

April 2020

The Cornerstone

A publication of Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



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HOLY WEEK
APR 5-PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:15 & 10:45 AM

APR 9-MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP W/ HOLY COMMUNION 7:00 PM
APR 10- GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP 7:00 PM

He Is Risen!

JOIN US EASTER MORNING
APRIL 12, 2020
7:00 AM, 8:15 AM, & 10:45 AM
HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL WORSHIP SERVICES
9:30 AM EASTER BREAKFAST
10:15 AM EGG HUNT

FAMILY & CHILDRENS MINISTRY

EGG HUNT

10:15 AM EASTER SUNDAY

Join us for Easter Breakfast
YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

9:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Breakfast
Casseroles*

Fruit

Muffins

*Orange Juice &
Coffee*



Fellow Redeemed,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of all that we believe, teach and confess as Christians. It is the day that gives all other days meaning. The Coronavirus, COVID-19, has taken up the bulk of our attention in the last few weeks. We have a Word from God that is more powerful than any disease.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

There is a peace that passes all understanding. There is a joy that cannot be measured. There is a hope to which we cling and will never let go. It is the peace from God. It is the Joy sent from heaven. It is the hope in the resurrection of all flesh. It is the sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus Christ, which has been poured out upon us. Our sins are forgiven! God has made us His children through our adoption as His sons and daughters through Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Death though it would have the final answer. Sin thought it had bound us for good. The power of the devil was sure that it had won the day. Jesus Christ defeated death by His own death and resurrection. Jesus took our sin upon Himself and

paid the price for us. Jesus has subdued the devil and all his power, so that we are now free, truly free from all that has ever assailed us. Death has died. Sin is forgiven. The power of the devil defeated.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This Easter it is time for us to return to the Lord. That's right. It is time for us to put away from our lives anything that would get in the way of God's Grace for us through Jesus Christ, and whatever would hinder us from serving our neighbor. As we gather around the empty tomb, we confess our sins, receive God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and live lives of holiness by the power and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May God continue to shower His blessing of the resurrection upon us, His people. We commend our lives into His care in the name, by the blood, and through the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ! Amen!

Bulletin Bloopers...

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.



OWLS met on January 23 at Incredible Pizza. Derek Osborn, the Tulsa Field Office Director for US Senator James Lankford, shared how the Senator handles legislative issues and constituent concerns.

In February the Owls met on the 27th at Incredible Pizza. The coveted Owl was presented by Marty Weber to the speaker, Andrea Leitch, Chief Market Officer at the Oklahoma Aquarium.



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

QUILTS



HOW CAN YOU HELP??

We need help in purchasing the fabric to make the quilt tops. Each quilt costs approximately \$25 to make. Donations marked "LWML quilts" can be dropped in the mite box or put in the offering plate.

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



Cut Squares

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

Tie Quilts

Sew Squares

Join us !! We would appreciate your help!

Assemble Tops

A Special THANK YOU

To My Church Family:

I want to thank all of you for your love, prayers and concerns for Walt and me.

Thank you to Pastor Burmeister for all of his visits and for the wonderful funeral service for Walt. There were so many comments given about how great the service was.

Again, thanks to all of you who reached out to help me and showed your concerns, prayers and love.

I am VERY HAPPY to be a member of Christ the Redeemer! Thanks again!

With love,

Barbara Sabourin

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.

Note: Due to the current pandemic, the altar flowers may be provided now or a future date.

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 on that Sunday. You may take the arrangement home following the late service.

April

- 5: by John & Lori Meinders in celebration of their anniversary
- 5: by Deon and Debra Hull in celebration of their anniversary
- 12: by Wes & Hillary Speer in celebration of Jesus' resurrection and Greg & Eric's birthday
- 12: by Joey & Suzanne Watts in celebration of their anniversary
- 19: by Micky Flasch in memory of Don Flasch
- 19: by Del & Jan Dreyer in celebration of their anniversary
- 26: by Sally Neas in celebration of John's birthday
- 26: by Bob and Jean Paulsen in celebration of their anniversary

Bible Quiz

After Jesus raises Lazarus from death, what does his family do to thank Jesus?

- A. They host a dinner for him.
- B. Martha serves the meal.
- C. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with an extravagant amount of expensive perfume.
- D. All of the above.

Answer: D (See John 12:1-3.)



