

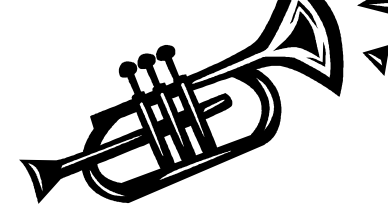


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LUTHERAN CHURCH,
MISSOURI SYNOD

Trinity Trumpet

March 2020



“Not Enthusiasm; But Indebtedness in the Cross”

Dear Friends in Christ,

For the last 300 years, known as the enlightenment in the church, enthusiasm has risen and fallen like a tide in the ocean. Enthusiasm over against faithfulness isn't the proposition of lasting salvation, which is the goal.

A most memorable time of enthusiasm for me was the night Earl Campbell won football's Heisman Trophy. He played for the University of Texas at Austin. I was a student there a class year behind him. The student body numbered 53,000 and within an hour, most of them and lots of other fans crowded onto campus in a rave-style celebration. The university lit the tower orange with a big *number 1* lit up in office lights so that everyone had their cameras out taking selfies with it in the background. People screamed “we're number one” at the top of their lungs with enthusiasm born of beer and jubilation! (in those days, the drinking age was 18 and beer was sold on campus).

People loved him because he lived a generous, selfless Christian life. His twin brothers also played football

there but were not so honorable. They borrowed his old Chevy often to go carousing, while he studied. He often sat on the steps outside his dorm in cut-offs with leather expansion vents on the side because his 34 inch thighs didn't match his 34 inch waist. He couldn't fit any pants size. He was warm and personable. He went to class when he could avoid the reporters that stalked him day and night. He took care of his single mother who farmed roses in Tyler, Texas. His reputation preceded him and people loved for the humble, good guy to win. How could a person help but burst out with enthusiasm for this *hero* and in knowing him, feel that same identifying enthusiasm for self?

What about Jesus? Is Jesus my hero born of enthusiasm or my guy who paid the price for me?

It's easy to fall into mere enthusiasm for Jesus as my personal savior, the guy I know well and call on when I'm in trouble. It's exhilarating to sing praise songs full of adoration, major chords and memorable phrases. We worship the king of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus.

Yet relationship born purely

out of enthusiasm has shallow roots, comes too easily, and withers away as crisis crushes the elation or the next fad takes its place.

A better way to think of what Jesus does for me and you is *indebtedness*. The only way to sidestep overdone enthusiasm is at the foot of the cross -- realizing that his stripes, his nails, his thorn wounds, his humiliation were supposed to be mine ... every one of them. That would be justice for the way I rebelled against God, mistreated the people around me, for the many times I failed to do what I ought to have done. But our merciful Father-in-heaven sent his only precious son to take my punishment – not just a sit in the corner, do probation or a deferred sentence slap, but to serve an eternal death sentence instead of me.

His win came in victory at Easter, having finished it all. For the season of Lent, though, we must travel to Easter through the suffering of the cross or the victory is cheap, enthusiastic frivolity that shames the great victory Jesus won for us through his own sacrifice. For me to claim Jesus substitution for me in the suffering without feeling the guilt of what I did makes his gift cheap for me. It's like me having super respect for



Earl Campbell's life by claiming his victory for myself; not appreciating his hard work to get there. Jesus and us – it's the same. He gives us the victory, but if we claim it as ours without realizing the suffering work he did to get it, then we treat him shamefully.

Hopefully, we can all go forward into and through the season of lent, with not enthusiasm; but indebtedness in the cross. May God bless you to be indebted to Christ Jesus as you prepare your heart for the victory of Easter in April, and may each day be a little Easter for you to live forgiven!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the

Evangelism: We made some progress developing a communication card that everyone will use in worship services. We are still working on communication materials 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. *Loretta Meyer*

Fellowship: We plan to do game night event on March 15th with a St. Patrick's Day theme. We'll have a sign-up sheet for food and drinks to bring and share. *Don Gleichman.*

Social Ministries: The food pantry served one family in January/February. *Don Niedfeldt*

LWML: We delivered cleaning supplies for Hope House. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach
We need volunteers to develop marketing materials from our prototypes. Pastor renewed his annual Reconciler Certification at a cost of \$150. Primus is ready to do mediations to complete training and be ready to serve the ministry.

Disc Golf: The club laid out the 9 new holes on our East property. They hope to install a gate and fencing up to keep out dumpers. They still need to haul away the dumped tires when the Pride Cleanup comes around. There's lots of work to do clearing trees and brush for the new 9 and cleaning up from winter. Spring also means spraying for weeds and putting out tick granules. Mowing is around the corner. The club is delaying the annual fundraiser tournament till October.

Trustees: We got electrical repairs completed and the projector working properly again. More work is needed to fix numerous gutter leaks, especially on the East side. The disc golf club got wifi for His Place set up. It is available for church people and functions to use. See Pastor for the password. Council set workdays for March 28 and May 2.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



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.

