

March 2018



The Cornerstone

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
Member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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"Leading people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ"

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:45 AM. Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages begin at 9:30 AM.

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join us for EASTER BREAKFAST

Celebrate the Resurrection with us on Easter Sunday! The CTR Youth and their families invite you to an Easter Sunday breakfast.

When: April 1 from 9 AM-10:30 AM

Where: CTR Fellowship Hall

All donations will help support the youth attending the 2018 Summer Mission Trip to Florida and the 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

Lenten Schedule

5:30 – 6:30 PM CTR-U Classes

Confirmation– Library

Women's Small Group– Conf. Rm

Men's Small Group– Bridal Room

Faith Friends– Gym

6:00-7:00 PM Lenten Dinner

7:00 PM Lenten Worship

March 7, 14 & 21

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday – March 29 at 7:00

Good Friday Tenebrae – April 30 at 7:00

Easter Sunrise Service 7:00

Easter Breakfast at 9:00

Family Event/Egg Hunt at 9:30

Worship Service at 8:15 & 10:45

The Easter Egg-xperiences Needs Your Help!

1

Start saving your egg cartons (any kind, as long as it is clean and holds a dozen eggs!). Donate them in the bin by the south entrance.

2

We need lots of candy and eggs donated to the bin by the south entrance. We will need more than ever because the eggs are part of the entire egg-xperience!

3

If you are interested in helping stuff the eggs in the weeks leading up to Easter or volunteering on Easter morning, see DCE Intern Myrthe.

4

Be ready for a fun Easter egg-xperience on April 1st from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. This all new program is a self-guided tour for you and your family! It allows families to create Reverse Resurrection Eggs together while going through the Scripture about what happened after Jesus' resurrection.



Fellow Redeemed,

I would like to take this opportunity, during this Lenten season, to draw our focus to the Ten Commandments. They are a gift from God. I can only say that within the context of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Without Jesus, the Ten Commandments are a curse to me, a lost and condemned creature. But, the Gospel of

God is this: Jesus Christ, God's Son, has fulfilled these commandments for me, and empowers me through the Holy Spirit to now keep them.

"As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household". -Martin Luther, Small Catechism

The First Commandment. **You shall have no other gods.** What does this mean? We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment. **You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.** What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment. **Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.** What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment. **Honor your father and your mother.** What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment. **You shall not murder.** What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment. **You shall not commit adultery.** What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we

lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

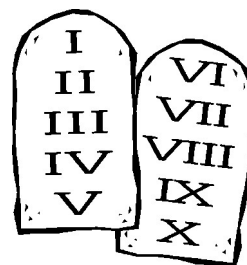
The Seventh Commandment. **You shall not steal.** What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.


The Eighth Commandment. **You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.** What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Ninth Commandment. **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.** What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment. **You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.** What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

These commandments of God are a blessing to us through the Gospel of Jesus, who has kept them perfectly on our behalf. By the power of God through the Holy Spirit, God enables us, through faith to now keep them. When we fall short, God is there to forgive and bring us, through repentance, back to Himself by His Word. May this Lenten season continue to be a blessing from God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.





Recycling Drive

DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

INK CARTRIDGES: The LWML will recycle all the following items for you: empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges (NO Epson cartridges or remanufactured cartridges). Boxes are located at the collection center at the south entrance of the church.

MOST Ministries collects eyeglasses and distributes them to people all over the world. A collection box is located at the collection center. For more information go to www.mostministries.org.

PAPER & OTHER RECYCLING: You can recycle all your mail/newspapers, etc. as well as cardboard, metal cans and plastic containers (no glass items) in the collection bin in the southeast corner of the parking lot.

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

As of the latest statements, the Morningstar account balance was \$599,106.95, and the brokerage account balance was \$35,999.72, for a total Endowment Fund balance of \$635,106.67. The Dupuis Trust account balance was \$236,424.09.

The Endowment Fund provides a means for us, as Christian stewards, to express in a tangible way, our deep gratitude for God's many gifts and blessings. A gift to the Endowment Fund is a reflection of our faith and Christian love over and above our normal regular support for the ongoing mission and ministry of our church.

The trustees continue to encourage all members to consider charitable gifts to the Endowment Fund as part of their long term financial and estate planning.

Also, consider memorial gifts to the Endowment Fund in memory of a friend or loved one, as well as gifts in honor of friends and loved ones on special occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays and graduations.

The Endowment Fund trustees truly appreciate the gifts the Endowment Fund has received in past years.

Questions can be directed to any of the trustees: Scott Mabrey, Brad Young, Janet Jamison, or Rob Koch.

Endowment Fund



Join CTR on Facebook & Twitter!

