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Join us for: Water Inflatables **Nine Square** Food and More!



THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING 6TH-8TH GRADE THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR PLUS THOSE WHO JUST FINISHED 8TH! SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX!



Fellow Redeemed,

The Sea of Galilee is actually an ancient, dormant volcano, that is fed by the waters coming down from Mt. Harmon. In this bowl, you can see a notch in the hill-side on the western edge. This notch has been cut out by the fierce winds that blow from the Mediterranean Sea across the plains and

then into this region. These winds can cause the Sea of Galilee to become amazingly treacherous, so that it becomes like a wash-

ing machine. These winds were present that day when Jesus and his disciples got into their boat to travel across the Sea of Galilee.

Luke 8:22-25, "One day he (Jesus) got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ("Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, and while they sailed

he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and water, and they obey him?"

Where is your faith? This is the question that Jesus asks the disciples. His guestion is not one that is regarding a lack of faith. but rather, where that faith is focused. The obvious answer to the

Pearls of Wisdom

"A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew." said Herb Caen. Though his tongue may have been planted firmly in his cheek, right next to said wisdom teeth, we do indeed learn from our mistakes — including the mistake of thinking we can handle more than we can, or that we know more than we do, or that we don't need anyone's help (including God's.)

As far back as Old Testament times, people collected "wisdom sayings" into books from which we can still learn. Foundational to the book of Proverbs, attributed to King Solomon, is this first nugget of wisdom: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (1:7)

May we cut the "wisdom teeth" of our lives not by foolishly overestimating ourselves but by following God.

question is their faith in focused on their own well-being, and on the winds and the waves. It's the same type of focused faith that the children of Israel had when they were confronted by the army of the Philistines, and their champion, Goliath. The children of Israel could only see the might and power of Goliath. David comes along with a completely different faith. David does not focus his faith on the might of the adversary. No, Instead, David focuses his faith on God. So too, the disciples are focusing their faith on the adversary; the wind and the waves. Jesus should have been their focus, because he himself reigns and rules over all adversaries, not the least of which are the storms of the world.

So it is, that with a simple Word of rebuke, Jesus calms the storm. The disciples are amazed and perplexed, and their faith is being challenged. Jesus requires their faith to turn away from the world and to Him alone. Any and every adversary in our world seeks our faith and our focus. Don't let them. Keep your faith and focus on Jesus. He has power and dominion over all of our adversaries, the greatest of which, He has conquered: Sin,

Death, and the power of the Devil. Our faith used to be in these things, but not any more. Our faith, which is the focus and wor-ship of our lives is in Jesus alone. May the calm that is created by God through His Son, Jesus Christ be yours forever more.



Are we there vet?



This age-old refrain of young travelers is followed by a second question: "How much longer?" How similar those queries are to the psalmist's oftrepeated cry, "How long, O LORD, how long?" (Psalm 6:3b, NIV).

Patience is an uncommon virtue these days. We're anxious to get where we're going or to get what we want. But think how much we miss while wishing we were elsewhere! In our rush to reach a destination, we fail to grasp lessons that can be learned only along the way. What blessings might you be overlooking in the hereand-now and the right-where-you-are?—Kari Myers

"Truly it seems that we are never so alive as when we concern ourselves with other people." —Harry Chapin

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Daily Bible Reading

Week 71 Monday - Micah 1:1-2:13 Tuesday - Micah 3:1-4:13 Wednesday - Micah 5:1-15 Thursday - Micah 6:1-16 Friday - Micah 7:1-20 Saturday - Nahum 1:1-3:19

Week 72

Monday - Habakkuk 1:1-2:20 Tuesday - Habakkuk 3:1-19 Wednesday - Zephaniah 1:1-2:15 Thursday - Zephaniah 3:1-20 Friday - Haggai 1:1-2:23 Saturday - Zechariah 1:1-2:13

Week 73

Monday - Zechariah 3:1-10 Tuesday - Zechariah: 4:1-14 Wednesday - Zechariah 5:1-11 Thursday - Zechariah 6:1-15 Friday - Zechariah 7:1-14 Saturday - Zechariah 8:1-23

Week 74

Monday - Zechariah 9:1-10:12 Tuesday - Zechariah 11:1-12:14 Wednesday - Zechariah 13:1-9 Thursday - Zechariah 14:1-21 Friday - Malachi 1:1-2:17 Saturday - Malachi 3:1-4:6

Monday - Matthew 26:1-27:66 Tuesday - Matthew 28:1-20 Wednesday - Mark 1:1-2:28 Thursday - Mark 3:1-4:41 Friday - Mark 5:1-6:56 Saturday - Mark 7:1-8:38

Monday - Mark 9:1-50 Tuesday - Mark 10:1-52 Friday - Mark 14:1-72

Independence Day Lessons For Church Life

 \star • Return to the basics — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israel- \star ites and, of course, Jesus.