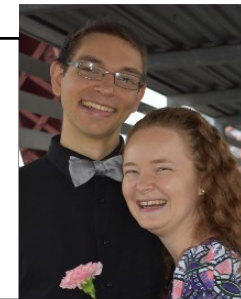
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Next Men's Man Card Breakfast March 14, 2020

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 in Dallas where 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.



Sunday 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 Israel's struggle to gain its independence and to show obedience and trust in God. God patiently teaches the people to trust him and be accountable for their behavior in a lifestyle that is fully dependent on him.

March
 12th Sheila Curtis
 13th Brianna Brown
 14th Archie Miller
 15th Noe Alonzo
 17th Dillon Brown
 20th Cheryl Potter
 23rd Sue Borgelt
 29th Michelle Fields



How to Pray for you

March
 5th Carol Neidfeldt
 10th Jim Lyles
 20th Joshua Billos



March
 Jerry and Karen Yagber for
 Karen's Aunt Sylvia Tendick's

ANNIVERSARIES
 March
 none



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), Ester Valenta, health issues (Linda Valenta's mother-in-law)

Thanksgiving: For the new wifi service at His Place courtesy of the Eagle Hill Disc Golf Club, for the new carpet tiles donated by the disc golf club and purchased by us for His Place, for Don and Carol Niedfeldt both out of the boot from foot infections, for Gerry Valenta, released from rehab after stroke

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), Russell Stevens, cancer (Josh Mindemann's uncle)

Special Healing Needs: Primus Moore, in PT, 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, 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)

Prayer Focus for the Month of March: for pastors and teachers of the Tulsa circuit, for leaders of the Synod and the OK District

Trinity Prayer Warriors

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



Lenten Theme is "King of Kings"

The theme for our Lenten mid-week services to help us focus on repentance is "King of Kings." We humbly meet our Lord, the King of Kings at the foot of the cross, for it was for our sins he suffered there.

Lent and Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26)	Soup, salad & dessert 6:00 pm	Worship 7:00 pm
Lent (March 4)		Worship 7:00 pm
Lent (March 11)		Worship 7:00 pm
Lent (March 18)		Worship 7:00 pm
Lent (March 25)		Worship 7:00 pm
Lent (April 1)		Worship 7:00 pm
Palm Sunday (April 5)	Worship with processional palms (regular schedule)	
Mauudy Thursday (April 9)	Holy Communion service	Worship 7:00 pm

His Place Carpet Door Offering

March 1 and March 8 (and Wednesday), we'll be taking up a door offering to cover the church's portion of the cost of new carpet. We need to collect \$293 to repay the cash put up by a member at purchase time. Eagle Hill Disc Golf club already paid \$250 of the cost of 1,680 square feet of 2x2 foot carpet squares that we purchased from a surplus company in Dallas. If you've seen His Place, it probably has the original carpet from 40 years ago so having safe, appealing carpet is exciting.

WISHERS CAPTAIN
Harold Dunlap

MUNION ASSISTANT
Harold Dunlap

ALTAR GUILD
Loretta Meyer
GREETER
Harold & Primus

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Prayer and Bible</i> 6:30 am	2 <i>Pastor vacation</i>	3 <i>Clayton Bible Study</i> 6:30 pm	4 <i>Confirmation 4:45pm</i> (Facebook Chat) <i>Lenten Service 7:00 pm</i>	5 <i>Noon Cell Group</i> 11:30am <i>Evening Cell Group</i> 7:00 pm	6	7 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
<i>Prayer Time</i> <i>Prayer and Bible</i> 6:30 am	9	10	11 <i>Confirmation 4:45pm</i> (Facebook Chat) <i>Lenten Service 7:00 pm</i>	12	13 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	14 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Man Card Breakfast</i> 8:30 am
<i>Prayer and Bible</i> <i>Worship 10:30</i> 6:00 pm at	16	17 <i>No clayton Bible Study</i>	18 <i>Confirmation 4:45pm</i> (Facebook Chat) <i>Lenten Service 7:00 pm</i>	19 <i>Noon Cell Group</i> 11:30am <i>Evening Cell Group</i> 7:00 pm	20 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Old Town Junk& Antiques Market</i> 8:00am 2pm
<i>Prayer and Bible</i> 6:30 am <i>Prayer after church</i>	23 <i>Pastor at Conference</i>	24 <i>Pastor at Conference</i>	25 <i>Confirmation 4:45pm</i> (Facebook Chat) <i>Lenten Service 7:00 pm</i>	26	27 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	28 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> LWML 10:00am
<i>Prayer and Bible</i> <i>Worship 10:30</i>	30	31			Altar Flowers for the Month	<i>Jerry and Karen Yagel</i> <i>for Karen's Aunt Sylvia</i> <i>Tendick's 97th birthday</i>

