



LUTHERAN CHURCH,
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Trinity Trumpet

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SACRAMENTS COUNT!

Dear Friends in Christ,

In baseball, big on the “things that count” list are pitchers. How many of what type is crucial to success. The Philly’s had two strong pitchers that had all the right capabilities. They both could throw strikes, keep runners from stealing bases, have a lightning fastball and wicked curve. With those two, the team was able to win consistently. Their *count of pitchers* was just right.

The Yankees had a stable of 7 pitchers. Two were decent, one was questionable, and the rest were the kind that you wondered why they were there. The fans and even the team felt confused with the rotation and relief. They couldn’t even remember the names of the lesser ones until that guy was on the mound. The team did win a respectable number of games. *Their pitchers count* was overloaded with things that didn’t fit.

The Hawks had a pitching strategy new to the game. They listed all the players as pitchers. Each week, the one the manager felt strongest about in his heart would pitch. They had no practice strategy for pitchers. Each one got to work on his own plan for success, to decide for himself. Sometimes the pitcher would get really pumped up and focused so that it worked well. More often, though, the pitcher was mostly filling a role of what he thought a pitcher should do. As you might imagine, the team’s record was streaky and sometimes pathetic. Their *count of pitchers* was confusing and unreliable. It didn’t serve the team or the owner very well.

The owner we serve is our Lord God. Our team is the holy Christian church --

the team of all believers. The pitchers relate to a most precious gift from God, the sacraments. Ah! Yes! That’s the analogy I’m playing here. We Lutherans of the LCMS have two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. The weird three team types connect to the struggle Rev. Dr. Martin Luther had at the Reformation. His view was ours. But the Roman Catholic church, of which he was a priest, had seven sacraments. I’ve not met many lay Catholics that can even name all seven, much less explain why each is included. Then there’s the Reformed theology church guys. They have many changing angles to the idea of a sacrament. They are like the team with no regular pitchers -- sacramental beliefs.

Luther debated with both camps. He wrote articles and books defending the sacraments from every angle. His arguments from scripture defended his positions to accept what scripture says without explaining how God does it. The others had scripture to defend their positions that seemed more rational -- explainable in human terms. Luther’s position of the two sacraments delivering objective grace -- forgiveness of sins, life and salvation is our teaching and belief to this day. Each one has a physical object connected to God’s word in practice and established by Jesus Christ for our benefit.

So, at the end of October, we celebrate Reformation Day, October 31 -- the day Luther nailed the 95



Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church. Those points for debate certainly included many more issues than the purity and practice of the sacraments. Yet, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper were of paramount importance for the Christian life. Still the case! How better to have certainty that your sins are forgiven, you are a child of God, you have the faith that saves and the promise of heaven! These remain central in our worship, but not always in the worship of other churches.

Therefore, relish that wonderful relationship you have with God to know that he feeds you his Word and sacrament in worship -- that it doesn’t matter how you feel in your heart walking out the door. Your sins are forgiven. You have the promise of life and salvation. Simply come to worship and receive his blessed presence in Word and sacrament “as oft as your drink it.” Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Glenn

“And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38 (ESV) “... for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Mt. 26:28 (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 Neidfelt (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 September meeting made resin suncatchers. *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 Buffalo Run tournament is Oct. 4-6. They are planning a tournament at Eagle Hill for Nov. 1. Pastor is working on a Bible study during the Buffalo Run for the players.

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.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)



His Place His Time Bible Study every Thursday at 11:30 am
Hope 4 Life Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
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 October

4th Melissa Niedfeldt
13th Jasper Yagher
21st Don Niedfeldt
21st Cameron Fields
21st William Borgelt
29th Teresa Reese



Don't Forget to Remember

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS October

3rd Christopher Meyer
12th Christopher Ezell
13th Barbara Billos
27th Connie Loman
27th George Loman
28th Randall Lopez



ALTAR FLOWERS October

Carol & Don Niedfeldt
In honor of Melissa's Birthday



ANNIVERSARIES

October
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 encouraging work of the Lutherans for Life ministry and the LFL conference Pastor and Loretta attended last week in Colorado Springs, for Jim Daly, Joy Pullman and all the speakers from the LFL conference that dedicate their lives to working and speaking for godly actions in the world to regard life in God's image, for Pastor Rostek filling in so Pastor Glenn could attend the LFL conference last week, for the Hope4Life group starting up this week, for Fall festivals and state fairs, for God's protection from the forces of evil excessively active this time of year.

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, Kenneth Curtis, hospice for Alzheimer's (Rick Curtis's Dad), Rev. John Huss, in rehab hospital getting chemo, 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 October: All pastors and Christian missionaries.

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
Altar Flowers for the Month Carol & Don Niedfeldt In honor of Melissa's Birthday			1 Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	2 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 Pastor's Day Off
5 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	6	7 Hope 4 Life 6:00 pm	8 Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	9 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 Pastor's Day Off
12 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Church Council Meeting after Church	13 Columbus Day Pastor will be away Fall Church Worker's District Conference	14 Pastor will be away Fall Church Worker's District Conference Hope 4 Life 6:00 pm	15 Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	16 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 Pastor's Day Off Robber's Cave Fall Festival
19 Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am	20	21 Hope 4 Life 6:00 pm Newsletter Article & Calendar Events Due	22 Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	23 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 Pastor's Day Off LWML Meeting at 10:00 am
26 Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	27	28 Hope 4 Life 6:00 pm	29 Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	30 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30 am	31 Pastor's Day Off 5 Church Men's Group Reformation Service at 1st Muskegoe	

