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## “Christian Life is Centered in the Church”

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was a child of 12, my summers included several weeks with my grandparents on their farm. We called grandfather “Popo” after the oldest grandchild tried to say “Papa” and “Popo” came out. It stuck. I followed Popo from sun-up till bed-time. Sundays were special. We got dressed up and went to the very visible church at the top of the hill. Sundays, Popo and I fed the cows while Grandma milked the cow because time was precious. But I got to milk other days when there was more time. Then on to feed corn and slop to the pigs. Next, in the chicken house, we put out chicken feed and cleaned the watering trays. Lastly, we hunted the eggs. Popo was constantly pulling the pocket watch from its overall pocket. We had a special job at 8:00 am. We’d get in the farm truck and drive up to the church. We went in the door of the bell tower. I was so excited for Popo as he got to grab the bell rope from the wall hook. He pulled it down steady till it rang and then let it slide up through his grip ringing again, then pulled down again and again. Why do we ring the bell, I asked?

Popo replied: “It’s to remind everyone that it’s church day and time to quit work and get cleaned up for church.” They took me to Sunday school at 9:00 and church started at 10:30. That church was the center of that farm community and “everybody” came. The way *that* community was centered in that church, most faithfully attending reminded me of a quote. A great theologian once said: “The Christian life is centered in the church. It’s God’s design. His people are “the one’s who worship together.” There, they receive his gifts.” In today’s congregations, Christian life isn’t shaped exactly like that. People consider worship more as an optional thing for Sundays. Their friends and family at church are just one of the circles of belonging in their life. The circle of church gets more attention certain times of the year, though, and Lent is one of them. The church is organized around seasons – Lent being the one preceding Easter. Lent is “that special time to deal with our sin before God and one another.” It’s a penitential time when we remember our sins, repent of them and realize that Jesus carried our sins in his body as he suffered and died on the

cross for them. If our life’s center is Christ and his church, then the local church we attend should be the center of our life. It’s the place we get God’s word and sacraments – where God declares us forgiven and our sins washed away. Trinity Lutheran Church has named Trinity Life as that very lifestyle focused on reconciling our faults between God and others through repentance and forgiveness. Lent includes a process encompassing special worship services on Wednesday evenings. Ash Wednesday starts it on February 26<sup>th</sup>. On the four Wednesdays after that are more services starting at 7:00 pm. Then comes Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday, we come and get ashes on our forehead to remind us “we are dust and to dust we will return.” Two things to take away as you read this: 1) Lent is the time to deal with your sin, conflicts, errors, or faults before God and other people, and 2) Lent is a 6-week season to get back to the Christian life centered in the church. Pastor offers private confession to help with sin, and coaching for reconciliation. Christ is the head of the whole church of all saints and we are served by him and meet him in our local church, Trinity Lutheran Church. If you don’t come to church, this is the time



to re-start. If you don’t have a church like this, please come. If you come the church most Sundays, then add the special services of Lent and Holy Week. We don’t have a church bell that tolls. It’s a different time a place. But your phone sure has an alarm that you can set to a church bell sound so the church reminder will have that ring to it.

May God bless you to be “centered in the church” this February as you observe Super Bowl Sunday, St. Valentine’s Day, President’s Day, and Ash Wednesday!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

**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. The Trinity Life banner sign for the entrance is done and needs installation.

*Carol Niedfeldt*

**Education:** Our Sunday School continues with children and grandchildren. Carol Niedfeldt is leading a cell group Bible study at noon and Thursday evening using the Lighthouse series *Acts*. The noon group meets at church and the evening class in Pastor's living room. Each group meets 2 times per month.

*Carol Niedfeldt*

**Youth:** no activity to report. Hoping to start up Youth night on Sunday afternoons in the Spring. OK district Youth gathering in March is coming for the high school age youth. *Loretta Meyer*

**Fellowship:** We plan to do an event each quarter. Don Gleichman is our interim leader.

**Social Ministries:** The food pantry served several families in December. *Don Niedfeldt*

**LWML:** The January meeting missed Loretta and Carol attending at the last minute so Teresa Reese led the devotion. We are wrapping up collecting cleaning supplies for Hope House. *Loretta Meyer*

**Olive Branch Outreach**  
We need volunteers to develop marketing materials from our prototypes.

**Stewardship:** 2019 offerings and income moved our bank balance from far in the red to having a very strong balance in the bank.

**Disc Golf:** The club plans to build 9 new holes on our East property after putting gate and fencing up to keep out dumpers. The club is delaying the annual fundraiser tournament in February so they can focus on the new 9.

