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Easter is a Season

Dear Friends in Christ,

We often think of Easter as a day of the year. It is also a church season that starts at Easter and runs until Pentecost on June 8th. The first 40 of those are the days that the resurrected Jesus walked the earth before ascending into heaven. Each event recorded is like honey on the tongue, as we cherish our risen Lord, the victorious one that saved us. The story of the disciples walking the short way to Emmaus that first Easter day is one of my favorites. Jesus walks with them for hours, opening their ears to the many prophecies he fulfilled as the true Messiah. Even more, they begin to understand what the Kingdom of God is all about and how they will do the role of discipling people. Scripture says “their ears

were burning” as they felt – what – embarrassment at being so slow to catch on?

All this time, they don’t recognize the man they spent several years living and working alongside all day long. Amazing! They finally have their eyes opened to who their guest is when he blesses and breaks the bread, doing it in the unique way that Jesus breaks and blesses.

What has to happen for us to realize what role Jesus has set for us in his kingdom? Many of you reading this have known Jesus for years. But how well do you know him? How well do you follow him by faith? You’re not alone. Will we go around red-faced, with burning ears, when the words of Jesus start

to sink into our slow minds? We can jump to the chase, as they say, and see the final command Jesus gives the eleven disciples – and of course, us as his new disciples. In the last chapter of Matthew, Jesus asserts his authority from the Father, saying: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20 ESV)

May the season of Easter bring you wonderfully warm feelings of comfort and joy with the risen Savior! May we find direction in Jesus, who is the cornerstone of the



church – us! And may the peace of the Holy Spirit be with us all! Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Glenn

“They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”” (Luke 24:32, 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 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 for Hope4Life spiritual discussion group as it resumes on Tuesdays in April. *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 April with disc golf and food. *Carol Niedfeldt*

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

Fellowship: We are talking about an Easter breakfast potluck.

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.

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LWML: We enjoyed the March meeting weaving small baskets 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. Grass mowing kicks in any day now.

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.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)

Men Cooking Bible Study Breakfast paused till further notice.
His Place His Time Bible Study every Thursday at 11:30 am
Hope 4 Life will be Tuesdays 7:30 pm
Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sundays at 9:15 am

Michael & Naomi and family

Dear friends and family,

We are grateful for numerous people we have lived and worked alongside in Ghana. Michael worked with this group of men in the office. They are leaders, fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, teachers, pastors, and more. On our first day as a couple in 2021, we took a selfie outside our house. Here is our last day. 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. *Confident in Christ, Michael and Naomi and family*

Steffenson Family

Family Update. Countries have embassies in order to carry out their nation's missions. The kingdom of God has embassies in local communities: congregations. The ambassadors in the congregations of the kingdom of Christ proclaim warnings of danger to the citizens of the world and the path to safety: faith in Christ Jesus. People come to the congregation for baptism into Christ as the Holy Spirit seals another person a citizen of Jesus' kingdom. Just as U.S. citizens can flee to their embassy in the face of danger, we flee to Christ's embassies in emergencies for the comfort of salvation in Christ, and the ambassadors of Christ's kingdom remind us of the true reality that we are eternal citizens of Christ's eternal kingdom. It is an honor to be a part of Jesus' kingdom and Jesus' work.

Thank you for partnering with us in this work of the Lord Jesus in Italy and the world. "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Cor. 5:21

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



BIRTHDAYS
April



1st Zachariah Edwards
24th Christy Jo Baugh “Cooper”
27th Tessa Hamilton
27th Jonathan Hummel

Prayer to Remember

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS
April



7th Christy Jo Baugh “Cooper”
8th Zachariah Edwards
9th Karen Yagher
22nd Rick & Sheila Curtis
22nd Michelle Fields
30th Roberta Lopez

ALTAR FLOWERS
April



ANNIVERSARIES
April

14th Jerry & Karen Yagher



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, migraines 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 of Debra Lattner (friend of Marlena Nobles)

Thanksgiving: For this 5th Sunday in the month that opens us this worship service to us, for families having time off for spring break, for new gas station convenience stores coming to give us more places to gas up, for beautiful flowering redbud trees on our grounds, for those working to get Celebrate Recovery started here on Friday nights

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, stage 4 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, out of ICU and in rehab hospital, (Rev. Moeller’s wife), Don Niedfeldt, foot infection, Micah Niedfeldt, foot infection, Kathy Brakenseik, health issues (friend of Karen McGee), Jenny Holbrook, chemo for cancer, (Reese’s aunt), Velva Jacobson, PT after shoulder surgery, Ronnie Loman, immunotherapy for cancer, Karen McGee, health issues, Wendy Pritchett, chronic RA and other medical issues, Warnie Pritchett, anxiety disorder, Charlie Riddles, cancer treatment (Bill Borgelt’s cousin), Dottie Steidley, in care facility after fall, (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 April: for Seminarians & Vicars Receiving Divine Calls & All Calling Congregations.

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

- 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
Jerry Calhoun

ALTAR GUILD
Loretta Meyer

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jerome Atkinson

GREETER
Don Niedfeldt

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Flowers for the Month						
6 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	7	8 Church Council Meeting at 2:00 pm Hope4Life OK at 7:30 pm	9	10 Lenten Midweek Morning Service 10am His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	11 Pastor's Day Off Celebrate Recovery at His Place 7:00 pm	12 Pastor's Day Off LWML Meeting at 10:00 am
13 Palm Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	14	15 Hope4Life OK at 7:30 pm	16	17 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm	18 Pastor's Day Off Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm	19 Pastor's Day Off
20 Easter Sunday Breakfast Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship	21 Vacation Days 21-27	22 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	23	24 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	25 Pastor's Day Off Celebrate Recovery at His Place 7:00 pm	26 Pastor's Day Off
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Cross Wall Project: Currently progress on the cross wall is on hold.