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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."

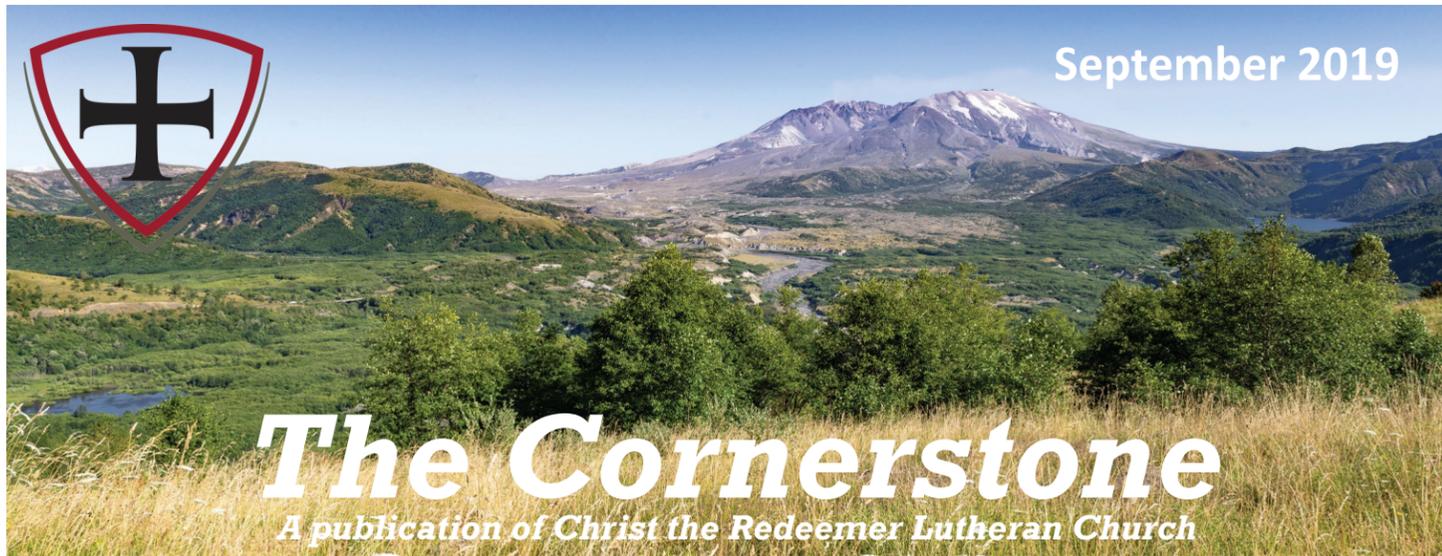
Similarly, what separates the doubt-filled Christian from the Christian in good spiritual health is hard faith, working and praying diligently - and often - to build one's faith.

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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Sunday Worship:
8:15 & 10:45 AM.
**Sunday School/Bible
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9:30 AM

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STARTING SEPTEMBER 1



New whole-church Christian education journey!
Check out page 7 for more details.

Save the Date
October 4-6, 2019



Joy- Jr High District
Youth Gathering for
6th-8th grade
students at Camp
Lutherhoma

Reception Honoring
John & Joan Busch
CTR - September 7
4-6:00 pm



Join the district as we thank John and Joan for the impact they have had through their service to the ministry at Camp Lutherhoma.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

LWML Zone Fall Fest
CTR - September 14
9-12:00

All the ladies are
invited to join the
LWML for their
fall fest
here at CTR.



Fellow Redeemed,

Did you know you are a theologian? You are! A theologian is anyone who thinks about, or studies God. During our study of Hebrews over the summer, we came to learn that it is more of a sermon than a letter. It was certainly a written sermon, which was to be

read to a congregation in the first century. In it, the preacher wants to instruct the early Christians to, "pay more careful attention" (2:1), "fix your thoughts on Jesus" (3:1), and "let us hold firmly to the faith we profess" (4:13). These are all procedures that any theologian would want to practice daily. Couple that with how Luther understood the formation process of a theologian, and you have the template for a life of catechesis and learning to undergo. Luther's understanding of the formation process of a theologian was this: *Oratio, Meditatio, Temptatio*. That is Prayer, Meditation, and Trials/Temptations. Luther says, (*Luther's Works, WA 1, 147, 3-14*)

"I did not learn all my theology at once, but had to search constantly deeper and deeper for it. My temptations did that for me, for no one can understand Holy Scripture without practice and temptations. This is what the enthusiasts and sects lack. They don't have the right critic, the devil, who is the best teacher of theology. If we don't have that kind of devil, then we become nothing but speculative theologians, who do nothing but walk around in our own

thoughts and speculate with our reason alone as to whether things should be like this, or like that."

We need all three to form us. We need to pray daily, as 1 Thessalonians instructs in 5:17. Our meditation is on Jesus, as referenced above. Trials and temptations come so that faith may be proved genuine and may result in praise and glory when Jesus Christ is revealed (1 Peter 1:7). Many Christians would want to remove temptations completely, and then not have to deal with them whatsoever. It's as though, if we remove the temptations, then we will be righteous because there was never an opportunity to sin. That's not how the formation of a theologian works. Temptations become the field work for faith, when we do not give into temptation, but rather resist temptations and move down paths of righteousness, in order that Father, Son and Holy Spirit would receive praise, glory and honor.

