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The Harvest and Trust

Dear Friends in Christ,

There was a time in North America when the fall meant harvest time. Our society was based on agriculture in those days and it was seen as a time of plenty and generous giving, for that is when the barns became full and money filled the pockets. It's timely then, that God's faithful people have given their tithe at the harvest to support the work of the church back to the time of Moses and beyond.

In this area, we are a ranching, service and manufacturing society so planted crop harvest time slips by without us noticing. In our day and this place, giving tithes to the church generally happens in cash form and we give as our income arrives. So, we are like Israel in that we give to God.

We are also like Israel in our "sometimes-trusting" God, often falling into the trap of worrying. The Old Testament is full of stories describing Israel worrying

as they try to do it on their own instead of trusting God, whether the task was battling an enemy or gathering food for the day. Israel spent 40 years in the desert learning to depend on God for everything -- and still, they worried.

Our worrying may be getting in our way of trusting God to provide for us in every way. Yet, experience keeps on proving God's promises when we keep his commands to love him completely – serving him out of that love. He provides for us when we return his love by: setting aside our tithe (percentage) for God, dedicating a time to study the Bible, spending time serving God through work in church ministry, making the effort to tell our friends that Jesus died for them and inviting them to Bible study and worship. Putting God first means trusting God to help work the details so

that He is served.

The wonderful result of trusting him is that we will find ourselves blessed in ways we never imagined. It has worked for my family with tithing and serving the church since 1981, and it will work for you because God promises such blessing in Malachi 3:10. Along with the family, the church is blessed when we change our hearts so that we manage our life for God's purposes. There is no greater feeling than sitting in church next to a friend that would be lost to hell, but is saved because you loved them enough to bring them into the faith. When you friend sees you pattern your life after God and trust him enough to tithe when it's hard, then maybe they'll trust you enough to try trusting God ... in the place where you worship. You'd feel blessed to harvest a soul like that. And this harvest of souls all begins as you and I step out from our



comfortable life and trust God in new ways. How amazing it is that others might be blessed to know Jesus rose victorious from the grave so that they can go to heaven! Wow! Others are blessed to trust God as they experience us trusting him. And as I picture the beautiful spider lilies of the field (Mt. 6) in my mind, I know that heaven is a picture of beauty beyond all measure. Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

“And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,” “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?” (Matthew 6:28, 30, ESV)

MINISTRY NEWS

Stewardship: We plan a stewardship sermon series in November. 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 Celebrate Recovery meeting as a congregation led outreach program to replace Olive Branch. Carol is looking for outreach and evangelism ideas. Note that the Prison video service ministry is re-starting as we connected with the new OSP chaplain to get it restarted. Pastor has restarted Hope4Life spiritual discussion group. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Education: Men Cooking Bible Study had 3 new people in September.

His Place His Time Bible Study started on Thursdays at 11:30 am in His Place. Sunday Bible class is studying the Gospel of John. Hope4Life is meeting Thursday nights for now.

Carol Niedfeldt

Youth: no report. *Loretta Meyer*

Fellowship: The next Family Night is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 16th. The September 21 Family Night had a taco bar and hot dogs – both a hit. We had 3 big new families attend from our connections at Celebrate Recovery at Dream City.

Social Ministries: Don N. takes old Portals of Prayer booklets to Shared Blessings. Don attends the Local Service Coalition to find out things in the community that strengthen families. The food pantry is well stocked so invite some poor, hungry friends to use it.

Don Niedfeldt

LWML: The meeting in Sept. is postponed until Sunday, the 29th after church so that several members can attend the Mental Health in the Church Conference at Skiatook

on Saturday. We will celebrate LWML Sunday Oct. 13th. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

Pastor has no currently active cases.

Disc Golf: Bigfoot Mike is hosting a tournament on Eagle Hill Course Oct. 26th.

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. The new microwave/electric oven installed in his place still needs drawer slides installed. The church re-filed a rejected insurance claim on steel roofs for the church and his place with deteriorating damage and is working with the contractor on solutions for them. We received an insurance check for the garage roof and ancillary hail damage.

