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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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Parish life has designated January as staff appreciation month for DCE Suzanne, Music Director, Jacob Drengler and ECC Director, Nikki.

Take a moment or two this month to express your gratitude for the work they do at CTR!!!!!!



Chili Cook-off
January 12
5:00 pm

Sign up for
the chili
cook-off contest!!
Who will win in 2020??
BINGO - BOUNCE
HOUSE



CTR-U CRAFT
CLASS
January 8 - 5:30
Cost: \$5.00

We will be making snowmen out of wine bottles.



There will be several types of materials to choose from to create your masterpiece!



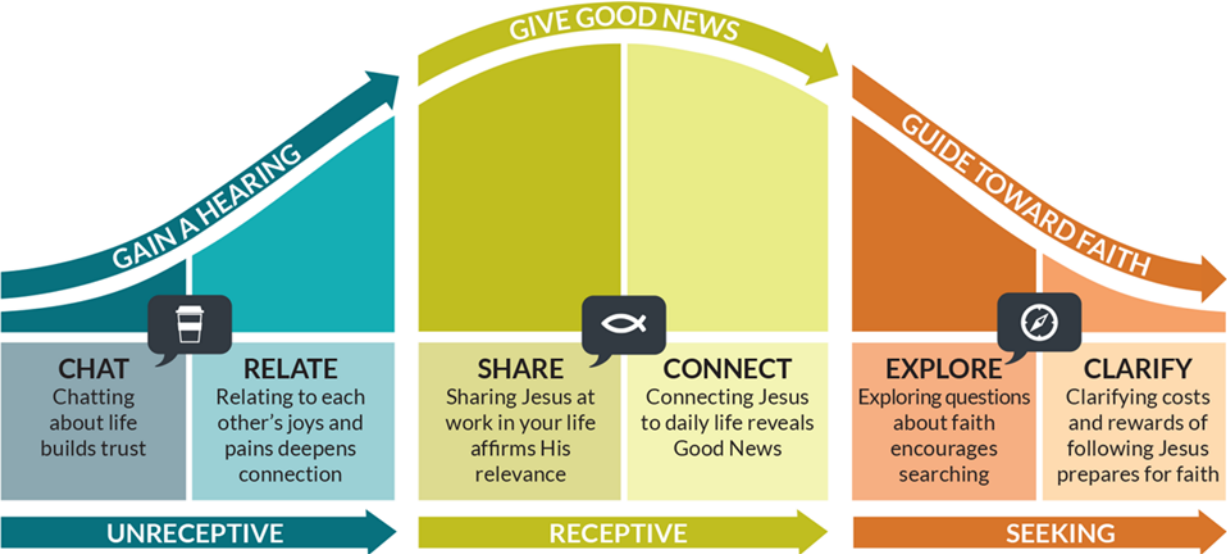


Fellow Redeemed,

Last month, in Sunday school, I taught the Spiritual Conversation Curve from Lutheran Hour Ministries. In it, we developed a strategy for having spiritual conversations with our friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Those with whom we will have spiritual conversations can often be unreceptive. The Conversation Curve recommends that we just chat with those who are unreceptive, in order that we might gain trust. When we chat with those who are unreceptive, we merely talk about everyday life. We ask questions of our friends and find out what interests them. During our Chat conversations, we can relate with them and share their joys and pains as we connect with them on a deeper level. There then comes a

“tipping point” where our friend moves from unreceptive into receptive. It is then that we can share with them the Good News of what Jesus has done in our lives, i.e. Word and Sacrament. Once we have made a deep connection, then our friend will move into a seeking posture. This is where we explore deeper questions regarding faith; maybe even invite them to church for worship and Sunday school. During the clarify stage, we share the challenges and joy of all of the rewards that God provides through a relationship with Him; like confession, absolution, repentance, forgiveness and the sanctified life.

What a blessing it is when we reach out in a meaningful and strategic way, when we seek to have spiritual conversations with our friends, family, and co-workers. May God continue to bless you with His Holy Spirit, as you move forward with your witness in Jesus Christ. Amen.



