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Get Friendly With the Lost!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! This Easter response remains appropriate as we continue the season of Easter until Sunday, May 19, when we celebrate Pentecost. Proclaiming the risen Christ to new people reminds me of Peter at Pentecost and Paul at the Areopagus of Athens. Paul was an extraordinary missionary, not so different from the Lutherans going to Guatemala this summer on a mission trip. They bring Jesus to people living in the huge garbage dump outside of the biggest city. It smells, yes! But these people find much of what they need. Clothing, scrap building materials for makeshift shelter, junk treasures to sell, things to burn for fuel, and food scraps. Fresh water and sanitation and medical care ... these are missing. What else is missing? Purpose in life: missing. Hope for the future: missing.

Knowledge that there is a God in heaven: missing. So the missionaries bring them medicine and share the hope that they have in the resurrection. Though these people are outcasts among their own people, we Lutherans go to them with the saving message of Jesus.

Maybe you can't go with them to Guatemala, but you can see what Paul did and apply it to SE Oklahoma. You simply need to figure out what's missing (Jesus) for *the people around you* -- not for your Christian friends. Then make some new friends and help with their needs and especially, share how you experienced God this week. Paul did that.

Paul saw that the men of Athens were religious, but didn't know Jesus.

1. He went among the unbelievers (not his religious friends) --Do You?
2. He got to know them

and understand their likes and desires -- Have you?

3. He explained God by connecting to their deepest desire -- Will you?

4. He brought some into the faith -- Might you?

5. And Paul explained that God made everything as the creator of the universe. He explained that God will judge all men on the last day for their wrongs. And finally, he shared that God sent his son to pay the penalty for their wrongdoing. They need only believe to be saved from eternal punishment.

It's this point in the teaching where we usually get hung up. We love the Good News and hearing it makes us feel full of peace -- comfortable. That's God's love touching us. Good! And ... we can't just keep it to ourselves.

Let us get out there among the hopeless, the helpless, and the acting up ones we avoid. Get friendly with



them and get ready to share your Good News. What's that? Whatever message you carry home each Sunday in the bulletin will do. That'll do just fine! May your missionary heart move you to get out of your comfort zone and live the resurrection!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

"So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.'" (Acts 17:22-23, 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. The LCEF grant applications are coming this month so we need a program to fund! Pastor's Hope4Life spiritual discussion group with light meal in His Place following the week-night mixed doubles disc golf mini will restart on Wednesdays May 1, as Pastor has time to get people excited about it again. Carol is looking for

outreach and evangelism ideas. Note that the Prison video service ministry is paused until OSP gets a new chaplain. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Education: Men Cooking Bible Study restarted in April. Deep Dive Cell Group Bible Study is doing a new study on John's letters. Sunday Bible class finished a video-based study from Lutheran Hour titled: "The Bible on Trial." Next topic is pending.

Carol Niedfeldt

Youth: no report. *Loretta Meyer*

Fellowship: Family Night is scheduled for May 4, but may be delayed till A/C repairs for His Place are done.

Social Ministries: Don N. takes old Portals of Prayer booklets to nursing homes. Don attended the Local Service Coalition and found out things in the community that strengthen families, while sharing our Olive Branch outreach. The food pantry is well stocked so invite some poor, hungry friends to use it. *Don Niedfeldt*

LWML: The OK District LWML Convention was April 12-13. Loretta, Jennifer Mieritz and Carol went. They planned a trip to Arkansas Crater of Diamonds state park for April 26. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

Pastor has a new church conflict case in Missouri that is in prep-stage at this time. He may work on this after Easter.

Disc Golf: Course mowing is in full swing! Glenn Morris plans to donate and install vinyl siding on the back of the garage. Church and disc golf guys are working to acquire thick plywood and get it installed on the inside of the walls to armor them against hand tool-wielding thieves.

Trustees: We need to use our load of large gravel to fill in our many washout holes by downspouts. A new electric outlet was installed for the TV that faces the altar.

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 3rd Saturday at 9:00 am
 Deep Dive Cell Group Bible Study Thursdays at 1:00 pm
 Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sundays at 9:15 am

Rev. Jason & Anna with their sons Johanes and Immanuel

Dear friends and family,

We recently got three dogs for security for around the house and when we walk out of our gate. They have already alerted us to someone who was not supposed to be on the property. Our nightly security guard was sneaking someone or multiple someone's onto the property at night. We were able to call his supervisor who came immediately and resolved the issue. We appreciate our new security dogs and the supervisor of the security company.

