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Having a Life Filled With Prayer

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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OF PRAYER

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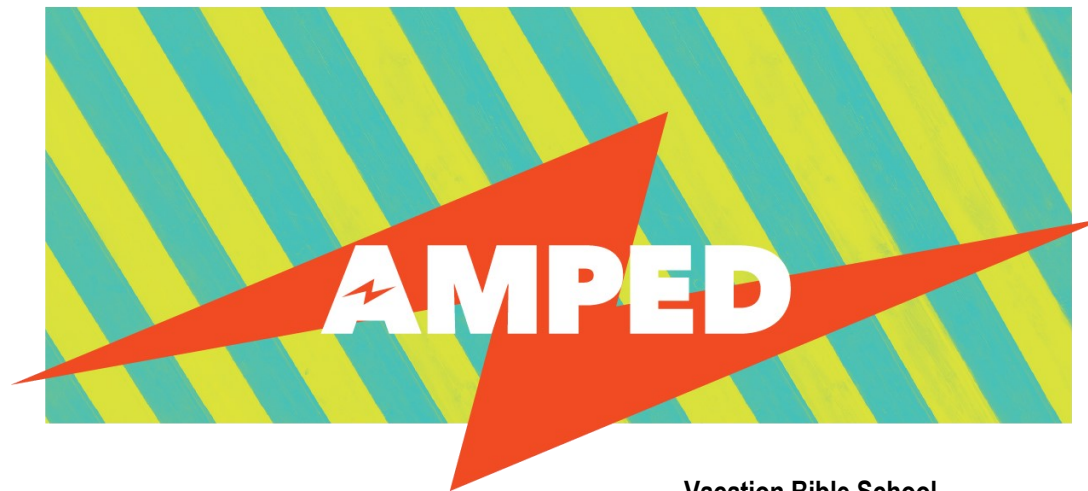
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into a living relationship
with Jesus Christ"**

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

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Children's Summer Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is in for a summer of learning about Jesus' extreme love! When the children arrive at Sunday School, they will watch their favorite mini-series, The So and So's Show, where they learn the Bible Story from the goofy, energetic hosts. After the movie, the kids will travel through four stations lead by volunteers from the congregation. In these, the children have the opportunity to dig deeper into the Bible Stories through games, activities and crafts. Finally, the weekly leader (our DCE Intern, Carinna), will end with a large group activity and prayer. If you are interested in volunteering to lead a station to AMplifying our kids' experiences, check out PAGE 12 for openings!



Vacation Bible School

VBS 2018 is going to be ELECTRIFYINGLY fun! We don't know if that's a real word, but we DO know that you're going to have an EXTREMELY awesome VBS learning that Jesus wants us to live fully alive because we can believe that what He says is true! We want kids to know that

- God is with you.
- God has a plan for you.
- Jesus is alive!
- You are part of a bigger story.

It all begins June 11 at 9AM and everyone is invited to attend! We will have amazing fun with music, crafts, games, missions, snacks and more each day! Plus on Thursday the Bon Cheri snowball food truck will be here! You don't want to miss this!

INSTALLATION & RECEPTION

All members are invited to join us as we welcome our DCE Intern, Carinna Corbett, on Sunday, June 17, at 9:30. There will be a gift box for collection of cards. If you wish to give Carinna a gift to help with any items she needs for her apartment, please purchase VISA or Target gift cards. Carinna will be installed at both services.



Fellow Redeemer:

The tax collector for the Northern region of Galilee was Levi, also known as Matthew. His tax booth would have been in the town of Capernaum. He would collect taxes for Herod Antipas, one of the three sons of Herod the Great. Herod Antipas was the

tetrarch of Galilee. Herod's brother, Herod Archelaus, was tetrarch of Judea in the south. The third, and half-brother, Philip the tetrarch, ruled the Northeast shores of Galilee, which is today known as the Golan Heights (Philip was the son of Herod the Great and his fifth wife Cleopatra of Jerusalem). When merchants would move from one region to the next, they would have to pay taxes. Capernaum was on this line, so it was only natural that Levi would do his work here. Luke 5:27-28 "After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed him." I have always been astonished at how Levi could have just walked away from his profession. It has always seemed to me to be a great faith that caused such a response.