OWLS met on November 21 at the church for a presentation on the 75th Anniversary of WWII the D-Day Invasion by Jim Diley.



Bulletin Bloopers...



The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.



The CTR Jr. High Christmas Party for 6th-8th grade students was the evening of December 15. They enjoyed lots of games, a gift exchange, made ornaments and had some great food and punch! It was a lot of fun for the 15 youth who attended.

Confession

Article XVI: Of Civil Affairs

1] Of Civil Affairs they teach that lawful civil ordinances are good works of God, and that 2] it is right for Christians to bear civil office, to sit as judges, to judge matters by the Imperial and other existing laws, to award just punishments, to engage in just wars, to serve as soldiers, to make legal contracts, to hold property, to make oath when required by the magistrates, to marry a wife, to be given in marriage.

3] They condemn the Anabaptists who forbid these civil offices to Christians.

4] They condemn also those who do not place evangelical perfection in the fear of God and in faith, but in forsaking civil offices, for 5] the Gospel teaches an eternal righteousness of the heart. Meanwhile, it does not destroy the State or the family, but very much requires that they be preserved as ordinances of God, and that charity be practiced in such 6] ordinances. Therefore, Christians are necessarily bound to obey their own magistrates 7] and laws save only when commanded to sin; for then they ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5, 29.

DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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.

Winter Warmth

O God, you give the winter's cold,
as well as summer's joyous rays.
You warmly in your love enfold,
and keep us through life's wintry days.

--Samuel Longfellow

Puzzle!

Use the word list to complete the crossword. Then fill in the numbered blanks to read God's promise to Noah — and to us.

as, and, the, day, cold, long, heat, will, earth, night, never, cease, winter, summer, harvest, endures, seedtime

13 8 13 10 7 14
2 6 5 9 6
3 12 6 1 down 4
6 11 across 1 across 11 down 15

GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV

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

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 Tie Quilts
Sew Squares Assemble Tops

The quilters meet very Tuesday at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

Join us !! We would appreciate your help!

Faithful Measures

For the Month of November	2018	2019
Total Worship Attendance	928	923
Weekly Average.....	232	231
SS/Bible Class Attendance	416	402
Weekly Average	104	101
November Giving	\$53,408	\$60,261
Monthly Budget	\$65,226	\$63,800
Year to Date Giving	\$749,169	\$757,008
Year to Date Budget	\$766,409	\$749,649
YTD Expenses.....	\$752,398	\$699,781

Building Fund Contribution:
November receipts: \$48,700.50
Balance: \$1,210,180.95

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.

DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Recycling Drive

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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.

Staff Appreciation Month

Parish Life has designated January as Staff Appreciation Month for DCE Suzanne, Music Director, Jacob, and ECC Director, Nikki. Please join us through the month showing your appreciation for all the dedication and love these three put into the work that they do for CTR. Whether working with adults or youth, these three love what they have been called to do for their church. Drop them a note or text - give them a hug or pat on the back - get them a small gift or token of appreciation.

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.

January

5:
5:
12:
12:
19:
19:
26:
26:



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

Lonnie & Janet Jamison	Jan. 5	29 yrs
Scott & Amy Merrill	Jan. 13	19 yrs
Don & Vernice Bersche	Jan. 17	50 yrs
Greg & Julie Littleton	Jan. 30	32 yrs
Sam & Suzanne Roming	Jan. 30	10 yrs

“What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven’t even happened yet.”
--Anne Frank

BUNKO will meet on January 14 at the church at 7:00 with hostess, Kathy Stephen. Sign up on signup sheet in hallway. Questions?? Call 281-782-7783.

CTR FRIENDS will meet for lunch on January 12 at Senor Tequila Mexican Foods (6973 E 71st St. between Memorial & Sheridan).

