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**"If you want your children to turn out well,
spend twice as much time with them,
and half as much money."
--Abigail Van Buren**

**"The happiest people don't have
the best of everything,
they just make the best of everything."
--Unknown**

**"Intelligence is knowing the right answer.
Wisdom is knowing when to say it."
--Tim Fargo**

**"No thief, however skillful,
can rob one of knowledge,
and that is why knowledge
is the best and safest treasure to acquire."
--L. Frank Baum**

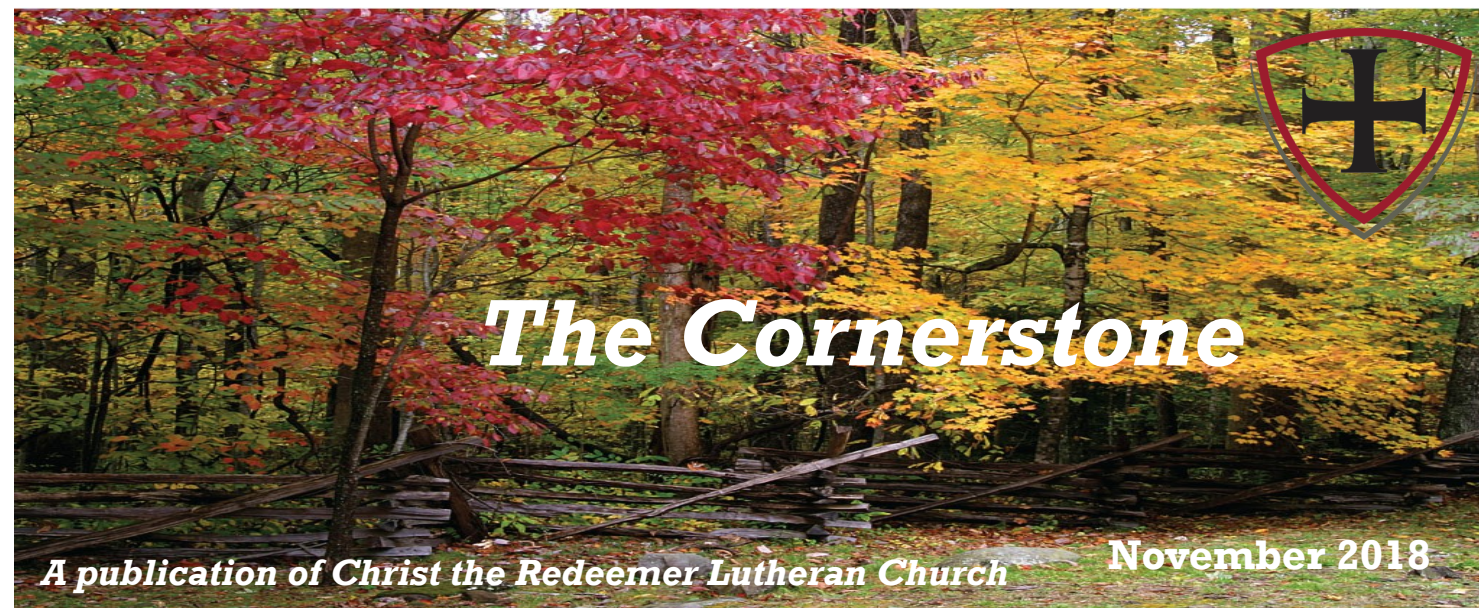
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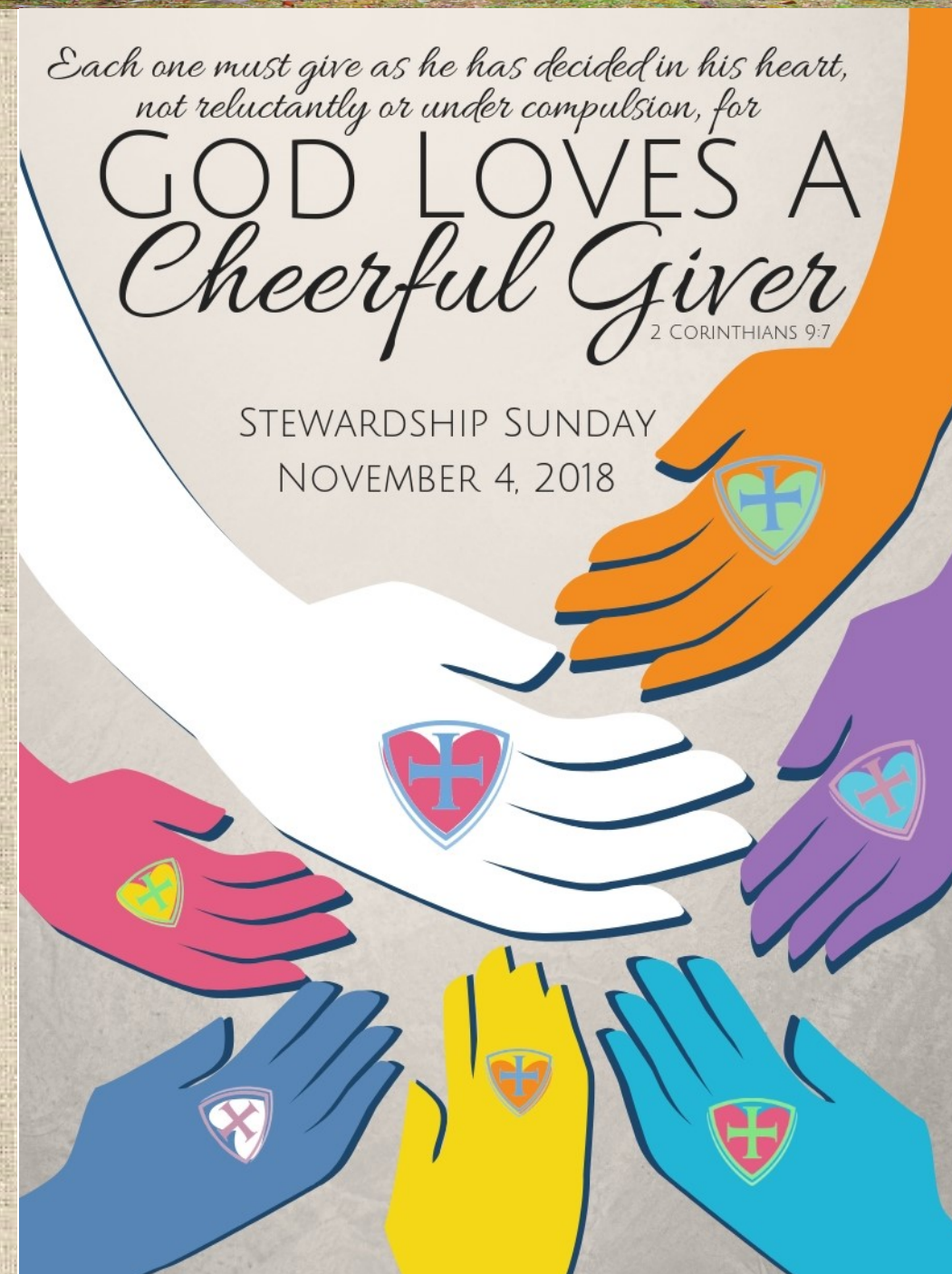
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*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for*