Keep up with coming events, announcements, and updates about recent events including pictures. The public events page is at: <http://www.facebook.com/ChristTheRedeemerLutheranChurch>
The private group is at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ctrtulsa/>

For the Twitter account use: @PastorBe_CTR

To join the private group, click Join Group in the top right hand corner of the page or contact James Morgan via e-mail: communications@ctrtulsa.org

"Be who God meant you to be
and you will set the world on fire."
--St. Catherine of Siena

QUILTS



An LWR quilt is special! It brings warmth and shelter to families by becoming a bed, room divider, backpack to carry belongings, and at times even a home.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?? We need help in purchasing the fabric to make the quilt tops. Each quilt costs approximately \$25 to make. Donations marked "LWML quilts" can be dropped in the mite box or put in the offering plate. Filler material of new/used blankets as well as flat sheets in twin size or larger are also needed (no other filler fabric can be used). Prayers for our quilt program are needed plus prayers for the recipients of our quilts.

The quilters meet every Tuesday at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. You can cut squares, sew squares, assemble the filler and tops, tie the quilts - anything you are interested in doing! Join us - we would appreciate your help!



"Wind of God"

Tiny breeze or mighty wind,
swirling round as God commands.
Hats go flying. Branches bend.
Little seeds spread through the lands.

God Almighty makes the wind;
great big gusts can shape the sands.
Awesome is the power of God,
when even wind obeys his plans.
--Mary Ann Sundby



*Congratulations and
God's richest blessings
to all of our couples
as they celebrate their
wedding anniversary!*

Wes & Hillary Speer	March 5	19 yrs
Rob & Kristy Ehrlich	March 19	35 yrs
Vickie & Maurice Pritz	March 21	3 yrs
Brad & Adena Bolte	March 22	16 yrs
Charles & Erin Meyer	March 27	36 yrs
Kevin & Terry Brown	March 28	26 yrs
Carlisle & Ellen Mabrey	March 29	49 yrs
Glenn & Tey Jackman	March 30	40 yrs

Faithful Measures

For the Month of January	2017	2018
Total Worship Attendance	1147	1015
Weekly Average.....	229	253
SS/Bible Class Attendance	632	389
Weekly Average	126	97
January Giving	\$70,470	\$56,744
Monthly Budget	\$79,735	\$65,226
Year to Date Giving	\$70,470	\$56,744
Year to Date Budget	\$79,735	\$65,226
YTD Expenses.....	\$50,668	\$45,286

WOMEN'S RETREAT is March 2-4 at Camp Lutherhoma. This year's theme is "Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply."

JR ROUSTABOUTS will be meeting on March 4 at 12:00 to help do some new service projects around the church. Lunch will be provided.

BLOOD MOBILE will be here March 11 during the services. Sign up today and donate!

SENIOR FRIENDS will meet for lunch on March 11 at Victoria's Tea Room at 7853 E. 71st St. It's located next to Burlington Coat Factory and behind Toys R Us.

BUNKO will be March 13 at 7:00 hosted by Jody Zscheck. Please sign up.



A new command I give you:
Love one another: As I have loved you,
so you must love one another:
By this all men will know
that you are my disciples,
if you love one another. --
John 13:34-35

Altar Flowers

The sign-up chart is available at the information center. Write your name on the date and share the special reason for the flowers. Simply drop your \$35 check (put ALTAR FLOWERS on the memo line) in the offering plate the week before or that Sunday!

Flowers for the Altar

- 4: by Wes & Hillary Speer in celebration of their 19th anniversary
- 4: by Mary Ann Meckfessel in memory of her mother, Alma Beth Fleske
- 11: by Bob & Jean Paulsen in celebration of their family's birthdays
- 11:
- 18: by Nancy Witte in celebration of Roger's birthday
- 18:
- 25: by Norm Zanter in celebration of Bernie's birthday
- 25: by David & Teresa Nightingale in celebration of their 45th anniversary



Day by Day

Let every dawn of morning be to you
as the beginning of life,
and every setting sun be to you as its close.
Then let every one of these short lives
leave its sure record
of some kindly thing done for others,
some goodly strength or knowledge
gained for yourself.
--John Ruskin

"We live and die;
Christ died and livd!"
--John Stott



MUSIC News

I expect most of us agree that communication is important – at work, with our friends, with our families and certainly with our spouses. That is how we learn about each other and understand important aspects of each relationship. And I suspect that if you are like me,

there are times when poor communication or especially lack of communication can conjure up all kinds of problems due to not “knowing” and not “understanding.” When a situation of that nature has occurred, we plan and hope to improve our communication skills for a positive outcome.

