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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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*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

OCTOBER 6, 2019

STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY



Our 2019 Stewardship Sunday will be on October 6.
Pledge cards will be available at both services.

ACTIVITIES FOR
ALL AGES

*Fall
Festival*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
4:30-6:30 PM

BINGO | GAMES | FOOD

BALLOONMAN NEIL, FACE PAINTING,
PUMPKIN DECORATING & MORE!



Fall always reminds me of when I was a kid in Markgroeningen, Germany. I loved going to the Schaferlauf (Shepherds Run). It was a huge local festival where young men and women would compete for the title of King and Queen by racing, barefoot, over newly harvested wheat stalks. The festival would last over a weekend and shepherds from all over would bring their flocks into town for contests, etc. The beer tent was the center of the festival for the adults, while we children loved the carnival rides. The sweet smell of Gluehwein (a combination of water, sugar, cinnamon, cloves and wine that is heated up) filled the air. October in Germany always meant Oktoberfest! The German culture loves fall. Fall is also a time when we, as Lutherans, celebrate the reformation. We celebrate all that Martin Luther did to bring the Word of God to the masses.

Listen to the struggle of the man, Luther, as he defends his actions in 1531, "I, Doctor Martin, was called and compelled to become a doctor out of pure obedience, without my will. So I had to assume the office of teacher (*das Doctoramt*) and swear and promise my most beloved Holy Scripture that I would preach and teach it faithfully and purely. In the course of this teaching the papacy blocked my way and wanted to keep me from doing so. But it fared as you may see, and it will fare increasingly worse and will not be able to defend itself against me. In the name and at the call of God I will "tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon [I will] trample under feet" (Psalm 91:13). And this shall be begun during my life and completed after my death. St. John Huss prophesied of me when he wrote from his prison in Bohemia: They will now roast a goose (for Huss means a goose), but after a hundred years they will hear a swan sing; him they will have to tolerate. And so it shall continue, if it please God."



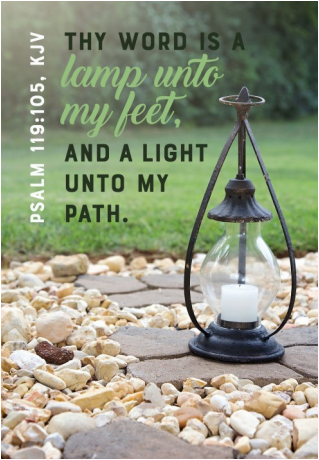
Mend Open House
October 6 — 2:00-5:00 pm

Everyone is invited to see the Medical Clinic and Education Center and hear how God is working through Mend to impact women, unborn babies and families.

6216 S Lewis Avenue
918-745-6000

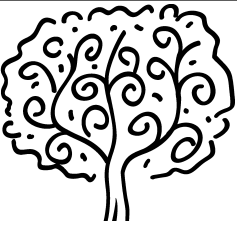
Fall is a time for us to remember the harvest, as it is brought in from the fields. It is a time to reflect on the fact, and celebrate the provisions that God has provided for us. Think of Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." God's Word guides us and sustains us from day to day, just like the harvest from the fields. So, the Reformation is a celebration of God's Word.

What will it take to get us back to God's Word? It will take the same fortitude that Martin Luther had, when he stood solidly on God's Word and preached it and taught it in truth and purity. Neglect of Sunday worship, neglect of Sunday School and neglect of the study of God's Word all lead us away from the basic principles of the Reformation. It is time for us to repent and to turn back to God's Word. It is there that we will find God's love for us through Jesus Christ. This Gospel affected Martin Luther in such a profound way, that he was willing to give his life for it. God loves you. He has a will for you and for your life. His will is perfectly understood in His Word. So, as we celebrate the Reformation, let us do it with a renewed zeal and hunger for God's Word. Let the celebration begin! Amen!



Just Plant It

As the church year wraps up, many Bible readings address the end times and Jesus' return at an unknown date (unknown to all but God the Father, that is). Specific beliefs about the Second Coming vary throughout Christendom, but our attitude about that momentous event affects how we live right now.



"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces," Martin Luther reportedly said, "I would still plant my apple tree." Instead of constantly despairing about this broken-down world, we can remain determined to serve God and our neighbors, planting seeds of life and hope in the process.

Confession

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Article XII: Of Repentance

1]Of Repentance they teach that for those who have fallen after Baptism there is remission of sins whenever they are converted 2] and that the Church ought to impart absolution to those thus returning to repentance. Now, repentance consists properly of these 3] two parts: One is contrition, that is 4] terrors smiting the conscience through the knowledge of sin; the other is faith, which is born of 5] the Gospel, or of absolution, and believes that for Christ's sake, sins are forgiven, comforts 6] the conscience, and delivers it from terrors. Then good works are bound to follow, which are the fruits of repentance.

7] They condemn the Anabaptists, who deny that those once justified can lose the Holy Ghost. Also those who contend that some may attain to such 8] perfection in this life that they cannot sin.