In the first century, it was the dream of every mother of a young boy that a Rabbi would come to them, place their hand on the shoulder of the boy and say, "you, young man, come follow me." These words from the Rabbi was a call into a holy endeavor for the young boy, who would now learn from the Rabbi, and one day, God willing, he too would become Rabbi. The shock of Jesus' calling is that he did not approach young boys with the call. No, instead he comes to older men, most of whom had already had their chance pass, at ever hoping of being a teacher or Rabbi. The words move from the mouth of Jesus as he addresses Levi, "Follow me". Levi understood that this Rabbi was calling him into a holy endeavor. There is no way Levi could have known that it would cost him his whole life, and it would. Legend has it that around 60 A.D. Matthew was in the region of Ethiopia. Matthew had rebuked the king for desiring his niece and

subsequently was pinned to the ground and beheaded.

It was the Pharisees who grumbled when Levi threw a lavish feast for Jesus at his home. Those Pharisees inquired of Jesus, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?", to which Jesus responds, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

We are sick with sin. It is Jesus who comes and dies on the cross, and there, on Calvary, he rids us from the sin that has plagued us. The same voice of Jesus that called Levi, is the voice that is calling you today. "Follow me", is Jesus's message to you today. He has redeemed you and purchased you with His holy blood. He has given you His Holy Spirit, and you are sanctified for the vocation to which you have been called by God. What a wonderful connection we have with Levi. This is the connection of faith. The same faith that moved him to leave everything and follow Jesus is the same faith that moves us down paths of righteousness, as we too follow Jesus. Amen!

10 CTR Youth and 3 chaperones attended OK'd in Christ in Norman, OK this spring! While there they helped clean a Norman city part.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone form CTR who helped with the School Camp during the teacher walkout this spring. We had 50 children here!



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.



DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.




What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.

- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.


I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV

Cast Away

God has cast our confessed sins into the depths of the sea, and he's even put a "No Fishing" sign over the spot.

-- D.L. Moody



ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

As of the latest statements, the Morningstar account balance was \$596,318.71, and the brokerage account balance was \$11,514.49, for a total Endowment Fund balance of \$607,833.20. The Dupuis Trust account balance was \$234,842.15.

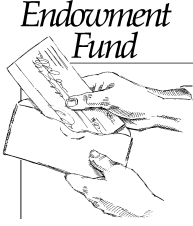
The Endowment Fund provides a means for us, as Christian stewards, to express in a tangible way, our deep gratitude for God's many gifts and blessings. A gift to the Endowment Fund is a reflection of our faith and Christian love over and above our normal regular support for the ongoing mission and ministry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





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!**



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 ctrlulsa.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.


QUILTS



An LWR quilt is special! It brings warmth and shelter to families by becoming a bed, room divider, backpack, 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!



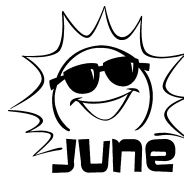
Faithful Measures

For the Month of April	2017	2018
Total Worship Attendance	1485	1547
Weekly Average.....	297	309
SS/Bible Class Attendance	544	421
Weekly Average	109	84
April Giving	\$104,309	\$85,451
Monthly Budget	\$79,735	\$81,533
Year to Date Giving	\$303,908	\$271,970
Year to Date Budget	\$287,046	\$277,212
YTD Expenses.....	\$218,328	\$264,498



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.



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



John & Lisa Baumann	June 1	27 yrs
Tom & Nancy Kirby	June 2	45 yrs
Tyler & Amber Kollock	June 2	6 yrs
Josh & Kim Davis	June 3	12 yrs
Nathanael & Lindsay Rake	June 4	2 yrs
Dale & Cheryl Davison	June 5	47 yrs
Jim & Teri King	June 6	20 yrs
Jerrod & Brandi Johnson	June 8	11 yrs
Frank & Wendy Metz	June 8	50 yrs
Justin & Carri Cline	June 9	17 yrs
John & Sally Neas	June 10	52 yrs
Al & Geneva teegarden	June 12	15 yrs
Cameron & Darbi Newman	June 14	21 Yrs
Patti & Bill Ross	June 14	44 yrs
Jon & Sherry Weaver	June 19	25 yrs
Dale & Cyndy Malwick	June 21	21 yrs
Marvin & Rose Carbiener	June 22	61 yrs
Dick & Linda Hamilton	June 26	47 yrs
John & Sharon Campbell	June 27	26 yrs