Do you remember a time when things didn't go as expected or you prayed for something and you didn't get it? Or in fact, your situation got worse and worse? I think about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, praying to his Father (Mark 14:36 ff.), to “remove this cup from me.” Jesus also prayed, “Yet not what I will, but what you will.” Now if the Father had said to Jesus, “OK. You don't have to go through this. These people will always go their own way anyway”, we would be dead in our sins and would have no hope for eternal life in heaven. We could say that Jesus didn't get his way because he did suffer and die a horrendous death. But that would not be correct. Jesus got his way. The Father didn't remove the horrible way Jesus would suffer and die, but He helped Jesus get through what needed to be done. He saved the world as was planned from eternity. He and the Father are one. In John 12:47, Jesus said that he did not come to judge the world but to save the world. And please continue reading in verse 49 about communication from the Father to the Son and to us who hear and read his Word.

God's Word, the Holy Bible, is God's communication to us. If you want to know God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, listen to His love letters; they are in your hands for you to read and re-read. The other part of communication is our response and with God that is through prayer. Just as Jesus had a routine of going to the Mount of Olives to pray, we respond with all that in going on in our hearts and minds by just talking to Jesus, our best friend, wherever we are or in a special prayer place. Ps. 55:22 and 1 Peter 5:7 tell us to “cast your burdens on the Lord, and he will sustain you.” God does not promise to keep His people from all harm. He does promise, however, to be with us through adversity.

Our corporate worship in all the Divine Services and also the services of Daily Office on pages 219 through 253 are full of prayers: prayers of repentance, praise, thanksgiving. You name it, it is there. Also, you will find in our hymnal Lutheran Service Book many additional prayers for you to use which are found in the following beginning pages - 260, 282, 285, 290, 292, 294, 304, and especially 305-318 as examples.



Norma Muller

Communication with God and each other is a very good thing!

Norma Muller, Organist



Camp Lutherhoma



Register Soon - Camp Will Fill Up!

Get your child registered for camp online at www.lutherhoma.com.

Get ready to...swim, learn about God, make friends, hike, sing crazy songs, eat good food, learn archery, hang out with cool counselors and staff, ride bikes, play rumble ball, make crafts, buy cool t-shirts, make smores, laugh, explore God's creation, read cool Bible stories, play huge field games, listen to devotions, guess counselors nick names, watch the sunset, build a campfire, go rafting or kayaking, learn about wildlife, go rock climbing, play sports, grow on the challenge course, eat snacks, enjoy air conditioned cabins, hear funny stories, be in the weekly video, bring a friend.

Mommy-Daddy And Me Weekend

A Camp Lutherhoma favorite summer weekend event is our Mommy/Daddy and Me



Weekend, June 22-24. Come as a family, or just a parent and child, or even a grandparent and grandchild. All are welcome. The campers are of preschool age, and the parents or grandparents come as their guests. The weekend is full of fun family camp activities, and time with the summer staff leading you in Bible studies, games, crafts, campfire and much more. Tell a friend to bring their young campers to this super fun weekend! Register online today! www.lutherhoma.com

Upcoming Golf Tournament April 28 - Page Belcher Course in Tulsa

Registration now open on our website. Sign up as an individual or sign up your team. Other ways to serve: volunteer, make a donation, provide a raffle prize. Please join us - you don't have to be a good golfer to enjoy the fellowship and support Camp Lutherhoma!



News from the Seminary

It is a true joy to break away from homework for a moment to send a letter home to our friends and family in Christ. This has been the most intense, most demanding stretch of our Seminary journey so far. The academic demands seem to have doubled. Expectations and work load are higher than ever before. Add to this the required paperwork, vicarage training sessions, and field work obligations and many of my classmates feel like we're running on fumes. Please pray for our continued renewal in the Lord as we seek to serve Him and His people.

Suzy maintains a busy schedule, seeing children both at home and at school for speech therapy. She has begun to wonder where she'll need to get her next therapy license. So far, she has been licensed in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, and we may need to add another state to that list when we head out on vicarage this summer. The vicarage placement director says he has a good idea where we'll end up, although he is keeping the details to himself.

To be eligible for a vicarage placement, students have to have completed a majority of their coursework, have a strong GPA, delivered at least 2 sermons, and attended a series of pre-vicarage seminars. They're on a variety of topics like personal finance, sexual harassment, and building relationships. There are two more seminars this month, one on youth ministry and one on social skills. The LWML is providing dinner to all prospective vicars and their families before one of the meetings and National LWML President Patti Ross will be there as a guest speaker. While all the other students will be starstruck, it will be nice for Suzy and me to see a familiar face from home.

Patti's visit to the Seminary actually happens over our Spring Break. Since we won't be traveling, I signed up to preach at our fieldwork congregation's midweek Lenten services that Wednesday. Our church is doing a series on characters from Jesus' passion, including Peter, Judas, Pilate and Herod. I am preaching on Barabbas. They always do two services, one in the evening and the other in the morning. It's another opportunity to worship if the evening service is inconvenient or they don't want to drive after dark. The daytime service has another advantage: the students from the Lutheran grade school at our church attend. It will be a unique challenge to preach at a service that's mostly full of schoolchildren, but I am looking forward to it.