**Trustees:** We got some electrical repairs done in January and another project is in progress. More work is needed to fix numerous gutter leaks, especially on the East side. The disc golf club hopes to get wifi for His Place as soon as Pastor has time to order, pay and set it up.



**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 @ 11:30 am

Evening Cell Group Bible Study in Pastor & Loretta's home 1st and 3rd Thursdays @ 7:00pm

**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 man.

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.

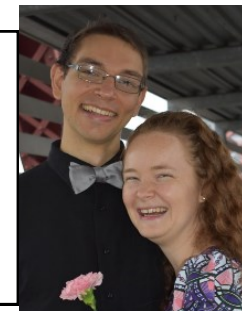
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**Next Men's Man Card Breakfast February 8, 2020**

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** Naomi and I are planning to return to Dallas 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.



**Sundays New Bible Study  
"Learning to Have a God Through Exodus"**

Pastor Glenn leads a study based on the Book of Exodus where dramatized in real life for our learning is ancient

February  
 2nd Annie Miller  
 5th Carol Neidfeldt  
 18th Rick Curtis  
 19th John Clark  
 20th Karen Yagher  
 21st Hannah Reese  
 28th Joshua Billos



HOT BOB HOT BOB

February  
 4th Raven Pruitt  
 15th Darlys Hutten  
 18th Aaron Phipps  
 18th Audrey Phipps  
 27th Brenda Phipps



February  
 Harold Dunlap

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**February**

Primus & Veronica Moore 14th  
 Randall & Roberta Lopez 26th



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, hospice care (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 Carol Niedfeldt, home from the hospital after infection, for Pastor's time at the pre-Lenten Preaching Workshop, for our privilege to serve dinner to the 6-Church Men's group, for pastor's wives that give their time and talents serving the church, for the LWML and their mission work to serve the church

**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, in hospice for cancer (Lay Minister at Wagner), Russell Stevens, cancer (Josh Mindemann's uncle)

**Special Healing Needs:** Maggie Brennan, (Clayton Lutheran) declining with COPD & emphysema, Primus Moore, in rehab from cancer surgery, Don and Carol Niedfeldt, both with foot infections, Russell Stevens, stem cell treatment complications (Josh Mindemann's uncle), Tandy Thomas, Guillen-Barr Syndrome, (Pastor's friend), Gerry Valenta, in rehab 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 February:** for spiritual renewal of inactive members



**Trinity Prayer Warriors**

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

**Road Construction Starts Tuesday, February 4**

Please be aware that major work on highway 270 through Krebs may affect access to us so please be careful.

**USHERS CAPTAIN**  
Don Neidfeldt

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**  
Harold Dunlap

# February 2020

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Loretta Meyer

**GREETER**  
Harold & Primus

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
<i>chool and Bible Study</i>  <i>Worship</i>	3	4 <i>Clayton Bible Study</i> 6:30 pm	5 <i>Confirmation 4:30 pm</i> (Facebook Chat)	6 <i>Noon Cell Group</i> 11:30am <i>Evening Cell Group</i> 7:00 pm	7 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	8 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Man Card Breakfast</i> 8:30 am
<i>chool and Bible Study</i>  :30	10	11 <i>Pastor at Circuit Meeting</i>	12 <i>Confirmation 4:30 pm</i> (Facebook Chat)	13	14 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Big V Feeds Hi Lo</i> <i>Pro Rodeo</i> <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Big V Feeds Hi Lo</i> <i>Pro Rodeo</i> <i>Old Town Junk &amp; Antiques</i> <i>Antique Market</i> 8:00 am thru 2:00
<i>chool and Bible Study</i>  <i>Worship 10:30</i>	17 <i>President's Day</i>	18 <i>Clayton Bible Study</i> 6:30 pm	19 <i>Confirmation 4:30 pm</i> (Facebook Chat)	20 <i>Noon Cell Group</i> 11:30am <i>Evening Cell Group</i> 7:00 pm <i>President's Day Celebration</i>	21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church Council Dinner</i> 6:00 pm
<i>chool and Bible Study</i>  :30 <i>nal Meeting</i> <i>vice</i>	24	25	26 <i>Asb Wednesday</i> <i>Confirmation 4:30 pm</i> (Facebook Chat) <i>Soup &amp; Salad at 6pm</i> <i>Service will be at 7pm</i>	27	28 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	29 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>LWML 10:00 am</i>