Shaun & Melissa James	July 3	14 yrs
Norm & Bernie Zanter	July 3	53 yrs
Greg & Connie Schadel	July 7	28 yrs
Bob & Gayle Wagner	July 7	11 yrs
John & Norma Muller	July 8	17 yrs
Rob & Carmen Koch	July 11	31 yrs
Floyd & Angela Lemons	July 16	24 yrs
Bob & Heather Bradshaw	July 17	25 yrs
Bob & Marilyn Rains	July 17	25 yrs
Joshua & Suzy Brakhage	July 18	3 yrs
Larry & Lisa Bellmard	July 20	22 yrs
Harold & Colene France	July 24	53 yrs
Tim & Kayla Kuehnert	July 24	19 yrs
Roger & Nancy Witte	July 26	54 yrs
Ryan & Melanie McVey	July 29	12 yrs



My Compliments to the Creator

Dear God,

I saw the Grand Canyon this summer.
Nice piece of work!

Love,
Kyle (age 9)

The Joke Corner...

Your conscience is the thing that makes you tell your mother before your sister does.

Wife: "I'm happy to see that the neighbors finally returned our lawn mower before they moved. They certainly had it long enough."
Husband: "OUR lawn mower? I just bought it at the garage sale they're having."

There's nothing like looking at vacation pictures to put guests in a traveling mood.

Never Have I Ever...

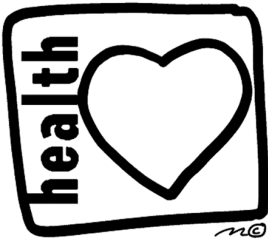
Give yourself 1 point for each item you have not done!!

LUTHERAN EDITION

1. MADE FUNERAL POTATOES
2. Stood for the entire Athanasian Creed
3. MEMORIZED THE WHOLE LITURGY
4. Said "And also with you" when the setting uses "And with thy Spirit"
5. CRIED DURING A BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION
6. Coveted a neighbor for sitting in my pew
7. BROUGHT JELLO TO A POTLUCK AS A "SALAD"
8. READ ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING THE SERMON
9. Made a bee-line for the fellowship hall in case someone brought the good donuts
10. GROANED AT THE HYMN SELECTION, not because it has 10 stanzas, but because it's not a hymn I like
11. SAID GOOD MORNING AFTER AN EVENING SERVICE
12. Gotten annoyed at singing A MIGHTY FORTRESS to the wrong tune

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A MESSAGE FROM TAKE H.E.A.R.T.



For the next few weeks..... Check out the Take HEART table with booklets and handouts on various health topics. Take one (or several!) for you or a loved one. There is sure to be something you or a loved one would like to read and learn more about!

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in good health, just as your soul prospers." 3 John 1:2.

"Jesus, Stand Among Us"

Jesus stand among us,
in your risen power;
Let this time of worship
be a hallowed hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit
into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
from each soul depart.
Thus with quickened footsteps
we pursue our way,
watching for the dawning
of eternal day.
--William Pennefather

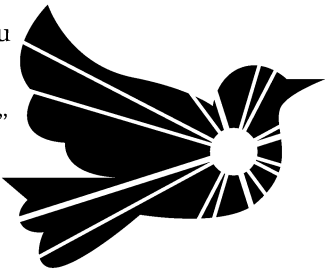


Bible Quiz

What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

"But just as he who called you is _____, so be _____ in all you do; for it is written: 'Be _____, because I am _____.'"

- A. righteous
- B. holy
- C. loving
- D. merciful



Answer: B (See 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV.)

"My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance."
--Erma Bombeck



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! You may take the arrangement home following the late service.



Flowers for the Altar

6/3: by Kasey & Laura Simpson in celebration of Khloe's birthday
6/3: by Ellen & Carlisle Mabrey in memory of Ellen's mother, Sylvia Purves
6/10: by John & Sally Neas in celebration of their anniversary
6/17: by John Meinders in celebration of Lori's birthday
6/17: by Jon & Sherry Weaver in celebration of their 25th anniversary
6/24: by Mary Ann Meckfessel in memory of Charles
6/24: by Kathi Lohse in memory of Art

7/1: by Norm & Bernie Zanter in celebration of their 53rd anniversary
7/1: by Debby Brauer in memory of Paul's birthday
7/8: by James & Ann Holt in celebration of JC's birthday
7/22: by Deb Drain in celebration of Kevin & Sarah's birthday
7/29: by John & Lori Meinders in celebration of Rob's birthday
7/29: by John & Sally Neas in celebration of Steve & Liz's birthdays



Craft Ideas

Another variation... If you painted the mini ornaments to be hung from the wooden plaque, you can get a similar plaque and then use your grandchildren/children's hand and foot prints to help spell out the word LOVE and Voilà.... You've created something new and cute for your home!