If you think about God, then you are a theologian. Let Luther's model for forming you transform the way that you think about Prayer, Meditation and Trials/Temptations. The preacher of the book of Hebrews makes this assertion regarding God's Word. "For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:12-13). May God continue to bless you as He continues to form you as a theologian. Amen!



LWR Work Day

Everyone lent a hand in creating the school and personal care kits for LWR. All the supplies donated were greatly appreciated!



Cornerstone 2



Sunday School Offering July - September

Prompt treatment can prevent sudden cardiac death. Many experts agree that CPR training and Automated External Device (AED) implementation is the key to helping save lives from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). Often going into SCA is the first time a person realizes that they have an underlying heart condition. Fewer than 10% survive. Using CPR and AED doubles the chance of survival.

Some factors such as working outside in elevated temperatures, or over-exerting oneself during physical activity can cause one's heart rate to accelerate and go into an unstable condition, often leading to cardiac arrest. Many recreation centers have an AED available near activity areas. You can see one of these devices in the narthex of our church.

Our Sunday School offering for this quarter is to help Camp Lutherhoma, our district Lutheran church camp and retreat center in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, purchase up to three AED's for strategic locations around camp.

By having them available, Camp Lutherhoma is allowing staff, volunteers, and adult attendees to increase their safety by ensuring that something can be done immediately if a cardiac incident were to take place. Please give generously.

LWML NEWS

CTR LWML is excited to "kickoff" a new year with numerous activities and events this fall. Mark your calendars with the following dates and make plans to participate in as many as possible.

Saturday, September 14 — CTR will be hosting the *Tulsa Zone Fall Fest*. Time is 8:30-12:30. Registration forms are on the LWML page at ctrtulsa.org or on the LWML table. If you require childcare, contact Kathy Stephen at stp44@aol.com before August 30.

Tuesday, September 17 — Salad luncheon in the fellowship hall at 11:30. Please bring a salad to share and a friend! Desert, bread/crackers will be provided.

Sunday, September 22 — *Lutheran World Relief (LWR)* quilt/kits display and blessing.

Monday, September 30 — deadline for Oklahoma District LWML mission grants application. (See below for more information)

Sunday, October 6 — load the truck with LWR items (12:00-4:00 pm)

Tuesday, October 15 — CTR LWML meeting with service project - TBA.

Friday/Saturday, October 18-19 — OK LWML District Fall Retreat (See below for more info)

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
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LWML GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Raise money while you shop and browse the web!

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

To support Lutheran Womens 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)

Grant Application—OK LWML is accepting applications for Mission Grants for adoption at the LWML Oklahoma District Convention 2020. Grants must be mission focused with emphasis on proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be affiliated with or approved by the LCMS. To obtain a copy of the grant

application, visit OKLWML.org and press the heading "Forms and Resources" at the top of the page. Go to the heading marked "Applications" press Mission Grant Application and Guidelines. There you will receive a 5-page document to review and complete. Grant applications must be submitted by September 30, 2019 to Bevbahr23@gmail.com or Beverly Bahr, OK LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach, 1119 Oakridge Drive, Stillwater, OK 74074.



Lutheran Women in Mission

Tulsa Zone Fall Fest September 14 at CTR

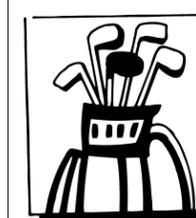
Registration and coffee at 8:30 am
Opening at 9:00 am
Mission Speaker: Angie Niemeyer
Registration due September 7.

Gifts from the Heart: Clarehouse of Tulsa individually wrapped snacks, ground coffee, cone coffee filters (#4 size), coffee creamer, canned or bottled beverages, individual serving size Jell-O

2019 District Fall Retreat October 18-19

Camp Lutherhoma, 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.



ATTENTION CTR GOLFERS! Have a fun round of golf while supporting MEND Medical Clinic

2019 Golf Fore Life Tournament

Friday, September 20, 2019
11:30 LUNCH & 12:30 SHOTGUN START
4-PERSON SCRAMBLE
CLUB AT INDIAN SPRINGS-LAKES COURSE
2020 CADILLAC HOLE IN ONE
ENTRY FEE: \$150/PLAYER OR \$600/TEAM

Benefiting Mend Medical Clinic & Pregnancy Resource Center. We empower women in an unplanned pregnancy with life affirming alternatives through the love of Christ. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS GO TO WWW.MENDPREGNANCY.ORG/GOLF-FOR-LIFE.

Confession

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Article IX: Of Baptism

1] Of Baptism they teach that it is necessary 2] to salvation and that through Baptism is offered the grace of God, and that children are to be baptized who, being offered to God through Baptism are received into God's grace.

3] They condemn the Anabaptists, who reject the baptism of children, and say that children are saved without Baptism.