Throughout Lent, many in St. Louis are participating in a program called 40 Days for Life. Different churches and ministries – Lutheran, Roman Catholic and others – are committing to pray outside Planned Parenthood locations each day until Easter. We're not there to protest or offer our opinions. We simply stand and pray, asking that our Father would intervene on behalf of the lives of the unborn. I will be going twice, once with the Seminary and once with Suzy and others from our field work church. We will be taking Graham along, too. Suzy and I feel strongly about the sanctity of life, not just before birth, but throughout our lifetimes. As God's people, it is important to care for those whose lives are threatened by abortion, disease, hunger, depression, exploitation, neglect, and euthanasia. Because we are firmly pro-life, we pray for the baby in the

womb, the student in the classroom, the patient with mental illness and the convict in prison. All lives are precious to our Father and no one lies beyond the reach of His love and forgiveness.

Obligatory baby update: Graham is 9-months-old and weighs more than 20 pounds. He is growing like crazy. He got his first ashes this year during Ash Wednesday services. Graham still loves music and playing the piano. He also loves puppets. I mean, he LOVES puppets. Suzy has a hippopotamus puppet she bought at Concordia Publishing House. The hippo's name is Humphrey and he speaks with a British accent. Graham's eyes light up when Humphrey shows up. Suzy also takes Graham to the local library in Richmond Heights, where along with books, the children's library has a collection of puppets to play with. It's his new favorite place.

He hasn't seemed all that interested in crawling, but he loves standing up. He pulls up on the furniture and cruises from one thing to another. Occasionally, if you're helping him stand, he'll let go of your hands to see if he can do it all by himself. (So far, that hasn't gone well.) Graham went through a phase of being pretty attached to Mom and Dad, but has recently started doing well with new people again. And our little boy has begun sleeping through the night, and didn't need any coaxing from his parents to do so. Graham has continued his trend of taking it easy on his parents.

When Suzy isn't taking care of Graham or her students, she's often taking care of her stressed-out husband. As I mentioned before the increasing pressure of the Seminary program has been weighing heavily on me. As a sheer coincidence, I am enrolled this semester in a course on counseling fundamentals. Classmates and I are studying the bare basics of therapy and counseling, and we practice our burgeoning skills on one another. It is always good to know that your Christian brothers are there to listen and encourage when you're feeling burnt out.

One of the activities in the counseling class is an exercise in listening. Many of us are used to making conversation and filling in silences with small talk, but this counseling course wants us to be sure we haven't forgotten how to listen. In our listening exercise, the professor paired us up with a classmate and invited students from a different seminary to observe and evaluate us. The other students are all studying to become licensed Christian counselors at Covenant Seminary here in St. Louis. It has been good to get their insight, since they have had years worth of counseling courses, and we will only have this one class.

As always, I cannot overstate how meaningful it is to know you're standing by us, supporting us with your gifts and prayers even in stressful seasons. Know that we hold you deep in our hearts and your kindness means so much.

Together in the Spirit,
Joshua

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ECC



Parish Life
hosted an
appreciation
reception
honoring
Nikki Witt as our
ECC director on
January 28.



STAFF

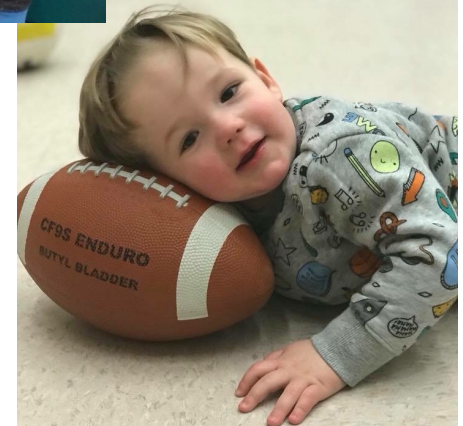
HIGHLIGHTS



Caitlin is a born and raised Oklahoman, having grown up in Owasso. You might recognize her as she grew up going to Christ the Redeemer, and is now a member at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Glenpool. She loves to lead worship singing with their praise and worship team each Sunday.

Caitlin and her now husband met several years ago, playing indoor soccer. She and Dale married each other on October 1, 2016, which would have been her Grandpa Tommy's 77th Birthday. They are now expecting their first child, due September 2018.

Caitlin has worked at ECC almost nine years in several different classrooms, and has loved watching each child grow. Her favorite part about working at ECC is getting to share God's love with the each of the kids and their families. She now works in the Nursery and loves holding and caring for the littlest ones at ECC!



Save the Date! ECC AUCTION
FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2018
FROM 6-9 PM



Help support
ECC by shop-
ping on Amazon
Smile. Simply
select Christ the
Redeemer Lu-
theran Church
and .5% of your purchase will
be given back to the ECC.