★ • Honor the gift of freedom — "For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to

national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God's kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.

• Enjoy community — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special \star events.

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🖕 • Be light in the darkness — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel's unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power — as in, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God's power in us, we

share Jesus!

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Week 75

Monday - Matthew1:1-2:23 Tuesday - Matthew 3:1-4:25 Wednesday - Matthew 5:1-7:29 Thursday - Matthew 8:1-9:38 Friday - Matthew 10:1-11:30 Saturday - Matthew 12:1-13:58

Week 76

Monday - Matthew 14:1-15:39 Tuesday - Matthew 16:1-17:27 Wednesday - Matthew 18:1-19:30 Thursday - Matthew 20:1-21:46 Friday - Matthew 22:1-23:39 Saturday - Matthew 24:1-25:46

Week 77

Week 78

Wednesday - Mark 11:1-33 Thursday - Mark 12:1-13:37 Saturday - Mark 15:1-47

Week 79

Monday - Mark 16:1-20 Tuesday - Luke 1:1-80 Wednesday - Luke 2:1-3:38 Thursday - Luke 4:1-5:39 Friday - Luke 6:1-49 Saturday - Luke 7:1-8:56

Week 80

Monday - Luke 9:1-62 Tuesday - Luke 10:1-42 Wednesday - Luke 1:1-12:59 Thursday - Luke 13:1-35 Friday - Luke 14:1-35 Saturday - Luke 15:1-16:31

Week 81

Monday - Luke 17:1-18:43 Tuesday - Luke 19:1-20:47 Wednesday - Luke 21:1-22:71 Thursday - Luke 23:1-24:53 Friday - John 1:1-2:25 Saturday - John 3:1-36

Week 82

Monday - John 4:1-54 Tuesday - John 5:1-6:71 Wednesday - John 7:1-8:59 Thursday - John 9:1-10:42 Friday - John 11:1-12:50 Saturday - John 13:1-14:31

→ a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our



Cornerstone 15

This article is the first in a new

series which I am writing that

offers further information regard-

song.

The text of many spirituals may initially seem to be relatively

simple, but this deceptive simplicity takes on a whole new

meaning when viewed through the words of Frederick Douglass, who characterized spirituals in this way: "those sim-

ple and apparently incoherent songs" with "strong, long and

profound accents" that "breathed the prayers and complaint of

souls suffering the most cruel anguish. Each voice was a wit-

ness against slavery and a prayer that God would deliver us

from our chains. I often found myself in tears listening to them".

That witness, that hope for deliverance is captured in the final

stanza of "Give Me Jesus", as we find that faith finds its voice in

In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, In the

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

sing them together this sum-

morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, J

Dark midnight was my cry. Dark midnight was my cry. Dark mid-

night was my cry, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day, just about the break of day, just about

the break of day, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

Oh, and when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I

come to die, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, You

And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, and when I

want to sing, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, You 4

I heartily recommend visiting YouTube and listening to the

recording of "Give Me Jesus," arranged by Larry Fleming and

sung by the National Lutheran Choir. I pray that you will find 🗸

meaning and hope in the words of this hymn as we hear and



gregational hymn.

ing several of the newer hymns that will be sung by the congregation during the coming months. I often find that hymnsinging is more meaningful when the singer has a sense of the context in which the hymn text and/ or music was written. The first hymn in this series is the African American spiritual "Give Me Je-**Jacob Drengler** sus." We will hear and sing this hymn several times over the

Music Director course of the summer, both as a solo vocal piece and as a con-

First, a word about spirituals. The hymns which comprise Lutheran Service Book, the hymnal which we use at CTR, come from a variety of backgrounds and traditions. The African American spiritual tradition, which includes other hymns found in LSB such as "Were You There," "Go Tell it on the Mountain," and "There is a Balm in Gilead," is among the richest of these traditions, and is certainly the most challenging to grapple with Intellectually and spiritually. One of the challenging things to acknowledge when singing spirituals is that many of them orig-**D** inated out of the trials and suffering of those living in slavery. 🖞 With that in mind, we do well to not approach them lightly; rather, we acknowledge and respect the rich spiritual and musical heritage which gave birth to these songs of the faith. In his book Let the People Sing, Lutheran organist and composer David Cherwien described these songs as "one of the greatest gifts to the Church in the last 100+ years."