In the peace of Christ Jesus, Pastor Jason, Anna Marie, Johanes, and Immanuel Steffenson



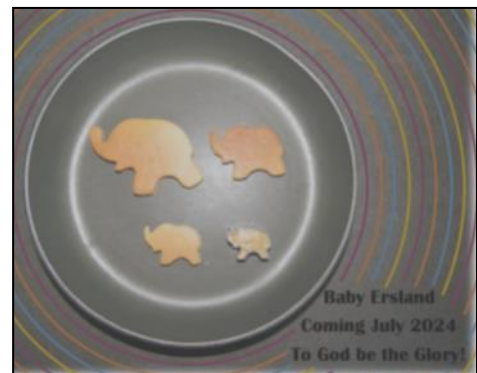
Michael & Naomi and baby Ford Ersland

Dear friends and family,

Also, we are looking forward to adding another member to our family this summer. Mom and baby are doing well. Our little guy is also doing well. He is keeping us active as he runs around, climbs up everything, dances to every beat, and enjoys telling us good stories and his experiences. We are thankful for him to have another playmate soon. May God be with you and your family!

- Praise God that we are in the final stages of getting the Bible ready for printing! May He continue to guide the process as we hope to have the dedication with physical Bibles soon.
- Praise God for Jesus Christ, who entered the world and became sin for us so that he might die to give us life.

Confident in Christ, Michael and Naomi and baby Ford Ersland



BIRTHDAYS

May

2nd Susan McGee
7th Jay Henson
23rd Jerome Atkinson



Prayers for the Month of May

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

May

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

May

Jerry & Karen Yagher
In Memory of Karen's
mother Harriet Pearson



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, Teresa Dove, in nursing home rehab, Harold Dunlap, health issues, Tina Hile, health issues (former member), Chris Meyer, head and neck pain, Rick Meyer, Parkinson's, (Pastor's brother), (Don and Carol's son), Lisa (Milton) Brown, COPD & heart blockages, Teresa Reese, various pains

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.

Mourning: the family of Donna Calhoun

Thanksgiving: For the insurance company waiving our \$2,500 deductible for the arcing damage to the His Place service entrance and heat pump equipment, the Council of Presidents and their hard work to place seminarians to calling congregations this week, for the two seminaries that train pastors and deaconesses for the LCMS, for Pastor and Loretta having vacation time last weekend, for rain to water the plants,

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

Special Healing Needs: Robert Daniels, home therapy after brain aneurism, (former Salvation Army pastor), Jenny Holbrook, health issues, (Reese's aunt), Rev. John Huss, awaiting stem cell transplant for brain cancer, Troy Johnson, flown to OKC Heart hospital for treatment, (Neidfeldt's neighbor), Karen McGee, health issues, Connie Loman after knee replacement surgery, Don Niedfeldt, hand surgery healing, Charlie Riddles, seeking more cancer treatment (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Carrie Ann Swain, immunotherapy 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

In War Times: for Ukraine vs. Russia, for Israel vs. various enemies, for various civil wars in African countries

Prayer Focus for the Month of May: Our Graduates & Confirmands

Trinity Prayer Warriors

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

100th Anniversary of the Oklahoma District

The time for the 100th anniversary of the Oklahoma District is drawing near! Attached is a letter of invitation from Pastor Joel Heckmann, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church (Okarche) where the celebration will be held. Please go online to register for one of the 500 seats available at <https://www.oklahomalutherans.org/registration>.

May 19, 2024

4 p.m. Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. Free Dinner
St. John's Lutheran Church, Okarche, Oklahoma

USHERS CAPTAIN
Don Niedfeldt

ALTAR GUILD
Karen Yagher

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jerome Atkinson

GREETER
Don Niedfeldt

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Altar Flowers for the Month Jerry & Karen Yagher In Memory of Karen's mother Harriet Pearson </div>			1	2 National Day of Prayer Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 Pastor's Day Off McAlester Armed Forces Day Parade 10:00 am
5 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	6 Church Council Meeting at 2:00 pm	7	8	9 Ascension Day Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	10 Pastor's Day Off McAlester Italian Festival & Craft show at the Expo Center	11 Pastor's Day Off McAlester Italian Festival at the Expo Center
12 Mother's day Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	13	14 Pastor will be away at Tulsa Circuit Meeting	15	16 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 Pastor's Day Off Armed Forces Day Men Cooking Breakfast 9:00 am
19 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am OK District 100th Anniversary Service 4pm	20	21	22	23 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	24 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	25 Pastor's Day Off LWML Meeting at 10:00 am Pastor's Sabbatical begins lasting thru to July 14th
26 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	27	28	29	30 Deep Dive Bible Study at 1:00 pm	31	