FAMILY AND
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY



DCE Intern
Myrthe
Harkenrider

For more information about any upcoming activities, please contact families@ctrtulsa.org

Save the Date!

- ⇒ March 4, 2018: Jr. Roustabouts*
- ⇒ April 6-8, 2018: Club 345 Retreat to Camp Lutherhoma*
- ⇒ April 14, 2018: Reconnect Night
- ⇒ May 12, 2018: Club 345 Silly String and Water War

*Make sure to check out the library window and church bulletin to find out how you can serve at these events!



Club 345 to heading to Camp Lutherhoma on April 6th-8th. This is open to all third, fourth, fifth grade and their friends. Please turn in the Registration Form, Medical Release Form and \$70 non-refundable registration price by March 25th.

Sunday School Teacher Feature: Tessa Chesher, 1st & 2nd Grade SS

This is my first year of teaching Sunday School, and I feel blessed to be part of CTR's 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School class. One of my favorite Bible verses is Philippians 4:4a - "Always be full of joy in the Lord." I hope that the 1st and 2nd graders see the Lord's joy in our class, and that they are excited about learning more as they grow. It has been a fun first semester of teaching, and I look forward to continuing to teach this group.



**GET READY ALL
NEW PROJECTS AT
JR. ROUSTABOUTS**

MARCH 4, 2018
12:00-1:30 PM
AGES 3 YEARS TO HIGH SCHOOL
LUNCH PROVIDED AFTER CHURCH

Our first ever Winter VBS, Camp Out was amazing! The children had a blast singing along to our youth band, playing games, serving with the LWML, creating card for NLOMA counselors, and hearing all about the Light of the World, JESUS!



DCE Suzanne Watt

CHRIST THE REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. High (6-8th graders)

Sr. High (9-12th graders)

"8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
Acts 1:8



Save the Date!

Jr Roustabouts Servant Project @ CTR is March 4

OK'd in Christ High School District Gathering in Norman, OK is March 9-11, 2018

Lutheran Youth Fellowship Leadership Training in St. Louis, MO is March 15-18, 2018

Tulsa LCMS Youth Servant Event is April 22, 2018

VBS is June 11-15, 2018



Wednesday Night Confirmation

5:30-6:30 in the Library

as part of the CTR-U schedule and are open to students in 6th grade and up. Class meets on 3/7 and 3/14 and there will be NO CLASS on 3/21 and 3/28. Classes resume again on 4/4. Please speak to DCE Suzanne if you have any questions regarding Confirmation requirements or remaining classes needed to complete.

Confirmation Sunday is April 29.



What is the LCMS Youth Gathering?

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, MO.

When and where is the next gathering?

The next LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN.

Who can attend?

The LCMS Youth Gathering's primary focus is for youth participants between the ages of 14 to 19. To register for the 2019 Gathering, youth participants must meet ONE of the two following eligibility requirements:

– Must be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering (July 2019)

OR

– Entering his or her ninth grade year at the time of the Gathering. (August 2019)

While we do allow students from the ages of 14 to 20 to attend, please keep in mind that some of the program content may not be relevant to older youth participants.

Who can chaperone?

Participants who are 21 years or older by the time of the Gathering are able to attend the Gathering as an Adult Leader.

Registration for the 2019 Gathering will begin in the fall of 2018. Please begin speaking with your family now if you want to go and mark your calendar! A registration fee estimated at \$300 a person will be required to save your spot. After registration the remainder of the cost will be fundraised. Any money not fundraised by the time of the Gathering will be the responsibility of the participant.

Sunday Night Schedule! Fall 2017-Spring 2018 we will have youth events 2 Sundays a month from 3:00-5:00 PM! You will have the option of participating in a Confirmation class or a Small Group Bible Study followed by a light snack and games. Other weeks we will have weekend retreats or special events.



March 11 Ok'd in Christ High School Gathering
March 25 Small Group w/Snack & Games

April 8 Special Event– DCE Intern Placement Day
April 22 12 PM after late service– Pizza lunch!
District Youth Service Project Day



OK'D IN CHRIST OK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING

March 9-11, 2018

Embassy Suites– Norman, OK

All youth who have registered to attend, please be at CTR ready to go no later than 5:30 PM on Friday. After programming ends on Sunday, we will eat lunch in Norman and then return home near 2:30 PM.

Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog



The following was sent from Koey Keylon who visited CTR as part of Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs and Handler Teams:

Thank You Betsy and my Brother's and Sister's in Christ at CTR! Rufus and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit this past weekend... As Betsy mentioned, multiple Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs and Handler Teams have been deployed to Parkland, FL in response to the tragic school shooting just yesterday. As a matter of fact, this will be a return trip for some of these humans and K9s as some of them answered the call to comfort victims of the Orlando nightclub shooting as well.