Eileen Guenther, in her book, In Their Own Words: Slave Life and the Power of Spirituals, writes, "Spirituals affirm a complete trust in God to make right in the next world what was done wrong in this world." This trust and confidence are expressed beautifully in the second stanza of "Give Me Jesus": Dark midnight was my cry. Dark midnight was my cry. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

The words of this stanza call to mind the cries of the Psalmist in **D** Psalm 130: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my **Q** voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

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Jacob Drengler,

Music Director

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Bible Quiz At the burning bush, Moses asks God's name. What is God's answer? A. The Lord B. I AM C. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob D. All of the above

Answer: D (See Exodus 3:14-15.)

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schooler tried to imitate him by using a tape measure. When she couldn't quite reach the distance she wanted to measure between herself and an object, she moved the object closer to her!

No matter how much we try to finagle God's rules, his standard of holiness won't be moved. As sinful beings, we can't reach that standard on our own. We're stuck without Jesus' grace. Thank God that he helps us measure up!

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Congratulations and God's richest blessings to all of our couples as they



celebrate their wedding anniversary!

John & Lisa Baumann	June 1	28 yrs
Tom & Nancy Kirby	June 2	46 yrs
Tyler & Amber Kollock	June 2	7 yrs
Josh & Kim Davis	June 3	13 yrs
Jordan & Mrythe Flasch	June 4	l yr
Nathanael & Lindsay Rake	June 4	3 yrs
Dale & Cheryl Davison	June 5	48 yrs
Jim & Teri King	June 6	21 yrs
Gordon & Jerrie Shaiebly	June 6	44 yrs
Jerrod & Brandi Johnson	June 8	12 yrs
Justin & Carri Cline	June 9	18 yrs
John & Sally Neas	June 10	53 yrs
Al & Geneva Teegarden	June 12	19 yrs
Cameron & Darbi Newman	June 14	22 yrs
Patti & Bill Ross	June 14	45 yrs
Jon & Sherry Weaver	June 19	26 yrs
Dale & Cyndy Malwick	June 21	22 yrs
Jonathon & Ashley Huff	June 23	l yr
Dick & Linda Hamilton	June 26	48 yrs
John & Sharon Campbell	June 27	27 yrs
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Shaun & Melissa James	July 3	15 yrs
Norm & Bernie Zanter	July 3	54 yrs
Greg & Connie Schadel	July 7	29 yrs
Bob & Gayle Wagner	July 7	12 yrs
John & Norma Muller	July 8	18 yrs
Rob & Carmen Koch	July 11	32 yrs
Floyd & Angela Lemons	July 16	25 yrs
Bob & Marilyn Rains	July 17	26 yrs
Joshua & Suzy Brakhage	July 18	4 yrs
Larry & Lisa Bellmard	July 20	23 yrs
Harold & Colene France	July 24	54 yrs
Tim & Kayla Kuehnert	July 24	20 yrs
Roger & Nancy Witte	July 26	55 yrs
Ryan & Melanie McVey	July 29	13 yrs
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BUNKO will be on June 11 at the church with hostess, Corene Cline, at 7:00. Look for the July 9 details in the bulletins.

OWLS will meet on June 27 at 11:30 at Incredible Pizza for lunch. The program will feature an informational seminar by

Floral Haven. They will meet on July 25 at Incredible Pizza and the program will feature Sandra Stratton, Administrator for the Voice of the Martyrs. There are signup sheets for these events.



O: "How many balls of string would it take to reach the moon?" A: "Only one if it were long enough."

A man rushed into a drug store and asked a pharmacist for something to stop hiccups. The druggist poured a glass of water and threw it into the man's face.

"Why did you do that?" the man exploded angrily.

"Well, you don't have the hiccups now, do vou?"

"No!" shouted the customer. "But my wife out in the car still has!"