9] The Novatians also are condemned, who would not absolve such as had fallen after Baptism, though they returned to repentance.

10] They also rejected who do not teach that remission of sins comes through faith but command us to merit grace through satisfactions of our own.

JOKES

Why can't a bicycle stand up by it's self? Because it's too tired.

How did the hammer do on the test? He nailed it.

Why did the orange stop rolling? It ran out of juice.

How did the barber win the race? He knew the short cut.

What flower gets tan a lot? Sunflower.

What game does the cat like to play with the mouse? Catch.

How did the broom manage to get a great girl friend? He swept her off her feet.

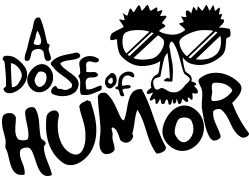
What flies around all day but never gets anywhere? A flag.

What is the difference between a teacher and a train? One says spit it out and the other says chew chew.

Why did the rooster get a tattoo? He wanted to impress the chicks.

What did one penny say to the other penny? We make perfect cents.

What kind of shoes do spies wear? Sneakers.



Areas of Expertise

Domestic violence (Services for victims, offenders, effects of domestic violence on children)
Sexual assault (Services for victims) - Teen dating violence
Adult victims of sex trafficking - Stalking (Services for victims)
Protective orders - Safety planning -
Advocacy for rape exams - Legal services
Safe use of technology (texting, computer use, online dating)
Court advocacy - Healthy relationships
Education for pre-teens, teens and adults
Creek County services (counseling for victims, perpetrators, children and court advocacy)



A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure.
--Henry Kissinger

Beyond the Building

The Christian does not go to the temple to worship.
The Christian takes the temple with him or her.
Jesus lifts us beyond the building and pays the human body the highest compliment by making it his dwelling place, the place where he meets with us.
--Ravi Zacharias



Sunday school offerings this quarter are designated for Tulsa's Domestic Violence Intervention Service (DVIS). The month of October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As we approach the holiday season and the stresses many feel during that time, the need for knowing what is available to help is our responsibility. As we join Jesus in His mission in our neighborhood, we will encounter people in our families, schools, volunteer agencies, and public forums who are struggling with issues such as domestic violence, stalking, teen dating violence, and things we may not know much about. DVIS has much information, education, and help for us and for those we want to help. Learn as much as you can by going to their website: www.dvis.org.

About DVIS:

Domestic Violence Intervention Services (DVIS), a Tulsa Area United Way partner agency, is the only nonprofit agency in Tulsa, and the surrounding communities providing comprehensive intervention and prevention services to men, women and children affected by domestic violence. The DVIS mission is to rebuild lives affected by domestic violence and sexual assault through advocacy, shelter, counseling, and education. DVIS offers a 24-hour information and crisis line 918.7HELP.ME (918.743.5763), hospital support to victims of sexual assault, counseling, transitional living, emergency shelter services, legal services, and numerous outreach and community education initiatives.

Please note: Because of the confidential nature of our organization, the location of DVIS' shelter and transitional living apartments are confidential.

HARVEST HOUSE

"HELP IN YOUR TIME OF NEED"

October Harvest House Clothing Drive

Outreach focus for this October is Harvest House. Most of you know Harvest House as the recipient of our clothing donations twice a year. There is much more to this organization and there are opportunities for you to volunteer to help!

The clothing drive is important as Harvest House (HH) is the only clothing bank in the southern part of Tulsa and has a large clientele from the rural areas. They especially need women's large size clothing. Nothing goes to waste. Nicer clothing many times will be given to Dress for Success, unusable clothing goes to John 3:16 or other local agencies. Clothing is racked by season, style, color, and size. Three outfits of clothes can be chosen for each person in the home. Outcomes from 2018 show 29,613 items of clothing given out.

"A hand up, not a handout" is an overused expression but that is the goal of the aid given by HH. Empowering the poor to become self-sufficient is what they try to achieve in the lives of their guests every day by helping them break barriers and have tools and opportunities they need to become independent and able to meet their own basic needs.

- 1996 Harvest House began with one volunteer, a folding table, a telephone, 2 bags of groceries and a stack of clothing.
- 2008 Harvest House became its own independent 501 (c)(3)
- Three food programs: Food for Families, Sack Lunch Program, and Emergency Bag Program
- Infant care services such as diapers, baby food, blankets, socks, sleepers, shoes
- Vision Care provides prescription glasses for 211 people
- Utilities assistance
- Job referrals
- 4956 households served in 2018

Marlene Cunningham, Executive Director of Harvest House says, "These numbers represent many people whose lives have been changed not with just a hand out, but a hand up. People who were looking for a job were helped with our many job resources, families whose lights were just about ready to be turned off were able to continue working and cooking inside their home with electricity, some who needed to read an application were able to now that they received glasses through our vision program. There are so many more untold stories of people being helped through Harvest House that it would take a book if we knew of them all.

2019 brings its own set of problems and challenges but with awesome partners we expect to meet the needs presented and empower more of the poor in Northeast Oklahoma. Thank you!"

