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Will You Share Your Treasure?

Dear Friends in Christ,

George Kaiser, as some of you know, is one of the wealthiest philanthropists in Tulsa, the city with about a dozen foundations like his. I was impressed with his Kaiser Family Foundation funding millions for the Tulsa River parks that has become a game changer for the city and people's impression of it. That park has been voted the number one urban park in North America for several years now.

Can you imagine how many people must approach that organization each day asking the same question: "Will you share your treasure with me for my cause?" From what I've read about that foundation, the projects worthy of funding are those that can make a significant difference for families and impact thousands of people – things that everyone would agree can change the world.

It's great that Mr. Kaiser wants to help with family challenges, and healthy lifestyles in the community, and such things that make the world better.

I know someone that already did that ... and his name is Jesus. He gave the most precious gift imaginable, even greater than all the billions of dollars in the George Kaiser foundation. He gave the life of God's own son – the holy person that is Jesus. He gave this gift to every person that ever lived or will live. That gift is free to them. It works as ... forgiveness of sins. They need only believe that the gift is theirs to have it. But that's the hard part. For them to believe, first someone has to share the message that the gift is available to them. Naturally, most cannot believe it.

Human nature expects to pay something to get something. Human nature sees the whole idea of Jesus as nonsense. Why not, it isn't the least bit rational. But it is God. Salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection is God's plan to save the people he created to love him.

So where does that leave you, dear Christian? God does the saving. Your purpose, "prepared before you were created by God," is bringing this message to the lost so that the Holy Spirit can use it.

Think about it! You control access to the greatest treasure in all the earth, forgiveness of sins, simply because you can tell people how to get it. That's right! The treasure of forgiveness through Jesus is more valuable than all the charitable foundation money on the



planet – and you have the key. You have the treasure. You get to decide who hears out of all the people you know or meet.

We know how George Kaiser shares his treasure. *Will you share your treasure?*

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." (Mt.13:44-46, 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. Once again, we were awarded a LCEF grant of \$700 to fund Pastor's Hope4Life spiritual discussion group and family nights. Carol is looking for outreach and evangelism ideas. Note that the Prison video service ministry is paused until we can connect with new OSP chaplain and get it restarted. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Education: Men Cooking Bible Study will restart in August. Deep

Dive Cell Group Bible Study is paused for the summer. Sunday Bible class finished a video-based study from Lutheran Hour titled: "Joseph: Man of Steel." Next topic is the Gospel of John. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Youth: no report. *Loretta Meyer*

Fellowship: Family Night will be scheduled during the next Council meeting – for August or September.

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: in July, the LWML met and made diamond art. It was a good crowd and they enjoyed lunch at Chick-fil-A. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

Pastor has coached several individuals in church conflict cases in recent months, but does not expect further involvement in them. The local volunteer Southeast early settlement

has a new director in McAlester for the five-county region.

Disc Golf: Course mowing is in full swing, but August heat is likely to slow that need. 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 microwave/electric oven was installed in his place to replace the old double oven with the broken glass door. The church filed an insurance claim on roofs for church, his place and the garage with accompanying damage and is working with the contractor on solutions for them.

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 will resume in September
Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sundays at 9:15 am

Rev. Jason & Anna with their sons Johanes and Immanuel

Dear friends and family,

Please forgive me for not writing sooner. In March our family was medically evacuated after we all had been sick for a long time with various illnesses. Two days after arriving back in the States, an ultrasound showed that our unborn baby had died. We miscarried later that week. Jason is recovering from surgery. We are thankful to the Lord for everyone recovering, albeit slowly. We are also thankful to the Lord that our doctors on follow-up visits are consistently clearing us to return to Tanzania. We are thankful for the warm welcome that the Lutheran Church of Tanzania-Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese is showing to our colleagues Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne with their children as they arrived in Shinyanga after our evacuation. *In the peace of Christ Jesus, Pastor Jason, Anna Marie, Johanes, and Immanuel Steffenson*

Michael & Naomi and baby Ford Ersland

Dear friends and family,

During the past several months we have been experiencing bumps in the road. The waiting, the unknowns, the worry, the spiritual warfare, the pains and struggles of both preparing for the transition of baby outside of mama's womb and with the translation project heading towards completion. This is no surprise to our heavenly Father. These struggles, pains, and griefs that we are experiencing point us to Jesus. He tells us that we will experience these pains and griefs while in this world. But just as this baby will come and as the translation project will come to an end, so is Jesus coming back! We thank God for how his Word points us to Jesus and the Truth!

Confident in Christ, Michael and Naomi and family



BIRTHDAYS

August

6th Nicholas Valenta
31st Julie Ann Atkinson



Prayers to the Holy Spirit

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

August

1st Loretta Meyer



ALTAR FLOWERS

August



ANNIVERSARIES

August

Nancy & Howard Ezell 26th



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), 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 and friends of Jason Martin (Micah Neidfeldt's close friend)

Thanksgiving: For the new built-in oven installation at His Place -- that was a lot of work, for air conditioning to keep us cool inside, for mechanics and technicians that keep our machines working for us, for the excitement of the Olympic games that offer us national pride with our USA athletes, for those in military service that defend our country, for US diplomats that manage foreign relations in the world

Enduring Cancer: Shirley Ashford, (friend of Karen McGee, 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: Kathy Brakenseik, health issues (friend of Karen McGee), Squeakie Brown, after biopsy and scope this week, Jerry Calhoun, health issues, Pastor Glenn, occupational therapy for shoulder injury, Rev. Jerry Burnside, health issues, (1st Assy. of God pastor), Jenny Holbrook, health issues, (Reese's aunt), Rev. John Huss, back home after stem cell transplant for brain cancer, Karen McGee, health issues, Don Niedfeldt, doing PT after hand surgery, 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 August: For all teachers and students.

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.

Lutheran Witness Subscription Time



Subscriptions to the Lutheran Witness are due by Sunday, August 4th. The price has gone up. The cost will now be \$27.45 Please put your check or cash in provided envelopes with your name and current address (in case you changed it).

Church Council Meeting, Monday, August 12th, at 2:00 pm

Please all Church Officers remember to attend the meeting. Any member is welcome to come and listen to the current Church reports and discussion.

Voters Meeting and Potluck Meal, Sunday, August 18th

Our regular voters meeting will take place after the worship service on August 18th

USHERS CAPTAIN
Jerome Atkinson

ALTAR GUILD
Karen Yagher

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jerome Atkinson

GREETER
Don Niedfeldt

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Altar Flowers for the Month Pastor & Loretta For Christopher Meyer's Birthday on 9/12/24					
4 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	5	6 Pastor will be away at a Pastor's Retreat	7	8	9	10
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11 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	12 Church Council Meeting at 2:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am Voter's Meeting and Potluck Meal after	19	20 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	21	22	23	24
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