Summer Sunday School Signup Sheet

June 3

Jenga Game: Hillary Speer
Decision Making Game: Barb Sprunger
Building Challenge: Diane Fager
Engineering Challenge: Katie Michaels-Johnson

June 10

Cheerio Game: _____
Word Search and Craft: Judy Cook
Obstacle Course: Amanda Stein
Talent Show: Kathy Stephen

June 17

Bounce House Team Member 1: Amanda Stein
Bounce House Team Member 2: James Morgan
Bounce House Team Member 3: _____
Bounce House Team Member 4: _____

June 24

Draw a Superhero: Jennifer Gonzalez
Word Challenge: Denise Burmeister
Exercising: Sherrie Bullock
Cup Stacking: _____

July 1

Projector Set Up Member 1: Ann Holt
Projector Set Up Member 2: James Holt

July 8

The Impossible Game: Jennifer Casperson
Creativity Collage: Jody Zscheck
Grid Puzzle: Steve Zscheck
Charades: Amanda Stein

July 15

Train Wreck Game: Kasey Simpson
Scrapbooking: Simpson
Relay Race: Kirsta Simpson
Target Practice: Billy Simpson

July 22

Telephone: Heather Orvis
Duos Game: Denise Burmeister
Tandem Biking: Scott Mabrey
Friendship Bracelets: _____

July 29

Optical Illusions: Jennifer Gonzalez
Raft Races: Mellissa James
DIY Glasses: Angela Lemons
Squirt Gun Bible Verse: Micheal Gross

August 5

Don't Laugh: Debby Brauer
Sanhedrin Sentinel: Cheryl Davison
Cup Knock Down: _____
Everything Bungee: _____

August 12

Penny Challenge: _____
Review Race: Sherrie Bullock
Playdough Fun: _____
Finish Line: _____

August 19

Supervisor 1: Ann Holt
Supervisor 2: James Holt

The following is a recipe from Sandy Moeller. It was a big hit at the May 20 potluck.

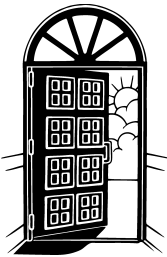
Corn Salad

2 cans corn, drained
2/3 cup chopped bell pepper
1/3 cup chopped red onion
1 1/3 cup grated cheddar cheese
2/3 cup mayonnaise (or use alternate dressing below)
1 - 9.75 oz. bag of Chili Cheese Frito's, crushed

Mix all together except Frito's and chill. Shortly before serving add Frito's and stir. Reserve a few crushed fine for the top.

Alternate Dressing (which I use)

1/2 cup Ranch dressing
2 tablespoons mayo
2 tablespoons milk
1 to 2 tsp. dill
1/2 tsp. black pepper



"When all other doors in life are closed to us, Jesus will be for us the ever-open door. ...To call any situation hopeless is to shut the door on God." -- Anthony Coniaris

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.



It has been such a joy for me to serve as your organist and in various other capacities the past ten years. God has certainly blessed me in and through this profession. I thank you for the support, involvement and encouragement given to me. I am very

thankful for the delightful experiences I've had with the many musicians who have shared their talents in worship services. These include cantors, vocal soloists and groups like the Psalms of Ascent, led by Larry Bellmard, those who sang or played an instrument while I communed, those who provided special music throughout the years; those in the bell choir and the chime choir, both when I directed them and when they were led by other directors and all those in the vocal choirs which I have been privileged to accompany and direct between other directors; those who worked with me through the years in the coordination of activities (Craig Amendt) and filling in for me as organist (Rosalie Weber) and, of course, our previous pastors with whom it has been, and currently is with Pastor B, a very special blessing.

I am so very thankful that in August we will have a full-time Director of Music/Organist who I feel is a great fit for our church here at Christ the Redeemer. This is an answer to my prayer that the music ministry here would be expanded, primarily for children and youth. There is a need for members of all ages to be engaged in worship, and maybe especially the little ones and youth to have the opportunity to learn and grow in faith, worship and participation in the music ministry.

