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Joy! Christ with Us!

Dear Friends in Christ,

The shepherds hoped for quiet nights. Noise meant wolves trying to eat the sheep. Who would have expected joy? God often gives joy when we least expect, but most need it. Shepherds rarely had joy. They had spotty work records. Shepherding was a last hope for a living. City folks avoided shepherds. They were dirty, stank like sheep! God is merciful. He raises up the lowly (if they will listen). That night, He sent the most important message to shepherds. He sent them joy (Luke 2:10-12 ESV).

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." The shepherds had seen lots of sheep born, but never the Great Shepherd of mankind. And, the angel who told them was not a stray. He was joined by a multitude of angels from heaven saying

(Luke 2:14): "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" God brought peace and joy for all who would trust in His Son. To us who are born sinful, dirtier spiritually than the shepherds were physically, God graciously offers forgiveness, life and salvation – a cause for true joy! So, the shepherds left work early. They found Jesus and told Mary and Joseph what the angel had said. "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising



God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." (Luke 2:20) Joy! Christ with Us! Amen.
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Glenn

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MINISTRY NEWS

Stewardship: Please remember that all church expenses go on even if you worship remotely or miss entirely. You can still do an offering as your act or worship to God by sending your offering envelope/check to Attention: Julie Atkinson Trinity Lutheran Church, 190 E. State Hwy. 31, McAlester, OK 74501. It remains confidential as only Pastor handles the mail and Julie handles offerings.

Evangelism: With Pastor's time so limited this year, we are holding on our church tri-fold brochure to update it, especially to update content for Clayton Mission. January is planning time to start a religious discussion group with light food after disc golf on Thursdays. Will start this group in spring. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Education: Men Cooking Bible Study was held in December with three joining Pastor to wrap up our study on "Regrets, Reality, Restoration." Deep Dive Cell Group Bible Study continues

Thursdays. Clayton Mission has Bible Study at 4pm followed by a worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Youth: no report. *Loretta Meyer*

Fellowship: Stay tuned for announcement of the next potluck.

Social Ministries: Don takes old Portals of Prayer booklets to nursing homes. We have plans to help a homeless shelter with our old ping pong tables. We served families with food boxes for the holiday. *Don Niedfeldt*

LWML: The December activity was a Christmas ornament exchange. This month we will be embarking on a road trip to visit Pioneer Woman Ree Drummond's store the Mercantile in Pawhuska. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

We dream of adding a female coach to our team. We are contemplating more advertising. There is a need right now with people stressed by so many things about each other leading to conflict.

Disc Golf: The club President, Glenn Morris, is working again after getting the club chainsaw running, hoping to complete the

project of adding 9 new holes on the east side by early next year.

Trustees: We have all 9 cameras installed. Pioneer Construction has 3 downspouts to finish and are still working on leaks at the new wall penetrations. ADA remodel project is waiting for the partition door vendor quote. We hope to proceed with new grab bars right away.

Cross Wall Project: We need to buy the wood, cut and stain it for the cross wall and install it. Also planned is painting the wall within it.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)

Men Cooking Bible Study Breakfast 2nd Saturday 8:30 am
 Deep Dive Cell Group Bible Study Thursdays at 1:00 pm
 Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sundays at 9:15 am
 Clayton Bible Study, 1st and 3rd Sundays at 4:00 pm

Michael & Naomi Ersland

Dear friends and family,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here in northern Ghana. While there is no snow, no Christmas tree, no Christmas music blaring from the radio, there is still the awaiting of the King of Kings. As we thought about aspects of daily life here, we thought, "There is much we can talk about that correlates between life here and the Christmas story."

While there's truth to that statement, because the incarnation of God into human flesh is the same in any part of the world, some of our assumptions regarding the story may not be true. We see loads of donkeys here where we live, due to their use for pulling carts to fetch water. Alas, Matthew and Luke don't mention a donkey in this story, though we imagine Mary riding one from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It's possible that she rode a donkey as a pregnant lady. Or did she walk? We don't know. We then thought about the stable, because there are rooms dedicated to animals here that are attached to the house compounds. However, that is not explicitly stated in the birth narratives of Jesus either. There's speculation over where he was laid. The point, it was a humble place.

