



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. For some, health challenges that multiply rather than going away drag us down. 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. Many saw him as the judgment guy, who gives you pain for the evils you do. Or painful hard work to make up for those failings and settle the score. Martin Luther was the one to

recover the way to spiritual renewal in the 16th 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. That's how 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.

So, 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: 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: Trinity Lutheran Church, 190 E. State Hwy. 31, McAlester, OK 74501. It remains confidential.

Evangelism: Please pray for Carol and Micah Niedfeldt (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 meets on Tuesdays in 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 Tuesdays in October with food and optional disc golf.

Carol Niedfeldt

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

Fellowship: We need to plan a Family Night for November.

Social Ministries: Don N. takes old Portals of Prayer booklets to Shared Blessings. Don is working with the new Compassion 365 on social ministry programs. The food pantry is well stocked so invite some poor, hungry friends to use it. *Don Niedfeldt*

LWML: The October event was the Zone meeting at Trinity, Broken Arrow.

Loretta Meyer

Olive Branch Outreach

Pastor has no currently active cases.

Disc Golf: Disc golf guys are doing regular grass mowing and recently cleaned up all the fallen brush and trash. The Annual Eagle Hill Open tournament is Nov. 8.

Trustees: We're needing to finish setting up the disc drive for the security camera system. 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 picnic tables need staining and the metal doors a coat of paint.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)



His Place His Time Bible Study every Thursday at 11:30 am
Hope 4 Life paused until further notice
Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sundays at 9:15 am

How's our Faithfulness Looking?

The chart below shows the monthly income compared to our budgeted goal for each month of the year. Two of the nine months are above the goal, the rest are under – most by a very large amount. For the year, we are \$2,770 below the goal. The question to ask: “How's our faithfulness to God?” Attendance is way down. Some that used to attend worship 3-4 times a month now come once every 4-6 Sundays. Some that made up their missed offerings/tithes when they came again aren't doing that. Some families have been less faithful in their offerings as they encountered financial stress. This direction is not sustainable. Avail yourselves of frequent word and sacraments worship. Open yourselves to the God's blessing of faithfully giving to the Lord and the church he heads. If you haven't been to church in ages, transform yourself to God's image of faithful worship and receiving the grace of the Lord's Supper. These are not optional. These are not available at any other church. This is the one with the true marks of the church. God is calling you -- not someone else -- to maintain the true Lutheran church in SE Oklahoma. May God richly bless his church!



BIRTHDAYS**November**

6th Tony Valenta
10th Pastor Glenn Meyer
17th Logan Brown
24th Velva Jacobson
26th Harold Dunlap
27th Linda Valenta



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BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**November**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS****November**

Karen & Jerry Yagher
In memory of Karen's Dad
Bob Pearson, and in honor of all
Veterans

**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: 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.

For Micah Neidfeldt and his family: total loss of his trailer home in a fire this past week. Thank God he and his pet dogs were saved.

Thanksgiving: For the rain we've had, for Nick and Michelle Valenta on the birth of Lilly Sophia Valenta, for the beginning of fall colors, for fall break vacation last week that many families enjoyed, for McAlester Octoberfest this weekend, for Robber's Cave Fall Festival last weekend

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), Rev. Myles Schultz, lymphoma cancer, Carrie Ann Swain, end stage cancer (Youth Director at Immanuel, Broken Arrow)

Special Healing Needs: Marcene Burns, facing surgery for abdominal pain, Rev. John Huss, in rehab hospital getting chemo, Renea and Steve Jandura, major health issues, (Jerry Calhoun's sister-in-law), Chris Meyer, medical issues, Rev. Myles Schultz, chemo for cancer, Micah Niedfeldt, healing after foot surgery, Kathy Brakenseik, health issues (friend of Karen McGee), Jenny Holbrook, kidney cancer and CHF, (Reese's aunt), Ronnie Loman, immunotherapy for cancer, Karen McGee, health issues, Charlie Riddles, cancer treatment (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Carrie Ann Swain, immunotherapy for cancer (Youth Director at Immanuel, Broken Arrow).

For Strength: Micah Niedfeldt, seeking a place to live, Kenneth Curtis, hospice for Alzheimer's (Rick Curtis's Dad), Audrey Brown & family,

Prayer Focus for the Month of November: All Veterans & Those Currently Serving in our 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.

Celebrate Recovery – Wednesdays 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.

USHERS CAPTAIN
Don Niedfeldt

ALTAR GUILD
Loretta Meyer

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Jerry Calhoun

GREETER
Don Niedfeldt

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>Altar Flowers for the Month Karen & Jerry Yagher In memory of Karen's Dad Bob Pearson, and in honor of all Veterans</div> </div>						
2 Daylight Savings Time Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	3	4 Election Day	5 Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	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 Veterans Day	12 Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	13 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	14 Pastor's Day Off	8 Pastor's Day Off Eagle Hill Open Disc Golf Tournament
16 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	17	18 Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	19 Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	20 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	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 Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 Pastor's Day Off	29 Pastor's Day Off
30 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am						