During the months of June and July, we are blessed to have substitute organists to lead the music in our worship services. During those months we will use the liturgy of Divine Service 4 and the introit will be spoken in both services. Since I have coordinated, recruited, scheduled and accompanied the special music, cantors, communion music, etc. in the past, as of June 1 until Mr. Jacob Drengler begins his duties in August, those activities will be suspended.

Since I have been asked many times if I am glad that I will be retiring, I will answer "Yes!" As much as I have enjoyed my work in music, I am excited and looking forward to the next chapter in my life. There is so much to do!! So with that, I pray for God's blessings in your lives, in your worship at CTR, and in your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Together in Christ,
Norma Muller



Norma Muller



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>



Stay in Touch

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

Recycling Update

Due to changing guidelines, the LWML will no longer be recycling ink cartridges, etc. Thank you for your past support!

News from the Seminary

To friends dearly loved by the Brakhages and by our Lord Jesus Christ:

A lot is changing for our family. It's hard to believe that we're only a month away from starting our vicarage adventure in Edmond. It will be exciting to be back in Oklahoma, knowing our friends are just up the turnpike. If you are ever in the Oklahoma City area on a Sunday, please stop by. Suzy, Graham and I would love to see you.

Let me tell you a little about Holy Trinity in Edmond. It is the largest LCMS worshipping community in the state of Oklahoma. They have between 600 and 700 people in worship each week with five services (four on Sunday morning, one on Wednesday evening.) They have two worship spaces, one for their traditional worship and the other for their contemporary service. Their congregation is growing and they are in the middle of a building project. There are two pastors on staff along with a DCE.

The senior pastor is Rev. Barrie Henke; he will also serve as my vicarage supervisor. You may have seen or even said 'hi' to Pastor Henke in the past. He was recently elected to his fourth term as Oklahoma District president, and he frequently shows up at events across the state. Our family spent the evening with Pastor Henke after the Call Day service back in April. He has a jovial personality. His disarming charm and effortless warmth made us feel like we will be right at home at Holy Trinity.

On Call Day, they pass you a big envelope full of documents about your vicarage congregation. They tell you not to open the envelope until you get home. It almost feels like you're transporting a secret dossier of state secrets. The paperwork inside has all sorts of information about start dates, living arrangements, and personal expectations. One thing in the dossier that really excited me was that I will have the opportunity to teach at "all age levels." I really feel I need to spend more time learning how to lead adult Bible classes before graduation, but I also hate missing out on time with the kids. I'm glad I will get to do both in Edmond. The church has a preschool, elementary school and middle school so maybe I'll get to be in the classroom during the week, as well.

What we are looking forward to most is getting a chance to connect with a vibrant family of faith. It's what we miss most about being away from CTR. Your kindness, generosity and warmth are hallmarks of your character. We know no congregation can replace our CTR home, but we hope the Oklahoma hospitality of Holy Trinity comes close. In the same way, we look forward to sharing our gifts with the congregation as we serve alongside them in love.

Suzy has completed the paperwork to reinstate her Oklahoma speech/language pathologist license. She had let it expire, not knowing if we'd ever be back. She is looking forward to working with kids in Oklahoma again. She already has a job offer, but she is looking at all opportunities so we can pick one that works the best for her and Graham. (More on our newly minted one-year-old later!)

We are hopeful about what lies ahead. We imagine we will feel comfortable in the community of Edmond. CTR member Michelle Na'ayem emailed just after Call Day to assure us that we'd love our experience there. She and her family were members of Holy Trinity from 2006-2011. She talked about how lovely the church is and how Pastor Henke "truly shines with the Spir-

it." And when a CTR member offers their endorsement, you take it seriously!

We still do not have a new address to share. I am writing this letter with two weeks left to go in the semester. Suzy, Graham and I will travel to Oklahoma after finals are over to look at places to rent. In the meantime, there are still a boatload of papers to write, exams to finish and boxes to pack. I will also preach one more time at our St. Louis church, and lead a half-dozen more Bible studies. Suzy will continue to see students – both at home and at school – until we prepare to ship out. All those details are still up in the air, but we intend to broadcast them as soon as plans are set.