GOD LOVES A Cheerful Giver

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2018





Fellow Redeemed,

It is that time of the year again, when we slow things down and gather together with friends and family in order that we might give thanks for all of the blessings that are ours through God. What are some things for which you are thankful? Have you listed them lately? If you could narrow the list down to one thing, what would it be?

Giving thanks is a matter of the heart. The heart is the nerve center for our priorities. In Matthew 6:21 Jesus says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Maybe your treasure is at the top of your list. Perhaps you are most thankful for your wealth and ability to have wonderful things. When I think that way, I feel it, don’t you? I feel empty and a void. That can’t be the one thing for which we are thankful. The Old Testament lesson for yesterday was: Ecclesiastes 4:10-11 “Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?”

There has to be something else that can take the place of these misplaced priorities in our lives. Listen to the words from hymn 806 from the Lutheran Service Book, “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”:

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong.”
Let the poor say, “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

The Holy One has given Jesus Christ His Son. Did you hear that? Those words draw a line in the sand of our lives. The priorities that we used to have, must give way to a new reality each and every day. Wealth is nothing but a tool to be used to bring people to God, through Jesus Christ. Our hearts are no longer anchored to stuff. God wants our hearts to be anchored to Him. Remember what we said earlier, the heart is the

nerve center for our priorities. That is what faith is. Faith is the object upon which we focus our lives. The world and its wealth used to be the object of that faith. Through the Word, God has destroyed those idols and replaced them with Himself. God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit have become the object of our faith, the object of our priorities and the object of our worship. Think about it for a second. This week the Oklahoma Mega Millions Lottery is over 1 billion dollars! That is a lot of money! But you have hit more than the lottery. You are the richest person in the world, because you have salvation through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Did you feel it? Do you feel your heart welling up with praise and adoration to God? That is what Thanksgiving is all about. Worldly priorities are replaced with Godly priorities. Shallow thanksgivings are replaced with giving thanks to God, who has rescued us from Sin, Death and the power of the devil and has given us every good gift. Amen!