Clothing may be brought in bags provided at our Harvest House display board. Thanks to Cheryl Davison for assembling this informational display and fielding any questions you may have. Please only bring your bags on Sun-



day October 13th or 20th so that we don't get in trouble with the fire marshal!

Watch for more information and stories in the upcoming bulletins and on our CTR Facebook page.

Outreach Ministry

Roy's Story

A Harvest House Client – by Marlene Cunningham

"I won't be back to Harvest House again ..." These were the last words we heard Roy say as he walked out of the Harvest House lobby one August afternoon.

Roy was a first time visitor to HH late in 2017. He was living in his car with his girlfriend when we first met them; they appeared dirty, hungry, and hopeless. They came in telling us they were hungry and we gave them two sack lunches, but they also learned more about HH and our eight programs. The next time we saw them they must have found a place to live and prepare food, because they asked for an emergency bag of food. Their third visit came with an appointment on a Wednesday where they received a seven day supply of groceries, three outfits each of nice clothing and shoes, some cookware, some help-wanted listings, and a gas card for transportation to a job interview.

Over the ensuing months they visited HH a total of three or four more times. Each time they learned more about all the wonderful agencies in Tulsa and the many programs available to assist them with their other needs, and each time they were given fresh job sheets on positions available in the local job market. While discussing job opportunities with our interviewer, Roy mentioned the difficulties he was experiencing completing job applications. It soon became apparent that Roy needed prescription eyeglasses. So we gave him a voucher to see a local optometrist and when the prescription came back we ordered new eyewear with the frames of his selection to be mailed to his new residence, all at no cost to him.

It was a hot day in August the last time we saw Roy and his lady, when they came by asking only for some emergency food; this time Roy had a huge smile on his face. He said this was his last visit to HH, that we would not see him again because he just started a new job and his first payday was the very next day. He expressed his gratitude for the assistance HH had given them, that he did not know what they would have done without our help and support, but he believed they would not need our help again -- and they walked out the door happy and excited about their future.

Would you like to help at Harvest House?

There are opportunities to serve available to volunteers. HH is open on Wednesdays. They could use help on Wednesdays and on other days sorting clothing, and working in the other areas. It would be best to contact them directly.

Please contact: Phil Cunningham, Director of Development at: phil@tulsaharvesthouse.org or call him at 918-361-1003. Harvest House is located west of CTR on 71st street behind QT and Wendy's: 1439 E. 71st St.

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 t h e world!

Cut Squares Sew Squares Tie Quilts Assemble Tops

The quilters meet very Tuesday at 10:00 in the fellow- ship hall.

Join us !! We would

Faithful Measures

For the Month of August	2018	2019
Total Worship Attendance	957	884
Weekly Average.....	239	221
SS/Bible Class Attendance	189	301
Weekly Average	47	75
August Giving	\$50,259	\$67,230
Monthly Budget	\$65,226	\$63,800
Year to Date Giving	\$553,513	\$560,903
Year to Date Budget	\$554,424	\$542,299
YTD Expenses.....	\$665,106	\$512,933

Building Fund Contribution:
August Receipts-\$26,161.61
Balance: \$1,135,818.82



OWLS presentation for August was given by Johnny Barfield's grandson, Lt. Kyle Baker, a criminal investigator for the Rogers County Sheriff's Office. He overseas seven investigators and has a Master's Degree in Criminal Investigation and 12 years experience.



DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Recycling Drive

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.

SOUTH TULSA COMMUNITY HOUSE can use empty egg cartons, prescription bottles and plastic and/or paper bags. These can be placed in the grocery cart at the south entrance with any food donations as well.



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 \$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.

OCTOBER


6: by Deb Drain in honor of her mom's 102nd birthday
6: by Marty & Rosalie Weber in celebration of their anniversary

13: by Bill and Jennifer Roettger in memory of Gloria 13:

20: by Eva Hein in celebration of Ken's 90th birthday 20:

27: by Sam and Beverly Woodard in celebration of their 26th anniversary on October 30 27:





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!

Tasha & Anthony Bury	October 1	14 yrs
Chuck & Leigh Ann Fuller	October 1	31 yrs
Alex & Hailee Goossen	October 2	3 yrs
Tom & Barbara Sprunger	October 2	48 yrs
Ed & Diane Fager	October 6	40 yrs
Kimberly & Nick Shannon	October 6	35 yrs
Marty & Rosalie Weber	October 8	53 yrs
Shawn & Sandy Cooper	October 12	25 yrs
Heather & Jarrod Mann	October 15	8 yrs
Mitch & Danita Cockrell	October 17	32 yrs
Robert & Jocelyn Bentley	October 21	2 yrs
Jesse & Anita Overton	October 30	15 yrs
Sam & Beverly Woodard	October 30	26 yrs



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is October 6.

LWR boxes will be packed following the church service on October 6. The ladies could use help loading these somewhat heavy boxes. Please plan to give a helping hand!

BUNKO will meet on October 8 at the church with hostess, Cherry Volberding, at 7:00. There is a signup sheet.

