



Trinity Trumpet Newsletter

December 2025



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Where Is He?

Dear Friends in Christ,

Israel's King Saul was waiting for Samuel the prophet to come and offer a sacrifice before the big battle. But Samuel was taking forever. After impatiently waiting for three days, he decided to take matters into his own hands. That's where he crossed God by offering the sacrifice himself, for God only allowed prophets to offer it. Saul went bad, driving himself crazy wondering, "Where is he?" Wise men came seeking the King of the Jews promised in prophecy and now born, as evidenced by the special star that they saw in the heavens. They expected the whole country to be buzzing with excitement and asked, "Where is he?"

In our time, the preparations for Christmas have turned into the busiest time of the year. There are always the obligatory company dinner parties, the friends' parties, the special worship services, the seasonal concerts and performances, and the ubiquitous gift buying and giving that seem to consume all that we have to give. And then there's the point, the foundation, the root cause of all this hustle and bustle, Jesus.

But as we are so busy rushing around, we can get to the place where *even we* get caught asking, "Where is he?"

Jesus isn't lost. He's always with us, living in the hearts of Christians and present for any who call upon his name. The challenge is for us to keep him at the center of our activities so that we don't lose him. So practically, we're looking for some more actions to do, albeit some extras that pull us back to where we belong.

You might try at some of your events or any time ...

- Singing Christmas carols at events
- Reading the Christmas story of Luke 2
- Offering a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus coming to earth as a baby
- Sharing the Christmas story with an unchurched friend
- Inviting the party-goers to Christmas Eve worship
- Giving a special gift to Jesus for his birthday
- your Christmas joy

- Having a Happy Birthday, Jesus, party
- Calling a loved one during Advent to share

Let us rejoice in the birth of our Savior for the whole Christmas season and carry the thought that we do it all in his honor. Have a very blessed Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn



"[wise men from the east came,] saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'" (Matthew 2:2, 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 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 looks forward to meeting on Tuesdays in February.

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 book of Mark. Hope4Life meets again Tuesdays in February with food and optional disc golf.

Youth: no active youth in the congregation. Loretta Meyer

Fellowship: We had too much to do to hold a Family Night for November or December. January weather is iffy.

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 November event was crafting. December is setting up the Christmas tree and seasonal decorations. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

Pastor has no currently active cases.

Disc Golf: The Annual Eagle Hill Open tournament was Nov. 8. Another tournament is planned for January.

Trustees: We finished setting up the disc drive for the security camera system. We used our load of large gravel to fill in some washout holes by downspouts and hole in the driveway. The back of the garage had paint applied to the upper gable. The picnic tables got staining on top surfaces and are waiting on weather and time to do the under parts.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)

His Place His Time Bible Study every Thursday at 11:30 am

Hope 4 Life as scheduled on Tuesdays 7:00 pm (Paused till February)

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:

Michael attended a biannual Bible translation conference the end of October. He will presented research from his thesis. This is an honor, being that it is an academic conference and not every abstract gets selected. Naomi and the children are where able to be with family while I was there. A week after Michael returned from the conference, our family we headed to Ghana for the dedication of the Komba Bible. Our hearts are filled with gratitude as we consider the glories of God's riches given to the world through His word in any language.

Steffenson Family update.

Family Update Rev. Jason,

Pastor Jason has been consecrating the elements for the Lord's Supper in Seminarian Luiz's services. Starting in December, Pastor Jason will start preaching (in English at first). This will help to free some time for Seminarian Luiz as he also continues to work another job and continues his studies at Riga. Luiz will also continue to preach so that he gets the practice preaching he needs for being a pastor. Pastor Jason has also been putting much time towards the immigration paperwork and the transition and move to Padova. Hopefully in the new year, he will be able to continue his Italian lessons, learn the area better, become more involved in the church planting efforts here in northern Italy, and become more involved in the preparations for his teaching with Luther Academy's online program. However, the timing of these things will depend on the immigration paperwork.

Dates to Remember

BIRTHDAYS

December

8th Connor Fields
10th Karen Brown
11th Nancy Ezell
12th Karen McGee
23rd George Loman



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

December

1st Jerry Yagher
2nd Rev. Glenn Meyer
12th Jacky Lovelace
25th Nancy Ezell



ALTAR FLOWERS

December

Carol & Niedfeldt
In honor of their 51st
Wedding Anniversary



ANNIVERSARIES

December

Don & Carol Niedfeldt 14th
Rick & Sheila Curtis 26th



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, 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 all the things God supplies to support our body and life, for parents and the family that God puts us in that serves to anchor our life, for bountiful rain to help catch up from the dry times, for the Lord's Supper with God's objective grace for us, for church leaders that give their time to manage the church operation, for military chaplains' spiritual care for the military, for LCMS missionaries in foreign lands

World peace: war in Ukraine, Congo, Nigeria, the 2 Sudan's, 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, Gary and wife Paula Meyer, cancer (Pastor's cousins), 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: Rev. John Huss, chemo, Renea and Steve Jandura, major health issues, (Jerry Calhoun's sister-in-law), Jerry James, hospice care, (former member), Chris Meyer, medical issues, Micah Niedfeldt, healing after foot surgery, Kathy Brakenseik, health issues (friend of Karen McGee), Jenny Holbrook, kidney cancer and CHF, (Reese's aunt), Karen McGee, health issues, Charlie Riddles, cancer treatment (Bill Borgelt's cousin), Carrie Ann Swain, immunotherapy for cancer (Youth Director at Immanuel, Broken Arrow), Linda Valenta, knee pain, .

Prayer Focus for the Month of December: World Peace.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2 District Meeting Pastor will be away	3 District Meeting Pastor will be away Celebrate Recovery At His Place 7pm	4 Advent Service 10:45 His Place His Time Bible Study 11:30	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 Pastor's Day Off LWML Meeting at Church We will decorating the Christmas tree
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4	5	Notes Altar Flowers for the Month Carol & Don Niedfeldt In honor of their 41st Wedding Anniversary		USHERS CAPTAIN: Jerry Calhoun COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jerry Calhoun ALTAR GUILD: Loretta Meyer		GREETER: Don Niedfeldt

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