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LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
MISSOURI SYNOD

# Trinity Trumpet

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## Can Fall Lead to Uplifting in Winter?

Dear Friends in Christ,

Autumn leaves are falling and blowing and piling up all over. For some of us, our labors in the workplace and/or in the church have worn us out. The harsh rhetoric of extreme political campaigning has some of us anxious like in times of war! For others, a long, hard spring and summer of vacation and play time were so exciting that we feel exhausted. You may find yourself looking at the trees beginning their winter rest and wishing for a time to let go of everything, so you can find rest and peace. Thankfully, God is here for you as the one who brings peace! He has the means and the will to renew your worn-out spirit. He restores your soul! But Christians haven't always seen God this way.

That aspect was overshadowed by other expressions of God that gave little comfort. Martin Luther was the one to recover the way to spiritual renewal in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The answer was, and is, and forever will be the news that salvation is by grace alone! All of our pursuing happiness and good works are but a "chasing after the wind" as the writer of Ecclesiastes puts it. Though we know the way to heaven is by faith in Christ so that our sins are forgiven, we need constant reassurance. Luther learned that his endless confessions and attempts to be perfect failed to give him peace. Knowing that he was "justified only by faith" answered his quest for

rock-solid confidence that he was heaven-bound. So Luther found a whole new life in Christ filled with peace. Perhaps now is the time for us to seek spiritual rejuvenation after having spent so much time away from the precious Word and Sacrament since last Easter. Luther shows us that renewal comes only as a gift from God – a gift that comes only by hearing the Word. Therefore, if you are feeling spiritually spent and seeking rest, let the worldly stuff just be as it is. Love the Word and do the Word to yourself in his sanctuary this Sunday and every Sunday! Do this for a season and see if God does not give you a renewal like you have never experienced. He has the power and the



peace to make you new so that you feel strong and free, lifted up as if on eagles' wings.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Glenn

*"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31, ESV)*

## MINISTRY NEWS

**Stewardship:** We plan a stewardship sermon series starting Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. 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:** 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 will pause for the holidays soon. His Place His Time Bible Study is well attended on Thursdays at 11:30 am in His Place and includes food. Sunday Bible class is studying the Gospel of John. Hope4Life has had 3 nights with multiple new people that enjoyed the content. With time shifting, darkness will come too soon for after-work disc golf, so we'll come up with a plan for proceeding. *Carol Niedfeldt*

**Youth:** no report. *Loretta Meyer*

**Fellowship:** The next Family Night is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** We celebrated LWML Sunday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> with a potluck after the service. The in

Nov. meeting will be a craft making shower curtain ring wreaths Christmas tree ornaments. *Loretta Meyer*

**Olive Branch Outreach**

Pastor has no currently active cases.

**Disc Golf:** Bigfoot Mike hosted a very successful B-tier tournament on Eagle Hill Course Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Glenn Morris was elected club president and Sherman Alberson as VP. Pastor remains treasurer. Disc golf guys are working to install thick plywood 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 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.

**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  
Hope 4 Life will pause after Tuesday November 19th at 5:30 pm  
Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sundays at 9:15 am

### **Rev. Jason & Anna with their sons Johanes and Immanuel**

Dear friends and family,

By the grace of our Lord, we transitioned to St. Louis so that Jason can begin intensive Italian instruction while our visa paperwork is being prepared. Lord-willing, the role which Reverend Jason will carry out in Italy will be two fold. First, P. Jason will remotely teach the biblical languages (Greek and Hebrew) for the online program at Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia. In addition to teaching, P. Jason will work alongside P. Tyler McMiller in catechizing and organizing Christians across Italy and possibly into other European countries. Anna Marie, Johanes, and Immanuel will also begin Italian instruction in St. Louis in preparation for our transition to Italy.

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

### **Michael & Naomi and baby Ford Ersland**

Dear friends and family,

We give thanks to God for providing for us and blessing us these last few months. Our baby girl, Jael, was born. Ford is a wonderful big brother! We had an unexpected trip to the US for medical concerns that quickly resolved and we were blessed to see family and some friends during this time before we returned to Ghana! God is so good!

*Confident in Christ, Michael and Naomi and family*



**BIRTHDAYS**  
November

- 6th Tony Valenta
- 8th Audrey Phipps
- 10th Pastor Glenn Meyer
- 17th Logan Brown
- 24th Velve Jacobson
- 26th Harold Dunlap
- 27th Linda Valenta



Prayers for the month of November

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**  
November

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



**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
November

Jerry & Karen Yagher  
In memory of Karen's parents  
Bob & Harriet Pearson



**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, assisted living, Harold Dunlap, health issues, Tina Hile, health issues (former member), Chris Meyer, TMJ, 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 rain and normal fall temperatures, for the end of daylight savings time, for the candy treats we indulge around Halloween, for the month of October when evil powers run rampant ending, for the fall colors we got to see so briefly, for the end of grass mowing in sight, for all the saints gone before us and their Christian examples we cherish, for the disc golfers we're reaching with weekly Hope4Life OK discussion group

**Peaceful elections:** for those running for office and administering elections, for all those affected by pending election results -- that God's will be done in all these things

**World peace:** war in Ukraine and the middle East, threats connected to that in many other places, for strife and fear in times of intense electioneering, for culture conflicts around lifestyles and morality

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

**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:** Squeaky Brown, broken leg, Don Niedfeldt, foot infection, Teresa Reese, recovering after thyroid surgery, Kathy Brakenseik, health issues (friend of Karen McGee), Jenny Holbrook, chemo for cancer, (Reese's aunt), Rev. John Huss, 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

**Prayer Focus for the Month of November:** for all veterans and those serving in the 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.

**"Money Talks" Stewardship Series by Rev. Dr. Lessing**

A three Sunday sermon series called "Money Talks" begins Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> with a sermon titled: "Money's Dark Side." Please make every effort to hear these sermons that teach us God's principles in the Bible for managing the money he gives us. Money can lead us to dark places if we give in to temptations. It better serves God's purposes to care for us and the ministries we do through the church. If you miss one, you can go to the church YouTube page and watch it later.

**USHERS CAPTAIN**  
Don Niedfeldt

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Loretta Meyer

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**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**  
Jerome Atkinson

**GREETER**  
Don Niedfeldt

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>Altar Flowers for the Month</b> Jerry &amp; Karen Yagher In memory of Karen's parent's Bob &amp; Harriet Pearson</p> </div>						
3 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	4	5 Election Day	6	7 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	8 Pastor's Day Off	9 Pastor's Day Off
10 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	11 Veteran's Day Church Council Meeting at 2:00 pm	12 Mogi 5 Church Men's Group Depart 5:45	13	14 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	15 Pastor's Day Off	16 Pastor's Day Off Family Night at 6pm
17 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am Voter's Meeting after church	18 Hope 4 Life 5:30 pm (No Disc Golf)	19 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	20	21 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	22 Pastor's Day Off	23 Pastor's Day Off LWML Meeting at 10:00 am
24 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	25 Hope 4 Life 5:30 pm	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Native American Heritage Day Pastor's Day Off	30 Pastor's Day Off