HARVEST HOUSE SUNDAY will be observed on October 13. Donations of clothing should be brought to the church on that Sunday or no later than October 20.

FLU SHOTS will be available on October 13 from 9-1 pm. Free with Medicare and \$10 without.

CTR FRIENDS will meet for lunch on October 13 at noon at the Silver Skillet (61st & Memorial).

OWLS will meet on October 24 at 11:30 at Incredible Pizza for their monthly program. Hosts are Lynn and Sandy Moeller. The speaker will be Alan Jarvis, Gilcrease docent. His presentation is entitled "Gilcrease Sampler". There is a signup sheet.

ECC HALLOWEEN PARADE will be at 9:30 on October 31. The congregation is invited to watch and hand out candy.



Daily Bible Reading

Week 97

Monday - Hebrews 2:1-18
Tuesday - Hebrews 3:1-19
Wednesday - Hebrews 4:1-16
Thursday - Hebrews 5:1-14
Friday - Hebrews 6:1-20
Saturday - Hebrews 7:1-28

Week 98

Monday - Hebrews 8:1-13
Tuesday - Hebrews 9:1-28
Wednesday - Hebrews 10:1-18
Thursday - Hebrews 10:19-39
Friday - Hebrews 11:1-40
Saturday - Hebrews 12:1-29

Week 99

Monday - Hebrews 13:1-25
Tuesday - James 1:1-27
Wednesday - James 2:1-26
Thursday - James 3:1-18
Friday - James 4:1-17
Saturday - James 5:1-20

Week 100

Monday - 1 Peter 1:1-25
Tuesday - 1 Peter 2:1-25
Wednesday - 1 Peter 3:1-4:19
Thursday - 1 Peter 5:1-14
Friday - 2 Peter 1:1-2:22
Saturday - 2 Peter 3:1-18

Week 101

Monday - 1 John 1:1-10
Tuesday - 1 John 2:1-27
Wednesday - 1 John 2:28-3:24
Thursday - 1 John 4:1-21
Friday - 1 John 5:1-21
Saturday - 2 John 1-13

Week 102

Monday - 3 John 1-15
Tuesday - Jude 1-25
Wednesday - Revelation 1:1-20
Thursday - Revelation 2:1-29
Friday - Revelation 3:1-22
Saturday - Revelation 4:1-5:14

Week 103

Monday - Revelation 6:1-8:5
Tuesday - Revelation 8:6-9:21
Wednesday - Revelation 10:1-11
Thursday - Revelation 11:1-19
Friday - Revelation 12:1-17
Saturday - Revelation 13:1-18

CTR-U Monthly Schedule

NO CLASSES OCTOBER 16

5:00-6:00 PM - Youth Band Practice- Jacob Drengler

5:30-6:30 PM

- ♦ Faith Friends - Pastor - in the gym
 - ♦ Confirmation Class - fellowship hall
 - ♦ Women's Book Club- Classroom near the youth room
 - ♦ Men's Small Group - Pastor's Office/ECC Lounge
- Craft Class - November 6 - ECC Lounge**

6:00-7:00 PM

- ♦ Oct. 2: Pizza, salad bar, dessert
- ♦ Oct. 9: Jimmy John's sandwiches, chips, salad bar, dessert
- ♦ Oct. 23: Tacos, salad bar, dessert
- ♦ Oct. 30: Spaghetti, salad bar, dessert

6:30-8:00 PM

Financial Peace University - Johnny Barfield - library

7:00-8:00 PM

- ♦ Choir Practice
- ♦ Youth Group (Jr/Sr High 6th-12th grade) DCE Suzanne-outside/gym



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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



Roger & Nancy Witte
18001 E 51st St. N, Tulsa, OK 74134

Tracy & Sean Dickson
5800 W Austin St., Broken Arrow 74001

Jarrod & Heather Mann
2312 E 139th St S, Bixby, OK 74008

Jackson Fuller
2975 Blackburn St. Apt 1507, Dallas, TX 75204

Bulletin Bloopers...

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.



CTR-U CRAFT CLASS November 6 5:30

This class we will be creating Christmas ornaments out of corks and pine cones. There will be several examples to choose from. Limited to 12 participants and the cost is \$5.00 Sign up today and join us!!



These ladies had a great time at last month's craft class! Why not join us??



Mission News Update



Freedom Isn't Always Freedom
Prague is a beautiful town filled with all sorts of artwork, some quite beautiful and some quite odd. In the park that surrounds the main train station are a number of statues. One in particular raises my eyebrows every time I pass it and it gives me a bit of a theological reflection. It is a statue that commemorates the liberation

of Prague from the Nazis by the Soviet troops. Aesthetically, it is very nice. There is the hero Russian soldier with a firearm slung round-about him and, greeting him with a kiss, is a Czech soldier who has even given him flowers. Now to be sure, Prague and the whole Czech Republic suffered horribly at the hands of the Nazis. (If you would like to see how the Czechs fought back, rent the excellent movie *Anthropoid*. It is a sobering tale.) But what gives me cause for reflection is this. How free can you get when one totalitarian regime replaces another? The Soviets brought in brand new fears and losses of freedom, including the right to worship.