Lifelong Saints

Rather than limit the celebration of saints to one Sunday, some churches now observe a Season of Saints from World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October) to All Saints’ Sunday (the first Sunday in November).



Saints aren’t merely exceptional Christians, writes worship director Taylor Burton-Edwards. Instead, they’re simply believers, all of whom are undergoing a lifetime of transformation into Christ’s own people.

Pointing to a saint-themed hymn by Charles Wesley, Burton-Edwards notes that the lyrics are intended to be an “anthem for a lifetime,” not a once -yearly occasion.

*Come, let us join our friends above
who have obtained the prize,
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing
with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.*

Save the Date!!

All Women are invited to the LWML Christmas Dinner!
Theme:
Jesus Christ is the Greatest Gift!
Date: Tuesday, December 11
Time: 6:00-8:00 PM
Dinner: M&M Catering
Cost: \$15.00
Location: CTR Fellowship Hall
Ingathering: MEND Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc.

Save the Date!!

CTR Christmas Party
December 9
Glenpool Conference Center
Time: 5:00-8:00
Dinner: Aila’s Catering
Entertainment will be provided by Pro-Musica Tulsa
Ticket cost to be determined.

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STEWARDSHIP E-GIVING OPTIONS

We welcome all donations through any of the options we offer for giving.

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Questions about E-Giving? Stop by the Church Office and speak to Mary Jane Landin or email her at mjlandinectrtulsa.org to learn more.

South Tulsa Community House

Since 1996, STCH has provided help to our neighbors in the Riverwood district. If needed, clients can receive supplemental food every 30 days. We feed at least 725 people each month and last year our pantry provided over 109,000 meals.

We are committed to providing healthy, well-balanced meals. You can help us by donating foods that will empower families to follow the USDA's My Plate standards.



Vegetables	Fruits	Grains	Protein	Dairy
Canned green beans, corn, carrots, peas, potatoes, mixed vegetables	Canned peaches, pears, pineapple or fruit cocktail in lite syrup	Grain cereal & bars	Canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham, spam	Powdered milk
Canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste	Applesauce (Canned & individual servings)	Granola or granola bars	Beef or turkey jerky or sticks	Evaporated milk
Tomato & vegetable juice or stock	Dried apples, apricots, raisins & blueberries	Tortilla chips & tortillas	Canned stew, chili, soup or stock	Shelf-stable milk
Pasta sauce		Old-fashion & instant oats	Beans canned or dry (kidney, pinto, black, refried)	Soy milk
		Rice & grits	Nuts (almonds, walnuts, pecans)	Almond milk
		Rice & pasta side dishes	Nut butters (peanut, almond)	Cheese wiz
				Velveeta

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



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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thanksgiving baskets will be given to families in need. Donations of canned food, non-perishable items and household products are needed no later than November 12. We will also accept monetary donations to purchase gift cards so families can buy perishable items for their Thanksgiving meal. These can be placed in the offering plate with Thanksgiving basket on the memo line or dropped in the collection box at the table in the narthex.



LWML NEWS

Giving Tuesday 2018 - November 27

What is Giving Tuesday?

A day of giving, fueled by people sharing about non-profits online and on social media. It is celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

This Giving Tuesday, you can **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT** when you donate to the LWML Mission Goal, thanks to two anonymous donors who will match up to \$20,000!



Lutheran Women Go to www.lwml.org/givingtuesday to learn more!



Lutheran Braille Workers 75th Anniversary - 1943-2018

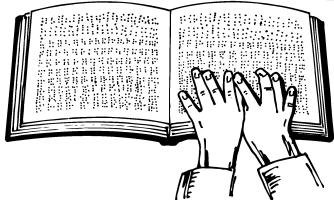
On October 20, hundreds of volunteers, staff, donors, board members, past board members, and recipients of LBW's materials came together in Yucaipa, California, to celebrate LBW's 75th anniversary! The keynote speaker was LWML President, and former member of LBW's Board of Directors, Patti Ross.

LBW proudly debuted a new video reflecting the ministry and mission work of the organization through the eyes of people who have received their materials, a 40-year volunteer and work center leader, and a staff member with 23+ years of service.

LBW also announced the recipients of two awards. The Founder's Distinguished Service Award: This award was given in honor of their founder, Helene Koehler, recognizing people who captured the passion, energy and spirit of Helene Koehler through their significant contributions to the ministry of LBW over its 75 year history via time, talent, and treasures.

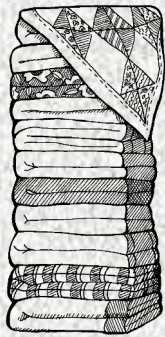
The Delafosse Memorial Love Through Service Award: This annual award recognizes a volunteer who reflects the passion for service to others which embodied former executive director, Leroy Delafosse.