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

Tom & Jackie Brown	Apr.	2	44 yrs
Jack & Judy Holliday	Apr.	2	2 yrs
Deon & Debra Hull	Apr.	5	32 yrs
John & Lori Meinders	Apr.	6	29 yrs
Joey & Suzanne Watt	Apr.	13	8 yrs
Gregory & Robin Sanders	Apr.	14	37 yrs
Raszy & Laura Simpson	Apr.	15	25 yrs
Gene & Betty Kuhlmann	Apr.	18	50 yrs
Del & Jan Drzyger	Apr.	20	57 yrs
Bob & Jean Paulsen	Apr.	21	64 yrs
Steve & Jody Zscheck	Apr.	23	37 yrs
Eric & Amy Mock	Apr.	24	10 yrs
Don & Marie Vavra	Apr.	24	49 yrs
Les & Nancy Austin	Apr.	26	12 yrs
Scott & Sandra Hughes	Apr.	28	30 yrs
Stephen & Kristie Ferguson	Apr.	30	13 yrs

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MAUNDY THURSDAY service - April 9 at 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE service - April 10 at 7:00 pm

EASTER SCHEDULE: April 12 - Sunrise Worship 7:00am; Early Service 8:15am; Easter Breakfast 9:30am; Egg hunt 10:15am; Late Service 10:45am

BRILLE WORKSHOP - April 13 at 9:00 am

CORNERSTONE DEADLINE - April 15

BUNKO will not meet in April.

CTR FRIENDS will not meet in April.

CTR-U will begin again in the Fall.

CTR WOMEN'S RETREAT April 17-19 is postponed.

LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION April 17-18 in Edmond is postponed.

LWML - April 21 at 12:30

OWLS - April 23 at 11:30

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - May 3

LISTEN EVERYWHERE

CTR now has Listen Everywhere as an app for your Apple or Android smart phone that will assist you in your enjoyment of the worship service. We also have devices available if you don't have your phone. Please see an usher or elder for further assistance. For those members/visitors that have an apple or android smart phone AND digital hearing aids, this application allows our service to stream directly into their hearing aids.

Isaiah 41:10

**Fear not, for I am with you;
be not
dismayed,
for I am
your God;
I will
strengthen
you, I will
help you, I will uphold you with
My righteous right hand.**



Faithful Measures

For the Month of February	2019	2020
Total Worship Attendance	974	906
Weekly Average.....	243	226
SS/Bible Class Attendance	440	320
Weekly Average	110	80
February Giving	\$71,942	\$ 73,478
Monthly Budget	\$63,800	\$ 65,431
Year to Date Giving	\$139,864	\$135,283
Year to Date Budget	\$127,600	\$130,861
YTD Expenses.....	\$125,253	\$104,861

Building Fund Contribution:

February receipts: \$47,360.50

Balance: \$1,519,302.25



Mission News Update

Death into Life: On our way to Czech lessons, we pass by a church that has this beautiful crucifix outside. In the summertime, it is surrounded by the green leaves of the tree, and you cannot see much behind them. As we have passed it lately, we have admired the stark contrast between the golden body of Christ with death all around—the darkness of the cross, the leafless tree, and the gray Prague weather so frequent at this time of year. How many people walk by and do not even acknowledge it? How many see it as a symbol only of a long-dead faith? Or, how many see it only as a sign of a tortured death? But for the Christian, life is seen in this image, because we know that Christ has changed death into life.

St. Paul reminded the Corinthian church of this truth. *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.* (1 Cor. 15:3-5 ESV) Our annual walk through the Lenten season is crucial for us because it puts before us the cross of Jesus as the source of salvation and the means of eternal life. However, this is needed perhaps even more in this year's Lent. All around the globe, the coronavirus is on everyone's mind. People are worried and down-right frightened because death seems to be everywhere. But for the Christian, things are different. While we do not want to be foolhardy, death is nothing to fear. Because even our deaths are not an end, without any more life to come, but rather a momentary rest until the Lord Jesus Christ raises us from death into eternal life. *Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.* (1 Cor. 15:51-52 ESV)

This holy season walks us through the darkness of Christ's crucifixion and through the darkness of the cry of dereliction. But it also leads us to the tomb with its useless seal and guards. The Christ who died is the Christ whom nothing could contain—not a guard, not a seal, not a grave. The Lord assures us that such is the case for our graves as well. When the trumpet's clarion call goes forth into the world, then nothing—not even coronavirus—will keep us in our graves. We will be changed.

This message is why we are here in the Czech Republic. Here Christ is a mere symbol of a long-forgotten religion. At best, He is a philosopher. But we know that He is so very much more. Through His suffering, death, and resurrection, He has done enough to save the whole world; no one is excluded from that. And He gives us to share in that victory through the life-giving flood that is Holy Baptism. Therefore, we joyously acclaim: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Thanks be to God! Do not fear! Stay immersed in Christ!