So often, we fall for that same trick of the devil. When he tempted our first parents, they thought that they were going to be free, to be "like God." But the freedom promised that came by the eating of that fruit led not to freedom but servitude. They became subject to pain and struggle, division and death. The promise was a lie. They were enslaved.

What dangles before your eyes as "freedom?" What do you think will give you true power? In truth, these things only enslave us anew. Pornography, drugs, drunkenness, anger, grudges, mammon—and the list could go on and on—may say that they are things that will make us free; but they just replace one affliction with another, and we are enslaved all over again.

Here in the Czech Republic, many people see themselves as free of the whole notion of God. There is an 80% to 85% of people who claim to be atheist or agnostic. There are plenty of church buildings here in Prague—beautiful churches!—but they are empty. That may sound like freedom for them and for many people around the world. But, sometimes freedom isn't freedom. Rather, sometimes a new freedom is just the same old enslavement that grabbed Adam and Eve.

We are here, therefore, to help people hear the true freedom that is found only in Christ. We want to invite people to leave behind the shadows of deathly enslavement to sin and come into the true freedom that flows from the confession: Jesus Christ is Lord. Because, it is only when He rules over us that we are truly free.

Dear friends, please, pray for us and for the critical work we are doing here. Pray that old doubts and denials may fall away. And pray that the Lord Jesus Christ would bring lost Czechs upon His blessed shoulders to live in the fold of the faith. We pray that this freedom may not reach them alone, but all of us, so that we see that freedom isn't always freedom, but that



Christ sets us free, indeed!

Outreach at the Information Fair of the International School of Prague (ISP)
On Saturday, August 31, we rented a table at the ISP, an English-language school here in Prague. It gave us an opportunity to meet new people, hand out some information, and invite them to our English-language service. We were blessed to have a number of people stop and chat with us. One person even exclaimed, "I didn't know there was a Lutheran church in Prague!" We pray that these people will come and be a part of our life together in the Lord. Now, we are looking for other English-language opportunities to do the same.

We commend you and your witness to Christ!
Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster
Your Missionaries to the Czech Republic

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.

Food Drive for Hunger

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.

"When someone is going through a storm,
your silent presence is more powerful
than a million empty words."
--Thema Davis

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



LWML NEWS

Mark your calendars with the following dates and make plans to participate in as many as possible.

Sunday, October 6 — load the truck with LWR items following the late service. Anyone wishing to give the ladies a hand in loading the truck is encouraged to help. If you have questions, text Sharon Schmidt at 405-605-9518.

Tuesday, October 15 — LWML salad luncheon at noon. Bring a salad to share - bread, crackers and dessert will be provided. Discussion of mission grants and local projects will be discussed.

Tuesday, November 19 — CTR LWML meeting with Bible study at 12:30 in fellowship hall.

Tuesday, December 10 — Annual Women's Christmas Party, 6:00 pm in fellowship hall.

Women of all ages and stages of life are welcome to participate in the LWML. If the times of the current activities don't work with your schedule please contact me — we can work together to get some new activities started!

Serving the Lord with Gladness!
Kathy Stephen, CTR LWML President
281-782-7783 - Stpn44@aol.com

LWML GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Raise money while you shop and browse the web!

To support Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Oklahoma District, shop at Amazon Smile. The products and shopping experience are the same as shopping on Amazon.com. Just choose Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Oklahoma District as your charity!

To support Lutheran Women's Missionary League, use GoodSearch, GoodShop, and the Gumdrop feature!

FYI: Your mites and offerings support our local LWML projects/programs, Oklahoma District LWML Grants (\$105,000 for 2018-2020) and National LWML Grants (2,100,000)

Where did our quilts and kits go in 2018??

School Kits	11/13/2018	Honduras
School Kits	11/21/2018	Guatemala
School Kits	2/22/19	Syria
School Kits	5/14/19	Sierra Leone
School Kits	5/14/19	El Salvador
Quilts	2/22/19	Syria
Quilts	7/31/19	Angola
Personal Care Kits	1/21/18	Guatemala
Personal Care Kits	2/22/19	Syria

How many items did we donate in 2018??

Personal Care Kits	131
School Kits	294
Quilts	241

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

2019-2021 LWML Mission Grant #12 Teach Me Too - Preschoolers With Learning Needs Lutheran Special Education Ministries

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 2017, LSEM successfully launched entry into preschool education for exceptional children with learning needs by establishing the Let It Shine Academy. This academy was designed to administer intervention strategies and address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder in an early learning environment. By reaching out and serving these children early in their learning years, they provide tools, strategies, and support to help these learners succeed now and as their education continues. They help them to be successful learners. This preschool creates a place where God's Word can be shared with these children. LSEM is currently directly serving children at 59 schools and churches in 11 states.