Article X: Of Lord's Supper

1] Of the Supper of the Lord they teach that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present, and are distributed 2] to those who eat the Supper of the Lord; and they reject those that teach otherwise.

Article XI: Of Confession

1] If Confession they teach that Private Absolution ought to be retained in the churches, although in confession 2] an enumeration of all sins is not necessary. For it is impossible according to the Psalm: Who can understand his errors? Ps 19, 12

Stop the Hopping

A church is an imperfect mix of imperfect believers, so it's easy for members to find faults or feel disappointed. That in turn, may tempt us to shop around.

C.S. Lewis addresses that in *The Screwtape Letters*. "If a man can't be cured of churchgoing," Screwtape advises his demon protégé, "the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches." How Satan must hate when Christians maintain long-term commitment to one church!

The urge to church-hop harms congregations as well as believers. "Spiritual depth isn't fostered by satiating your sense of felt needs," writes James Emery White. "It's receiving a balanced diet of teaching and challenge, investing in service and mission, living in community and diversity that you probably would not select for yourself."

The Role of a Lifetime

We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?"

--Linda Dillow,
Calm My Anxious Heart



**Lutheran World Relief Sunday
September 22**

International outreach to God's people in need will be the focus on Sunday, September 22 at CTR. We will learn more about Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and how you can make a difference in people's lives and extend the helping hand of Jesus to them.

In 1945, World War II left an estimated one-fifth of the world's Lutherans homeless. Here in the United States, Lutheran churches in at least 20 states mobilized to help in Europe through a new agency called Lutheran World Relief.

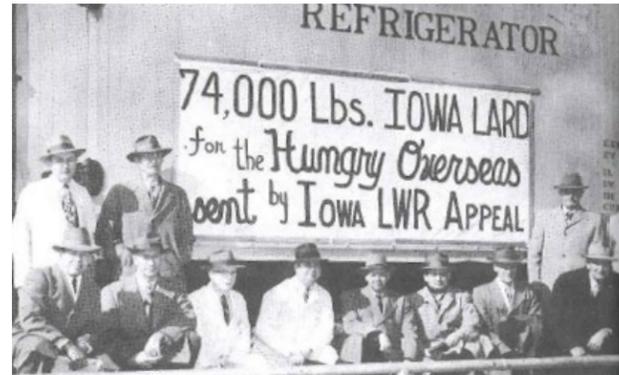


Photo taken in the 1940's.

Much has changed in nearly 75 years. But in thousands of congregations, in millions of offerings and in uncounted prayers, U.S. Lutherans continue to support Lutheran World Relief's work.

Lutheran World Relief was there in the late 1940s, when 800,000 Palestinians were forced from their homes by the creation of the state of Israel ... in the early 1950s when Hong Kong, Korea and Bangladesh and much of Asia was mired in strife ... during the 1970s and '80s, when civil wars and drought plagued Africa.

Today, Lutheran World Relief operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, helping some of the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive.

You are probably most familiar with LWR because of the quilts and kits sent by our CTR family every fall for distribution by LWR and their partners. However, there are other ways to support LWR and the people they serve. Be sure to visit our display, register to win a gift set of LWR Farmers Market Coffee, or devotional booklets. Learn how to send a meaningful gift to your friends and relatives who "have everything" in the form of an animal, seedlings, or machinery for their brothers and sisters in other countries.

We love because God first loved us. LWR's work is a labor of love. God's grace calls us and sends us out into the world to help our brothers and sisters living in poverty.

A CTR Outreach Ministry activity. Questions, contact Patti Ross 10605ross@att.net

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
- Sew Squares
- The quilters meet very Tuesday at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.
- Join us!! We would appreciate your help!
- Tie Quilts
- Assemble Tops

Faithful Measures

For the Month of July	2018	2019
Total Worship Attendance	1073	842
Weekly Average.....	215	211
SS/Bible Class Attendance	397	284
Weekly Average	79	71
July Giving	\$81,533	\$67,261
Monthly Budget	\$80,573	\$63,800
Year to Date Giving	\$489,197	\$493,673
Year to Date Budget	\$503,254	\$478,499
YTD Expenses.....	\$534,356	\$447,227

Building Fund Contribution:

July receipts: \$18,739
Balance: \$1,109,657.21

The OWLS speaker for July was Sandra Stratton, Administrator for the Voice of the Martyrs. Her presentation was enjoyed by all.



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.

- 1: by Beth Ann Childs
- 1: by Jim and Norma Blackburn in celebration of their 64th anniversary
- 8:
- 8:
- 15: by Chris and Amber Carson in celebration of James and Ivie's birthdays
- 15:
- 22: by Hassan and Katie Haddad in celebration of their 20th anniversary
- 22:
- 29: by Ed and Diane Fager in celebration of their 40th anniversary
- 29: by John Neas in celebration of Sally's birthday



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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



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

Gary & Mary Ames	Sept. 1	46 yrs
Ron & Phyllis Vause	Sept. 2	53 yrs
Jim & Norma Blackburn	Sept. 4	64 yrs
Duane & Donna Anderson	Sept. 5	60 yrs
Lynn & Sandy Moeller	Sept. 12	55 yrs
Nick & Renee Colson	Sept. 18	27 yrs
Shannon & David Losacco	Sept. 21	23 yrs
Bob & Iris Wilson	Sept. 22	62 yrs
Hassan & Katie Haddad	Sept. 25	20 yrs
Brandon & Nikki Witt	Sept. 26	21 yrs

Labors of Love - Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.



Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

On Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

CTR FRIENDS will meet for lunch on September 15 at McNellies (71st & Yale).

BUNKO will meet on September 10 at 7:00 here at the church with hostess, Teresa Nightingale. There is a signup sheet.

OWLS will meet on September 26 at Incredible Pizza for their monthly program. Details about the program will be shared in the bulletin. There is a signup sheet.

ORGAN RECITAL: CTR's Music Director, Jacob Drengler, will play an organ recital at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Tulsa on Tuesday, September 17, as part of Trinity's Tuesdays at Trinity concert series. The program will begin at 12:05 pm and last approximately half an hour. Trinity Episcopal church is located at 501 S Cincinnati Ave. The recital is free and all are invited to attend.



"The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent." --Sam Levenson



Daily Bible Reading

Week 90

Monday - 2 Corinthians 5:1-21
 Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:16
 Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15
 Thursday - 2 Corinthians 10:1-11:33
 Friday - 2 Corinthians 12:1-13:14
 Saturday - Galatians 1:1-2:21

Week 91

Monday - Galatians 3:1-29
 Tuesday - Galatians 4:1-31
 Wednesday - Galatians 5:1-6:18
 Thursday - Ephesians 1:1-23
 Friday - Ephesians 2:1-22
 Saturday - Ephesians 3:1-21

Week 92

Monday - Ephesians 4:1-32
 Tuesday - Ephesians 5:1-6:24
 Wednesday - Philippians 1:1-30
 Thursday - Philippians 2:1-30
 Friday - Philippians 3:1-4:1
 Saturday - Philippians 4:2-23

Week 93

Monday - Colossians 1:1-29
 Tuesday - Colossians 2:1-23
 Wednesday - Colossians 3:1-4:18
 Thursday - 1 Thess. 1:1-10
 Friday - 1 Thess. 2:1-20
 Saturday - 1 Thess. 3:1-13

Week 94

Monday - 1 Thess. 4:1-18
 Tuesday - 1 Thess. 5:1-28
 Wednesday - 2 Thess. 1:1-12
 Thursday - 2 Thess. 2:1-3:18
 Friday - 1 Timothy 1:1-20
 Saturday - 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Week 95

Monday - 1 Timothy 3:1-16
 Tuesday - 1 Timothy 4:1-16
 Wednesday - 1 Timothy 5:1-25
 Thursday - 1 Timothy 6:1-21
 Friday - 2 Timothy 1:1-18
 Saturday - 2 Timothy 2:1-26

Week 96

Monday - 2 Timothy 3:1-4:22
 Tuesday - Titus 1:1-16
 Wednesday - Titus 2:1-15
 Thursday - Titus 3:1-15
 Friday - Philemon 1-25
 Saturday - Hebrews 1:1-14

CTR-U Monthly Schedule



Fall Schedule Begins September 4

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

5:30-6:30 PM

- ◆ Faith Friends - Pastor - in the gym
- ◆ Confirmation Class - Library -
- ◆ Women's Book Club- Classroom near the youth room
- ◆ Men's Small Group - Bridal Room
- ◆ **Craft Class - September 11**

6:00-7:00 PM

- ◆ Sept. 4: Tacos, salad bar, dessert
- ◆ Sept. 11: Grilled cheese/tomato soup, salad bar, dessert
- ◆ Sept. 18: Spaghetti, salad bar, dessert
- ◆ Sept. 25: Canes Chicken, salad bar, dessert

6:30-8:00 PM

- ◆ Financial Peace University - Johnny Barfield - fellowship hall

7:00-8:00 PM

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

Dear fellow Kingdom workers of the Oklahoma District,

You are cordially invited to a "COME AND GO" RECEPTION HONORING JOHN AND JOAN BUSCH. John and Joan arrived at Camp Lutheroma in June, 1989. That means they have faithfully served there for over 30 years now! What an impact they have made on all who have been blessed by Lutheroma's programs. The reception is set for SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 from 4-6 P.M. at CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH. We're not trying to make it a surprise. There will be light food/snacks and drinks.

I greatly encourage you to come for a while to greet and thank John and Joan. If you cannot make it, you can send a greeting through me at my address below. If you would like to contribute to a gift for John and Joan, there will be opportunity to do so at the reception, or send it to me. (Checks may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church, and we will run the money through our church here in Claremore.)

Hoping to see you on September 7!

In Christ,
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 Claremore, OK 74017

CTR-U CRAFT CLASS
October 2 - 5:30

This class will be a Halloween wreath. The cost is \$10.00. The class is limited to 10. Sign up today and join us!!



Financial Peace University

CTR-U from 6:30-8:00

Are you ready to take control of your money? *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is a nine-lesson course designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind!

