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As the Butterfly ... So is He Alive Again!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! This Easter greeting remains appropriate for the season of Easter – the next 50 days. It seems like we always have to answer the question: “What do we do with it?” Well, Jesus lived, died, was dead for a while, and came to life again as a new creation. Wow! That’s a lot of change. If only the Democrats were able to harness that kind of change for our nation! Ha! Ha! Ha!



It reminds me of the huge changes in the creature that ends up as a butterfly. According to Wikipedia, the life cycle of a butterfly includes going through complete metamorphosis with these four stages.

1. Egg
2. Larva, known as a caterpillar
3. Pupa (chrysalis)
4. Adult butterfly (imago).

Of course, Jesus is no insect and doesn’t truly metamorphose. He does live as fully man and fully God – a mystery – and then die, as only a human can do. Then remains dead for parts of three days before he comes alive -- looking different enough that people have difficulty recognizing him. Yet, he is the same person with the scars of crucifixion visible.

Hurray! We have a resurrected Jesus, victorious over death for himself and for us. We don’t have to fear eternal damnation because he did that for us. So what’s our next move as the newly formed church he left behind?

Perhaps we can take a

page from his lives. This congregation and I have been working as a team for nearly 19 years. We did some great things in the beginning and we’ve grown in our walk with God. We have prayed for church transformation and revitalization for most of those year. What it means is this: “The church exists to be God’s missionaries to the people around us.”

What a change it takes to get to that place! Seeing each of us as God’s missionaries means turning our focus outward. It doesn’t mean we stop doing the things we enjoy. It means we do each task with the inspired purpose that it is doing mission work directly of preparing for it.

Sound crazy?

No more than a Savior rising from the dead to a new life.

Let us as a congregation, then, rise to a new life of



missional thinking! It’s time for us all to become the butterfly and leave behind the caterpillar. It’s time to learn how to fly, though appreciating our past. Be sure to attend all the worship and congregational meetings and events. Come and see what Jesus means in John 20:21!

Yours in Christ ,

Pastor Glenn

“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”” (John 20:21, ESV)

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: Please pray for Carol and Pastor as they work on this. Pastor is starting a spiritual discussion group with light meal in His Place following the Thursday Night mixed doubles disc golf mini. *Carol Niedfeldt*
Education: Men Cooking Bible Study meets again in April continuing the class "How to Read the Bible" at 8:30 am. Deep Dive Cell Group Bible Study is studying a self-guided lesson, "You Know God Loves you, Right?"

Clayton Mission has paused the study "A Clash of Kingdoms". *Carol Niedfeldt*

Youth: no report. *Loretta Meyer*

Fellowship: Our next event is a meal before the Maundy Thursday service with a presentation by Missionary Rev. Jason Steffanson. We'll have a breakfast at 9:30am Easter Sunday. We had 19 people attend the fellowship potluck meal during the 1st quarter Voter's Meeting, Sunday, March 26th.

Social Ministries: Don takes old Portals of Prayer booklets to nursing homes.

Don Niedfeldt

LWML: The March meeting was making cross -- beaded hangers to give away followed by lunch at Steak and Shake. Then, some of the group slipped over to Hobby Lobby for shopping. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

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: They are shopping for deal on a new zero-turn mower. They plan to do a fundraiser tournament October 28th to raise more money for the club goal of adding the New eastern side 9 holes.

Trustees: The trustees are putting together a donated Altar guild storage cabinet for the new paraments. Jerome will be installing the last 2 cameras for the new 10-camera video security system. A new vent fan will be installed in the ladies restroom. Our contractor plans to install gutter insert materials to redo a few sections on the NW side. Trustees are planning a weekly workday on Tuesdays to get some projects done. We hope to begin work on the cross wall as the weather warms up.

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.

First Experience Entryway Remodel: We're contemplating whether another passage on a wall would help be a focal point from other directions.

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 on pause till further notice

Rev. Jason & Anna with their sons Johanes and Immanuel

Dear friends and family would like to introduce Missionaries,

Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) at a new seminary in Shinyanga, Tanzania. Jason is the professor of Greek and Hebrew and assists in pastoral formation.