OWLS will meet at the Incredible Pizza on January 23 at 11:30 AM. The speaker will be Derek Osburn, The Tulsa Field Office Director for U.S. Senator James Lankford. Osburn will provide information on the legislative issues that Senator Lankford is currently addressing. He will also discuss how the Senator has organized his staff to handle day to day constituent concerns as well as provide the in-depth research necessary to make intelligent decisions on the wide range of issues that must be addressed at any given time.

CHILI COOK-OFF will be January 12 at 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy fellowship with your CTR family, BINGO and the Bounce House for the younger crowd. Sign up to enter the chili contest.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held January 19 at noon following a meal provided by the board of directors. Childcare will be provided.



The Living Present

There are two ways of remembering. One is to make an excursion from the living present back into the dead past. The other way is to summon the dead past back into the living present...

When Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance of me,” (1 Corinthians 11:24), he was not prescribing a periodic slug of nostalgia.
--Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Week 12
Monday: Judges 1:1-2:23
Tuesday: Judges 3:1-5:31
Wednesday: Judges 6:1-7:25
Thursday: Judges 8:1-9:57
Friday: Judges 10:1-12:15
Saturday: Judges 13:1-15:20

Week 13
Monday: Judges 16:1-18:31
Tuesday: Judges 19:1-21:25
Wednesday: Ruth 1-4
Thursday: 1 Samuel 1:1-3:21
Friday: 1 Samuel 4:1-8:22
Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-13:23

Week 14
Monday: 1 Samuel 14:1-17:58
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 18:1-21:15
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 22:1-23:29
Thursday: 1 Samuel 24:1-25:44
Friday: 1 Samuel 26:1-29:11
Saturday: 1 Samuel 30:1-31:13

Week 15
Monday: Psalm 1:1-17:15
Tuesday: Psalm 18:1-28:9
Wednesday: Psalm 29:1-41:13
Thursday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4:12
Friday: 2 Samuel 5:1-6:23
Saturday: 2 Samuel 7:1-9:13

Week 16
Monday: 2 Samuel 10:1-12:31
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 13:1-15:37
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 16:1-18:33
Thursday: 2 Samuel 19:1-22:51
Friday: 2 Samuel 23:1-24:25
Saturday: Psalm 41:1-53:6

Week 17
Monday: Psalm 54:1-66:20
Tuesday: Psalm 67:1-72:20
Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 1:1-8:40
Thursday: 1 Chronicles 9:1-14:17
Friday: 1 Chronicles 15:1-17:27
Saturday: 1 Chronicles 18:1-21:30

Week 18
Monday: 1 Chronicles 22:1-27:34
Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30
Wednesday: 1 Kings 1:1-2:46
Thursday: 1 Kings 3:1-4:34; 2 Ch. 1:1-17
Friday: Song of Solomon 1:1-8:14
Saturday: Proverbs 1:1-4:27



CTR-U Monthly Schedule

There are no CTR-U Classes on January 1.

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
 - ◆ **Craft Class - January 8 - ECC lounge**

- 6:00-7:00 PM**
- ◆ January 8 - Cane’s chicken, mac & cheese, salad, dessert
 - ◆ January 15 - Subs, salad, chips, dessert
 - ◆ January 22 - Spaghetti, salad, dessert
 - ◆ January 29 - Tacos, salad, dessert

- 7:00-8:00 PM**
- ◆ Choir Practice
 - ◆ Youth Group (Jr/Sr High 6th-12th grade) DCE Suzanne-outside/ gym

Jesus repeatedly urged his followers to not simply hear but listen to his teachings. Others also have championed sincere listening to show compassion and respect.



With Katie Nightingale’s graduation on December 14, 2019, the entire Nightingale family have earned their degrees from Oklahoma State University. Shown in the picture from left to right is Richard Nightingale (2012 - BS Aerospace Administration & Operations), Nikki Nightingale Watters (2004 - BS Industrial Engineering & Management and 2008 - MS Engineering & Technology Management), Katie Nightingale (2019 - BS Psychology), Teresa Earley Nightingale (1973 - BS Math Education) and David Nightingale (1973 - BS Accounting and 1974 - MS Accounting).