Each lesson, taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts, is based on biblical wisdom and common sense. In your FPU group, you'll be motivated and encouraged by others just like you! When you sign up for FPU, you'll get your member workbook and one free year of Financial Peace Membership, with access to exclusive online tools to help you on your journey.

Contact Johnny Barfield at 671-4423 for more information. You can sign up for the class in the narthex.

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.

Mission News Update

Our Czech Classes Are Going Great!



In June, we began our formal classes in the Czech language. It is a very difficult language both in syntax as well as pronunciation. So, we consider ourselves very blessed to have a compassionate sister in Christ teaching us our lessons. Her name is Barbra Vitarigova, and she is a very challenging, but very sweet, učitelka (teacher). Not only do we have class time, but we also have homework; and Suzanne and I are always quizzing each other. Right now, we are learning basic verb conjugations, adjectives, numbers, the beginning of cases, as well as places, foods and occupations. Suzanne has pretty much mastered the numbers 1 to 1,000. However, on our Monday class this week, Barbra surprised us with a test. Dale scored a 90% and Suzanne an 80%. We feel we both did pretty well since we never prepared for the test! Please, pray for us as we struggle not only to learn this language, but also have the courage to use it in public. To be fair, Czechs are usually flattered that you would even try to use their language as they know it is very hard.

Deacon Martin Damašek and Greek

We have finally received our Greek textbooks from the States. So, Deacon Damašek has begun his Greek lessons with me. He is very good at languages, but he is a bit overwhelmed with the complexities of Greek. For instance, in Greek an accent has nothing to do with pronunciation. But in his native Czech, accents have everything to do with pronunciation! Please, pray for him as well as me. I am trying to be as challenging but as compassionate as my Czech teacher!

Like the Castle at Night...

Jesus instructs us that we are to be like a "city set on a hill" (Matt. 5:14). As I walked across the Charles

Bridge the other night and saw the castle, I kept thinking that is what we are to be like, a well-lit fortress in a world of gloomy darkness. Right now, Deacon Damašek and I are trying to find new ways to engage the English-speaking community (or anyone speaking whatever language!) with the Gospel of Jesus. We want to be like the castle above, shining beautifully here in this mostly atheistic country. We thank God that you are reading this newsletter. And we are asking you, before you even close this newsletter, to ask the Lord of the harvest to give us the ability to get the Word of God out to people. Because it is only through the Word that people come to faith!

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

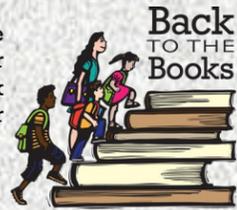


Back-to-School Humor

What kind of school do you go to if you're...
...an ice cream man? Sundae school
...a giant? High school
...a surfer? Boarding school
...King Arthur? Knight school

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?
Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O
Teacher: What are you talking about?
Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?
Student: In jail!



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.

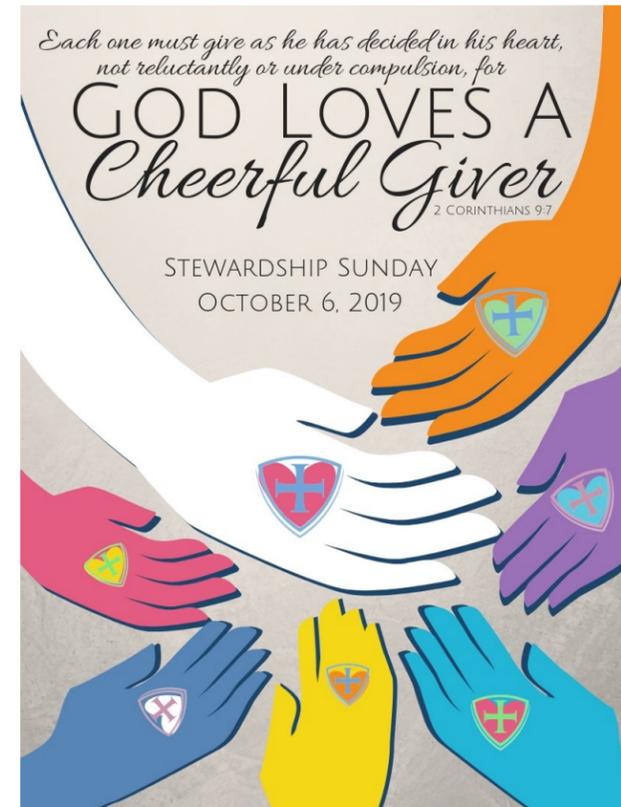


Join CTR on Facebook & Twitter!

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



Our 2019 Stewardship Sunday will be on October 6.
Each congregation member should receive a reminder by mail.
Pledge cards will be available at both services on Sunday, October 6.

BEDLAM BLOOD BATTLE

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Sunday, September 29
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Look for the Bloodmobile!

To schedule your appointment, sign up at the blood drive table.

Donors Receive a Coupon for a FREE Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit! You could also win Whataburger for a year!!

ALL DONORS GET THEIR CHOICE OF OSU OR OU T-SHIRT!