Later this year, I will have been working with the Office of International Missions for seven years. On so many occasions for team members to gather for some much-needed fellowship. And it always seems that there is an obligatory picture of everybody at a table in some restaurant. I have pictures from all over Africa and Europe. It makes me think about my vicarage year in Nebraska where the members told me, "When we meet, we eat." It is just that so often mission work can make you feel alone—you are far away from your family, your nation, your culture. So, when we come together, we thank God for our chance to worship and to commune together; but then usually comes the table picture. Recently, all our missionaries in the Czech Republic came together and ate ... actually, reconnected and encouraged each other. What a blessing from the Lord!

College-Aged Bible Study Update: At our first gathering, there were four of us. We thank God that this month we grew by one person. A young lady came who is part of a different faith. So, we are growing one by one, praying that we have opportunities to share Jesus Christ with them. In April, since our meeting is right before Holy Week, we have decided to show *The Passion of the Christ*. Please pray that this might proclaim Jesus to many!

The Challenges of Lenten Midweek: The Czech Lutheran church does not have the tradition of midweek worship during Lent. But our congregation has a lot of influence from America! We felt great when we had a good turnout on Ash Wednesday. But that joy was challenged the next week when we had only three people—Dale, Martin, and Suzanne. This week was going to be better. Members were saying that they would be there ... then the coronavirus showed up, and now we are canceled at least for this week. We pray that this might pass quickly!

Things Happening Here: We are planning a congregational Easter luncheon. Dale is preparing a ham, and the members are bringing the sides and desserts. We are inviting our many visitors to join us for this annual celebration of the resurrection. Leaders are planning a day trip to one of the many historical and beautiful sites here in the Czech Republic. Martin is teaching the catechism to a local Czech, getting her ready for Holy Baptism.

Since this newsletter was started, we have learned more about what the coronavirus is doing here. The Czech Republic has shut schools, businesses, and its borders with its neighbors. On top of that, the USA is not a place to which we can go. Please pray for us that we remain healthy as we pray the same for you. We commend you to Christ!

Rev. Dale and Suzanne
Kaster

*Your Missionaries to the
Czech Republic*



Seminary News

It is a beautiful spring day in St. Louis. Graham has dragged his excavators and dump trucks out to the flowerbeds to do a little digging. Even 4-month-old Luke has been soaking in the sunshine. Walking the three blocks to class is a joy. Suzy and I appreciate days like this.

At the same time, we are reading the news. Stay home if you're sick. College classes being held online. Basketball tournaments canceled. Travel restrictions. Limit public exposure. Fears over the coronavirus are forcing us back inside. I'm not a doctor, and this newsletter article is not where you go for practical medical advice (I hope!) But it seems while the CDC is trying to limit exposure to the disease, the infection of *fear* is spreading like wildfire.

Fear is an instinctual human emotion, and as Christian people, we are told how to direct it. "We should *fear* and love **God**." That's how the pastors of the past explain God's first and greatest commandment: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." *What does this mean?* We should fear, love and trust in God above all.

In leaving the explanation this simple, it means we can apply it in a multitude of different ways. Should we fear a viral infection? Our instincts say yes, but our faith says no! We should not fear viruses; we should fear **God**. And why should we fear God? Because He's powerful. The first commandment is premised on the fact that "I brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." In swarms and storms, plagues of darkness *and disease*, the power of the Lord proved to be too much for Pharaoh to handle. And the Israelites saw it. And now this almighty, all-powerful God says, "It's Me. It's *only* Me. You shall have no other gods."

But here's the best part. The Lord didn't just smite the mighty king of Egypt to prove His own power. He takes down Pharaoh for a purpose: to bring "you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." His purpose in power is to show mercy. To rescue. To restore. To bring His people to Himself. "It's you. It's *only* you. I came in power for you."

I am working on a sermon where the Israelites ask the question, "Is the Lord among us or not?" They ask this after experiencing this world's brokenness. They can't find water, and survival seems beyond their control. Replace water with a cure for coronavirus, and it sounds a lot like our situation today. In a season when our actions and interactions seem to be governed by fears of spreading sickness, maybe we should return to the Israelites' question. "Is the Lord among us or not?" I think we'd be forced to arrive at the same answer they did: "Of course He is." He proves his power and exercises might in order to show mercy. And we should fear and love God. (And love your neighbor by washing your hands.)

The Seminary and our St. Louis church have taken steps to corral any infections here. We've stepped up our disinfecting of classrooms and worship spaces. Seminary courses will be online. Special events like concerts and class trips have been canceled. Yet learning continues. Worship continues. Christian community continues. I pray that where you are you can lead others by taking the precautions that are within your ability, without abandoning the hope that makes us distinct from those with no faith in Christ.

