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This Lent: The Good News of a Savior!

Dear Friends in Christ,

God's story has many contrasts. Old Testament -- Law; New Testament -- Gospel. Old covenant -- Moses; new covenant -- Jesus. Mount Sinai, Ten Commandments -- bad news; Mount Calvary, John 3:16 -- good news. Genesis -- the fall into sin; Revelation -- heaven. We begin this Lenten season with ... the cross of Jesus Christ on Calvary, and that event so detailed in all four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. And in those books -- the centerpieces of the New Testament—is the cross and resurrection event that secures Good News for the world, "that whosoever believes it shall not perish but have eternal life in heaven." But the pinnacle of God's story is the resurrection. Without it, the cross would be just another dead criminal – another messiah wannabe. Your

life and mine as Christians should and must be defined by the risen Christ. It takes time to examine our life and be ready to move toward that kind of existence in the Savior we know and love.

To help us with this examination, we hold special services for the season of Lent and holy week of Easter. Our theme for these will be "The Good News of a Savior." For lent mid-week services the readings are all from the book of Genesis, beginning with the fall into sin and the promise of a Savior. The great law event of the Old Testament follows – the flood - in which only Noah and his family members were saved. The rest of the earth's population were evil to the core, opposed to God, and died. Subsequent stories

depict the coming Christ in Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. We see Christ prefigured in types along with salvation and heaven through the sin cleansing, suffering, and death of him.

March certainly brings in warmer weather of spring, with the vacation time of spring break for schools and all types of events that we can enjoy. God has made this world for us to enjoy, and we certainly should. He's also made us to live in the kingdom of God at the same time as Christians. We need to stay close to God to be able to pull off the simple life where Christ is the center. The sermons of this season are a great place for us to see our critical need for a Savior because of our sin. Along with that comes the wonderful news that our sin is forgiven by Christ in his



suffering, death and resurrection. It all sounds so simple. But for us humans, who are focused mostly on ourselves, it's hard to put Jesus in that place where we come second, because he is first.

The only way that we that happens is by loving him with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. We love him, because he first loved us. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Glenn

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16, 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 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 is ongoing. We pray that Hope4Life spiritual discussion group resumes in March.
Carol Niedfeldt

Education: Men Cooking Bible Study remains paused. 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 mid-March with disc golf and 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 Feb. meeting decorating white crosses and making plans for the coming months. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

Pastor has no currently active cases.

Disc Golf: Disc golf guys are working on the new 9 project this winter. They also plan to cut down lots of dead trees, including the ones you see marked with yellow ribbons. It won't be long before grass mowing kicks in.

Trustees: were mostly done 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. The fiber insulation contractor is waiting for dry weather to be able to repair damage to the eastern end of our gravel drive and nearby ground.

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

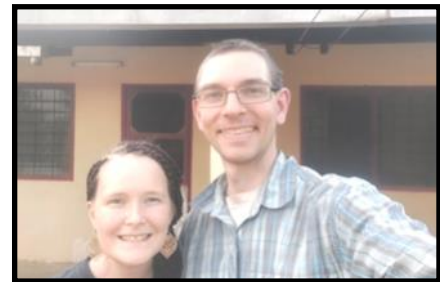
Michael & Naomi and family

Dear friends and family,

We have a sabbatical coach we meet with monthly and 2 support couples that we meet with twice a month. During our sabbatical, we will not write newsletters or other forms of communication. Our sabbatical is an intentional time for rest, healing, and preparing our hearts and minds for where God will send us next with Lutheran Bible Translators. 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*

Steffenson Family update for February

Family Update. We continue to work on our paperwork to enter Italy and on our Italian lessons. Rev. Jason has begun joining meetings with the Luther Academy on-line program and Lord-willing will teach Hebrew this coming autumn. He is working on learning the format of teaching on-line. There are students from around the world who are preparing to be pastors through Luther Academy. The photos today are of stain glass windows from churches with the life of Jesus as their focus.



BIRTHDAYS
March

12th Sheila Curtis
13th Brianna Brown
17th Dillon Brown
29th Michelle Fields



RETURN TO THE
 HOUSE OF GOD

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS
March

5th Carol Niedfeldt
10th Jim Lyles
20th Joshua Billos



ALTAR FLOWERS
March

Karen & Jerry Yagher
In Memory of Karen's Aunt
Sylvia Tendick



ANNIVERSARIES
March
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: 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: family of Bill Atkinson, (Jerome Atkinson's brother), the family of Max Lenardo, (friend of Jerry Calhoun)

Thanksgiving: For the warming weather and sunshine, for the new balcony media system now working for our worship services, for the east side windows in His Place getting rotten wood replaced and steel trim on the outside, for Amy Moeller getting off the ventilator and in the main hospital that can handle the surgery she needs, for Velva Jacobson expecting discharge after shoulder surgery to Physical therapy

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, Travis Cosgrove, bypass surgery, Kenneth Curtis, hospice for Alzheimer's (Rick Curtis's Dad), Amy Moeller, back surgery for infection and in ICU, (Rev. Moeller's wife), Don Niedfeldt, foot infection, Kathy Brakenseik, health issues (friend of Karen McGee), Jenny Holbrook, chemo for cancer, (Reese's aunt), Velva Jacobson, recovering from shoulder surgery, Ronnie Loman, immunotherapy infusions 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), Dottie Steidley, severe fall injuries (former member), 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 March: for pastors & congregations of our Tulsa circuit, Leaders of our Synod & District.

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.

Lenten Midweek Series

Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis

1. Ash Wednesday 7 PM: 03/05/25 The Good News of a Savior Who Covers Our Sin, Genesis 3:1-13, 21
2. Lent Midweek 2 Thur. 10 AM: 03/13/25 The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil, Genesis 3:14-15
3. Lent Midweek 3 Thur. 10 AM: 03/20/25 The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning, Genesis 6
4. Lent Midweek 4 Thur. 10 AM: 03/27/25 The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place, Genesis 22:1-18
5. Lent Midweek 5 Thur. 10 AM: 04/03/25 The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth, Genesis 28:10-22
6. Lent Midweek 6 Thur. 10 AM: 04/10/25 The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil, Genesis 50:15-21

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
Don Niedfeldt

ALTAR GUILD
Loretta Meyer

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COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jerome Atkinson

GREETER
Don Niedfeldt

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Altar Flowers for the Month Karen & Jerry Yagher In Memory of Karen's Aunt Sylvia Tendrick</p>						
2 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm	6 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 Pastor's Day Off
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	10	11 Church Council Meeting at 2:00 pm	12	13 Lenten Midweek Morning Service 10am His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 Pastor's Day Off
16 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	17 St. Patrick's Day Pastor will be away for OK District Spring Conference	18 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	19	20 Lenten Midweek Morning Service 10am His Place His Time	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 Pastor's Day Off LWML Meeting at 10:00 am
23 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	24	25	26	27 Lenten Midweek Morning Service 10am His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	28 Pastor's Day Off	29 Pastor's Day Off Family Night at 6pm - 9 pm
30 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am Voter's Meeting & Church Potluck	31					