Braille Ministry



What brings warmth and shelter to families by becoming a bed, room divider, backpack, and at times even a home???

QUILTS



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.

Prayers for our quilt program are needed plus prayers for the recipients of our quilts. These quilts are sent all over the United States as well as the world!



Cut Squares The quilters meet every Tuesday at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

Sew Squares Join us !! We would appreciate your help!

Tie Quilts

Assemble Tops

The Genius of Generosity

Kansas Pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that "there is a certain genius in generosity." He explains that when we open our hands - figuratively speaking - to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

"God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold," says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God's genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.





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

Scott & Denise Burmeister	Nov. 3	28 yrs
Ed & Anja Johnson	Nov. 5	29 yrs
Mark & Karla Carter	Nov. 8	15 yrs
David & Stacie Edwards	Nov. 11	18 yrs
Kristen & Mitch Cain	Nov. 15	4 yrs
Brad & Janice Young	Nov. 17	39 yrs
Jim & Rosemary Holt	Nov. 24	39 yrs
Roy & Wanda Radke	Nov. 26	24 yrs
Timothy & Katie Michaels-Johnson	Nov. 29	10 yrs

CTR FRIENDS will meet on November 11 at Hideaway Pizza at Kingspoint Village (61st & Yale) for lunch.

BUNKO will be at church with hostess Tomie Whitaker on November 13 at 7:00. There is a sign-up sheet.

LWML will meet for their monthly meeting and Bible study on November 13 at 12:30. All ladies are invited to join them.

OWLS will not meet in November and December.

THANKSGIVING EVE worship service will be November 21 at 6:30 pm. Please invite your friends and family to join us as we take a special opportunity to thank God for his many blessings.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is November 4. There will be an opportunity to place your pledge cards before the altar during both services. Our theme this year is "God loves a cheerful giver".

CONNECT NIGHT will be November 3 at TiAmos from 6-8:00. Childcare is available. Contact DCE Intern Carinna with questions. Sign up today!



Thanksgiving

A Message from Take H.E.A.R.T.

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The Joke Corner....

A garage sale is a technique for distributing all the junk in your garage among all the other garages in the neighborhood.

Son: "Dad, you wouldn't punish me for something I didn't do, would you?"
Dad: "Why, of course not."
Son: "Good! I didn't do my homework."

Babysitter: "Don't apologize ... I wouldn't be in any hurry to come home either!"

Marriage counselor to wife: "Maybe your problem is that you've been waking up grumpy in the morning."
Wife: "No, I always let him sleep."



Oaks Indian Mission

The offering for this quarter will go to Oaks Indian Mission, a Lutheran ministry, that serves children from ages 4-18 from a multitude of tribal backgrounds.

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



Faithful Measures

For the Month of September	2017	2018
Total Worship Attendance	970	1241
Weekly Average.....	243	248
SS/Bible Class Attendance	514	576
Weekly Average	129	115
September Giving	\$58,373	\$81,484
Monthly Budget	\$63,788	\$81,533
Year to Date Giving	\$641,792	\$634,818
Year to Date Budget	\$621,933	\$635,957
YTD Expenses.....	\$551,846	\$762,819



CTR-U Monthly Schedule

NO CTR-U ON NOVEMBER 21

5:00-5:30 PM - Children’s Chimes Choir Practice - Sanctuary
5:00-6:00 PM - Youth Band Practice– Jacob Drengler

- 5:30-6:30 PM**
- ◆ Faith Friends - Gym– DCE Intern Carinna
 - ◆ 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
 - ◆ **Craft Class - Fellowship Hall - November 28**

- 6:00-7:00 PM - Come & Go Dinner Menu**
- ◆ Nov. 7 - Pizza, salad bar, dessert
 - ◆ Nov. 14 - Taco & salad bar, dessert
 - ◆ Nov. 28 - Chicken strips, salad bar, dessert

- 6:45-7:45 PM**
- ◆ Pre-Confirmation (4th-5th grade) DCE Intern Carinna - youth room

- 7:00-8:00 PM**
- ◆ Choir Practice
 - ◆ Men’s Small Group continues
 - ◆ Youth Group (Jr/Sr High 6th-12th grade) DCE Suzanne-outside/gym
 - ◆ Lutheranism 101 - Pastor Burmeister - fellowship hall

**Craft Class
November 28 - 5:30**

This month’s class will be a Christmas wreath made out of jar lids. Class is limited to 12 participants. Cost of the class is \$8.00. Please note we will be meeting later in November. There will not be a December class.