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 9:00 am
His Place His Time Bible Study every Thursday at 11:30 am
Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sundays at 9:15 am

Rev. Jason & Anna with their sons Johaness and Immanuel

Dear friends and family,

In Acts 16, Paul and Silas were forbidden by the Lord Jesus to speak the word in the Roman province of Asia. They attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to carry out this plan. Then, Jesus sent them to Macedonia. Jesus sent us to Tanzania, but now Jesus is sending us to Italy. On the one hand, we desired to return to Tanzania, but on the other hand, we are grateful to the LCMS Office of International Missions and the LCMS Africa Region for deciding to move us to a new location for our safety and wellbeing. *In the peace of Christ Jesus, Pastor Jason, Anna Marie, Johaness, and Immanuel Steffenson*



Michael & Naomi and baby Ford Erslund

Dear friends and family,

Regarding our children, they are doing much better now. We are thankful. Follow-up labs showed that everything was resolving. We also were able to see a specialist for our other child and it seems like everything is healing well from the surgery a few months ago. We are very thankful. We have been working on getting travel documents together for our newborn since we left Ghana quickly. We are planning to return to Ghana the beginning of October. *Confident in Christ, Michael and Naomi and family*



BIRTHDAYS
October

- 4th Melissa Niedfeldt
- 13th Jasper Yagher
- 15th Jonathan Ezell
- 16th Kipp Opperman, Jr.
- 17th Doug Hummel
- 21st William Borgelt
- 21st Don Niedfeldt
- 21st Cameron Fields
- 29th Teresa Reese



Door Offering for Ryan's House

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS
October

- 13th Barbara Billos
- 27th Connie Loman
- 27th George Loman
- 28th Randall Lopez



ALTAR FLOWERS
October



ANNIVERSARIES
October
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, 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.

Thanksgiving: For much needed rain, for cooler weather giving us a break from the heat, for the willingness of God's people from different churches to work together for his kingdom, for Teresa Sablatura, back in the dance halls enjoying life after brain tumor surgery (Loretta's sister), for foods of fall coming for us to savor, for lakes and rivers that provide plenty of water for us to drink, for our prison video ministry restarting today

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), Jenny Holbrook, chemo for cancer, (Reese's aunt), Rev. John Huss, recovering after stem cell transplant for brain cancer, Karen McGee, health issues, 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 October: All Pastor's & Christian Missionary's.

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.

Door Offering for Ryan's House, Sunday, September, 29th

Ryan's House Child Advocacy Center serves children from Pittsburg County in child abuse response efforts. We'll be taking a door offering to support them today. Their mission is to provide support and facilities for a multidisciplinary team approach to child abuse investigations, prosecutions, and treatments; to protect and assist children and families in crisis; and to provide leadership in the community for child abuse and neglect prevention and education. This money will go towards a new program to do education in the schools. The money will be sent through the MAMUF (McAlester Ministers Fellowship), which will apply half of the funds to Ryan's house and the other half for community benevolence and the baccalaureate service. Raising money through churches and other donations replaces the fall fundraising gala the MAMUF have done the past few years.

USHERS CAPTAIN
Jerome Atkinson

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 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am Church Council Meeting at 2:00 pm Hope 4 Life 7:15 pm	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 Pastor's Day Off Departure time 5 am- from the church Women's Fall Retreat 8 am - 1 pm
6 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	7 Altar Flowers for the Month Loretta Meyer for Pastor Appreciation Month	8	9	10 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am Hope 4 Life 7:15 pm	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 Pastor's Day Off Men Cooking Breakfast at 9:00 am
13 LWML Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Church Potluck Meal after church	14 Columbus Day Pastor will be away	15	16	17 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am Hope 4 Life 7:15 pm	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 Pastor's Day Off
20 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	21	22 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	23	24 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am Hope 4 Life 7:15 pm	25 Pastor's Day Off	26 Pastor's Day Off Disc Golf Tournament
27 Reformation Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	28	29	30	31 Reformation Day His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am Hope 4 Life 7:15 pm		