Faithful Measures

For the Month of April	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		
Total Worship Attendance	1547	1125		
Weekly Average	309	281		
SS/Bible Class Attendance	421	328		
Weekly Average	84	82		
April Giving	\$85,451	\$74,830		
Monthly Budget	\$81,533	\$63,800		
Year to Date Giving	\$271,970	\$288,236		
Year to Date Budget	\$277,212	\$271,150		
YTD Expenses	\$264,498	\$253,674		
Building Fund Contribution:				
April receipts-\$49,323				
Balance-\$1,046,658				

Sunday School Offering **Hmong Ministry**

The offering for this guarter will go to the Hmong Ministry. Supporting this ministry will help them as they look toward the funds for a rental property.

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

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A New Life Given!

We had the first baptism of our ministry here in the Czech Republic. It came on the Second Sunday of Easter, which is also known as "Quasimodo Geniti," which means, "Like newborn infants." The child, the son of a Czech father and of a Finnish



mother, received new birth through the divine washing of Holy Baptism. It was a great way to celebrate this big feast!

Trip to Poděbrady

The Czech and English speaking congregations of St. Michael's recently went on a fellowship outing to the spa city of Poděbrady. It was beautiful just getting there, see-



ing the flowering countryside. It was even more beautiful on our arrival in this flowerfilled town, including various springs whose waters are purported to be healthful.

Trip to Wittenberg, Germany

On May 13-15, confessional Lutherans from all over Europe will be gathering for a conference on the parts of our confessions that condemn false teachings. The presentations will deal with the place of such statements in our world today. Is it enough to say "This is what I believe," without saying "This is what I reject?" Our whole team in the Czech Republic will be there, as well as people from other European Lutheran ministries. Please pray for the travel of the participants and for the success of this conference.

Trip to Frankfurt. Germany

In the USA, pastors are supposed to meet monthly with their colleagues in order to further their understanding of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, to gather for the Sacrament, and to offer casuistry (brotherly support and feedback). As the pastor of St. Michael's in Prague, I need to be receiving such help as well as offering it. So, in May, I will begin traveling to participate in those meetings in Frankfurt, Germany. God bless the meetings and the fruit of them!

One Last Thing ...

Among the many Czech traditions that are a part of Velikonoce, Czech Easter eggs were a hit with us, especially





Suzanne. Czech artisans painstakingly blow out the eggs of their contents and then either paint the whole egg or carve decorative holes in them before painting them. They bring a brightness to our home!









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At the OWLS May program CTR member, Marty Weber, gave a presentation on the "old FBI". Marty spoke about his 30 years in various assignments. In attendance were retired federal and local law enforcement officers who worked with Marty.







the word 'school' out of it?"

It was wonderful to celebrate these 4 young people who confirmed their faith in Christ on May 5, 2019. Ella Mabrey, Liam Bellmard, Emma Lou Orvis, and Conner Cline also received their First Holy Communion. What a blessing they

each are to our faith family!











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UNUSUAL EVENTS **ENCOUNTERED WHILE CAMPING** by Ken Eggers

Before I retired, my wife, Dot, and I often camped in our RV at Sycamore Canyon. This is a campground north of Malibu, California, with access to the beach and the Santa Monica Mountains State Park. In spring and fall, we could view the whales migratters.

While camping in Colorado, we were ing either north to the Bering Sea or south to the Mexican wagoing to another campground. The most direct way was the highway that goes through Ouray. Since we had The first unusual event involved Frank Shorter - he was a chamgone that route a number of times and pion marathon runner. We had our RV set up in our favorite had thoroughly toured Ouray, includlocation - an abandoned gravel road that used to be the ening the water fall, I wanted to go a diftrance to the Santa Monica Mountains State Park. Occasionally ferent way. The map of Colorado in the early morning, we could hear energetic people trotting showed a state highway 50 or 60 miles by on the gravel road for their morning exercise. We would west of Ouray that paralleled the Ouray highway. stay in bed and try to ignore the energetic ones. But this one morning, the sound of a number of people just walking by was unusual. I poked my head out the door and asked, "what's go-



We had gone just 10 or 15 miles on the state highway when we came to a screeching halt. There in front of us was a fellow on a ing on"? A lady replied "brace yourself, spirited stallion that wanted to race instead of doing the slow there's more than 10,000 of us. It's the LA Marathon and we're here to see Frank Shortpace the rider wanted because he was leading a huge flock of sheep. The pace he was setting required the sheep to move at a er win another race". Unfortunately, he didslow trot. He not only controlled his eager to run the horse with n't win. But, all 10,000 spectators including a one hand, in the other hand he was holding a squirming lamb downcast Frank Shorter, trooped past our that could not keep pace with the flock. RV for a second time on their way home.