Currently, Rufus and one of his Handlers (John) are down in Central Texas participating in a National Salute to Veteran Patients week with the Southwest Region Comfort Dog ministry teams:

Pax Comfort Dog and Phoebe Comfort Dog from St. Paul Lutheran - Fort Worth, TX

Elijah Comfort Dog from Our Redeemer Lutheran - Wichita Falls, TX

Gabriel Comfort Dog from Messiah Lutheran - Houston, TX

and Abner Comfort Dog from Bethany Lutheran - Austin, TX

The dog and Handler teams are spending multiple days in central Texas visiting with and thanking our Veterans for their service and sharing Christ's compassion and comfort at VA Hospitals and centers in both Temple and Waco, as well as making a trip on base at Ft. Hood in Killeen, TX... With other LCC K9 Comfort Dogs answering the call to comfort Florida, I expect these teams to continue their tour of central Texas and to brighten as many Veterans day's as possible. Of course, all of those involved in helping the recovery efforts in Florida will remain in our thoughts and prayers daily.



BE *strong...bold...fearless...* give blood.

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Sunday, March 11
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Look for the Bloodmobile!

Sign up at the Blood Drive table!

strong, bold, or fearless?
What will you BE?
Give blood and get your choice of one of three inspiring t-shirts!

DONOR'S CHOICE!

strong *bold* *fearless*

Oklahoma Blood Institute
Texas Blood Institute
Arkansas Blood Institute

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Did you know?...over the past few years blood donations from Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church have saved and improved over 300 people's lives!

That is a sure sign that Jesus' love for us is being shown to others.

The Joke Corner....

Ken: "There's nothing like getting up at five in the morning, taking an ice-cold shower and a five-mile jog before breakfast."

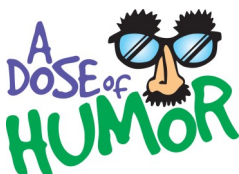
Bob: "How long have you been doing this?"

Ken: "I start tomorrow."

A car brings out the beast in some men - usually the road hog!

Mother: "George, why did you put this frog in your sister's bed?"

George: "Because I couldn't find a mouse."



LWML OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CONVENTION

Hilton Garden Inn, Lawton, Oklahoma

April 13-14

Celebrating our 90th Anniversary!



Bible Study leader:

Cindy Steinbeck

Mission Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Brent Smith -

Mission Central

Keynote Speakers:

Linda Reiser

Virginia Von Seggern

For more information,
contact CTR's LWML President
Carol Fruehling



DON'T TRASH THOSE COUPONS!

Military personnel and their families stationed at major overseas bases in Europe and Asia can use those manufacturer's coupons up to six months after they have expired. A box marked "Coupons for the Troops" is located at the south entrance.

Daily Bible Reading

Week 9

Monday - Exodus 34:1-35

Tuesday - Exodus 35:1-36:38

Wednesday - Exodus 37:1-38:31

Thursday - Exodus 39:1-40:38

Friday - Leviticus 1:1-17

Saturday - Leviticus 2:1-3:17

Week 10

Monday - Leviticus 4:1-6:30

Tuesday - Leviticus 7:1-9:24

Wednesday - Leviticus 10:1-11:47

Thursday - Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Friday - Leviticus 16:1-17:16

Saturday - Leviticus 18:1-19:37

Week 11

Monday - Leviticus 20:1-22:33

Tuesday - Leviticus 23:1-25:55

Wednesday - Leviticus 26:1-27:34

Thursday - Numbers 1:1-3:51

Friday - Numbers 4:1-6:27

Saturday - Numbers 7:1-8:26

Week 12

Monday - Numbers 9:1-10:36

Tuesday - Numbers 11:1-12:16

Wednesday - Numbers 13:1-15:41

Thursday - Numbers 16:1-18:32

Friday - Numbers 19:1-20:29

Saturday - Numbers 21:1-35



Sunday School Offering

Comfort Dog Project

The offering for this quarter will go to St. Mark's Comfort Dog Program. The mission of the Comfort Dog Program is to provide a ministry for sharing God's presence with those in need due to tragedy or stress while providing a bridge of compassion connecting with people throughout our community. Locally they help with school programs and classrooms, special needs classrooms, children's hospitals, nursing homes, police and fire department crisis response, funerals, etc. The Comfort Dog Program is affiliated with Lutheran Church Charities.

Please give generously to this quarter's recipient of our Sunday school offering.



Raise Money While You Shop & Browse the Web



To support Lutheran Women's Missionary League, shop at **Amazon Smile**. The products, shopping experience, and even your login and password are the same as on amazon.com. They donate 0.5% of your purchase to your charity. You can also shop at hundreds of sites through **GoodShop** and **Gumdrop**.