He who is filled with love
is filled with God Himself. -- St. Augustine

“A single grateful thought toward heaven is the
most complete prayer.” -- Gotthold Lessing

Daily Bible Reading

Week 41

Monday - Nehemiah 11:1-13:31
Tuesday - Esther 1:1-2:23
Wednesday - Esther 3:1-4:17
Thursday - Esther 5:1-7:10
Friday - Esther 8:1-10:3
Saturday - Job 1:1-22

Week 42

Monday - Job 2:1-3:26
Tuesday - Job 4:1-5:27
Wednesday - Job 6:1-7:21
Thursday - Job 8:1-10:22
Friday - Job 11:1-12:25
Saturday - Job 13:1-14:22

Week 43

Monday - Job 15:1-17:16
Tuesday - Job 18:1-19:29
Wednesday - Job 20:1-21:34
Thursday - Job 22:1-24:25
Friday - Job 25:1-28:28
Saturday - Job 29:1-31:40

Week 44

Monday - Job 32:1-34:37
Tuesday - Job 35:1-37:24
Wednesday - Job 38:1-41:34
Thursday - Job 42:1-17
Friday - Psalm 1:1-6:10
Saturday - Psalm 7:1-11:7

Little Word, Big Difference

God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn’t mean you need to give thanks *for* everything. You don’t need to give thanks *for* that bad day. Or *for* that bad relationship. Or being passed over at work. Financial hardship. Whatever it is - you are not to give thanks *for* the difficulties but rather in the difficulties.

That is a very important distinction, and one I think we often miss. Giving thanks *in* everything shows a heart of faith that God is bigger than the difficulties and that he can use them, if you approach him with the right heart and spirit, for your good and his glory. -- Tony Evans



Snowed-in in “Sunny” Southern California
(by: Ken Eggers)

Yes, it does snow in parts of Southern California - at the higher elevations. Between the Pacific Ocean on the west and the Mojave Desert on the east, lie the San Bernardino Mountains. They attain altitudes up to 9,000 feet and often receive lots of snow.

One year, while I was still working, Mrs. Johnston, mother of our son Doug’s friend and fellow high school football player, called to see if Doug could join a group of teenagers she and her husband were taking to Running Springs in the San Bernardino Mountains. It was January and just for a weekend so the kids would not miss any school. The teenagers were all friends of the Johnston’s three children. The Johnstons had two vehicles so they transport the whole group. The trip was intended to let the kids play in the snow. Since my wife, Dot, and I knew the Johnstons well, and they had access to a friend’s cabin, we said yes.

Unfortunately, the day before this adventure was to start, Mr. Johnston was called to his place of work on an emergency basis and would be tied up for at least two weeks. Mrs. Johnston requested our help to fill in for Mr. Johnston because she knew the kids would be deeply disappointed if the trip was called off. So, we said okay.

We had no trouble getting to the cabin on Friday after school, even though the mountain had a foot of snow on the ground, the highway was clear. But as we went up the mountain, it started to snow. The higher we went, the harder it was snowing. We hurriedly unpacked at the cabin because the kids wanted to sleigh ride at a place slightly beyond Running Springs. The Johnston’s vehicle was a pickup truck, so with the kids in the bed of the truck, there was room for all of us in one vehicle.

The cabin where we were staying was a mile from Running Springs and at a higher elevation. The snow storm by this time had reached the blizzard stage. So, we turned around and tried to get back to the cabin. We tried every approach available but the closest we could get to the cabin was three blocks. We had to leave the truck on the side of the road and wade through the snow on foot to the cabin. We hoped the snowing would stop soon and we could return home on Sunday as planned.

No such luck! The wind stopped but not the snowing. It snowed hard the whole weekend and continued to snow hard the whole week.

It didn’t take long to realize we were snowed-in. The kids were delighted - no school and lots of snow to play in. The adults were not so thrilled.


From the kid’s battery-operated radios, we learned we were having a once-in-a-100-year snow storm. We also learned that with the amount of snow fall we were having, house roofs could cave in and vehicles left outside could have their tires blow out from the weight. Instead of playing in the snow, the football players and I were kept busy shoveling snow off the cabin roof and vehicles, finding wood for the fireplace and maintaining a snow trail from the cabin to the grocery store. We only brought enough food for the weekend. Starting on Monday, we had to

visit the grocery store every day. Do you know how much food a group of teenagers consume? Even the girls!

On Sunday, a week after we were scheduled to leave Running Springs, Mr. Johnston arrived with friends who had 4-wheel drive all-terrain vehicles to take us back home. Because of the unusual snow conditions, all vehicles going up the mountain had to be approved after inspection by the highway patrol and have a good reason - no playing in the snow this time. Fortunately, the vehicles and the reason for going up the mountain - our rescue - were approved. We had to leave the two vehicles, but they were rescued several weeks later.