The flock was heading west, looking to the east we could not In the same campsite, we often saw military helicopters flying see the end of the flock. Along the flank were shepherds and around just over a steep hill nearby. We didn't really give them their dogs to keep the stragglers and runaways in line. much thought since there are a number of military installations in the area.

My wife and I had gotten out of our RV to watch this once-in-alife-time event when a car with a Colorado license pulled up Years later, when the TV program was no longer aired, and the behind us. He waited a few minutes then drove around us forccast was having a reunion that was being televised, we learned ing the sheep to move aside. This was not something the sheep that just over that steep hill from our campsite is where they were used to, so they started milling around instead of heading filmed M.A.S.H. west. The car kept moving ahead pushing sheep aside when a ewe fell and was run over by the car. Just then, a lady appeared and in no uncertain terms told him he would be severely fined. The guy in the car just kept pushing sheep out of the way until he was clear

One other out of the ordinary event comes to mind. After I retired, Dot and I toured the lower 48 in our RV. We were on our way to Mount Rushmore but decided to see the Teddy Roosevelt National Park first. From there we headed for Rapid City, South Dakota, where we had reservations at the KOA campground. I provided the lady with the license number and a description of On the way to Rapid City, we had to go through the town of Sturthe car. She thanked me for the information and asked if I had a gis. Unbeknownst to us, Sturgis is where some 100,000 motorshort piece of rope. I said yes. She bound the runover ewe's cyclists gather each year. legs together so she would not try to get up on her feet and hurt herself more. The lady said her husband would come back lat-Between Sturgis and Rapid City, I think we encountered all er to pick up the ewe.

100,000. They were well behaved and those in our campground had RV's much more expensive than ours, but it was vroom, vroom, vroom most of the night.

We had seen a number of flocks in Southern California numbering 4 to 5,000, however, the number in that Colorado flock had to be over 100,000. It took an hour or more for them to all cross By the way, Mount Rushmore is certainly a national treasure. the highway. What a sight!

Well, what do you know? I just thought of two more unusual events. While camping in Utah, I noticed a fire tower location on the map I had of the area. Fire towers are always at the highest point in the area with a 360-degree view. I figured we could hike there for lunch, look at the view and take some pictures.

Never in a hundred years would I expect to happen what happened 20 or 30 feet from the tower. All of a sudden, my wife, Dot, and I were engulfed, and our bodies completely covered with lady bugs. We were right in the middle of a lady bug hatch. I had heard that some insects are hatched all at the same time, but we had never been part of one. Thankfully, it wasn't fire ants.



Wicarada News

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

We made it to summer! Congratulations to everyone celebrating graduations: both the students, and the teachers and family that helped propel them to graduation. Congratulations to everyone celebrating birthdays: both those turning a year older, and the rest of us who are just excited you were born. Congratulations to those celebrating weddings: both the hearts united in marriage, and those of us who thank God for what He's doing in your life. There are so many things to celebrate during the summer months: ball games, time off, vacations, special holidays, VBS. Summer shuffles our routines and asks us to look at our schedules differently. As summer asks us all to become more flexible, maybe this summer will turn out to be the best time for you or your family to start something new. What about gathering once a

week - whatever night (or morning) works best - and reading God's story. Try starting with Luke, and then discuss what you've heard (and maybe noticed for the first time.) What about instead of saying "Come, Lord Jesus" at supper, you go around the table and ask each person what the family should pray for that night? Take a vacation from the routine and discover something new! What summer spiritual adventure is waiting for your family?

Time to

As I'm writing this, I just returned from a churchworkers' meeting with other pastors and DCEs around Oklahoma City. Among the things we discussed was the faith life we have at home. Research and real life both say the same thing: the biggest factor in a Christian's long-term faith commitment is their family. This is especially true of kids who are still at home, but this continues throughout your life. Parents can still encourage their adult children to join them for worship (and bring the grandkids, too!). Children can still make the effort to bring their aging parents to church so they can remain connected with a Christian community. But living a life of faith at home means more than keeping busy on Sunday morning. One hour of worship is just 0.6% of your week. Not 60%. Not 6%. Just over half of 1%. How are you committed to growing in Christ the rest of your week?

