



LUTHERAN CHURCH,
MISSOURI SYNOD

Trinity Trumpet

September 2025



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Rest from Our Labor

Dear Friends in Christ,

School has started in Oklahoma and folks are already in the middle of the first holiday of fall, Labor Day. That first Monday of September meant opening day of the season dove hunting for me for over 20 years. But then I moved to St. Louis and had nowhere to hunt doves. After that, I found that without corn or milo fields, doves don't flock together much in SE Oklahoma.

So, I'm with the rest of the world, looking forward to the original intent of Labor Day – appreciating the workers of our nation with a day of rest from their labor. Of course, holidays don't work out as "rest days" for lots of workers because things in our nation operate 24/7. What about God and Labor Day? God has much to say about labor that we do for him (that could be all of our work if we labor as if working for God as scripture encourages). We should do labor to serve our neighbor, whom we love because God first loved us. What naturally follows labor, though, is rest! There's rest for the day, and then there's eternal rest. Revelation 14:12-13 speaks of the *final* rest from all our work for God. Such rest comes for all the saints in heaven, which

leaves the saints still living (the believers) eagerly look forward to it. (Yes, the saints include all believers living and dead.) God has much for living saints to do: harvesting the unchurched, helping the downtrodden, praying for others, teaching our families, and in all obeying God's will for us.

These tasks bring joy to us through the power of the Holy Spirit, even as we get physical and mentally tired. God understands. Jesus walked this earth as a man that got tired and rested. The Father-God gave us the concept of Sabbath rest. He demonstrated rest from his labor of creating the universe. He passed down a rule for a day of rest in the Ten Commandments. He gave other rules to rest beasts of burden and 'the land.'

Eternal "rest from their labors" is described as "blessed" in Rev. 14:13. God also blesses the rest from our labor in this life. Even more so, just living for God is inherently a blessing.

Here's a thought for this Labor Day holiday. Spend some time resting on one day of the long



weekend. Strangely enough, you may have to think about it to know what to do or not do. We rest so little and live such varied lifestyles that rest takes on many forms. So just figure it out, do it, and feel blessed. That's my plan and I pray that it is yours, as well. Have a blessed holiday! Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

"Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:12-13, 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 of worship to God by sending your offering envelope/check to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 190 E. State Hwy. 31, McAlester, OK 74501. It remains confidential.

Evangelism: Please pray for Carol and Micah Neidfeldt (and Pastor), our Celebrate Recovery leadership as they work on building a meeting as a congregation-led outreach program. The Prison video service ministry at OSP is ongoing. We pray for Hope4Life spiritual discussion group as it is paused until October.

Carol Niedfeldt

Education: 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 Parables of Jesus. Hope4Life meets again in October with optional disc golf and food. *Carol Niedfeldt*

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

Fellowship: We had a Family Night on August 16 that saw 15 church people plus 12 disc golf players that ate and left. One stayed for the door prize drawing. 5-church Men's group meets Sept. 18th at 6:30 pm at 1st Muskogee for snacks and devotion.

Social Ministries: Compassion 365 is slated to open mid-September with food pantry, soup kitchen and other services for low income/homeless. 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 August meeting was water color painting. We have some talented artists. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

Pastor has one active case.

Disc Golf: Disc golf guys have elected Mitch Garcia as President and Tyler Sanders at VP as leaders, plus Pastor Glenn as Treasurer. The church gave them a mowing list of fairway grass they should mow instead of the church.

Trustees: The new security camera is mounted on the back side of the garage. We need to use our load of large gravel to fill in our many washout holes by downspouts. The back of the garage needs paint applied to the upper gable. The Eagle Scout project for renovating the Noah Ark playground is delayed till mid-September, at least.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)

His Place His Time Bible Study every Thursday at 11:30 am
Hope 4 Life on pause till October
Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sundays at 9:15 am

Celebrate Recovery – Fridays 7 pm in: His Place Community Center

From you, we need prayers for this outreach to assist persons with hurts, hang-ups and addictions that affect their well-being. We also need you to tell everyone in your circle of friends and family that might benefit from it. You should also attend if you want to work on your own stuff. We have business-card size invite cards you can give out.

It is a Christian 12-step program that helps participants deal with more things than addictions. Since we are starting out, we do a meeting followed by a step lesson Bible study. It lasts an hour.

