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LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
MISSOURI SYNOD

# Trinity Trumpet

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## Joy in a Savior Who Knows Me

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my most amazing professors at seminary was Rev. Dr. Read Lessing, former pastor of Trinity, Broken Arrow. One of his pastoral care demonstrating acts was knowing all 450 students at the seminary. Whenever he gave the bread at the Lord's Supper in chapel service, he called every student by name. I asked him how he did it. He replied that he made it a point to get the picture file and memorize every student's name. Wow! But Prof. Lessing is even more remarkable -- more incredible to me. At the Oklahoma District fall conference last year, he preached at the worship service and helped serve communion. Like I often do for you, he gave me the communion bread and *called me by name*. Color me shocked! Just think how many students he's had through the 19 years since I graduated. I can't tell you

how special it made me feel that he still knew my face and name! Jesus certainly knew Mary's name. He met Mary Magdalene outside the garden tomb just after he rose from the dead. She didn't recognize his face; we don't know why. He came speaking comforting words to her. She did recognize when he said her name. "Mary." But Jesus certainly knew her because he made a special appearance to her as one of the first people to see him. He called her by name. Her response was shock and joy -- immeasurable joy to see her Savior *alive again* -- the son of God that had freed her from seven demons, enabling her to lead a life of service and devotion to him. Her joy must have been about as special and great as any reunion of persons I can imagine. Jesus had to ask her to let go of him be-

cause he still needed to ascend to "his Father and your father, to my God and your God." Are you still clinging to your Lord, Jesus Christ and the joy he brought you on Easter? Does the reunion joy of Easter Jesus still make you and me smile? Is Easter-Jesus first on our minds? Is another aspect of God overshadowing that focal point; say giver of all good things Jesus -- as the one we turn to when we want something? Are you clinging to "my God and your God" or perhaps you've moved on or even back to seeing him the same old way? Praise God that no matter how the day goes -- good, bad or something different -- Jesus always knows your name when you call upon him in prayer. And it helps you to call on him and keep your mind on his word through whatever means available. My home has crosses and



Bible verses all over the walls. My car plays Christian radio. Loretta and I have regular daily devotion time for hearing him speak from scripture. After all, he knows you -- knows your name. May you seek every means to keep close to your Lord's word that it might dwell in you richly! Amen.

Yours in Christ ,

Pastor Glenn

*"Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher)." (John 20:15-16, 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 of 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.

**Evangelism:** We on hold our church tri-fold brochure to update it as we consider ministry future shapes in McAlester and Clayton. 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 Tuesday Night mixed doubles disc golf mini.

*Carol Niedfeldt*

**Education:** Men Cooking Bible Study in April concluded the class “How to Read the Bible” at 8:30

am. New one in May TBD. 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 last event was a breakfast before the Easter service.

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

*Don Niedfeldt*

**LWML:** The April meeting was working on personal projects in progress. *Loretta Meyer*

**Olive Branch Outreach**

We have two persons working to schedule training. After that, we’ll consider some advertising. There is a need right now with people stressed by so many things about each other leading to conflict.


**Disc Golf:** The club has a tournament scheduled for Memorial weekend Saturday. They are shopping for deal on a new zero-turn mower or small tractor with front-end

loader and detachable mower. They plan to do a fundraiser tournament October 28<sup>th</sup> to raise more money for the club goal 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 soon.

**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,

The Lord is providing many people working together for the building of the seminary. The leadership of the South East of Lake Victorian Diocese (SELVD) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania is working to get the seminary in Shinyanga running and established for both the students waiting to start as well as future students. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod’s missionaries are also assisting the SELVD leadership in working together to get the seminary working. Lord-willing, we will be moving in nine weeks.



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



In addition to the people in the truck, we have been able to carry many things in the large bed of the truck. It has been used to transport everything from discs for a friend’s plow from the regional capital, to grain from our family village, in addition to literacy books for distribution. Years ago, when I first came to Ghana, I asked people to consider contributing to my vehicle ministry fund. You were all very generous and that allowed me to purchase this truck. The diesel fuel, filters, and other maintenance aspects are a large portion of our general budget. We haven’t been stressed though, because you have joined us by prayerfully and monetarily investing in the

ministry here. Thank you! Through you, this truck has been and continues to be a blessing to not just our family, but also to other people here. We pray that it will continue to be that way

**BIRTHDAYS**

May

2nd Susan McGee  
23rd Jerome Atkinson



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**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

May

20th Robbie Waldron  
22nd Teresa Dove  
24th Travis Cosgrove  
31st Jerome Atkinson



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

May

Teresa & Hannah Reese  
For Mother's Day



**ANNIVERSARIES**

May

Karen & Kenneth McGee 20th  
Harold & Barbara Dunlap 23rd  
Travis & Peggy Cosgrove 24th  
Cameron & Michelle Fields 30th



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 rain this past week that we really needed, for longer daylight hours enabling evening disc golf for families, for Pastor Glenn's good medical test results last week, for the new factory opening in McAlester to make air handling equipment, for the season of proms and graduation activities, for those serving in the Armed Forces as we celebrate them in the parade this Saturday.

**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), Sylvia Tendick, hospice for leukemia (Karen Yeager's aunt)

**Special Healing Needs:** Teresa Dove, in nursing home rehab after stroke, Curtis Jacobson, in hospice care, Teresa Reese, various pains, Kelly Richardson, recovering from bladder cancer surgery (Matt's brother) Charlie Riddles, cancer treatment (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Roger Stainbrook, cancer treatment, Sylvia Tendick, hospice for leukemia (Karen Yeager's aunt)

**For Strength:** Audrey Brown & family, Curtis Jacobson family, Raven Jacobson, Jason Alexander Luvenburgh & family, (toddler grandson of Harold Dunlap), Donnie & Lisa Milton (Clayton friends), Melissa Niedfeldt, 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 May:** All Graduates.

**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.

**Seeking a Volunteer Food Preparer**

Pastor's new outreach is a weekly spiritual discussion group that will meet Tuesday evenings in His Place. The primary people we hope will attend are disc golf mixed doubles that will play a game before our event. We have mission funds to cover the cost of grocery ingredients for appetizers or a light meal while people engage in spiritual discussion led by Pastor. The funding will last 10-15 weeks so cook is not a forever commitment and can be shared among several persons. We have 4 married couples plus singles that pair up to play as a team.

**USHERS CAPTAIN**  
Don Niedfeldt

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Loretta Meyer

# May 2023

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**  
Jerome Atkinson

**GREETER**  
Don Niedfeldt

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2	3	4 National Day of Prayer	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 Pastor's Day Off Armed Forces Day Parade at 10:00 am Downtown McAlester
7 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	8 Church Council Meeting at 5:30 pm	9	10	11 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	12 Pastor's Day Off McAlester Italian Festival	13 Pastor's Day Off Men Cooking Breakfast at 8:30 am McAlester Italian Festival
14 Mother's Day Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	15	16 Tulsa/Miami Circuit Meeting	17	18 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	19 Pastor's Day Off	20 Armed Forces Day Pastor's Day Off LW/ML Meeting at 10:00 am
21 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	22	23	24 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	25 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	26 Pastor's Day Off	27 Pastor's Day Off
28 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30	29 Memorial Day	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Altar Flowers for the Month</b>                      Teresa &amp; Hannah Reese                      For Mother's Day                 </div>		