In talking to some native Southern Californians, I learned that Running Springs was known for unusually high amounts of snow and rain - depending on the season. The reason for this is Running Springs’ location! My advice is don’t buy property in the Running Springs area.

Through TV weather reports, we learned that up to six feet of snow fell in parts of the San Bernardino Mountains and up to eight inches of rain fell between the ocean and the mountains while we were “playing in the snow”. A little unusual for “sunny” Southern California.



“God is Nigh”

The earliest official reference to using “Taps” at a military funeral is described in an 1891 manual. During the Civil War, a Union soldier “was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods.” Because it wasn’t safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, Captain John Tidball decided the sounding of “Taps” would be an appropriate substitute ceremony.

Previously, “Taps” signaled the end of a soldier’s work day, but it has since come to honor the end of his or her earthly life. Horace Trim’s lyrics remind us of God’s constant presence:

*Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.*

*Thanks and praise for our days
‘Neath the sun, ‘neath the stars, ‘neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.*

**Honor Flight:
8 Sunrise Rotary Members Make the Trip**

An anonymous donor made it possible for eight Tulsa area veterans to fly to D.C. to visit the National Vietnam War Memorial and other sites. One of the veterans traveling to D.C. was our very own Jim Blackburn. Take a moment to visit with him about this wonderful opportunity.

Vicarage News

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

It feels like someone just cranked up the intensity on vicarage. It seems there are more activities and more commitments than ever. The weeks fill up so quickly and calendars get booked far in advance. And I imagine it will get even busier once the Advent and Christmas season arrives! October was jam-packed for you, too. We were so excited to see the response from Commitment Sunday. Our family's prayers join with those offered at the prayer vigil to see the hearts of God's people overflow with generosity in response to 1) the Lord's abundant gifts, and 2) our mission as His people to grow His kingdom through the Gospel. We give not simply because the Lord has given us treasures, but because He has also given us purpose. By faith, we are called to make disciples. We are sent to propel the ministry of the Gospel forward in the name of our Savior. Fueled by His love, we are called to make an impact on our neighborhoods, on our city and on our own families for the sake of Jesus Christ. Let me encourage your continued prayers and financial support of the *For Generations to Come* campaign.

The ministry staff at CTR filled me in the day after Commitment Sunday. We were all together in Enid for the Oklahoma District churchworkers' conference. It was good to be with my CTR family, along with my new Holy Trinity family, as well as with other dear friends from across Oklahoma. When I was growing up, my DCE mom would always go away for churchworkers' conferences in Kansas, and this was my first chance to see one for myself. While I was away, Suzy babysat two boys who belong to the vicar who serves First Lutheran Church in Ada, OK who was also attending the conference. Taking two days away from Suzy and Graham wasn't easy, and neither was missing two days in the office; I had to preach the day before the conference and preach a new sermon the day after, so I was scribbling notes during every possible break. Things get even busier by the end of the month when I'm in charge of the Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day services. It's tradition here that the vicar preaches on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. They're also letting me preach on All Saints' Day, so I get a lot of the big festival services this year.

October was full and fun, too. We had a trunk-or-treat event at a nearby apartment complex. It's a lower-income complex where parents often work in the evenings, making it hard for the kids to get out to trick-or-treat. So we brought the candy to them, and invited families from the church to join in on the fun, too. Suzy found a great dragon costume for Graham at Goodwill. It came with a hat that he tolerated. Later in the month, Suzy participated in our Reformation Hymn Fest as part of the vocal choir. It was a fun way to celebrate.

Suzy and I seem to have passed our love of music onto Graham. He is a big fan of all things musical. He accompanies Suzy to choir rehearsals (since I'm teaching confirmation at that time) and he often goes up during practice and tries to play along with the pianist while she's playing. Our pianist is very patient with him. Graham also dances in circles when Mama is singing. At the moment, his favorite song is "Baby Shark" (which he requests

several times a day). He also likes flipping through the hymnal and choosing songs for Daddy to play on the piano at home (where he also dances.) Graham's other current favorite things include reading books, selecting greeting cards at the store, and splashing in puddles.

Our family hit the road a few times last month. Suzy and Graham went to Kansas late in the month for our nephew Sam's dedication at church. Our family also went to Kansas two weeks earlier for my cousin DJ's funeral. He had been battling leukemia at Mayo Clinic for several months and was only 29 years old. DJ's death was hard on his wife, his mom, and our entire family. Please pray for our extended family and for all those battling long-term health issues, including many members of our CTR family.