Ersland Family Update:

They visited us on August 14 during the His Place His Time Bible study and lunch time to show their appreciation for our support. They expect a new assignment to a different country and people group translation project in late spring. His new role will be at a supervisory level and office-based rather than living in the field.

Steffenson Family update.

Family Update

Rev. Jason,

They were scheduled to arrive in Italy on August 24, in preparation for teaching languages in the seminary there.

BIRTHDAYS
September

12th Chris Meyer
12th Joyce Hendrickson
16th Teresa Dove
22nd Randall Lopez
26th Seth Gleichman
30th Squeakie Brown



Dunlap to McGee

BAPTISMAL
BIRTHDAYS
September

7th Susan McGee
12th Jefferson Billos
13th Julie Atkinson
15th Jason Billos
25th Nicholas Valenta

**ALTAR FLOWERS**
September

Karen & Jerry Yagher
In honor of their granddaughter
Jillian's 15th Birthday

**ANNIVERSARIES**

September
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, Harold Dunlap, health issues, Tina Hile, in skilled nursing for health issues (former member), Chris Meyer, migraines and neck pain, Rick Meyer, Parkinson's (Pastor's brother), Lisa (Milton) Brown, COPD & heart blockages, Wendy Pritchett, chronic RA and other medical issues, Warnie Pritchett, anxiety disorder, Teresa Reese, various pains, Dottie Steidley, home care, (former member)

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 the cooler weather and rain to give respite from the heat of August, for the long holiday weekend and the American worker that we honor by it, for jobs that employ people, for hotels and resorts that we go to for vacations, for summertime foods that we love to eat, for Micah Niedfeldt able to go back to work

World peace: war in Ukraine, Congo, Sudan, and the middle East, threats connected to that in many other places

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, Paula Meyer, kidney cancer (Pastor's cousin), Charlie Riddles, cancer (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Mark Ruth, cancer (Jerry Calhoun's brother-in-law), Carrie Ann Swain, end stage cancer (Youth Director at Immanuel, Broken Arrow)

Special Healing Needs: Kenneth Curtis, hospice for Alzheimer's (Rick Curtis's Dad), Rev. John Huss, in rehab hospital after pneumonia, Renea and Steve Jandura, major health issues, (Jerry Calhoun's sister-in-law), Rev. Myles Schultz, chemo for cancer, Micah Niedfeldt, healing after foot surgery, Kathy Brakenseik, health issues (friend of Karen McGee), Jenny Holbrook, chemo for cancer, (Reese's aunt), Ronnie Loman, immunotherapy for cancer, Karen McGee, health issues, Don Niedfeldt, broken rib, Charlie Riddles, cancer treatment (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Carrie Ann Swain, immunotherapy for cancer (Youth Director at Immanuel, Broken Arrow).

For Strength: Audrey Brown & family, Lisa (Milton) Brown (Clayton friends),

Prayer Focus for the Month of September: Our American Work Force

Trinity Prayer Warriors

If you have a request for special prayers, please contact Karen Brown 918-569-7885 or email her at karenbrown@hotmail.com. Also call Pastor Glenn 918-916-4469 cell.

5-church Men's Group snacks and Devotion, Thursday, 9/18/25

Guys! Please mark your calendars for the *5-church Men's Group snacks and Devotion*, if your schedule fits for 5:15 departure from church on Thursday, September 18th. It's at First Lutheran, Muskogee and Pastor Meyer will present a devotion. Lutheran churches in Tahlequah, Okmulgee and Eufaula are invited also with us.

USHERS CAPTAIN
Jerry Calhoun

ALTAR GUILD
Karen Yagher

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jerry Calhoun

GREETER
Don Niedfeldt

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3 <i>Church Council Meeting at 11:15 am Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm</i>	4	5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	6 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
7 <i>Grandparents Day Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am</i>	8	9 <i>Pastor will be away at Tulsa Circuit Meeting</i>	10 <i>Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm</i>	11 <i>Patriot Day His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am</i>	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	13 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
14 <i>Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am</i>	15	16	17 <i>Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm</i>	18 <i>His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am</i>	19 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	20 <i>Pastor's Day Off LWML Meeting at 10:00 am</i>
21 <i>Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am</i>	22	23 <i>Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due</i>	24 <i>Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm</i>	25 <i>His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am</i>	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	27 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
← Pastor will be away on Vacation →			28	29	30	
28 <i>Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am</i>	29	30	Altar Flowers for the Month Karen & Jerry Yagher In honor of their granddaughter Jillian's 15th Birthday			

