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National Day of Prayer - May 7

Mother's Day - May 10

Armed Forces Day - May 16

Ascension Day - May 21

Memorial Day - May 25

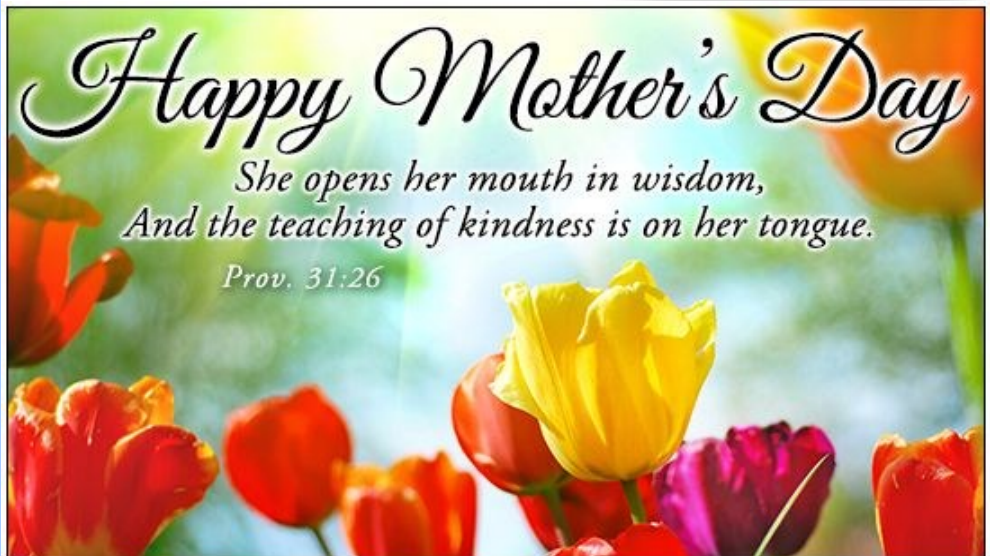
Pentecost - May 31



Happy Mother's Day

*She opens her mouth in wisdom,
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

Prov. 31:26





Fellow Redeemed,

Now I have a better understanding of the Babylonian Exile, that the children of God experienced. Not that I am comparing our current situation to theirs, as theirs was in slavery and exile. But, I do have a “better” understanding than I did before. The quarantines, and stay at home orders, along with the shut down of many businesses, has taken its toll. The inability for us to meet on Sundays, and trying to preach to you through a camera is not easy. But through it all, God is with us. God is with us. What a wonderful reminder.

I am reminded of Romans 8:12-17, “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirits that we are children of

God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.”

These verses speak to us in the midst of our current reality. God is indeed with us. The Holy Spirit continues to work in us through the Word of God, life, forgiveness, salvation, and a holy life. It is in times like these that we cling all the more to the Word of God, for comfort, clarity, and hope. Remember that you are sons and daughters of God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

What a celebration it will be when we are all back together inside the sanctuary to praise God for all His goodness, and to worship Him in Spirit and truth. What a celebration it will be when we can once again gather around Christ’s body and blood in Holy Communion. I know that Romans 8:28 is true, “and we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him and have been called according to his purpose.” Let the truth of God’s Word dwell within your heart and minds, as we wait in eager expectation for our reunion in worship here at CTR.

The tomb is empty. The victory that Jesus won for us over sin, death, and the power of the devil IS ours! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Oklahoma District has a Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/oklahomalutherans/

Follow the page to stay informed about news and events at the District level and throughout the state. Learn, reflect upon scripture, and share what is happening in your congregation as we celebrate the love of Jesus Christ and the joy of Lutherans in Oklahoma.

New Oklahoma District LCMS Website:

www.oklahomalutherans.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

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

Acolyte
Ministry

Young People - we need you!

Come serve the church as an acolyte.

You can sign up by the library.

WE NEED YOU!



PSALM 62:8

"Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge."



For the Month of March	2019	2020
March Giving	\$73,542	\$67,096
Monthly Budget	\$79,750	\$81,788
Year to Date Giving	\$213,406	\$202,379
Year to Date Budget	\$207,350	\$212,650
YTD Expenses.....	\$194,012	\$178,147

Building Fund Contribution:

March receipts: \$37,944.88

Balance: \$1,557,247.13

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

- 3: by Jerry & Diane Morlock in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary
- 3: by Sandra Hanson
- 10: by Bob & Jean Paulsen
- 10:
- 17: by John & Sally Neas in celebration of Greg Neas' birthday
- 17: by the family of Bill & Ladon Bullock in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary
- 24: by Deborah Drain in celebration of Kevin & Sarah's anniversary and Korie's birthday
- 24: by David & Teresa Nightingale in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary
- 31:
- 31:



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

<i>Brad & Michelle Jackson</i>	<i>May 2</i>	<i>15 yrs</i>
<i>Robert & Johana Fitzgerald</i>	<i>May 5</i>	<i>19 yrs</i>
<i>Charlie & Rhoda Transue</i>	<i>May 6</i>	<i>19 yrs</i>
<i>Jerry & Diane Morlock</i>	<i>May 9</i>	<i>50 yrs</i>
<i>Mark & Sherry Volberding</i>	<i>May 11</i>	<i>8 yrs</i>
<i>Bill & Ladon Bullock</i>	<i>May 17</i>	<i>50 yrs</i>
<i>Jody & Heather Orvis</i>	<i>May 17</i>	<i>17 yrs</i>
<i>Barry & Daphnee Brian</i>	<i>May 20</i>	<i>44 yrs</i>
<i>Kevin & Sarah Drain</i>	<i>May 24</i>	<i>8 yrs</i>
<i>Russell & Carol Hansen</i>	<i>May 26</i>	<i>53 yrs</i>
<i>David & Teresa Nightingale</i>	<i>May 26</i>	<i>47 yrs</i>
<i>Frank & Connie Thomas</i>	<i>May 29</i>	<i>38 yrs</i>
<i>Eric & Kara Kaplinski</i>	<i>May 31</i>	<i>12 yrs</i>
<i>Scott & Julie Mabrey</i>	<i>May 31</i>	<i>23 yrs</i>

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.

"BEAUTY TIPS"

~ by Audrey Hepburn

- ◇ For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
- ◇ For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. ◇
- ◇ For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
- ◇ For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day. ◇
- ◇ For poise, walk with the knowledge you'll never walk alone.
- ◇ People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anybody.
- ◇ Remember, If you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.
- ◇ As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.
 - ◇ The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the
- way she combs her hair.
- The beauty of a woman must be seen from in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides.
- The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole, but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows, and the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows!



Mission News Update



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The coronavirus has definitely altered our work. But we are still working. In fact, we have tried to be there for our members who are comfortable receiving us in their homes. We have even restarted our congregation's Facebook page in order to stream our worship services to our members.

www.facebook.com/groups/St.Michael.Lutheran.Church.Prague/

In other words, it's a lot like where you are. But all of this cannot take away our Easter joy. We celebrate that Jesus, who was crucified for us, has now risen in triumph and pours for His grace on us all.

We thank you for your generous gift which keeps us on the field. It is through your support and

prayers that the Lord accomplishes anything through us. And we pray that you, too, are kept safe through this stressful time and that you might bear witness to the Lord over all things. A blessed Easter season to you!

We commend you to Christ,



Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster
Your Missionaries to the Czech Republic

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Czech Republic

Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Prague, Czech Republic. In this role, Dale trains men to be pastors of the Lutheran Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic (ECAVvCR). He also serves as the pastor of an English-language Lutheran church in Prague, which serves the LCMS Eurasia regional office staff and many English-speaking expats living in Prague. In addition, Dale assists the regional chaplain with pastoral service to the LCMS missionaries serving in the Silesian region of the Czech Republic. Through relationships formed, Dale and Suzanne seek to share the Gospel with the people of the Czech Republic.

Dale was born in Stephenville, Newfoundland, Canada. His home congregation is Celebration Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Florida. He graduated from Concordia College, Bronxville, New York, with a bachelor's degree in Judeo-Christian heritage. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Before serving in Prague, Dale served as a pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Point Pleasant, New Jersey (1989-1994); Celebration Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Florida (1994-2010); and Martin Luther Chapel, Pennsauken, New Jersey (2010-13). He also served on short-term mission trips to the Ntshongweni Village in South Africa (2007-2011) and as a theological educator in Tamale, Ghana (2014-18). Dale enjoys cooking, skeet shooting, reading and Civil War history.

Suzanne was born in LaGrange, Illinois. Her home congregation is also Celebration Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Florida. She attended Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois. Suzanne enjoys cross-stitching, reading and working on genealogy. Pray for Dale and Suzanne as they serve in the Czech Republic. Ask God to daily give Dale strength and knowledge as he mentors men for the ministry and serves the congregation in Prague. Pray that the Holy Spirit leads and guides him as he ministers to the LCMS missionaries serving in this country. Pray for the men who receive Dale's instruction that their hearts and minds are open to what God wants them to learn. Ask God to help these men grow to become faithful and compassionate under-shepherds serving His children. Pray for the people of the Czech Republic who will learn of the Gospel through the missionary work that is being done in this country.

Dale's birthday is January 24, and Suzanne's is June 12. Their anniversary is July 11.

Seminary News

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

This is not the way this was supposed to happen. This letter to you was supposed to be filled with joy and celebration. As I'm writing, we are on the brink of discovering where we're headed. By the time you read this, we'll likely already know. Call Day (this year on April 28) is the culmination of a student's Seminary journey, a journey sustained by your generosity. But instead of ending with a flourish, it's ending with a fizzle. Call Day won't include the pomp or excitement, no anxiously sitting shoulder-to-shoulder with your brothers, no chapel vibrating with anticipation and glorious music.

We'll be having Call Day on the couch. In front of a laptop. We've heard the jokes and made some of them, too. (Like, I thought becoming a pastor online only took 30 minutes and \$200.) We'll be watching a live-streamed service to find out where the Lord of the Church has called us to serve.