LSEM has received special requests by schools to present preschool specific training for their staff. They have completed school visits to perform observations and assessments numerous times. With statistics stating that one in five children have a learning need, and many more areas across the United States where LSEM sees the need to serve preschool and early childhood children with learning needs, there is great need for growth and expansion of their services.

Organizations professing their faith within the context of academic instruction are not eligible to receive financial support from the government through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, LSEM, unable to receive public funding, relies on partnership fees and donations. Mission Grant #12 would provide funding to:

- Support educational and spiritual growth among preschool aged children by growing the Let It Shine Academy to include more students, being a witness of God's love for ALL his children.
- Provide scholarship funding for children in need whose families cannot afford the cost of the Let It Shine program.
- Support children and families who need assistance and education but are not part of an LSEM partnership program.
- Educate preschool teachers in methods of early intervention for children who have a learning need.

Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML District Fall Retreat
October 18-19

Camp Lutheroma, Tahlequah
Bible Study: Treasured by Deb Burma
Theme Verse: Deuteronomy 14:2
"The Lord has chosen you."
Come Join the Fun, Fellowship and Food!
Bring your Bible and Flashlight.

Campfire † Prayer Walk Singing † Crafts
Bible Study † Panning for Gems.
Registration and fee due by October 9, 2019.

FOLLOW CTR ON FACEBOOK FOR
MORE INFORMATION DURING THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER!

ACTIVITIES FOR
ALL AGES

Fall
Festival

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 3
4:30-6:30 PM

BINGO | GAMES | FOOD

BALLOONMAN NEIL, FACE PAINTING,
PUMPKIN DECORATING & MORE!

Seminary News

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

This past month has been stark reminder of how fast time flies. Since the last time I wrote to you, I have enrolled in classes for the spring (final!) semester and our family has begun the Seminary’s placement process. We are so close to the finish line! The entire process takes several months. It starts with a debriefing with the Seminary’s placement director, Dr. Glenn Nielsen. He asks what you learned on vicarage, what skills you’d still like to improve upon, and whether there is a particular type of ministry that you feel suits you best. That launches a whole gauntlet of meetings and workshops, about one each month, that helps the Seminary decide where to place graduating students.

Much of our final placement is beyond our control. We can share our preferences – location, size of community, size of congregation, worship style, public vs. parochial school, ministry scope, etc. – and the Seminary works to take our preferences into account as much as possible. The Seminary faculty also weigh in on what type of ministry setting they believe the student would be most successful in. But a lot depends on where the needs are. Come next March, the Seminary will know exactly which congregations are looking to call a new pastor, and which are willing to take a chance on a guy straight out of school. We wait with eager anticipation to learn more about what’s ahead for our family.

Most immediately, a new baby is ahead for our family! Baby boy #2 could arrive as soon as next month. Mommy and baby have both gotten good reports at each doctor’s appointment. We are anticipating a healthy arrival around Thanksgiving. There are still a few more necessary preparations to make before bringing a newborn home, but we’re working on it. Graham has done a great job adjusting to the idea of being a big brother. Suzy found a book that Graham calls his “Brother Book” that talks about having a new baby at home. He wants to read it almost every day. He lifts Mommy’s shirt and says, “I want to see the baby” or “I want to kiss the baby” or “Baby needs to sleep. Be quiet for the baby.” He feels like he is well prepared for his new role.

Along with being mother of two, Suzy has started working again, too. She has built a caseload of homeschool and private school students who receive speech services through their local school district. She is working with kids from kindergarten through 9th grade. Much of the time Suzy invests goes to working with the parents, either with scheduling therapy appointments, reporting on their child’s progress or training parents to work on their child’s skills at home. She finds it really rewarding to use the skills the Lord has supplied her with to impact the lives of children and their families.

Before I bore you with details about my Seminary classes, I should share about a project that I’m working on close to home. Since last fall, I have been part of the Oklahoma District Communications Task Force, a volunteer group within the LCMS Oklahoma District working to meet digital communications needs on the district and congregational level. The Oklahoma District’s website is old and in need of a refresh. Likewise, there are a lot of congregations in the state that don’t have a Communications Ministry like CTR. They don’t know how to best leverage the digital tools they have (like a website or Facebook page.)

It’s so important. In an era where people use their phones rather than a phone book, having a warm, welcoming online presence is almost as important as the greeters in the narthex. Prospective church members often check a church out online to help them decide whether to ever walk in the door. The team has put together some resources to assist congregations in building their online identity. That includes some videos I’ve been working on, and a workshop the team will offer at this month’s Fall Churchworkers’ conference in Shawnee. We hope it’s a valuable experience for all who are available to attend.

Over last month’s Labor Day weekend, my mom and sister got the chance to visit St. Louis. We were happy to have the company for the weekend (and pleased that it meant we got to stay put! We’ve done *enough* moving lately.) Coming up later this month, I have an invitation to preach in Nebraska at a pair of churches that have been corresponding with us since our Seminary journey began. I will also be the preacher for Reformation weekend at our church in St. Louis at the end of the month.