Suzy is busier than ever. She continues to work for the contract company that allows her to see speech therapy clients throughout the week, but she has added a ton of new responsibilities in the past month. She now travels to Yukon on Mondays where she covers a day of therapy for the students at Myers Elementary School. Additionally, she has begun screenings for kindergarten and 1st graders at Holy Trinity Lutheran School. My office doubles as her therapy space. She truly enjoys using her gifts to serve students, and she has more opportunities now than she knows what to do with. She also enjoys the times she gets to be home with Graham.

Something that might be interesting to learn about vicarage is how many assignments the Seminary still expects you to complete, even as you're away from campus. In a very real way, the ministry staff here at Holy Trinity has integrated me into part of the team. I shoulder as many weekly responsibilities as any other full-time ministry staff member. At the same time, I am still a full-time Seminary student. I still have books to read, papers to write, and financial aid obligations. (Believe it or not, vicarage students still have to pay tuition while they're away!) One of my recent projects that I was required to turn in for Seminary credit was a demographic analysis of my vicarage congregation and the surrounding community. They want students to answer the basic question: "does the church reflect the neighborhood it serves? If not, why not and what could it be doing better?" The analysis also asks for the vicar's introspection on ways he can help the congregation better reach the people in closest proximity to the church. I won't sugarcoat it: it is a challenge to keep up with all the obligations of Seminary *and* vicarage. I always feel like I'm missing out on meaningful real-life ministry experiences when I'm holed up in my office working on Seminary assignments, but I recognize that there must be valid and beneficial reasons for it to be structured this way. Plus, still having obligations for the Seminary still affords me that feeling of relief that comes every time you turn in an assignment and can mark one more thing off your list.

As we enter this month of Thanksgiving, please know how grateful our family is for your faithful support. We appreciate all the ways the love of Christ shows through your lives of faith.

With sincerest thanks,
Joshua

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Building committee update for November 2018


Fellow Redeemed,

Your building committee continues to work to prepare our congregation for what we hope to see come to fruition in the coming months: active construction on the new facilities that will support and energize our mission for generations to come. The encouraging work of the capital campaign is spilling over into our efforts to bring our common energy and hope to fruition, with the help of God.

We are working a series of meetings with W Design finalizing details on various design topics. With the input of staff and property committee liaisons, the architect is gathering details and preferences on interior and exterior finishes, lighting, equipment, furniture, etc. These little details will be key in achieving the various individual goals for space and operations set out in the feasibility study and other information gathering about our needs which has been completed in the past.

Our construction manager, Wes Freeman, has been meeting with our property committee as well to discuss key topics including HVAC, timelines and staging of the project, and other information sharing about ECC security and temporary facility needs.

As ever, we encourage interested members to review the plan materials at www.ctrtulsa.org/building and send any questions or feedback to buildingcommittee@ctrtulsa.org



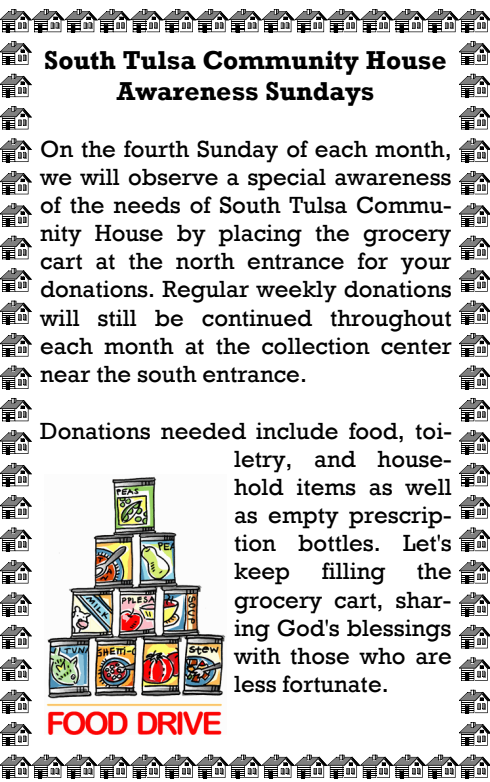
Altar Flowers

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

4:
4:
11: by John & Lori Meinders in celebration of Rachel's birthday
11:
18: by Norm & Bernie Zanter in celebration of their granddaughter, Sophie Losacco's birthday
18: by Roy & Wanda Radke in celebration of their anniversary
25:
25:






South Tulsa Community House Awareness Sundays

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we will observe a special awareness of the needs of South Tulsa Community House by placing the grocery cart at the north entrance for your donations. Regular weekly donations will still be continued throughout each month at the collection center near the south entrance.

Donations needed include food, toiletry, and household items as well as empty prescription bottles. Let's keep filling the grocery cart, sharing God's blessings with those who are less fortunate.



FOOD DRIVE

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 ctrtulsa.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.



