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LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
MISSOURI SYNOD

# Trinity Trumpet

## February 2025



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### Love Never Ends!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many of us spent recent days “camping out” in our own homes, snowed in by the 11-12 inches of accumulated snow. Many even missed church – unless they watched the service on YouTube. Perhaps you experienced hardships building anxiety levels in you since you couldn’t get out and had to cancel appointments? Maybe your emotions “boiled over” at some point and your housemates felt your wrath? I pray that apologies followed, with forgiveness freely given, if that happened. Stated forgiveness heals the relationship put in jeopardy by sin.

For families focused on God, the vagaries of shared hardship that lead to working together in overcoming frustrating

problems can be a great blessing. Each person can learn to depend on the others and to appreciate one another. Of course, this does not happen without Christian love in the mix.

1 Corinthians 13:7-8a helps us see how God blesses us with power to overcome adversity, to bear up, and to persevere. The power is in our ability to *love*. Yes, love has God-ordained power that is never-ending in its ability to maintain relationships. Indeed, it does take effort to keep a relationship strong. Love is the glue that binds the relationship, the power that bears all things, the power that believes in the unbelievable, the power that keeps hope

in hopeless times, and the power to endure all things.

Our Savior, Jesus, endured suffering and death out of love for us. He also modeled this kind of love for us in his life on earth as a man. He carried out the Father’s road map for love and saved us from our sins. The Bible says, “The love of God came and lived among us.” Amazing love!

So in this month of February, when Saint Valentine’s Day helps us to focus on loving relationships, let us focus on strengthening our marriages and close friendships. In love, *we* can bear the bad stuff, believe the wild story, keep the hope, and endure in faith until Christ comes



again in glory, for we know that his love never ends. Amen.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Glenn

*"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13:7-8a, ESV)*

## MINISTRY NEWS

**Stewardship:** New 2025 offering envelopes are out. Check your mailbox if you haven't picked up yours. 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. The Prison video service ministry at OSP has restarted. We pray that Hope4Life spiritual discussion group resumes by March.  
*Carol Niedfeldt*

**Education:** Men Cooking Bible Study is paused for the winter. 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 plans to proceed in late February without formal disc golf, but still with food.  
*Carol Niedfeldt*

**Youth:** no active youth in the congregation  
*Loretta Meyer*

**Fellowship:** We scheduled the next Family Night for March 29.

**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.

**Youth:** no active youth in the congregation.  
*Don Niedfeldt*

**LWML:** We enjoyed the Jan. meeting making our own lip balm and making plans for the coming months. *Loretta Meyer*

### **Olive Branch Outreach**

Pastor has no currently active cases.

**Disc Golf:** The Disc Golf club held a fundraiser tournament on Eagle Hill Course Jan. 25. Disc golf guys are working on the new 9 project this winter and to cut down lots of dead trees.

**Trustees:** We started setting up the new computer for the balcony media use. The current one will replace the old, slow office machine. We'll move all systems to Windows 11. We need to use our load of large gravel to fill in our many washout holes by downspouts. Jerome's repairs on the gutter and vent penetration leaks broke through from the snow and will need rework.

**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 paused for winter.  
His Place His Time Bible Study every Thursday at 11:30 am  
Hope 4 Life will pause till further notice  
Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sundays at 9:15 am

### **Michael & Naomi and family**

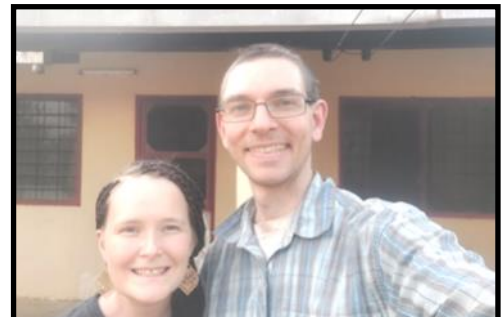
Dear friends and family,

We arrived in the US at the beginning of December. We have been catching up on many things that we put on hold while we were in Ghana. This includes post-thesis defense work, sabbatical prep, assessments for a program we will attend in January, expense reports, this newsletter, sending out thank you notes, and seeing family

Pray for us as we process our transition from Ghana, mourn losses that come with this, and as we look to God's guidance for where he is leading us next.

Thank you for your continued support and prayer. May God fill your hearts with joy as we know that Jesus came to make all things new. He takes our loss and gives us hope. Jesus came and took our sin to the cross, and he will come again to end separation and loss.

*Confident in Christ, Michael and Naomi and family*



**BIRTHDAYS**  
February

5th Carol Niedfeldt  
18th Rick Curtis  
20th Karen Yagher  
21st Hannah Reese  
28th Joshua Billos



Prayer to Remember

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

February  
18th Aaron Phipps  
18th Audrey Phipps  
27th Brenda Phipps



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

February  
Pastor Glenn  
For St. Valentine's Day



**ANNIVERSARIES**

February  
Randall & Roberta Lopez 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:** Squeakie 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.

**Mourning:** for the families of those who died in the Potomac aircraft accident Wednesday night

**Thanksgiving:** For the rain helping our plants, for the new fiber internet installed this week by Dobson Fiber, for the nice job Bartel Communications did smoothing out the ground after trenching for the fiber cable, for Jerome and Pastor working on the new media pc, warmer weather and trees starting to bud, for medicine to help us through colds and flu.

**World peace:** war in Ukraine, Congo, Sudan, 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

**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:** all those suffering from colds and flu, Don Niedfeldt, foot infection, 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, Velva Jacobson, recovering from shoulder surgery, Ronnie Loman, treatment pending for stage 4 melanoma, Karen McGee, health issues, Loretta Meyer, physical therapy for foot pain, Wendy Pritchett, chronic RA and other medical issues, Warnie Pritchett, anxiety disorder, 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 February:** for spiritual renewal of inactive members

**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.

**Lenten Midweek Series**

**Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis**

1. Ash Wednesday 7 PM: The Good News of a Savior Who Covers Our Sin, Genesis 3:1-13, 21
2. Lenten Midweek 2: The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil, Genesis 3:14-15
3. Lenten Midweek 3: The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning, Genesis 6
4. Lenten Midweek 4: The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place, Genesis 22:1-18
5. Lenten Midweek 5: The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth, Genesis 28:10-22
6. Lenten Midweek 6: The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil, Genesis 50:15-21

Ash Wednesday service will be at 7 PM on Wednesday. We'll get feedback today from the congregation on which choice of midweek timeslot is best for the remaining services: Thursday at 10 AM or Wednesday at 7 PM. Pastor will be doing a round robin with Rev. Loman at Tahlequah. He will preach two of the services for us and I will preach to the services for them.

**USHERS CAPTAIN**  
Jerome Atkinson

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Karen Yagher

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**  
Jerome Atkinson

**GREETER**  
Don Niedfeldt

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	3	4	5	6 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	7 Pastor's Day Off	1 Pastor's Day Off
9 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	10	11 Pastor will be away at Tulsa Circuit Meeting	12 Church Council Meeting at 2:00 pm	13 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	14 Valentine's Day Pastor's Day Off	8 Pastor's Day Off
16 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	17 President's Day	18 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	19	20 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 Pastor's Day Off LWZM Meeting at 10:00 am
23 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Evening Regional Circuit Forum	24	25 5-Church Men's Group will be meeting in Mus- kogee at 6pm	26	27 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	28 Pastor's Day Off	