As I write this, a dear friend is in the ER with an unexplained neurological disorder and worries that it will complicate her pregnancy. Another dear friend is racing to school to pick up her 6th grader who

was just suspended for vandalizing the building. And yet another dear friend was placed on hospice this week. With or without the coronavirus, we are surrounded by evils that would tempt us to fear something *other* than God.

And to us Jesus says, "*And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.*" (Matthew 10: 28-31)

Jesus' message is simple: keep the 1st commandment. Fear God. Anything else? Fear not. Why? Because God is powerful, and He uses that power to show mercy. To rescue. To restore. To bring His people to Himself. Just like He did for the thirsty Israelites.

And if you need proof – proof of His power, proof that you're valued more than many sparrows – look to the cross. That's where Jesus shows the power He has to take the world's worst – *your* worst and mine – and undo the curse of sin. That's where Jesus shows He's more powerful than the temptations to conform to the fears that govern this world. That's where Jesus exercises His power to rescue, to restore, to show mercy to those whose survival seems beyond their control, and to bring His people to Himself, both now and in eternity. That's what I will hear preached on Sunday. And on Wednesday. That's what I will preach the Sunday after that. And the Wednesday after that.

At this point, we do not know how coronavirus precautions will affect the activities we're looking forward to, specifically Call Day on April 28. Whether there's a big celebration or not, the Lord will continue to call pastors into his service, just as he has for generations.

Pastor Martin Luther once wrote to a fellow pastor in the midst of the Black Death. The plague was spreading, Luther's own wife was pregnant, and pastors wanted to know what to do.

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

So what should a Christian do? **Pray** to the Almighty God. **Prevent** needless infection. **Protect** others and yourself. **Provide** service anywhere there's need. And rest in faith in the **promises** of God.

In His promise,

Joshua Brakhage
12 Founders Way, Unit B
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Visiting the synagogue at Capernaum

A glimpse of the CTR Holy Land Trip from January 2020 to Israel and Palestine.



The church of St Peter's Primacy & Sea of Galilee



At the Mount of Temptation



Floating the Dead Sea



Mt. Carmel



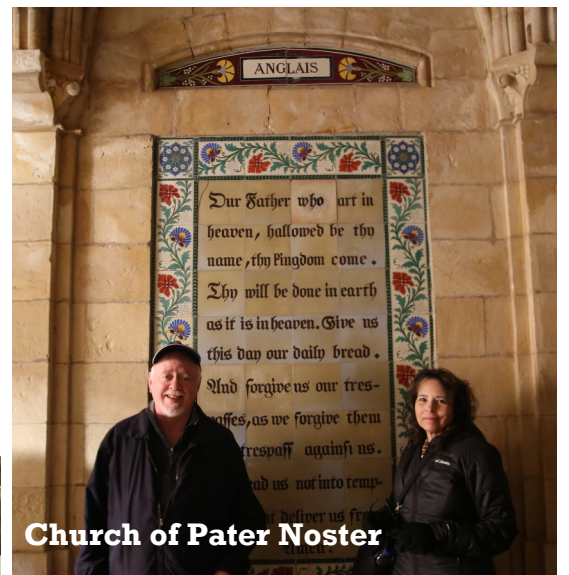
Visiting the Shepherd's Fields in Bethlehem



Herod's mountaintop fortress-Masada



Jerusalem



Church of Pater Noster



The Baptism site on the Jordan River



CHRIST THE REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. High (6-8th graders)

Sr. High (9-12th graders)

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



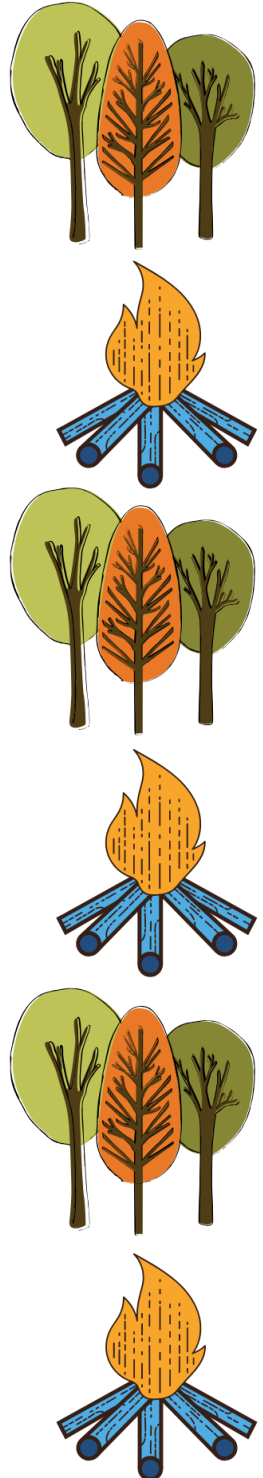
"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

DCE Suzanne Watt



The annual Junior High Retreat at Camp Lutherhoma was a fun-filled and faith-filled weekend! We had small group Bible study, group initiative challenges, a campfire and great time in the outdoors. Over the course of the weekend we talked about the "filters" we try to put on to disguise ourselves from others and even God, but we know God sees us as we are and loves and forgives us anyway! We can't wait to go again next year!