If you're a parent, ask yourself this question: do I feel equipped to lead a Bible study or family devotions at home? If the answer is yes, your next step is obvious. If no, then try to decide how you'd go about getting there. Would you feel more comfortable leading a Bible study if you spent more time in Bible study yourself? Would you need a church staff member to point you to resources appropriate for the ages in your home? Or would it be better if someone just showed you how to do it? This summer, what if you sought out the resources or the mentor you need to Joshua be a spiritual shepherd for the flock God has given you?

Whew. That's quite the preamble before we get to our usual updates. Our family has had plenty of exciting moments in the past month. We loved celebrating Mother's Day with our Holy Trinity family and with Suzy's mum, Gail, who visited that weekend. Later that week, Graham turned and had a music-themed birthday party, because more than anything else, our little toddler

loves music. He loves to go to "twire" (choir) and listen to "Mama sing." He often requests some of his favorite songs: "Star" (Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.) "Shark" (Baby Shark), and "Fwee!" (the contemporary worship song, Death Was Arrested.) Graham also jams with whatever instruments he can find. He'll turn a salad dressing bottle into a trumpet or a pepper shaker into a maraca. Our church's Director of Parish Music is a celebrity in Graham's eyes because Stephen can play the "orden" (organ) and "pedals." Our little guy owns a toy flute, drum, a xylophone, and a couple of plastic quitars from the dollar store. For his birthday, we got him a real (kid-sized) guitar. His older cousin has one, and Graham has always wanted one of his own. I don't know whether two is too young for lessons; maybe he'll play by ear like Daddy.

The new vicar will arrive in Edmond next month. Suzy has been helping their family look for housing options. She will go to open houses, snap photos, and send the pics back to them in St. Louis. Holy Trinity will be blessed to receive Matt Lorenz, and his wife, Shannon, in July. Future-vicar Matt and I will overlap in Edmond for a month, while I get the blessing of orienting him to vicarage and introducing him to the congregation. Matt and I have served together before. We shared the same fieldwork congregation in St. Louis; Matt was my sub for junior high Bible class and we both led worship together. Very few of the available vicarages allow two students to overlap like this, and I imagine very few vicars know their replacement as well as I've gotten to know Matt. He's a great guy and I'm excited for Holy Trinity to meet him.

After introducing the Lorenzes to Edmond, we'll rejoin our Seminary community in St. Louis. By the grace of God - and the hard work of the Seminary's housing director - we have learned that we will be moving back into the Seminary's on-campus apartments this fall. Space was apparently in high demand. Our application was initially waitlisted, along with 13 other families, but gratefully, they found space for us. We were overjoyed to know that we will be returning to campus. There are so many advantages to living on campus: newer buildings, off-street parking, affordable rent, and zero commute. Best of all, it means we can walk out our door any time and see friends and other families going through this same crazy Seminary journey alongside us. It gives Sem wives a built-in community and gives kids automatic playmates. It also allows Seminarians to bond over things other than class assignments, and that's important. We will share a new address as soon as we get it. But we will remain in Oklahoma through July 31. Please feel free to continue to reach us at our Edmond address until then.

There's more news on the horizon for us than I'm able to share here, so I'm excited to write to you again in July when my vicarage concludes. Blessings on your summer adventures; we're praying that they take you even closer to your loving Savior!

With anticipation,

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Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, June-July 2019

Summer Sunday School Teachers are still needed!

We are looking for Summer Sunday School Teachers for June 9th-August 18th. Lessons and supplies will be prepared for you. Contact DCE Intern Carinna to sign up or ask questions at families@ctrtulsa.org We would love to have you join us even if only for a week!



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 E flowers. Simply drop your \$50 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.