CTR-U CRAFT CLASS
January 8 - 5:30
Cost: \$5.00

We will be making snowmen out of wine bottles.

There will be several types of materials to choose from to create your masterpiece!

See you then...



BUNKO ladies enjoy an evening celebrating Christmas together!



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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



Steve & Jody Zscheck
103 S Plum Street
Boone, IA 50036

Kristofer and Korie Drain
119 W 9th Place S
Claremore, OK 74017

Tim Zwosta
4928 E 103rd St.
Tulsa, OK 74137

Vickie Pritz
2900 W Charlotte St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Jonathon Huff
8537 E 24th St.
Tulsa, OK 74129

SUNDAY MORNING
CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Dec 22 & 29 Bible Studies, No confirmation classes

Due Next Week ((Jan 5)	Answer these Questions on paper and hand them in: How would you describe God? Who is the authority on who God is? How does the Bible shape your worldview?
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Jan 5 Is the Creation Account True?

Before You Ar-	Complete Homework
In Class	Pgs. 57-60
Due Next Week	Answer the 2 nd question on pg. 60

Jan 12 What Do We Know About Evolution?

Before You Arrive	Complete Homework
In Class	Pgs. 61-64
Due Next Week	“Think About It” pg. 64

Jan 19 Why Does the Account of Adam and Eve Matter?

Before You Arrive	Complete Homework
In Class	Pgs. 65-68
Due Next Week	“Make a Plan” pg. 68

Jan 26 [Is There Evidence of the Flood?](#)

Before You Arrive	Complete Homework
In Class	Pgs. 69-72
Due Next Week (Homework)	“Think About It” pg. 72, bottom of page

This Little Light

Worldwide, more than 1 billion people lack access to electricity; another 1.5 billion have irregular access. One new tool that’s literally brightening lives is an inflatable, waterproof, solar-powered lantern. With 10 tiny LED lights, “Luci” can shine about 15 square feet of light for up to 24 hours on a full charge. Yet the lantern weighs just 4 ounces, so it’s easy to transport.

Though this versatile lantern has many uses, inventor Jason Alan Snyder is especially excited about its potential to help people living in darkness. For each \$10 donation at

CTR-U WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Jan 1 NO CLASS

Jan 8 Lutheran History

Before You Arrive	Pick up a new workbook and read through Chapter 1
In Class	Chapter 1 in <i>Luther: Servant of God</i> workbook
Due Next Week (Homework)	Read Chapters 2 & 3 Pg. 18 answer 3 and 4

Jan 15 Lutheran History

Before You Arrive	Read Chapters 2 & 3 Pg. 18 answer 3 and 4
In Class	Chapters 2 & 3 in <i>Luther: Servant of God</i> workbook Pg. 13 answer 5 and 6
Due Next Week (Homework)	Read Chapters 4 & 5 Pg. 23 answer 2, 3, and 4

Jan 22 Lutheran History

Before You Arrive	Read Chapters 4 & 5 Pg. 23 answer 2, 3, and 4
In Class	Chapters 4 & 5 in <i>Luther: Servant of God</i> workbook Pg. 23 crossword
Due Next Week (Homework)	Read Chapters 6, 7, and 8 Pg. 32 answer 2 & 3 Pg. 42 answer 3

Jan 29 Lutheran History

Before You Arrive	Read Chapters 6, 7, and 8 Pg. 32 answer 2 & 3 Pg. 42 answer 3
In Class	Chapters 6, 7, & 8 in <i>Luther: Servant of God</i> workbook Pg. 38 answer 3, 4, 5 Pg. 42 answer 2 Pg. 43 answer 5
Due Next Week (Homework)	Read Chapters 9, 10, and 11 Pg. 54 answer 2 and 3

mpowerd.com, one Luci lantern is sent for disaster relief and humanitarian aid.

Little lights - whether solar-powered or Jesus-powered - make a big impact in our dark world.