Cornerstone 8





Jacob Drengler
Music Director

His cross (Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns, p. 263).

*In silent pain the eternal Son hangs derelict and still;
in darkened day his work is done, fulfilled, his Father's will.
Uplifted for the world to see he hangs in strangest victory,
for in his body on the tree he carries all our ill.*

*He died that we might die to sin and live for righteousness;
the earth is stained, to make us clean and bring us into peace.
For peace he came, and met its cost; he gave himself to save the
lost; he loved us to the uttermost and paid for our release.*

*For strife he came, to bring a sword, the truth to end all lies;
to rule in us, our patient Lord, until all evil dies:
for in his hand he holds the stars, his voice shall speak to end our
wars, and those who love him see his scars and look into his eyes.
In Silent Pain the Eternal Son (Lutheran Service Book 432)*

Among the most textually striking Lenten hymns found in Lutheran Service Book is "In Silent Pain the Eternal Son" by Anglican priest and hymnodist Christopher Idle (b. 1938). This hymn, originally titled "Strangest Victory," was initially conceived to fill a perceived lack of hymnody which deals with the subject of the atonement. Idle noted that many hymn writers penned hymns which display Christ's majesty and power, but rarely

The opening stanza begins with a grim image, one which many of us likely prefer not to contemplate, much less sing about: the image of the Christ hanging dead on the cross. In just a few words we are reminded of the awful price paid on our behalf to fulfill God's plan of salvation. It is a strange form of victory indeed which we bear witness to when we sing the story of Christ's Passion and death. And yet...

Yet we know that this is not the end. We know something that those who were witnesses to that brutal execution did not know as they saw the events of that Friday unfold. Simply put: It's Friday, but Sunday's coming! That Sunday brings with it the Resurrection dawn. That Sunday brings forth songs of victory. That Sunday heralds life triumphant over death. And so we sing!

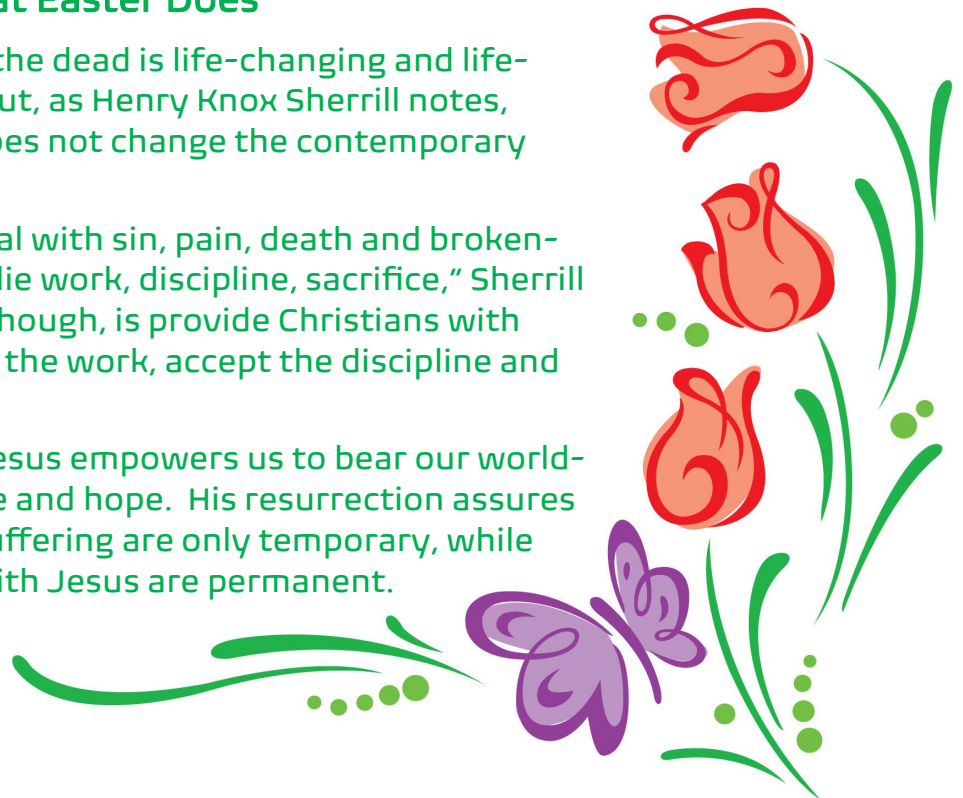
We sing songs which affirm the knowledge that Christ's hands, scarred with the marks of death, hold the stars in their courses. We sing songs of a Christ whose voice shall speak to end our human wars and conflicts, ushering in a radically reordered kingdom of peace where the first shall be last and the last shall be first. We sing songs of hope, justice, peace, and love in a world which so desperately needs to be made whole. We sing these songs, even (perhaps especially) in times of social, political and economic upheaval. In times when so many things seem to be uncertain, we, Easter people even in the midst of Lenten wilderness, live in the certain hope that Jesus is risen and that he walks beside us as we go.

