cousin), **Andy & Robert Starry** (Mary Starry's son & grandson serving stateside), **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:** for world peace

**Prayer Focus for the Month of January:** for sanctity of life

### 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](mailto:karensdbrown@hotmail.com). Also call Pastor Glenn 918-916-4469 cell.



**USHERS CAPTAIN**

Harold Dunlap

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

Harold Dunlap

# December 2019

**ALTAR GUILD**

Loretta Meyer

**GREETER**

Harold / Primus

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 School & Bible Worship	2	3 Clayton Bible Study 6:30 pm	4 Confirmation 4:30pm Soup & Salad 6:00pm Advent service 7:00pm	5 Bible Study Noon Cell Group 11:30am Evening Cell Group	6	7 Pearl Harbor day Tulsa Symphony Free Christmas Concert 2:00 pm
8 School & Bible 10:30 am	9	10 Pastor at Tulsa Circuit Meeting	11 Confirmation 4:30pm Soup & Salad 6:00pm Advent service 7:00pm	12	13	14 Pastor's day off Man Card Breakfast 8:30 am Community Choir Christmas Concert 7:00pm
15 School & Bible Worship	16	17 No Clayton Bible Study	18 Confirmation 4:30pm Soup & Salad 6:00pm Advent service 7:00pm	19 Bible Study Noon Cell Group 11:30am Evening Cell Group 7:00pm	20 Pastor's day off	21 Pastor's day off Old Town Antique & Junk Market 8:00am
22 School & Bible 10:30 am	23	24 Christmas Eve Communion Service 6:00pm	25 Christmas Day	26 Pastor on Vacation	27 Pastor's day off	28 Pastor's day Off
29 School & Bible Worship	30 Pastor on Vacation	31				<b>Altar Flower for the Month</b> Don & Carol Neidfeldt 45th Wedding Anniversary

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**GREETER**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:15 am Worship school and Bible	6	7 Clyton Bible Study pm	8 Confirmation 6:30 pm (Facebook Chat)	9 Kick-off Olive Branch PR Campaign Cell Group Bible Study 7:00 pm	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 Pastor's Day Off Man Card Breakfast 8:30 am
9:15 am Worship school and Bible	13	14 Circuit Meeting Grace 9:30 am	15 Confirmation 6:30 pm (Facebook Chat)	16	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 Pastor's Day Off Old Town Junk & Antique Market 8:00
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9:15 am Worship school and Bible	27 Lenten Sermon Workshop 5:00pm	28 Lenten Sermon Workshop 5:00pm 6-Church Men's Group 6:30 pm	29 Confirmation 6:30 pm (Facebook Chat)	30	31 <b>Altar Flowers</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>for the Mo</b>

(Continued from page 2) To say that we are excited is an understatement. We are looking forward to working with family and the celebration of God's wonderful gift of uniting us together. The Gospel reading we are planning on having for our wedding is from John 1. We love the creative power that God has in His Word and the redemption he provides through Christ. The imagery that is used in this passage is beautiful as we are reminded of light entering darkness, the Word and its force, the bridge between the unseen to the seen world as we are given a glimpse into the heavenly story unfolding. The Word does that which we strive to understand, it dwells in human flesh. This Word proclaims truth and grace. This Word gives life. Naomi and I pray that this Word will dwell in us richly and that it will continue to be our source for truth and grace. We ask that you please pray for us as we transition into this new phase of our lives as husband and wife. There will be much adjustment, and we look to our Creator for His guidance and light. I would like to look back at 2019 and reflect upon the many blessings that have taken place. Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy were consultant checked in the Spring and we have almost finished team checking Judges (my time in the US hasn't allowed for that continued checking as I hoped). I was able to gather data in March and April that I have begun processing and which is a start to the long journey of thesis research. I was able to return to the U.S. in May. This summer was filled with visiting family, numerous health check-ups, visiting some of you, and also being with Naomi. The masters classes I took this Fall were intense and quick. They were a blessing and will continue to be a blessing to the work that I will do as an exegete, linguist, and researcher. I was able to take Ethnographic Research and Design; Semantics and Pragmatics; Theory and Practice of Translation; and Hebrew Textual Analysis. While being here on campus I have been able to meet and get some help from well seasoned veterans in linguistics, anthropology, Hebrew, information technology (IT) and more! One IT man who has helped with formatting lectionaries in Cameroon has been on campus this Fall and he graciously helped me one afternoon see how to delve deeper into formatting features and

### Ever Considered Serving in Leadership?

Following are the leadership positions on the church council and elders for 2020. If you are interested in a position or have someone in mind to nominate, please talk to Pastor Glenn, Primus Moore or Carol Niedfeldt (the nominating committee).

## 2020 COUNCIL POSITIONS

(Election Voter's Meeting Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>)

<b>Pastor (not up for election)</b>	<b>Rev. Glenn A. Meyer</b>
<b>Elder1(not up for election)</b>	<b>Harold Dunlap</b>
<b>Elder2 (not up for election)</b>	<b>Primus Moore</b>
<b>Elder3(up for election)</b>	<b>Vacant by choice</b>
<b>President</b>	
<b>Vice President</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>Education</b>	
<b>Evangelism</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	
<b>Social Ministries</b>	
<b>Stewardship</b>	

software that had been a hurdle for me in formatting the Komba lectionary. As we look ahead, Naomi and I are planning to return to Dallas in January as I hope to finish up my remaining classes, leaving me with thesis work. I will need to gather more data for a thesis and so that will be something that I am hoping to do during our next term in Ghana. Naomi will also be taking some language learning classes while we are in Dallas in order to help prepare her to learn Komba. We are hoping to return to Ghana sometime in 2020, and would appreciate your prayers for us as that planning and preparation takes place. Thank you for joining me in the journey this past year! Your prayers and financial investments in the ministry have been a huge blessing. I look forward to the fact that the next newsletter will lose all the "I" talk and be replaced with "we". It will be a joy for Naomi and I to continue in this ministry with you next year and we look forward to what is in store. May the truth and grace of the Word made flesh dwell in your hearts and minds the end of this year as you celebrate Christ's birth with those you love and as you celebrate the completion of another year of God's faithfulness.