--adapted from *HomeTouch*



Mission News Update



Veselé Vánoce
Merry Christmas

Prague—indeed, the whole Czech Republic—is festooned with Christmas markets. Every square in town has at least a few sheds set up to sell decorations, treats, gifts, or seasonal foods. Czechs love this time of year and seem to celebrate it with great joy. But that does not mean they get what it is all about.

Recently, we were shopping for some Christmas decorations. There were decorations of lovely stars, angels, and *Bellems* (nativities). But then the merchant pointed us to a basket filled with horse-shoes, pigs, and shamrocks; all these here are considered tokens for good luck in the coming year. He explained to us that by hanging these on the tree we will be lucky. And then Suzanne spoke up, “We don’t need luck. We’re Christian.” At first, it seemed harsh, but, after further thought, perhaps it was the perfect answer. The merchant stumbled to apologize. But we added that Jesus was what we needed more than anything.



The Christmas markets in the main square of Olomouc, Moravia (eastern Czech Republic)

This time of year much of the world comes, at the very least, to the fringes of our faith. They talk about Jesus’ birthday. They mention the humbleness of the whole scene as recorded in the Scriptures. They may even know the words to “Silent Night.” And still others may be able to recount accurately the events of that first Christmas. However, that does not mean they understand what this holiday, and all its festiveness, is all about. But they can when we open our mouth and tell them.

On that first Christmas, there were a lot of mouths opening. The angelic herald came to the shepherds to tell them what had happened. The hosts of heaven joined him to sing praises to God who would undertake the salvation of mankind. And the shepherds, having come and seen, went and told what had been reported to them concerning this child. And then those same shepherds opened their mouths to praise and glorify God. This opening of the mouth concerning this event is not over. It continues when we open our mouths to share the hope and confidence we have because of the birth of the baby, who is God in flesh.



The Betlem or nativity in Staroměstské náměstí (Old Town Square) in Prague

We are here to share that faith. And you are where you are to do the same. We are all missionaries in one sense. It is the joy of the Christian faith to declare the wonderful deeds that the God of heaven and earth has done in order to make us forgiven and pure, cleansed from sin and its curse, and brought into the family of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This has happened because the unthinkable happened: God took on human flesh so that we could be the children of God. Thanks be to God!

An Update on Dale’s Ear Surgery

We visited the doctor recently who says that everything is coming along very nicely. The surgical work is about 90% healed. And a quick test showed that there has been some great strides in regaining hearing in the ear. We just have to be patient as the ear continues to resume function. Our next appointment is six months away, and he will conduct a formal hearing test at that time.

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

“STEP”
INTO THE
NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God’s many blessings.



What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God’s continued goodness.

“Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone’s life.

Be the light that helps others see.”

--Roy T. Bennett



Calendar



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— 42 women, teens, and girls attended the annual Christmas dinner held December 12. Thanks to those who planned, helped with the program, games, and decorations. Special thanks to Jacob Drengler for our musical entertainment and to the men who served the meal and took care of cleaning up the kitchen! Family and Childish Services Tulsa was the recipient of our ingathering offering. A full SUV load of toys, games, toiletries, and clothes for all ages was delivered and they were extremely grateful for these gifts. Thanks to all who participated.

Our next LWML meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14, at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. We will have a Bible Study and short business meeting. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Outreach GivingTree—Thank you to all who brought gifts for the GivingTree recipients-Mend Medical Clinic and Pregnancy Crisis Center and Walker Hall, the transitional living center for young adults experiencing homelessness. A more detailed report will be in the February newsletter.

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!



Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.

that river to might God the from

a peoples if men hand a Jordan is all one

water call that always the on tell

know had the fear are So you earth LORD

together truth each powerful ask of the what

So _____ the _____ the

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the _____ .

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

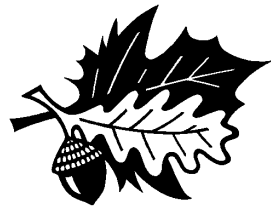
Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV



How To Find Peace

Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what his will is.