Tune

2: by Josh & Kim Davis in celebration of their anniversarv

9: by Ellen Mabrey in loving memory of her mother, Sylvia Purves

9: by the LWML in thanks and appreciation to Patti Ross for her tenure as president of the National LWML

16: by Kathi Lohse in remembrance of Art

23: by Ed & Diane Fager in celebration of Matt & Donna's wedding

23: by Mary Ann Meckfessel in memory of Charles 30:

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21: by Harold & Colene France in celebration of their 54th anniversary

21: by Roger & Nancy Witte in celebration of their 56th anniversary

28: by Mary Ann Meckfessel in memory of her father, Ed Fleske

28: by Jon & Sherry Weaver in celebration of Jennifer's 18th birthday

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Article VI: Of New Obedience

1] Also they teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruits, and that it is necessary to do good works commanded by God, because of God's will, but that we should not rely on those works to merit justification 2] before God. For remission of sins and justification is apprehended by faith, as also the voice of Christ attests: When ye shall have done all these things, say: We are unprofitable servants. Luke 17: 10. The same is also taught by 3] the Fathers. For Ambrose says: It is ordained of God that he who believes in Christ is saved, freely receiving remission of sins, without works, by faith alone.

Article VII: Of the Church

1] Also they teach that one holy Church is to continue forever. The Church is the congregation of saints, in which the Gospel is rightly taught and the Sacraments are rightly administered. 2] And to the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and 3] the administration of the Sacraments. Nor is it necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies, instituted by men, should be everywhere alike. 4] As Paul says: One faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, etc. Ephesians 4:5-6



Eva Campbell will graduate from Bishop Kelley High School. While at Bishop Kelley, Eva was a cheer-leader. She will attend the Univer-MEET OUR GRADUATES sity of Arkansas to study Interna-tional Business.

Jaxon Witt will be attending the University of Alabama next fall. He is currently a senior at Jenks High School. He has been on the tennis team and the academic bowl at Jenks. He will be a distinquished graduate and earned an academic scholarship at Alabama.

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CTR'S DCE INTERN CARINNA GRADUATED

She has been called to Concordia Lutheran School in Machesny Park, Illinois and will teach 4th and 5th graders.











Mark your Calendars

June 1: Summer Fun Day. Families are invited to join us for a water fun day at CTR 12:00-3:00. Hot dogs and snow cones will be provided as well as water inflatables! All ages are encouraged to sign up!

June 10-14: VBS Children are invited to join us 9:00-12:00 as we explore how to Power Up through God's Word.

July 21: Junior High Pool Party. Students who will be entering sixth-eighth grade are invited to a pool party at the Kuehnert House from 2:00-4:00!

August 24: Connect Night. More information coming soon.



Wanted: Summer Sunday School Teachers!



Teachers will have lessons and supplies prepared for them. We need volunteers to teach our wonderful kids June 9th -August 18th. Contact DCE Intern Carinna at families@ctrtulsa.org if you are interested in helping, even for just one week.



CHRIST THE REDEEMER **YOUTH MINISTRY** Jr. High (6-8th grader;) \$r. High (9-12th graders)

http://www.ctrtulsa.org/youth-5-12-grade/

DCE Suzanne Watt

VBS WORK WEEK is June 3-7. There will be items needed to be done daily such as sorting and painting. Please talk to DCE Suzanne about which days/times you can volunteer. Do not show up without RSVP'ing and confirming with DCE Suzanne.

Planned work times:

Tuesday, June 4 from 9 AM-12 PM Wednesday, June 5 from 10 AM-3 PM Thursday, June 6 form 10 AM–3 PM

VBS VOLUNTEERS Sign up online through the CTR Volunteer Google Form for a spot. We have

lots of positions available for vouth who have completed 6th-12th grades. Assist with



a group, games, missions, snacks or crafts. High school and college students may be group leaders.



SAVE THE DATE:

September 26-28 CLASS Student Leadership Experience @ Concordia- Nebraska

October 4-6 JOY Jr High Gathering @ Camp Lutherhoma November 22-24 Fall Force @ Camp Lutherhoma



you will receive power when the Holy Spirit ha come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusam and in all ludea and Samaria. and to the end of the

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to help us raise funds for the 17 youth and 5 adults attending the



National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis this summer. Thanks to all of you EVERY envelope has been "adopted." We are so thankful for the support of the CTR congregation!



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING:

- Sunday June 2 at 5:30 PM Dinner will be served so please RSVP to DCE Suzanne We will be discussing:
- Transportation Info Review
- Signing Waivers
- Signing Covenants
- ٠ Introductory Gathering Bible Study
- More trip details...
- A parent must attend with each youth.