What Easter Does

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for His followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world."

On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.




ECC

Let The Little Children Come



Nikki Witt, Director

We celebrated Valentine's Day with a fun party! Then in March we made our temporary move to Good Shepherd.



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.



Our last chapel before we moved!

Mission Grant Story · April 2020

LIGHTS FOR CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS

**Wind River Indian Reservation
Transportation**

Fort Washakie, Wyoming — \$40,000

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

With the purchase of a church building near Fort Washakie in the spring of 1978 by the LCMS Wyoming District, the mission work with the Shoshone and Arapaho Native American tribes began. A large part of this ministry is focused on outreach to the children of the Wind River Indian Reservation. Due to the distance from their homes and with transportation options being limited, very few children are able to attend the Bible classes in Fort Washakie and Crowheart. A suitable vehicle will enable the children to continue the 88-mile round trip to Fort Washakie to Sunday school and the 60-mile round trip to Crowheart for the "Monday" school. These classes are the mission's best, and in most instances, the only, opportunity to share the Gospel of Christ with the children living on the Reservation.

The children of this high-poverty ethnic area receive few or no opportunities for Christian education. Often, there is little involvement from the parents in their children's education, and they make no effort to attend church. However, the parents grant the Wind River Lutheran Mission (WRLM) staff permission to pick up their children and take them to Sunday school or VBS. There they learn about Jesus, and the children become Christ-bearers, shining their light and pointing their families to the Savior.

In order to accomplish this work, funds are needed to purchase a reliable passenger van for the children's transportation. A van, rather than a school bus, is preferred, as van drivers are not required to obtain a special license. Your support of Mission Grant #9, the Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, is greatly appreciated.

www.lwml.org/mission-grants



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

Serving the Lord with Gladness!

Kathy Stephen, CTR LWML President, 281-782-7783 - stpn44@aol.com

LWML NEWS

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!

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 Gumdrops feature!

CTR LWML currently plans to meet on **Tuesday, April 21** at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Business will include updates on the District bylaws, officers, and Mission Grants. We will also discuss the proposed bylaws changes to our local group. Contact Kathy Stephen if you have questions or concerns.

LWML Oklahoma District Convention

*****Note: Originally April 17-18, but it is postponed. Delegates will be voting electronically on those dates in order to continue the business of the district.**

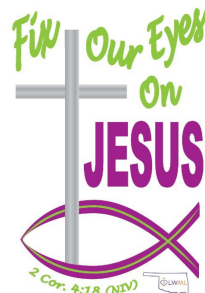
See www.oklwml.org for further information and updates.

Bible Study Leader: Deaconess Betty Knapp

Mission Speakers: Patti Ross and

Deaconess Grace Rao

Keynote Speaker: Jan Struck



Goal Statement: Envisioning our eternal home, our hope is renewed daily through God's Word.

Objectives: For 20/20 Vision we:
† Fix our eyes
† Focus in faith
† Follow Jesus

**Make plans to join your sisters and brothers in Christ.
Come and follow our perfect Savior!**

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

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.

HARVEST HOUSE

Once again the members of Christ the Redeemer came through with wonderful donations of clothing and household items for the Harvest House. The outreach ministry and Harvest House would like to thank everyone for their generous help. Thanks also to Star Tiger, Lynne Kollock and Cheryl Davison for delivering the sacks of clothing to the Harvest House.