We pushed 'pause' on all the moving preps on May 18th to celebrate Graham's first birthday! Both of Graham's grandmas were there, along with other relatives and a whole passel of friends. Graham has become a beloved part of the Seminary community (even guest starring in a music video at the Seminary's talent show) and lots of his friends were eager to come by to celebrate. We wanted it to be a party without presents – mainly because we're moving – but also because Graham already has the best gifts he could receive: his Savior Jesus Christ, and his Christian family who shows him so much love, care and devotion. Living on campus at the Seminary for the past year has enabled all three of us to develop closer friendships than we ever expected. It will make it hard to pack up and leave, but we are looking forward to meeting more members of God's family soon!

As we prepare to leave the Seminary, my thoughts go to those who will soon be arriving here. New students will begin showing up any day now. A new family will be moving into our old apartment. The campus will welcome dozens of young men, straight out of college, who have known their entire lives that God was calling them to become pastors. There will also be men like me – in their 30's, 40's, 50's or older – whose time in other careers have prepared them to pursue a path to pastoral ministry. Each of these students brings with him a wealth of concerns. For some of the younger guys, this is the furthest they've ever been from home and family. For others, they're worried about the massive debt they've carried to the Seminary with their college loans from undergrad. For the single guys, they are trying to balance dating and romance with a pastoral education. And then there are the guys who arrive at the Seminary with families and questions like: Will my kids make friends? How will they adjust to their new school? Will my wife find a job she likes? Will all this moving look strange on her résumé? How can we continue to pay the bills when dad is not working full-time?

We know God has the answers to all the concerns new students and their families will bring with them to the Seminary. But speaking from experience, we also know how valuable it is that the people of God show their care and support – especially through prayers and notes of encouragement. Please pray that the Lord would guide the transitions for the incoming class of students and their families and that congregations like CTR would be eager to support them – emotionally, financially, and spiritually – just like you all have done for us. We love you and we can't wait to be back in Oklahoma.

With sincerity,
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Cruising and Touring Alaska

by: Ken Eggers

Dot and I boarded the ship in Vancouver, Canada, and cruised the Inland Waterway to Seward, Alaska... The first stop on the cruise was Ketchikan. Ketchikan is famous for the huge amounts of rain they get. We were lucky. It didn't rain the day we were there. In fact, the only time it rained on the whole trip was as we were boarding the plane on the last day of our trip. Some friends who had been to Alaska before, warned us that mosquitoes could be a problem. We were twice blessed - no rain, no mosquito problem.

Ketchikan's Creek Street (which is a board walk alongside and above the creek) has numerous old wooden buildings that now contain many gift shops. One building was set aside as a museum of the "old days". It had originally been a bordello with a sign on the board walk saying, "Ketchikan, where salmon and men come to spawn."

Our next stop was Juneau the current capital of Alaska. While Ketchikan has mostly old wooden buildings, Juneau has a blend of the old and the new. We watched one of the natives carving a huge totem pole. A big tourist attraction down town is the historic Red Dog Saloon.

At Sitka, the old Russian capital of Alaska, we were treated to a Russian dance performance by the New Archangel Dancers.

Glacier Bay is a must-see part of any Alaskan tour where numerous glaciers are calving in spectacular manners For some reason, seals love to ride on the newly formed miniature ice bergs and we saw a number of them leisurely floating past our ship.

We disembarked the Rotterdam at Seward and boarded buses for the trip to Anchorage. Anchorage is an interesting and modern city still showing signs of the devastation it received in the 3-27-64 earthquake. The down town area is quite modern with huge hanging baskets of colorful flowers lining the streets. The visitor's center has a collection of the huge vegetables they are able to grow because the sun shines all day and most of the night in summer and they get plenty of rain. Some of the cabbages were more than 3 feet in diameter. Another unique thing at the center is the sod roof with grass growing on it. To get their point across, they had an old push mower on the roof.

Our tour had us scheduled for 2 days in Anchorage but the tour company had overbooked the train to Denali. They asked if we would stay two more days in Anchorage at their expense? We said sure. So now we're considered Anchorage citizens. Just kidding.

From Anchorage we boarded the McKinley Explorer train for Denali Park. This train has 2 decks. The upper deck sides and ceiling are glass for good viewing. The lower deck is for dining and those bored from viewing fantastic scenery and wildlife. We were really lucky at Denali. To keep human contact with the animals to a minimum, only park buses may be used for touring. When wildlife is spotted, everyone must stay in the bus and be quiet. We saw all the large animals native to the park and as a special treat we saw Mt. Denali in all of its glorious splendor. The bus driver told us that in his 17 years of driving park buses this was only the second time he had seen Denali. Usually, it's shrouded in fog.