Our Lord Jesus is sending Jason and his family Tanzania to teach Greek and Hebrew in Swahili at a new seminary built in the city of Shinyanga. By training new pastors to read Greek and Hebrew, the pastors can more deeply understand the Word of God and the testimony of the saving work of Christ Jesus.



Michael and Naomi Ersland are excited to serve in Ghana with Lutheran Bible Translators with a truck



Recently we used the truck to bring back a full load of chairs and speakers from the Komba Lutheran Church Christmas convention. On the ride home, I thought about how the truck has been a blessing to us and our ministry. From the interior to the exterior, from the type of vehicle it is to its age, every part is a blessing. It is a relatively new truck (2015) and so it has run well without major issues since I have owned it. I try my best to maintain it and I hope that will keep it running for years to come. From chiefs to babies, colleagues, pastors, men, women, and children, they have all ridden in the truck as we go to meetings, come back from church, head to a yam festival, or return from a meeting with a bishop.

BIRTHDAYS

April

- 1st Zachariah Edwards
- 24th Christy Jo Baugh-Cooper
- 27th Jonathan Hummel
- 27th Tessa Hamilton



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BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

April

- 7th Christy Jo Baugh-Cooper
- 8th Zachariah Edwards, Jr.
- 9th Karen Yagher
- 22nd Michelle Fields
- 22nd Rick Curtis
- 22nd Sheila Curtis



ALTAR FLOWERS

April

Pastor Glenn for Easter



ANNIVERSARIES

April

Jerry & Karen Yagher 14th



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)

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

Thanksgiving: For the blessing of missionary Rev. Jason Steffanson to speak at our Thursday night meal and preach for the Maundy Thursday service, for medicines that help our chronic health issues and cure our acute ones, for police and fire and other first responders that serve and protect us, for longer daylight hours that let us enjoy the evenings.

Enduring Cancer: 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), Carol Niedfeldt, pending heart Cath, Charlie Riddles, cancer (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Roger Stainbrook, cancer, Kelly Richardson, bladder cancer (Matt's brother)

Special Healing Needs: Teresa Dove, in nursing home rehab after stroke, Curtis Jacobson, in hospice care, Teresa Reese, various pains, Kelly Richardson, bladder cancer surgery pending (Matt's brother) Charlie Riddles, cancer surgery & treatment (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Roger Stainbrook, cancer treatment,

For Strength: Audrey Brown & family, Curtis Jacobson family, Raven Jacobson, Jason Alexander Luvenburgh & family, (toddler grandson of Harold Dunlap), Donnie & Lisa Milton (Clayton friends), Micah Niedfeldt, 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 April: Seminarians and vicars receiving divine calls and assignments, for 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 karenbrown@trinitytrumpet.com. Also call Pastor Glenn 918-916-4469 cell.

Holy Week Schedule

Service /Event	Time
Maundy/Holy <u>Thursday</u> Potato Bar meal & Mission speaker	5:30 pm
Maundy/Holy <u>Thursday</u> Communion Worship	7:00 pm
<u>Good Friday</u> Tenebrae Worship	7:00 pm
<u>Easter</u> Free Breakfast and Devotion	9:30 am
<u>Easter</u> Worship service	10:30 am
Disc Golf Mini	12:00 pm

USHERS CAPTAIN
Jerome Atkinson

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ALTAR GUILD
Loretta Meyer

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jerome Atkinson

GREETER
Don Niedfeldt

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Palm Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	3	4	5	6 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm Maundy/Holy Thursday Meal at 5:30 pm Service 7:00pm	7 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm Pastor's Day Off	8 Pastor's Day Off Men Cooking Breakfast at 8:30 am
9 Easter Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	10	11 Pastor will be away at a Circuit Meeting	12 Pastor on vacation	13 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm Pastor on vacation	14 Pastor on vacation	15 Pastor's Day Off
16 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	17 Pastor on vacation	18 Pastor on vacation	19	20 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 Pastor's Day Off LW/ML Meeting at 10:00 am
23 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30	24 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due Church Council Meeting at 5:30 pm	25	26	27 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	28	29
30 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Altar Flowers for the Month Pastor Glenn for Easter </div>				