PHOTO ID REQUIRED
877-340-8777

Oklahoma Blood Institute
obi.org



STEWARDSHIP E-GIVING OPTIONS

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

ONLINE GIVING VANCO

You can visit www.ctrtulsa.org/on-line-giving to sign up through Vanco for one time or ongoing offering or donations. This allows you to set up weekly, bi-weekly or monthly offering. Setting up an account is easy, all you need is an email address to get started. You choose your own login information. When you create an account, you can also securely and conveniently store debit/credit card or bank account information, manage donations and review your giving history.

MOBILE GIVING GIVE PLUS

For our smartphone users, you can contribute through GivePlus Church, our mobile giving app. It's a convenient solution whenever you have a smart phone. You can give anytime, anywhere, any day. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find the app and download it for free. You can easily make donations anytime, or create an account to schedule recurring weekly or monthly offerings. When you create an account, you can also securely and conveniently store debit/credit card or bank account information, manage donations and review your giving history. You choose how you prefer to login- Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

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

A Day of Sunday School

9:30 AM
PK-5th grade meet in the Gym for games and activities

9:35 AM
PK-2 students are brought to the Choir Loft for music
3rd, 4th & 5th grade classes begin

9:50 AM
K-2 students begin class

10:10 AM
On alternating Sundays
3rd, 4th & 5th grade Music
6th, 7th & 8th grade Music

10:30 AM
All classes end



PK-2nd Grade
- Meet in the Gym at 9:30
- Music from 9:35-9:50
- Class from 9:55-10:30

3rd-5th Grade
- Meet in the Gym at 9:30
- Class from 9:35-10:10
- Music from 10:10-10:30 every other Sunday

6th-8th Grade
- Meet in class at 9:30
- Class from 9:35-10:10
- Music from 10:10-10:30 every other Sunday

 CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY- NEBRASKA & 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 YOUR STUDENTS & HELP THEM DEVELOP AS CHRISTIAN SERVANT LEADERS IN YOUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 25-26, 2019
ON CAMPUS @ CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY- NEBRASKA

Bulletin Bloopers...

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



We need teachers

Fall Sunday School teachers needed for all ages. Please talk to DCE Suzanne if you are interested. Classes begin in September.



Seminary News

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

We have returned to the Seminary campus. I am writing to you from the newly renovated campus library. It seems like a beautiful renovation (though I remember the building very little; it hasn't been open since my 1st year on campus.) There are lots of familiar sights on campus that we're having fun (re)introducing to Graham. So far, his favorites are sticking his feet in the fountain and going to see the bulldozers and other heavy equipment working on a nearby construction site.

Our family made the move back to St. Louis in segments. We loaded the truck on a Tuesday, drove from Edmond to Springfield on a Wednesday, and arrived back at the Seminary on Thursday. We had the leisure of being able to divide the trip and it was a benefit for a 2-year-old who wouldn't have loved spending 9 hours in the back seat by himself. I drove the Uhaul, Suzy and Graham drove our car, and Suzy's mum (Graham's Nana) followed behind. Suzy's mum was so kind to come down to help us with the move and to drive with us to St. Louis. We are glad that she's still somewhat close in Kansas City.

The transition back to life in St. Louis is oddly familiar. It doesn't take long to remember where the potholes are and which streets make great shortcuts to avoid super-long traffic lights. The harder part comes when Graham gets sad and says, "I want to go home." Oklahoma was such a special place for him (and for us.) It's where he took his first steps, said his first words and fell in love with the people who make church a special place. He still talks about the organist from Edmond almost daily. Stephen Wurst is an amazing man, pursuing his doctorate at the University of Oklahoma. Graham would sit on the organ bench with Stephen and Stephen would play music with Graham at our house. Before we left, Stephen presented our family with an original composition that he dedicated to Graham. I will miss not having him in the office right next door.

I have tried to channel Stephen's creativity since I've been back. In the two weeks we've been back at the Seminary, I have already served as musical accompanist for chapel twice. Getting the chance to lead music during worship is always a pleasure. Before we left Oklahoma, Graham was pretty accustomed to going to church 4-6 days a week. I am glad that he'll have the opportunity to continue to connect with God's gifts and His people at regular chapel services on campus.

Last Sunday, our family returned to our St. Louis church home, Ascension Lutheran in St. Louis Hills. They welcomed our family with a reception called "Brownies with the Brakhages." I was installed as Pastoral Assistant and Suzy and Graham returned to their preschool Sunday School class. Toddlers attend with their parents, and Graham was glad to see his other 2- and 3-year-old friends - Benton, Jonah and Hunter - were back, too. Graham loves playing with other boys, especially if those boys are a little bit older and can show him how to do things he wouldn't have figured out by himself.

I will be a regular part of worship at Ascension on Saturdays and Sundays, often leading worship and preaching. I will also coordinate the congregation's small group ministry, equipping members to lead and grow. I plan to teach Bible class - both for adults

and high schoolers - and may teach a bit at Ascension's Lutheran grade school - Word of Life. I will also be the primary point of contact for pastoral care whenever our pastor is unavailable. Pastor Matt Clark is a very good supervisor; he was responsible for designing and coordinating worship for this summer's National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. I am looking forward to learning from him.