Use **GoodSearch** when you browse the web and support the LWML at the same time. The percentage donated depends on where you shop.

\$24,010 has been raised so far through these sources for LWML!

Recycling

The **Oklahoma District LWML** has been recycling printer cartridges and other items since 2001. The funds collected are dispersed in three ways: 25% of the funds go to national LWML Mites, 10% go to our OK District Special Gifts Fund and the remaining 65% are used within our district to help with leader training efforts. To date, we have been blessed to collect **over \$61,000**. It has also kept these many items out of the landfills, thus helping our environment.



CTR LWML participates in this effort by collecting:

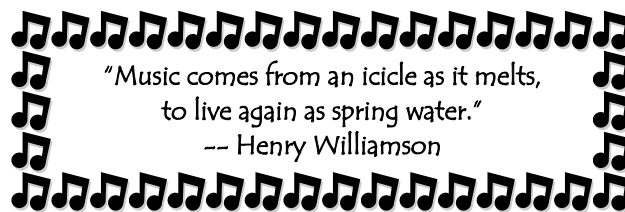
- **Ink-Jet Cartridges:** Canon, HP and Lexmark
- **Laser-Jet Cartridges:** Brother, Canon, Dell, HP, Lexmark, Panasonic, Samsung and Xerox.

Epson cartridges, those marked "remanufactured" or toner tubes.

Please leave your donation at the collection area in the back hall at CTR. This year we were also able to recycle cartridges at Staples that the District LWML couldn't take. We received **\$60 in store credits** we used for purchase of school supplies!

LWML WEBSITE UPDATES

LWML has a new webpage on the CTR website! We will post upcoming events, pictures of LWML at work and play, and links to a variety of resources. You can check it out at crtulsa.org/lwml. The LWML Oklahoma District has updated their website at oklwml.org with all of the district happenings, regular updates on our mission goals, an archive of The Voice of Service newsletters, Young Women, Forms & Resources and more. As always, you can find up-to-date information on LWML at the national level at lwml.org.



"Music comes from an icicle as it melts,
to live again as spring water."

-- Henry Williamson

Spoiler Alert

In these days of DVRs and streaming programming, it's common courtesy to warn people before discussing a show's plot or ending. How frustrating to inadvertently hear how a much-anticipated drama concludes!

Knowing how everything ends is a blessing for Christians, however. Jesus' victory over death gives us hope and confidence for this life - and for the life to come.

"The church does not pretend...that it does not know what will happen with the crucified Jesus," writes Thomas Hopko in *The Orthodox Faith*. "It does not sorrow and mourn over the Lord as if the church itself were not the very creation which has been produced from his wounded side and from the depths of his tomb. All through Holy Week services, the victory of Christ is contemplated and the resurrection is proclaimed."

In deed, Jesus' followers know how his story -and therefore *our* story - ends: in Easter life!



South Tulsa Community House Awareness Sundays



FOOD DRIVE

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the grocery cart will be placed at the north entrance. We encourage you to continue regular weekly donations at the collection center near the south entrance. Donations of food, toiletry, and household items are welcome. Let's keep filling the grocery cart, sharing God's blessings with those who are less fortunate.

News From Our Board President

Those of you who attended our January voters meeting will know that we, as a church, have now selected a partner to assist us in fundraising to support the construction of the expansion and remodel of the church according to the master plan. Much has already been done to get to where we are, and much remains to be done, but I must admit I feel the momentum of this project accelerating. Significant work and planning is going on to develop the budgets, designs, schedules, contracts, etc. to enable us to carefully review and understand the commitments that will be on our congregation in this project (which I find tremendously exciting).

Yet amidst these efforts, I am reminded of 1 Peter 2:4-10, where we get the scriptural inspiration for the Hymn by NFS Grundtvig "Built on the Rock the Church shall stand." While I am convinced that we have a sound and effective strategy in our master plan for following our mission of "Leading people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ" through the next decades, it has been and will only be effective in supporting us as a church so long as Christ remains the chief cornerstone of our building.

Thus, I ask for continued prayer for a church and for all those who are and will be dedicating their time and talents to the work of making these plans a reality. It is the people of God who are the "living stones" of His habitation, not any one building or dwelling. Our efforts in building must start and end with the people whom God has called to receive mercy within our midst, ourselves included. Let us then pray for each other and our neighbors that we all might be brought closer to Christ and His word while we work in this and in all things.

Finally, as you pray, consider how it is that God will use you to show His mercy in these coming days. Chris Carson, our president-elect, is working with our nominating committee to call the leaders of our congregation ministry boards for the next season of labor in the harvest fields of the Lord. With the Capital Campaign Committee, I am working to recruit the individuals who will lead the various teams involved with its efforts among the congregation and community in the coming months. Living stones are needed to build this holy temple, so please prayerfully consider how you might be used by God to help Him build.

