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Saints, Angels and Last Things

Dear Friends in Christ,

November brings in the fall of the year. We pray that vibrant fall colors grace us with some spectacular views, especially if we get to drive the Talimena National Scenic Byway. Predictions expect the best colors the second week of November. And the waning year also moves us to consider eternal things: saints, angels, evil spirits, final judgment, and most certainly heaven. All Saints Day comes the first day of the month. Nov. 26th is the Last Sunday of the church year when we examine the “End Times.” Also wrapped up in the discussion are angels and demons – left over from “all hallows eve” craziness of Oct. 31.

Our All Saints Festival remembers brothers and sisters in Christ that have gone to heaven before us are saints. The term includes living believers, though we

sometimes forget that name fits us, too! Thanks be to God for all the saints, living and dead that have enriched our lives through godly examples and behaviors. Their loving care for us is God’s hand working through his church.

Loving care for us comes also from those heavenly, created beings called angels. These messengers of God continually watch over us to protect us from calamity and every evil, as we petition in the Lord’s Prayer, “deliver us from evil.” This is the season to remember that St. Michael and God’s angels cast Satan and his evil angels out of heaven, banishing them to the abyss. Yet, those evil spirits live with us in this world, tempting us and wreaking all kinds of havoc. Thankfully, Jesus is the highest power in the

spiritual battle we and the angels fight against such evil forces. We can command them in Jesus name so long as we pay attention to our faith life by staying close to God through his Word and sacraments. The best news is that our battle lasts only a short time – until we die, or God returns to take us to heaven.

Indeed, the absolute “Last Thing” is the last day – the day when Jesus creates a new heaven and a new earth. On the “day of the Lord,” all the dead shall rise and meet the living in the clouds for the final judgment. The righteous (believers) go to heaven and the wicked (unbelievers) to eternal damnation, forever separated from God and all things good.

We are most grateful that we have full assurance of forgiveness, eternal life, and



salvation. We are not confused about the path to heaven. Thank you, Martin Luther (whose birthday is Nov. 10) for helping us see the sure way: by grace, through faith. Amen. Oh, and have a very blessed Thanksgiving, too!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Glenn

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”
Rev. 14:6–7 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.

Evangelism: Please pray for Carol, our leadership and Pastor as they work on developing a congregation led outreach program to replace Olive Branch. Pastor's spiritual discussion group with light meal in His Place following the weeknight mixed doubles disc golf mini has connected with 4 families so far. It will reach out to others besides disc golfers. We're seeking to buy surplus padded steel stacker chairs for His place if you hear about some being available.

Carol Niedfeldt

Education: Men Cooking Bible Study did not meet in October as Pastor was on vacation. Deep Dive Cell Group Bible Study is studying a self-guided lesson, "You Know God Loves you, Right?" Sunday Bible class continues a chapter by chapter study of Revelation. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Youth: no report. *Loretta Meyer*

Fellowship: The church dinner after **Trinity Lutheran Church's 75th anniversary service on Oct. 29th** and the reception for Pastor and Mrs. Theimer Saturday night, Oct. 6th, at His Place went great! Interaction and moving around was easy with the new small tables and chairs. The food by Mellissa Neidfeldt, Loretta and others was a delight!

Social Ministries: Don N. takes old Portals of Prayer booklets to nursing homes. We got the schedule for the Local Service Coalition now so that he might attend the meetings and find out more things in the community that strengthen families. *Don Niedfeldt*

LWML: The October meeting was cancelled to do the preparations for the 75th Anniversary Dinner and reception. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

No cases active at this time.

Disc Golf: A small tournament Friday Oct. 27th was part of the Octoberfest celebration in McAlester. They're planning a fundraiser tournament Dec. 2nd to raise more money for adding the new eastern side 9 holes.

Trustees: the donated Altar guild storage cabinet for the new paraments is complete. Our contractor finally installed gutter insert materials to redo a few sections on the NW side and finish the project. The garage security camera is working. We have a load of large gravel to fill in our many washout holes. His Place front flashing and siding was repaired. New aluminum letters are being cut out from sheet material.

Cross Wall Project: Currently progress on the cross wall is on hold.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)



Men Cooking Bible Study Breakfast 2nd Saturday at 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,

Much of our work this year is figuring out how to live in a new country. With our newsletters this first year, we are giving little glimpses into life as a missionary even as we ourselves figure out how to live. Our title today will share a little of how living in Tanzania affects our family culture. The second part of the title "cultured" is referencing the experience of adapting to new microorganisms affecting us. Pictures today include. Celebrating Immanuel's birthday with pineapple and candles. For our family, all our birthdays fall around this time of year. We decided this year to celebrate with candles atop pineapples. *In the peace of Christ Jesus, Pastor Jason, Anna Marie, Johanes, and Immanuel Steffenson*