Pastor Clark planned a sermon series for August and September that examines the lives of faithful Christians from the past 20 centuries. It's called "Cloud of Witnesses," inspired by the famous verses from Hebrews, chapter 12. My first sermon in the series was on Boniface, a missionary who evangelized pagan Germany in the 7th century. The Christian roots he planted laid the foundation for generations of faithful Christian leaders, including even Martin Luther. From the outside, Boniface's life may read as one of privilege. God's grace gifted him with the mind, means and mission to make a tremendous difference on European history. But the same Spirit of God blesses us with the mind, means and mission to reach the lost and hurting in our own towns and communities. I pray that we see ourselves as missionaries, sent to our living rooms, workplaces and neighborhoods to make a difference in Christ, for Christ, and through Christ.

Classes here began on August 26. It seems like a somewhat lighter load academically, but we'll see if my assumptions prove to be true. The toughest class I imagine I'll have this semester is either my systematic theology capstone class (which the Seminary likes to call "confirmation on steroids") or my preaching class. I was invited to participate in an advanced homiletics class; I am not sure what earned me the invitation, but I know spots in the class are coveted. Both my preaching professor and systematics professor are quite demanding, but you also learn so much from them. I am excited for those classes and others where I'll learn about teaching, the Psalms, John's writings, 4th century Pastor Athanasius, and the role religion has played in shaping American culture.

Suzy has had her back-to-school orientation for work. She will return to providing after-school therapy for students in St. Louis County. This year, she will be based at a middle school in the suburb of Creve Coeur. Students who live in the district but attend private school or homeschool will come to Suzy's office for therapy on Tuesday and Thursday nights. It's a demanding position because it's possible for Suzy to see any student from kindergarten to 12th grade. She is looking forward to serving both in Creve Coeur and on the Seminary campus as she continues to provide speech therapy to other students' children.

Very soon, I will sit down with the Seminary's placement director for a debrief about vicarage. He will begin filling the file that will lead to our eventual placement next spring. We are excited for all the adventures ahead.

With anticipation,
Joshua

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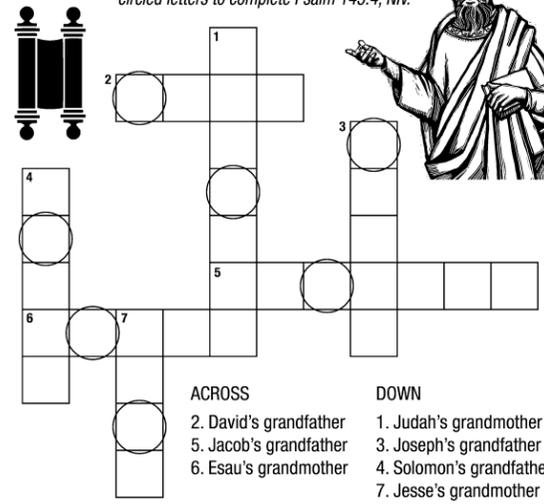
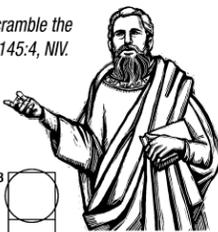


PUZZLE

Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

ACROSS

2. David's grandfather

5. Jacob's grandfather

6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN

1. Judah's grandmother

3. Joseph's grandfather

4. Solomon's grandfather

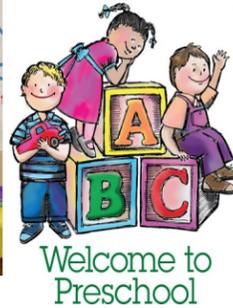
7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obad, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth, Generation

ECC

Not only did the preschool say goodbye to students who moved on to other schools this summer, but they said goodbye to two teachers, Ms Courtney and Ms Brittany. They will be missed!



Brynn moved up to the "big kid" class this morning. Drop off could not have gone better. She was SO excited to be in Mrs. Mary's class! She is getting so big and growing up so fast. I can't believe this is her last year at ECC!

Nikki Witt, Director

Upcoming Events

Grandparents breakfast
September 5th

Fall pictures
the following week

St. Jude's Trike-a-thon
September 26th.
All proceeds go to local
cancer patients under-
going treatment.



**Summer
Fun!**

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.

Joining Jesus on His Mission

Our new whole church Christian education journey introduces us to Rev. Greg Finke. The type of evangelism that he encourages isn't another program to add on to our already busy schedules. Rather, it is about making evangelism part of our lifestyle. It starts with recognizing that, as God's people, we do not go out on a mission for God, but with God. As the title of his book puts it, "Joining Jesus on His Mission."

Jesus is on the loose in our communities, and we join him by becoming missionaries in our neighborhoods. That means we intentionally get to know the people that God puts in our lives. We become intentional about meeting those around us in our neighborhoods, at school and at work. As Pastor Finke puts it, "Jesus can do more with two people who are beginning to talk with each other than he can with two people successfully ignoring each other."