--Amy Carmichael



Nikki Witt, Director



Fun outdoors in the fall
with the falling leaves...
Thanksgiving turkey hats
and a yummy meal...



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.

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Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, January 2020



CTR Christmas Party
was enjoyed by all!!

Many thanks to Craig Amendt
and the Sapulpa Jazz Band
for the
entertainment.
It was awesome!!



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

**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.



Begin Anew

Every morning lean thine arms awhile
Upon the windowsill of heaven
And gaze upon thy Lord.
Then, with the vision in thy heart,
Turn strong to meet thy day.

--Thomas Blake

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**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

JOURNEY IN JANUARY HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT: at Camp Lutherhoma is January 17-19, 2020. Open to youth and their friends age 14-18 in high school. Registration cost is \$110 each for retreat cabins (those serving on the committee pay \$100). Retreat cabins include bedding and towels. Due by December 31, then add-ons can be done as space allows. After January 8 the price is \$170 a person if there is space. Cost includes transportation, meals and housing for the weekend as well as all programming and a t-shirt. You should be at church no later than 6:30 PM on the 17th. Please eat dinner prior or bring a sack meal with you! We will return on the 19th at approximately 1:30 PM. To register, please fill out the registration form and return it with the fee or pay the fee via the online link on the youth webpage. Please also ensure you have updated your medical forms for 2020.

OK'D IN CHRIST: will be March 6-8 in Norman, OK 9th-12th grade youth and their friends will be invited to attend. Registration information to come soon!

JR HIGH RETREAT: at Camp Lutherhoma is February 7-9, 2020. Open to youth and their friends in 6th-8th grade. Registration is \$75 each for retreat cabins. This includes bedding and towels. Due by January 17, then add-ons can be done as space allows. After the 17th you will not be guaranteed a t-shirt. You should be at the church no later than 6:15 pm on the 7th. Please eat dinner prior or bring a sack meal with you!

TULSA AREA LCMS LOCK-IN: will be February 16-17 and open to 6th-12th grade students and friends. More information to come soon!



"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 earth." Acts 1:8

Hope
ON THE BEACH
CTR Youth Summer Mission Trip 2020
June 2020
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida

Open to youth who will be entering 8th grade and up in Fall 2020. We will be hosting a VBS for Hope on the Beach Lutheran Church and doing other local mission opportunities as well as enjoying the beach! All youth interested in attending please RSVP to DCE Suzanne. We are looking at 2 possible dates: June 15-19 or June 22-26. For either trip we will use the weekend before and after for travel. Please let me know which dates you are available for.



Jacob Drengler
Music Director

As we enter into a new calendar year, indeed, a new decade, we also prepare to enter into a new season of the liturgical year. Each year in early January we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. While the Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on January 6th, many congregations observe the Feast of the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls closest to that date. The celebration of the Epiphany is principally a commemoration of the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child and the appearance and physical manifestation of Jesus Christ to the

Gentiles.

The lectionary readings, hymns, and collects associated with the season of the Epiphany are full of language which references light. The Old Testament reading for the Epiphany of our Lord is found in Isaiah 60; "Arise, shine, for your light has come." The Magi followed the light of a star to find the Christ Child. *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*, a beloved twentieth-century hymn often sung during the season of Epiphany, is replete with references to light:

*I want to walk as a child of the light,
I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world,
The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all,
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (LSB 411, stanza 1)

In our lives together, as we consider the marvelous works of God, who sent His only begotten Son as the Light of the World to take on human flesh, to suffer and die, and to be raised again, we respond by living lives that glorify God. We respond by living lives of love and service to our neighbors. We also respond, as in the words of a well-known chorale by Philipp Nicolai, by gladly blending our voices in songs of praise, prayer, and proclamation.

*O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, every day!
His love is never-ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilant!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!*

O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright (LSB 395, stanza 5)

During this season of the Epiphany may we walk in the light of the One who is our Rock and our Redeemer and may we always share that light with others.



The LWML
Christmas Party
was enjoyed by
several from CTR!