WE HAVE THIS
HOPE
as an anchor
for the soul

HEBREWS 6:19a

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

April

Week 33

Monday: Ezekiel 29:1 - 34:31
Tuesday: Ezekiel 35:1 - 39:29
Wednesday: Ezekiel 40:1 - 43:27
Thursday: Ezekiel 44:1 - 48:35
Friday: Lamentations 1:1 - 3:36
Saturday: Lamentations 3:37 - 5:22

Week 34

Monday: Obadiah 1 - 21
Tuesday: Daniel 7:1 - 8:27
Wednesday: Daniel 5:1 - 6:28
Thursday: Daniel 9:1 - 12:13
Friday: Psalm 90:1 - 98:9
Saturday: Psalm 99:1 - 106:48

Week 35

Monday: Psalm 107:1 - 113:9
Tuesday: Psalm 114:1 - 119:176
Wednesday: Psalm 120:1 - 134:3
Thursday: Psalm 135:1 - 143:12
Friday: Psalm 144:1 - 150:6
Saturday: Ezra 1:1 - 3:13

Week 36

Monday: Ezra 4:1 - 6:22
Tuesday: Haggai 1:1 - 2:23
Wednesday: Zechariah 1:1 - 4:14
Thursday: Zechariah 5:1 - 8:23
Friday: Zechariah 9:1 - 14:21
Saturday: Esther 1:1 - 5:14

Week 37

Monday: Esther 6:1 - 10:3
Tuesday: Ezra 7:1 - 10:44
Wednesday: Nehemiah 1:1 - 6:19
Thursday: Nehemiah 7:1 - 10:39
Friday: Nehemiah 11:1 - 13:31
Saturday: Malachi 1:1 - 4:6

Week 38

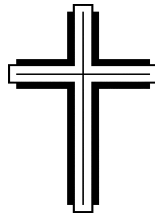
Monday: Luke 1:1-80; John 1:1-14
Tuesday: Matthew 1:1-25; Luke 2:1-38
Wednesday: Matthew 2:1-23; Luke 2:39-52
Thursday: Mt 3:1-17; Mk 1:1-45; Lk 3:1-38
Friday: Mt 4:1-25; Lk 4:1 - 5:39; Jn 1:15-51
Saturday: John 2:1 - 4:54

Week 39

Monday: Mark 2:1-28
Tuesday: John 5:1-47
Wednesday: Mt 12:1-21; Mk 3:1-35; Lk 6:1-49
Thursday: Matthew 5:1 - 7:29
Friday: Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7:1-50
Saturday: Matthew 11:1-30



Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray was our mission speaker on February 9. He introduced the work that he is doing with the LCMS in regard to spreading the Word of God to our black communities.



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.

They need small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, hand soap and hand lotion. There will be a box set up in the south hallway for your donations. If you have regular sized bottles of those items, you may also place those in the box. If you would like to purchase gallon containers of shampoo, conditioner, hand soap or lotion, we plan to have an outreach event to fill prescription bottles with these items for STCH.



CTR-U CRAFT CLASS

CTR-U's last craft class for the season was held on February 12th. We all had a great time making our Valentine decoration. We hope to continue with the craft classes in the fall depending on how the construction will impact our time and space.

THANKS...

Many thanks to all the ladies who have taken part in the craft class over the past years. We've all truly enjoyed getting together. It's been more about spending

some quality fellowship time with each other than the craft itself. I hope we will be able to continue in the fall!

Have a great few months off!!
—Connie



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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



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Deb Drain: ddrain1122@gmail.com

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Tulsa, OK 74137

James & Rachel Morgan
4240 E 107th St
Tulsa, OK 74137

Confession

C O R N E R

Article XVIII: Of Free Will

1] Of Free Will they teach that man's will has some liberty to choose civil righteousness, and to work 2] things subject to reason. But it has no power, without the Holy Ghost, to work the righteousness of God, that is, spiritual righteousness; since the natural man 3] receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, 1 Cor. 2, 14; but this righteousness is wrought in the heart when the Holy Ghost is received 4] through the Word. These things are said in as many words by Augustine in his Hypognosticon, Book III: We grant that all men have a free will, free, inasmuch as it has the judgment of reason; not that it is thereby capable, without God, either to begin, or, at least, to complete aught in things pertaining to God, but only in works of this life, whether good 5] or evil. "Good" I call those works which spring from the good in nature, such as, willing to labor in the field, to eat and drink, to have a friend, to clothe oneself, to build a house, to marry a wife, to raise cattle, to learn divers useful arts, or whatsoever good 6] pertains to this life. For all of these things are not without dependence on the providence of God; yea, of Him and through Him they are and have their being. "Evil" 7] I call such works as willing to worship an idol, to commit murder, etc. 8] They condemn the Pelagians and others, who teach that without the Holy Ghost, by the power of nature alone, we are able to love God above all things; also to do the commandments of God as touching "the substance of the act." For, although nature is able in a manner to do the outward work, 9] (for it is able to keep the hands from theft and murder,) yet it cannot produce the inward motions, such as the fear of God, trust in God, chastity, patience, etc.