My fourth year at the Seminary has certainly afforded me lots of opportunity to continue working on my preaching skills. Our St. Louis church invited me to preach one weekend a month, but that has recently increased. Our pastor suffered a terrible accident over the Labor Day weekend. He was hanging a rope swing in a tree and fell, rupturing three vertebrae in his back. As of this writing, he has not left the hospital and is working to walk again. We are confident of the Lord’s care and trusting Him for healing. In the meantime, I have been tapped to provide some extra pastoral help at church, including preaching and leading the Pastor’s Sunday morning Bible class. The Elders have stepped up their hospital and homebound visits and other local pastors are offering their help, too.

It simply underscores how unpredictable ministry can be. The minute you think everything is under control, the unexpected asks you to devote your time and attention in a new direction. Thank God that He is still in control. We revisit His encouragement to be strong and courageous and remind ourselves of His promises to never leave us or forsake us.

There is so much more I could share. Next month, I’ll be able to reflect on final exams and a future course schedule, as well as a great opportunity to teach 5th grade in one of the St. Louis Lutheran schools. Until then, we share our great love for you and rejoice whenever we hear word of your thriving. Please continue to share your needs and prayer requests with us, as well.

With heartfelt sincerity,
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ECC



LOVE GATHERING for ECC is now through October. Please donate kleenex, paper towels, non-scented wipes for their classroom use. Containers are placed at both entrances.



Nikki Witt, Director

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, October 2019

Paintball for Cystic Fibrosis...

November 2, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Paintball Adventure Games
10242 S. 49th W Ave, Sapulpa

For more information:
Daphnee Brian – 580-772-4711
Daphbrian223@gmail.com

\$30
Includes:
Field fee, rental, air and
500 rounds of paint



Lunch will be
available for \$7

If participant is 17 years or younger, you must have a parent or guardian sign field waiver, found on the web site and include with registration form.
www.pbadventuregames.com

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Amount enclosed _____

Registration forms can be mailed to Daphnee Brian at 13214 S 21st St., Bixby, OK 74008. You can contact her if you have questions as well (580-772-4711).

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT FUND

Pursuing a career in service to the Lord through the church is a fulfilling opportunity, but it is not an inexpensive choice. Those who pursue professional church work many times incur educational debt, just like anyone else may do. Repayment of educational debt is often made more difficult by the more modest salaries of church workers, compared to other professions.

In order to encourage and retain our professional church workers here at Christ the Redeemer, several years ago the congregation established a fund to assist our Pastors, DCEs and other synodically-trained church workers in repaying their student loans. This fund relies on the donations of our members here at CTR. The fund is currently in need of additional funds. Please prayerfully consider a designated donation to this cause. You may place your gift in the weekly offering with a designation of "Student Loan Fund" or you may give your gift directly to one of the Elders and we will ensure that it is deposited in the correct fund.

Thank you for your past generosity and for ongoing support.
– Jim Holt, Elder Chair

ADVICE

From Ken Eggers' Collection

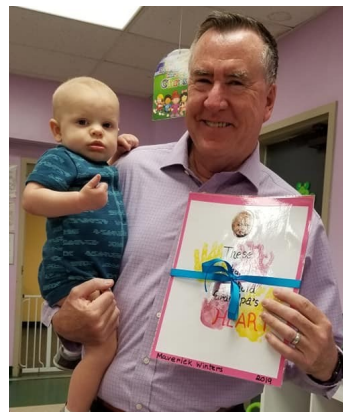
- * Laziness gives birth to efficiency – or is it vice versa?
- * The best things in life are not things.
- * Kindness, when given away, keeps coming back.
- * Nurses say we can't fix stupidity, but we can se-date it.
- * In school, we're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, we're given a test that teaches us a lesson.
- * Heroes don't wear capes. They wear dog tags.
- * We all have three choices in life. Give up, give in, or give it all you've got.
- * Don't wish for it – work for it.
- * It is what it is! But it will become what you make it.
- * Never trust an atom. They make up everything.
- * There's nothing like a grandchild to put a smile on your face, a lump in your throat and a warm feeling in your heart.
- * Always give 100% - unless you're giving blood.
- * Always remember you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.
- * Don't grow up. It's a trap.
- * I'm a second-hand vegetarian – cows eat grass and I eat cows.
- * I don't snore. I dream I'm a motorcycle.
- * The only thing we have to fear is fear itself – and spiders and snakes.
- * If I say I will do it, I will do it! No need to keep reminding me every six months.
- * I'd grow my own food if I could only find some bacon seeds.
- * The best memories are made gathered around the table.
- * Those who can, teach. Those who can't, pass laws about teaching.
- * I may be left-handed, but I'm always right!
- * If you're not left-handed, something isn't right.
- * I complained to my kids, "now that I'm retired I don't get any holidays". They weren't impressed and said "yeah, now all days are holidays for you".



ECC Halloween Parade
October 31
at 9:30.



Please stop in and help us hand out candy.



Art Day Dress Up Day and Grandparents ...

What could be more fun!!!



Grandparents Day



Amazon Smile!