Michael & Naomi and baby Ford Ersland

Dear friends and family,

God's Word is like water in a parched land. It sustains, fills, and refreshes. It is necessary for life. January began with a discovery on the mission grounds: our cistern had a leak. Where, how, what? Yeah, the questions were too many. In April I (Michael) could enter the cistern. The water was up to my thighs and oh so cloudy from all the sediment on the bottom of the floor from years gone by of rain entering the cistern from our roof. I couldn't tell what was causing the issue. *Confident in Christ, Michael and Naomi and baby Ford Ersland*



BIRTHDAYS
November

- 6th Tony Valenta
- 9th Lisa Brockert (Teresa's sister)
- 10th Pastor Glenn Meyer
- 17th Logan Brown
- 24th Velve Jacobson
- 26th Harold Dunlap
- 27th Linda Valenta



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BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS
November

- 9th Hannah Reese
- 9th Teresa Reese
- 20th Linda Valenta



ALTAR FLOWERS
November

*Hannah & Teresa Reese
In honor of Teresa's sister
Lisa's Birthday*



ANNIVERSARIES

November
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, Teresa Dove, in nursing home rehab after stroke, Harold Dunlap, health issues, Darlys Hutten, cancer & health issues, Chris Meyer, head and neck pain, Rick Meyer, Parkinson's, (Pastor's brother), Lisa (Milton) Brown, COPD & heart blockages, Teresa Reese, various pains, Esther Valenta, health issues (Linda Valenta's mother-in-law)

In War Times: for Ukraine vs. Russia, for Israel vs. Hamas (Gaza strip), Armenian Christians under siege by Azerbaijan Muslims

Thanksgiving: For Jackson Niedfeldt, good results after heart procedure, the volunteers preparing food and decorations for the 75th Anniversary reception and dinner, for Rev. Theimer preaching for our 75th Anniversary service and leading Bible class that morning, Teresa Dove, back at nursing home after knee and ligament replacement surgery,

Enduring Cancer: Paul Holbrook, throat cancer (Reese family uncle) Linda Ketchum, cancer (friend of Karen McGee), Ronnie Loman, melanoma, Charlie Riddles, cancer (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Kelly Richardson, bladder cancer (Matt's brother), Carrie Ann Swain, end stage cancer (Youth Director at Immanuel, Broken Arrow)

Special Healing Needs: Audrey Brown, stage 4 liver disease, Sheila Curtis, new health issues, Don Gleichman, health issues, Connie Loman, after heart cath; Ronnie Loman, recovering from chemo, Jacky Lovelace, neck pain, Jason Martin, after heart valve and pacemaker surgery (Niedfeldt friend), Karen McGee, health issues, Josh Meyer, after tonsillectomy, Jennifer Mieritz, after foot surgery, Don Niedfeldt, heart monitor, Micah Niedfeldt, after foot surgery and afib, (Don and Carol's son), Teresa Reese, had surgery on 15th, Charlie Riddles, cancer treatment (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Carrie Ann Swain, chemo for cancer (Youth Director at Immanuel, Broken Arrow)

For Strength: Audrey Brown & family, Raven Jacobson, William Loman family, Lisa (Milton) Brown (Clayton friends), Melissa Niedfeldt, Micah Niedfeldt, John Peasha Jr. family

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 November: All Veterans & Those Currently Serving in our Military.

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.

Sunday Bible Class – Book of Revelation

God has blessed the church with a vision given to John of heaven, of the love Jesus has for the church in its persecution, for a blessed future until he comes again, and a glimpse of heaven; all to encourage us in our Christian life of living in the now, but not yet paradise. We're aiming for one chapter a week. Come and see the decoded message of God's plan of salvation and love for his children. The coffee and pastries will be waiting!

3rd Annual United Ministers Alliance Thanksgiving Gala

Tuesday, November 14th at 6 pm, the 3rd Annual United Ministers Alliance Thanksgiving Gala begins with a tasty dinner and music. Tickets are \$25 for a couple and \$15 for a single. Life Church is hosting again. Proceeds will benefit the 2 area non-profit hospice companies: Hospice of McAlester and MRHC Hospice. Contact Pastor right away to reserve your tickets.

USHERS CAPTAIN
Don Niedfeldt

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jerome Atkinson

ALTAR GUILD
Loretta Meyer

GREETER
Don Niedfeldt

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
5 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	6	7 <i>Church Council Meeting at 2:00 pm</i>	8	9 <i>Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm</i>	10 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Veteran's Day</i>
12 Bible Study 9:15 am <i>Communion Worship</i> 10:30am <i>Voter's Meeting & Church Potluck Meal</i>	13	14 <i>Minister's Fellowship Thanksgiving Gala at Life Church at 6:00 pm</i>	15	16 <i>Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm</i>	17 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>LWML Meeting at 10:00 am</i>
19 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	20	21 <i>Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due</i>	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
26 Bible Study 9:15 am <i>Communion Worship</i> 10:30am	27	28	29 <i>Advent Midweek Service at 7:00 pm (tentative time)</i>	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Altar Flowers for the Month <i>Hannab & Teresa Reese</i> <i>In honor of Teresa's sister</i> <i>Lisa's Birthday</i></p> </div>	