Jacob Drengler
Music Director

In the coming months, we will be singing music from the Taizé Community in worship at CTR, as we seek to enrich our worship life together through the use of varied musical forms. Taizé is a small village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France. Since 1940, it has been the home of an ecumenical, international Christian community. Today, Taizé is visited by over 100,000 people annually, many of them young adults between the ages of 18 and 30. Visitors make this pilgrimage to engage in worship, prayer, Christian community, and communal works of service.

The music of Taizé is characterized principally by *ostinato* forms, that is, brief repeated musical refrains. They feature simple, unadorned language based on Biblical canticles and liturgical texts. The refrains are intended to be sung multiple times, often in conjunction with or in alternation with solo verses sung by a cantor or choir. The music was conceived in order to be a

vehicle for communal prayer, and its relative simplicity and clarity of form lends itself to active participation by the entire worshipping community. The straightforward setting of the texts and the simple beauty of the musical form allows for a deep level of attentiveness to the Biblical truths expressed in the texts. The repetition of the refrains, whether as an *ostinato* or in alternation with verses sung by a cantor, also makes these refrains eminently suitable for use during Holy Communion, as it is possible to join in the songs with confidence and joy at any time. Several of the more widely-used Taizé refrains, including; "Eat This Bread" (LSB 638), "Jesus, Remember Me" (LSB 767), and "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (LSB 780), are found in Lutheran Service Book, the hymnal which we use at Christ the Redeemer. In addition to these and other refrains found in LSB, we will have the opportunity to join together to sing other Taizé choruses in the months ahead. I pray that you will find this music to be a blessing in our worship lives together!



The LWML spent a morning loading up dozens of boxes from CTR and surrounding Lutheran churches for LWR.



OWLS gathering in October included a presentation from Karen Streeter, the executor of South Tulsa Community House.



Carol Fruehling and Lynne Kollock enjoy the craft class at CTR-U. We've all found that it's more about a fun evening getting to know one another than the craft itself. So, whether you're crafty or not, please join us. We have a great time.

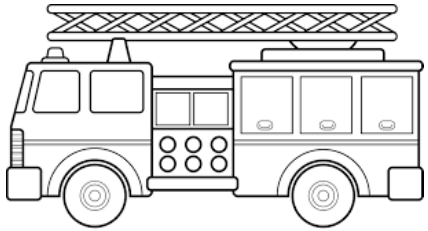
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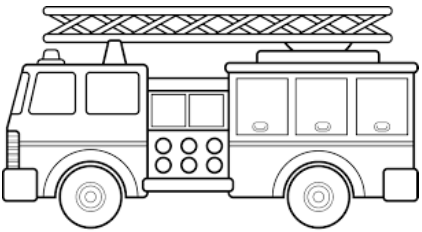
Help support ECC by shopping on Amazon Smile. Simply select Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church and .5% of your purchase will be given back to the ECC.



Fire Safety Week at ECC with visit from the fire department!!



Nikki Witt, Director





CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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DCE Intern Carinna Corbett

I can't thank everyone enough for helping with the fall festival. The only reason Fall Festival was so successful was the work of the members of CTR! From set up, to take down everyone came together and made this the best Fall Festival it could be! We had over 400 people attend so thanks be to God for the wonderful blessing to serve our community!



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!

Jr High Christmas Party Dec 16, 2018
Journey in January High School Retreat
Jan 18-20, 2019
CTR Jr High Retreat Feb 1-3, 2019
OK'D in Christ High School Gathering
March 29-30, 2019
Easter Breakfast Apr 21, 2019
National Youth Gathering

Support your favorite football team
& support our youth who are
heading to the National Youth
Gathering in Minneapolis in 2019!

P E N N Y W A R



Rules:

ADD POINTS

1 Penny = 1 Point
\$1 Bill = 100 points
\$5 Bill = 500 points
\$10 Bill = 1000 points

SUBTRACT POINTS

1 Nickel = -5 Points
1 Dime = -10 Points
1 Quarter = -25 points
1 Half Dollar = -50 points
\$1 coin = -100 points
Checks = -Check Amount



Extended
until
November 4!



Our Junior High Sunday School class is quickly
pacing through the Old Testament and having
some great small group conversations along the
way. We have a full house! If you haven't joined
us yet, we'd love to see you.



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING BUS FUNDRAISER

Orders accepted in 2 ways!
CTR youth will receive 40% of all sales!

Online (preferred)

1. Go to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com
2. Enter our Group # 999987324
3. Place your order!

All online orders will be shipped directly to you!
Online orders are accepted through January 9, 2019.



Catalog

1. Place an order at CTR with one of our youth by November 14.
2. Orders will be shipped to church by Christmas and must be picked up.