The rest of the land tour included: a trip to see the huge oil pipe line and a tour of a humongous gold dredge. It was huge because it contains sleeping and eating facilities as well as all the paraphernalia needed to extract the gold. It was like a movable city. We traversed Chilkoot Pass the correct way - by train, not by foot. We were treated to a boat trip on the famous Yukon River, visits to the infamous gold-rush towns of Dawson City and Skagway. The last item on the agenda was hiking on the Mendenhall Glacier. By this time we were back in Juneau where we boarded a plane to take us back into the lower 48. Oh, I almost forgot the most important part of our trip. We learned how the town of Chicken got named. It was because the Founding Fathers could not agree on how to spell ptarmigan - the state bird. In those days they didn't have spell check.

Daily Bible Reading

Week 21

Monday - Judges 3:1-31
Tuesday - Judges 4:1-5:31
Wednesday - Judges 6:1-8:35
Thursday - Judges 9:1-10:18
Friday - Judges 11:1-12:15
Saturday - Judges 13:1-16:31

Week 22

Monday - Judges 17:1-18:31
Tuesday - Judges 19:1-20:48
Wednesday - Judges 21:1-25
Thursday - Ruth 1:1-2:23
Friday - Ruth 3:1-4:22
Saturday - 1 Samuel 1:1-28

Week 23

Monday - 1 Samuel 2:1-36
Tuesday - 1 Samuel 3:1-21
Wednesday - 1 Samuel 4:1-22
Thursday - 1 Samuel 5:1-7:2
Friday - 1 Samuel 7:3-17
Saturday - 1 Samuel 8:1-22

Week 24

Monday - 1 Samuel 9:1-10:27
Tuesday - 1 Samuel 11:1-15
Wednesday - 1 Samuel 12:1-25
Thursday - 1 Samuel 13:1-23
Friday - 1 Samuel 14:1-52
Saturday - 1 Samuel 15:1-35

Week 25

Monday - 1 Samuel 16:1-23
Tuesday - 1 Samuel 17:1-58
Wednesday - 1 Samuel 18:1-19:24
Thursday - 1 Samuel 20:1-21:15
Friday - 1 Samuel 22:1-23
Saturday - 1 Samuel 23:1-29

Week 26

Monday - 1 Samuel 24:1-22
Tuesday - 1 Samuel 25:1-44
Wednesday - 1 Samuel 26:1-25
Thursday - 1 Samuel 27:1-29:11
Friday - 1 Samuel 30:1-31
Saturday - 1 Samuel 31:1-13

Week 27

Monday - 2 Samuel 1:1-2:32
Tuesday - 2 Samuel 3:1-4:12
Wednesday - 2 Samuel 5:1-25
Thursday - 2 Samuel 6:1-23
Friday - 2 Samuel 7:1-29
Saturday - 2 Samuel 8:1-10:19

Week 28

Monday - 2 Samuel 11:1-12:31
Tuesday - 2 Samuel 13:1-14:24
Wednesday - 2 Samuel 14:25-16:23
Thursday - 2 Samuel 17:1-18:33
Friday - 2 Samuel 19:1-20:26
Saturday - 2 Samuel 21:1-22:51



Carinna and Suzanne
get acquainted at Concordia.



CTR celebrates with
Jordan and Myrthe
in their upcoming
marriage and
Myrthe's
graduation from
Concordia!



Our CTR
confirmands:
Hannah
Haddad,
Adrienne
Schadel,
Kaleb Chesher
and Camden
Knutson.



Chandler Fuller

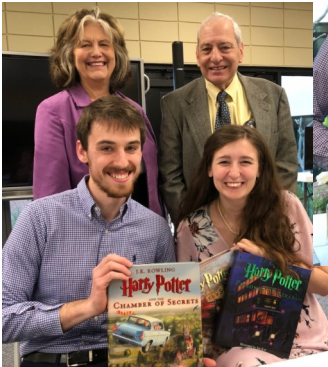
Chandler is graduating from Oklahoma State University with a BS in marketing and a minor in merchandising. While at OSU, Chandler was a member of Pi Beta Phi, and on the President's and Dean's Honor Roll. She was also a member of several academic honor societies. Immediately following graduation, she will be moving to Dallas, Texas, to start employment with Idea Grove, a PR and Digital Marketing firm.