- Pray for successful literacy day events in Komba communities raising grassroot support for Komba classes.
- Please let us know so that we may be praying for you!

May God be with you this Adventide and Christmas as we are reminded that God dwells with us. Confident in Christ, Michael, Naomi, Ford, Ersland



BIRTHDAYS

January:

- 1st Maggie Defrange-Steidley
- 8th Vicki Lyles
- 18th Darlys Hutten
- 22nd Connie Loman
- 27th Gerald Valenta



Prayer to Remember

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

January:

- 1st Joyce Hendrickson
- 10th Connor Fields
- 10th Cameron Fields
- 26th Seth Gleichman
- 30th Jay Henson



ALTAR FLOWERS

January

Jerry & Karen Yagher for there granddaughter Molly's 5th and grandson Jace's 10th birthdays



ANNIVERSARIES

January

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: Squeaky Brown, Primary lateral sclerosis, Sheila Curtis health issues, Harold Dunlap, health issues, Darlys Hutten, cancer & health issues, Chris Meyer, head and neck pain, Rick Meyer, Parkinson's, (Pastor's brother), Lisa Milton, COPD & heart blockages, Laura Moore (Primus & Veronica Moore's daughter-in-law), Teresa Reese, neck pain, Esther Valenta, health issues (Linda Valenta's mother-in-law

Mourning: the family of our dearly loved member, Primus Moore

In War Times: for Ukraine striving to defend their country; for our enemy Russia and its leader waging war

Thanksgiving: For Life Church allowing us to use their facility for Primus Moore's visitation, funeral and family meal, for the excellent worship services on Christmas Eve and Day, for the unseasonably warm weather break we're getting after the terrible cold that stressed us and froze pipes for many people, for David Brown home from the hospital

Enduring Cancer: Rev. Barrie Henke, colon cancer (former OK District President), Paul Holbrook, throat cancer (Reese family uncle) Curtis Jacobson, cancer, Linda Ketchum, cancer (friend of Karen McGee), Ronnie Loman, melanoma, Marlys Melchert, cancer (Julie Atkinson's sister), Charlie Riddles, cancer (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Alex Roberson, prostate cancer, dementia (Primus' cousin), Roger Stainbrook, cancer, Tom Trigalet, cancer (Primus' friend), Kelly Richardson, bladder cancer (Matt's brother)

Special Healing Needs: David Brown, recovering after aortic aneurism, high BP, Squeaky Brown, primary lateral sclerosis, Harold Dunlap, frequent falls, Rev. Barrie Henke, paralysis from infection and colon cancer (stage 4) chemo (former OK District President), Curtis Jacobson, in hospice care, Troy Johnson, heart disease, (Neidfeldt's neighbor), Lisa Milton, healing after stints, Teresa Reese, neck and ankle pain, Charlie Riddles, cancer surgery & treatment (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Roger Stainbrook, cancer treatment, Gerry Valenta, in hospice care, Nick Valenta, after back surgery

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

Serving in or with the Military: Cole Jackson (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's cousin), 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 January: 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. Also call Pastor Glenn 918-916-4469 cell.

USHERS CAPTAIN
Don Niedfeldt

January 2023

ALTAR GUILD
Karen Yagher

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jerome Atkinson

GREETER
Don Niedfeldt

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am Clayton Study/Service at 4:00 pm	2	3	4	5 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 Old Town junk & Antique Market Pastor's Day Off
8 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	9 Pastor will be away at Tulsa Circuit Meeting	10	11	12 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm Church Council Meeting at 5:30 pm	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 Pastor's Day Off Men Cooking Breakfast at 8:30 am
15 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am Clayton Study/Service at 4:00 pm	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	20 Pastor's Day Off	21 Pastor's Day Off
22 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	23 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events are Due	24	25	26	27 Pastor's Day Off	28 Pastor's Day Off LWML Meeting at 10:00 am
29 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30	30 Pastor will be away at Lenten Preaching Workshop	31 Pastor will be away at Lenten Preaching Workshop	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Altar Flowers for the Month Jerry & Karen Yagher for their granddaughter Molly's 5th and grandson Jace 10th birthdays</p> </div>			