Your servant and brother in faith,
James



Concordia University, Nebraska

A Cappella Concert

March 2 - 7:00

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

308 NW 164th St. - Edmond

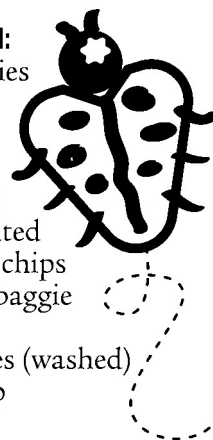
Don't miss this outstanding performance from 72 vocalists who have traveled the world proclaiming the Gospel of Christ in song and honoring God with their musical talent.

FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

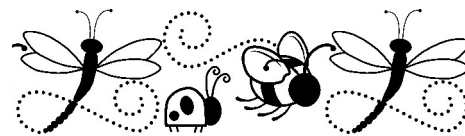
What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennae and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!





CTR-U Monthly Schedule

5:00-5:30 PM

- ♦ Children's Chimes Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- ♦ Youth Band Practice- Pastor Burmeister

5:30-6:30 PM

- ♦ Faith Friends - Gym- DCE Intern Myrthe
- ♦ Confirmation Class - Library - DCE Suzanne
- ♦ Youth Ministry Bible Study- Youth Room- Pastor Burmeister
- ♦ Women's Small Group- Conference Room
- ♦ Men's Small Group - Bridal Room

6:00-7:00 PM - Come & Go Dinner Menu

- ♦ March 7: served by ECC
- ♦ March 14: Breakfast casseroles & sides- Parish Life
- ♦ March 21: Pizza - Elders

7:00 PM

- ♦ Lenten Worship-March 7, 14, and 21

8:00 PM

- ♦ Choir Practice with Craig Amendt-March 7, 14, 21

(Normal classes will return on April 4)

Craft Ideas for Easter



You can make "carrot" treats by filling a frosting bag with goldfish crackers and tie the end off with green ribbon or rickrack. Voila - carrot treats!

If you attended the craft class when we made the Christmas ornaments, you can use the same technique as we did with the fingernail polish but substitute Easter eggs for the Christmas ornaments and make them marbled.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please add these individuals to your church directory or change the information that is currently printed.



Rev. Virgil & Carolyn Bening
4815 E Elm
Claremore, OK 74019 - 918-729-4526

The Prayer Whisperer *Annie Wiederstein*



Yesterday was Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday and a horrific day in a high school in Florida.

So much love and so many miracles with family & friends for the first two. But the third event was such intense sadness.

I'd like to dedicate this prayer whisperer to the victims and families of the high school shooting in Broward County Florida.

Kind Father in Heaven, I come before You to thank You for Your love and compassion which passes all understanding. I thank You, Father for the great joy and responsibly we have of being Christians in this land, in this day. Dear Father, please bless the families of those instructors and children, who perished yesterday in Parkland Florida. Keep their hearts in Your hands these months as they mourn their loss.

Bless those victims who are in hospital, yet to recover from wounds. Bless our leaders as they grapple with the balance between freedom and responsibility. Bless those responders who dealt with the scene at hand. Bless the children who remain, whose lives are indelibly marked by this tragedy. Bless the perpetrator's family. Lastly, bless the perpetrator, that he may get the help he needs.

Bless us as citizens of this great land, as we watch and pray for our own loved ones!

In Your Son's holy name. Amen.



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See to Please

Shift your prayer life from "Please, God" to "Please God." Take the comma out of those two words when you pray, and transition your praying from asking God for things to asking God for the pleasure of God's pleasure. --*Homiletics*

A Powerful Weapon

Satan dreads nothing but prayer. His one concern is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayer-less work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, he mocks our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray. --Samuel Chadwick

A Word From Matthew Henry

Seventeenth-century Bible scholar Matthew Henry had great insight into God's will when he proclaimed, "When God intends great mercies for His people, He first of all sets them a'praying."

Did you ever consider that when you feel the urge to engage in deep meaningful prayer, it might be God's preparation for "great mercies"?

Hard Faith

According to author Stephen King, "What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work."

Similarly, what separates the doubt-filled Christian from the Christian in good spiritual health is hard faith, working and praying diligently - and often - to build one's faith.

Faith and Health

Dr. Herbert Benson of Harvard Medical School made a study of the effect praying can have upon those who pray. He discovered those who pray 10 to 20 minutes daily can lower their blood pressure, heart rate, breathing and metabolic rates. Prayer can work wonders. --*Proclaim*, Nov. 1, 1998

Prayer Helps

A man was seen praying in a church and was approached by a fairly officious person in clerical garb. Said this person: "May I help you?" The response came clearly, "No thank you. I *am* being helped!" -- Anonymous



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