Article XIX: Of the Cause of Sin

Of the Cause of Sin they teach that, although God does create and preserve nature, yet the cause of sin is the will of the wicked, that is, of the devil and ungodly men; which will, unaided of God, turns itself from God, as Christ says John 8, 44: When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own.



Parish Life, personnel and staff members, DCE Suzanne and Nikki, hosted a retirement reception in honor of Connie.

This fellowship time was enjoyed by everyone, as they bid Connie "best wishes" in her retirement.



The quilters took Connie to Hooters for a retirement lunch.



It was great fun!

Join CTR on Facebook & Twitter!

Keep up with coming events, announcements, and updates about recent events, including pictures. The public events page is at: <https://www.facebook.com/ChristTheRedeemerLutheranChurch>.



The private group is at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ctrulsa/>.

To join the private group, click Join Group in the top right-hand corner of the page, or email James Morgan at: communications@ctrulsa.org.

For the Twitter account use: @PastorBe_CTR.

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*Note: In light of the current pandemic, all events are subject to change.
Check for current updates on the CTR website: www.ctrtulsa.org
and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ChristTheRedeemerLutheranChurch.*

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12 Easter 7:00 AM Sunrise Service 8:15 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Easter Breakfast 10:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt 10:45 AM Communion Service	13 Office Closed 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr 9:00 AM Braille Workshop 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	14 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr 10:00 AM Sew n' Sows 6:30 PM Board and Lay Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Property Meeting	15 CORNERSTONE DEADLINE 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr 10:00 AM Widows/Widowers Bible Study 7:00 PM Adult Choir-Balcony	16 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr	17 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr 8:00 AM Roustabouts 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study-Library	18
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RAISING CHILDREN TO KEEP THEM IN THE FAMILY OF FAITH
God comes to us through His Word and Sacraments during worship at church, and then the family's devotional life at home keeps its members connected to those gifts all week long. This routine creates a lifelong rhythm that helps keep kids in the faith throughout all stages of their lives.

82% of children raised by parents who talked about faith at home, attached great importance to their beliefs and were active in their congregations were themselves religiously active as young adults, according to data from the latest wave of the National Study of Youth and Religion.
*Parents No. 1 Influence helping teens remain religiously active as young adults (Association of Religion Data Archives, 2014)

READ THE BIBLE
Take turns reading Bible passages out loud. Use the "Daily Lectionary" (LSB, Pages 299-304) for suggested Bible readings for each day.

HOLD FAMILY DEVOTIONS
Use a simple order of worship to guide your family devotions. See Pages 294-298 in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) for brief services for different times of the day.
Repeat the hymns from Sunday throughout the week to make a connection between your daily prayer life and the Sunday Divine Service.

PRAY TOGETHER
Pray before meals and at bedtime.
Teach your child that the liturgy and hymns are part of their prayer life. God first speaks to us through His Word, and then we speak back with praise.

TALK ABOUT LIVING IN FAITH
Use spare moments throughout the day — while in the car, while waiting in line and so on — to discuss faith issues. As children are able, start applying the Small Catechism to real-world events and conversations.

TIPS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS
Set aside a specific time each day.
Use a ribbon to indicate the color of the Church Year.
Consider lighting a candle.
Sing a hymn together.

THE ESSENTIAL LUTHERAN LIBRARY FOR THE FAMILY

- The Story Bible
- Faith Alive Student Bible
- The Lutheran Study Bible
- My First Catechism
- Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation
- My First Hymnal
- Lutheran Service Book

All of these resources are available at cph.org

THE Family Altar

"Parents who provide a home where faith is vibrantly practiced — even imperfectly — are remarkably likely to create young adults who remain active Christians, even as they sometimes go through humpy spots in the road." Finding from Focus on the Family's "Millennial Faith Participation and Persistence" study (2013)

THE CHURCH YEAR

THE TIME OF THE CHURCH YEAR: CHRISTMAS, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER.

WORDS OF HOPE IN DIFFICULT TIMES

The Bible gives us words of comfort and hope amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Psalm 46:1-2 NIV "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear."

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Isaiah 33:6 The Passion Translation "He will be your constant source of stability in changing times, and out of His abundant love He gives you the riches of salvation, wisdom and knowledge. Yes, the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure!"

Isaiah 26:3 NIV "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You."

John 16:33 NIV Jesus said: "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Psalm 46:10 NIV "Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 4:8 NIV "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Psalm 33:12 NIV "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD."