In May, John Wright, from the Tulsa County Assessor's Office gave an informative presentation at the OWLS gathering.

OWLS

The OWLS have resumed their luncheons on the fourth Thursday of every month. Brad Teegarden, CTR member, will discuss the stock market and all things financial for the June 28th gathering. Please join them!



**Norma Muller Retires
After 10 Years as CTR's Organist**

She is pictured above with CTR's other past-organists, Rosalie Weber and Dodee Brockhoff.



What a wonderful retirement reception you gave me! I share cherish the memories of friends and family celebrating with John and me as we begin a new chapter in our lives. Together in Christ forever, Norma Muller



ECC



Muffins
for
Moms
and
Grandmas!



STAFF

**Jill
Gunter
from
Toddler
One**



I have taught at ECC for almost two years. My family and I moved here in July 2016 from a small town in North Dakota. My husband teaches at Jenks West Intermediate and our two children (Laney and Beckett) both attend ECC. In North Dakota, I taught Elementary Physical Education and was the Technology Coordinator for the district. At the end of May, I will start classes for my Master's in Athletic Training at the University of Tulsa.



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ECC Spring Program

FAMILY AND
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY



DCE Intern
Myrthe
Harkenrider

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



Family and Children's Ministry invites you to

FAMILY FUN DAY

Come out for water slides, bounce houses, hotdogs, hamburgers, snow cones and more!

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

If you have yard games, bring them to share!

JULY 28 • 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

The Front Lawn of Christ the Redeemer
2550 E. 71st St., Tulsa, Oklahoma

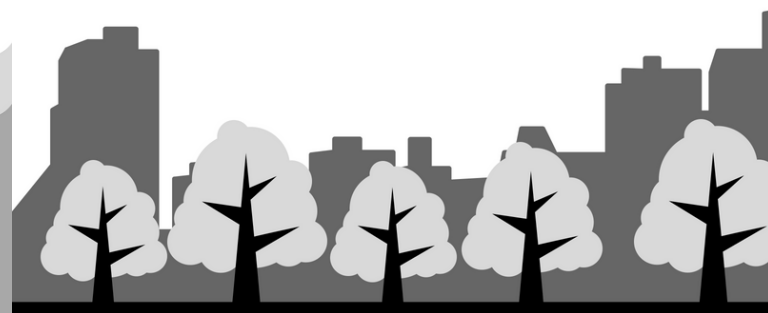
IF IT RAINS, WE WILL HAVE BOUNCE HOUSES SET UP IN THE GYM!

Club 345 Day at the Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018
FOUR TO SIX
LAFORTUNE PARK

COME AND MEET
DCE INTERN CARINNA!

FOR ALL SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH
AND FIFTH GRADERS!
PLEASE PACK A DINNER.
PARENT SUPERVISION REQUIRED.



RAIN LOCATION: CHURCH



DCE Suzanne Watt

CHRIST THE REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY Jr. High (6-8th graders) Sr. High (9-12th graders)

"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!

VBS Set up dates June 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2018
VBS is June 11-15, 2018
Summer Mission Trip June 23-July 1, 2018
National Youth Gathering Registration September 2018
Joy Jr High Gathering October 12-14, 2018

SIGN UP NOW TO VOLUNTEER AT VBS!



All youth completing 6th-12th grades are eligible to be volunteer leaders at VBS during the week of June 11-15. Please visit the CTR Volunteer Registration website on Google forms to choose a position and volunteer.

Hope

ON THE BEACH

CTR Youth Summer Mission Trip 2018
June 23-July 1, 2018
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida

Please keep our group of 21 youth and adults traveling to Florida in your prayers as they serve the city of Santa Rosa Beach by hosting a community VBS. Pray that they would be humble servants and have fun together!

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SAVE THE DATE

12-14

JOY JR HIGH
DISTRICT
GATHERING

Registration for the 2019 Gathering will begin in August 2018 to be submitted by September 30, 2018 with full or partial (\$200) registration payment. A non-refundable registration fee of \$365 will be required and due in full by October 31, 2018 unless a payment plan is arranged and paid in full by December 31, 2018. 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.

A gathering planning meeting will be held for all youth and their parents who intend to go. At least one parent MUST attend per household. Please look for more information regarding this meeting to me mailed to you by July.

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)

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.