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.

Cornerstone 10



FLU SHOTS

October 13th
9 am-1 pm
Cost: \$10 or
FREE with Medicare
Given by the
Caring Nurse Assoc.

Cornerstone 7



DCE Suzanne Watt

CHRIST THE REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. High (6-8th grader\$)

\$r. High (9-12th grader\$)



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

FALL & WINTER
YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6th-8th
Jr High Youth
Ministry

9th-12th
High School Youth
Ministry

6th-12th
Combined Youth
Ministry

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4-6, 2019
JOY JR HIGH DISTRICT
GATHERING @ CAMP
LUTHERHOMA

OCTOBER 24-26, 2019
CLASS STUDENT
LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE
\$50 per person
On the campus of Concordia
University- Nebraska.
Speakers, service projects and a
university tour included

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 3, 2019
FAMILY MINISTRY
FALL EVENT
4:30-6:30 PM
Food, Games and More!
For all ages

NOVEMBER 17, 2019
COMBINED YOUTH
MINISTRY EVENT
3:00-5:00 PM
Event for 6th-12th Grade Students
Location To Be Determined

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 15, 2019
JR HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY
3:00-5:00 PM
Event for 6th-8th Grade Students
Location To Be Determined
Bring a "white elephant" gift for
exchange

DECEMBER 20-21, 2019
HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS
LOCK-IN AT IMMANUEL
9:00 PM- 7:00 AM
Event for 9th-12th Grade Students
Bring a "white elephant" gift for
exchange



Jacob Drengler
Music Director

The songs which we sing and hear in worship serve many purposes. Three of the chief functions of the Church's song, according to Lutheran pastor, professor, and church musician Rev. Dr. Paul Westermeyer, are praise, prayer, and proclamation. Westermeyer writes regarding praise:

"The church's song, especially for Protestants, is most obviously a song of praise. Many psalms- like 98, "O sing to the Lord a new song," or 100, which calls us to "come into God's presence with singing", or 150, where instruments and "everything that breathes" are all exhorted to praise the Lord- give expression to what is implicit throughout the Bible: God is to be praised, and music is one of the chief vehicles for expressing that praise." (Paul Westermeyer, *The Church Musician*, Augsburg Fortress, 1997, 31)

The musical forms which that praise takes have changed throughout the centuries and have appeared in many different languages, interpreted through a varied and diverse range of instrumentation, melodic themes, and harmonic underpinnings. What has remained constant, however, is that God's people joined as worshipping communities of believers, have gathered to give praise to God. That praise, as we find both in Scripture and through an analysis of the history of the Church catholic, has always found its voice in song.

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THE OKLAHOMA DISTRICT- LCMS PRESENT

TAKE THE LEAD

C.L.A.S.S. STUDENT
LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

AT THE SECOND ANNUAL CONCORDIA LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE
SUMMIT (C.L.A.S.S.) WE ARE PARTNERING WITH CHURCHES IN THE
OKLAHOMA & SURROUNDING DISTRICTS TO EQUIP & DISCIPLE YOUNG
STUDENTS & HELP THEM DEVELOP AS CHRISTIAN SERVANT LEADERS
IN YOUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 25-26, 2019
ON CAMPUS @ CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY- NE
FOR STUDENTS IN 8TH-12TH GRADE
\$50 A PERSON

The linguistic and musical vocabulary of the Church's song need not always be complex in order to express praise. For an example of a radical simplicity of form and language which wonderfully captures the spirit of praise described in the Psalms, we turn to the music of the country of Cameroon, in particular, a processional song called *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord (Louez le Seigneur)*. Consider the text of this song:

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord originated as a processional song for communion services. The brevity of the text allows for multiple repetitions and aids in memorization, making it a very accessible song for singers of all ages, even those who are not yet able to read. The tune and text were originally collected by Elaine Hanson, a Lutheran missionary who was a member of *Femmes Pour Christ* (Women for Christ), a multicultural group of women who used French as their common language. The official languages of Cameroon are French and English and this song is often sung in either language.

Here at CTR we will hear and sing this song in two ways. The first will be as a stand-alone choir anthem in an arrangement by Lutheran composer Ralph Johnson. The second will be as a congregational hymn. When sung as a hymn, the Sanctuary Choir will sing through the entire refrain several times as a way to introduce the music to the congregation. After several repetitions, the congregation will be invited to join in singing. In keeping with the stylistic norms of West African music, we will sing it a *cappella* with percussion instruments providing rhythmic support. In order to facilitate effective leadership of the congregational singing, the choir will sing from the nave of the church, rather than in the balcony. I will also be teaching this song to all of the youth involved in the various children's choirs at CTR during our weekly rehearsals. It is my hope that the simple joy expressed in this song inspires all of you to live the words of the Psalmist and "Sing to the Lord a new song."

Pastor Appreciation

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me."

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32 NRSV).

Encourage your pastor by assuring him of your prayers and love.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

TRAINER
TEACHER
preacher
encourager
example

Thank You,
Pastor
leader