Rev. Finke and his wife have a ministry called Dwelling 1:14. The name for this ministry comes from John 1:14, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." This is the Christmas story. What we celebrate at Christmas is the fact that God became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. Why did he do that? John tells us that God became flesh so that he could make "his dwelling among us." That means he came into the neighborhood. He lived among us, and he didn't ignore us. He was intentional about having a relationship with sinners.

Jesus was sent on a mission and he calls us to join him on his mission. Jesus says to his disciples, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (John 20:21). We continue the mission that started with Christ's work when we form relationships with people. God continues his work through us. Now we, the redeemed people of God, dwell among the lost. We become the hands, the feet, and the voice of Jesus so that others will know his love.

Join us as we begin "Joining Jesus on His Mission" on September 1 led by Pastor B in the Fellowship Hall.





CHRIST THE REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. High (6-8th graders)

Sr. High (9-12th graders)

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

DCE Suzanne Watt



"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

JOY Gathering October 4-6, 2019



6th-8th grade students at
Camp Lutherhoma in
Tahlequah

This year's cost is \$110 for a Student and \$85 for Friends as long as you register by Sept. 6th. (*Note a friend is a non-church member who has not attended Joy previously.) Spots will be available after Sept. 6 but the price will be \$130 each as long as there is still space. You may pay a \$55 non-refundable fee to hold your spot when you turn in your form and the rest on or before October 1. Cost to attend covers your weekend programming, retreat cabins and linens, t-shirt, transportation and meals. Parents are needed to chaperone!



HIGH SCHOOL 9TH-12TH GRADE MINISTRY

FALL SMALL GROUPS

Join all your CTR friends for fun, fellowship & Bible study each month. Sign up with DCE Suzanne to host one at your house!

- September 8
- November 10
- 3:00-5:00 PM

CTR-U

Starts September 4!
Band Practice at 5:00
Youth Group at 5:30

SIGN UP TO BE A JOY HIGH SCHOOL LEADER

Applications now available!

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

October 24-26 in Seward, NE
Leaving late afternoon on the 24th

CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN

December 20-21 @ Immanuel



**Jacob Drengler
Music Director**

Music is a vital part of our worship life together here at Christ the Redeemer. There are a variety of opportunities for musicians of all ages and experience levels to give glory to God by making a joyful noise to the Lord. All of these ensembles begin meeting regularly during September, so this is a great time to prayerfully consider participating in this ministry of music. What follows are a series of descriptions of all the ensembles currently offered at CTR.

Peace Choir: PreK-2nd Grade
Sunday, 9:35 AM (September-July)

This children's choir meets during the first part of the Sunday school hour on Sunday mornings and introduces children to a wide variety of Christian music. In addition to singing, the students often incorporate various world percussion instruments as they explore sacred music from many backgrounds. Through participation in this ensemble, children will also learn how to be active participants in worship services.

Praise Ringers: 3rd-5th Grade
Sunday, 10:15 AM (September-July)

This children's chime ensemble rehearses during the Sunday school hour on alternating Sunday mornings. Basic music literacy skills are introduced in conjunction with a focus on the liturgy and hymns which form the core of the musical repertoire sung during worship at Christ the Redeemer. Vocal music is included regularly as a means of further encouraging engaged participation in worship services.

Harmonia Deum: 6th-8th Grade
Sunday, 10:15 AM (September-July)

This ensemble for junior high students meets during the Sunday school hour on alternating Sunday mornings. The students learn to play a wide variety of handbell literature. In addition, students who also study keyboard, brass, woodwind, string, or percussion instruments are often invited to share those gifts, allowing Harmonia Deum to study a broad repertoire of sacred music.



Sanctuary Choir: high school – adults
Wednesday, 7 PM (September-May)

The Sanctuary Choir sings in worship services regularly throughout the Church year. This choir supports and encourages the congregational singing of hymns, psalms, and the liturgy. They also provide special musical offerings, drawing from the rich heritage of sacred choral music from the Christian church around the world, and throughout the centuries. No prior choral experience is necessary. We would love to have you sing with us!



Handbells: Agape Ringers: junior high – adults
Sunday, 12 PM (September-May)

This intergenerational handbell ensemble provides music during worship services throughout the Church year. A variety of handbell literature, including hymn settings, classical transcriptions, and choral accompaniments are utilized. Prior ringing experience is not necessary, although some music reading ability is helpful. New members are welcome at any time.

Youth Band: junior high – high school students
Wednesday, 5 PM (September-May)

The youth praise band is open to any junior high or high school student with an interest in singing or playing guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, or percussion instruments. This ensemble performs repertoire which encompasses the best of modern praise and worship styles, as well as world music and new arrangements of many of the great hymns which have comprised the song of the Church throughout the centuries.

Instrumentalists: junior high-adult

Instrumentalists provide musical leadership in our worship services throughout the year. Musical contributions by soloists or ensembles include instrumental pieces, choral accompaniment, and supporting congregational singing through inventive hymn settings.

If you are unable to participate in a musical ensemble, do not worry! Each worship service provides numerous opportunities to lift our voices in song as a community of believers. If you have questions or would like further details, feel free to speak to me following any worship service, or email me at jacob.drengler@ctrtulsa.org.