This is not the way this was supposed to happen. It makes me wonder how God deals with it, day after day. How He keeps going despite the disappointment and discouragement, when He looks at the world He made and says, "this is not the way this was supposed to happen."

Because it's not. The Lord's perfect plan for this world included no fear, no pain, no disease, no death. His intended richness and abundance have been replaced by our aches and pains and fears of barely getting by. The Lord intended the earth to be full of provision, security and hope, not one where we huddle at home to save ourselves and others from sickness. These are the side-effects of sin, a curse which human disobedience brought into the world. Sin and its side-effects polluted the world with brokenness, contempt, anger, war, and pandemics.

This is not the way this was supposed to happen. And thank the Lord that He recognized that. Aching and agonizing, God could tell that His creation wasn't going to rescue itself. No, all its attempts just made things more miserable. If things were going back to the way they were supposed to be, He'd have to do it Himself.

And that's what Jesus is all about. The Son of God descends into humanity's messiness. He comes alongside the hurting and broken. He battles the evil that would like to see this world sink deeper into darkness. He claims our sin, sickness, pain and death as His own, and binds them in blood to His cross. Our hurt is now His. Our suffering, our misery become His. Our death is His. We cannot help but look at the cross – see the bleeding, dying Son of God – and say, "This is not the way this was supposed to happen."

And then He walks out of the tomb. Completely alive. Completely victorious. The death that held Him captive for three days has been defeated. He has slain evil, conquered sin, and stripped Satan of His power. The dark forces of this world do a double take when they see the risen Jesus standing at the site of his prison break. "This is not the way this was supposed to happen," are their last words as Jesus banishes them with each footstep, with each heartbeat, each blink of an eye proving His living power over the wicked weapons of sin and death.

Jesus conquered the grave. Forever. He will defeat COVID-19. And my disappointment.

In the meantime, things are continuing digitally. I'm in class in our bedroom, taking online courses via Adobe Connect. Suzy does virtual therapy sessions through Zoom meeting. Our small group Bible study at church touches base with one another through Slack. We stay in contact with family via Skype and Facetime. I'm receiving the encouragement and consolation of my brothers through Messenger and text. And I'm helping to continue the ministry of our church here in St. Louis through video worship services, sermons and devotions on YouTube and Facebook.

It is remarkable that we have so many tools at our disposal right now. Had this moment of quarantine and separation happened 10-20 years ago, life would've simply stopped. Now, we have the gifts of technology helping to propel us to serve the Lord and our neighbor through our individual God-given purposes.

Some of my classmates even mourned Easter this year. They thought they would have one more Easter in the pews with their family before they'd be on call every Easter from here to retirement.

There is no telling how this is impacting your family, but I'm sure it is. I'm certain that your work, schools, churches, vacations and community events have all been disrupted. In this moment, know this is not the way this was supposed to happen. And the Lord is with us. We entrust you to His care, that He would keep you healthy, and that He would enable us to grow closer to Him in a season of disruption.

We wish we could announce to you where we're going, but we don't know yet. It looks likely that we'll land either in Kansas or Oklahoma which are both great places to call home. We will be excited to share the details about our placement in next month's newsletter (which will likely be our final contribution!)

But even if we don't know where we're going on Call Day, we know where we're going next: outside. We are dedicated to enjoying God's good gifts of sunshine and warm weather. You're not worrying about COVID when your almost 3-year-old is splashing in a kiddie pool on the back patio.

Beyond that, we know where we're going ultimately. To stand beside you and all the faithful, singing the praises of the one who has rescued and recreated us. Jesus: sin's enemy, Satan's worst nightmare, the vanquisher of disease and death. Victorious Jesus will return to call us each into the glow of His Easter glory.

Glorified with Jesus, I wonder if I'll look around and say, "This is not the way it was supposed to happen. I'm supposed to be dead, buried and rotting in the ground." If I do, I hope you'll remind me that Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With triumph,

Joshua

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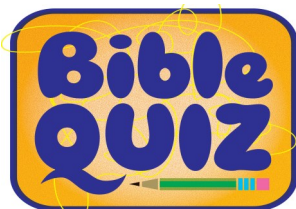


There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. "Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she did and **she had a wonderful day.**

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "H-M-M, " she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." So she did and **she had a grand day.**

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did and **she had a fun, fun day.**

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "YEA!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"



There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them?

This is a **most** remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends...One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his **banjo**, Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, **especially** since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. **Truthfully**, **from** answers we get, we are forced to admit **it** **usually** takes a minister or a scholar **to see** some of them **at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes** **is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new record. The local paper, The **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel Humana** **humbly** puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are **normal**. **A chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**, there really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

Note: Osee appears in the King James Version translation of Romans 9:25 as a variant spelling of Hosea.



DCE Suzanne Watt

CHRIST THE REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. High (6-8th graders)

Sr. High (9-12th graders)

<http://www.ctrtulsa.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



At the printing of this newsletter we are still planning to hold our annual VBS the week of June 8-12, 2020 from 9AM-12PM Monday through Friday. This year VBS will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran church (the current location of our ECC). Registration is open to children who are age 3 through completing grade 5 in May 2020. You can register by visiting the CTR website www.ctrtulsa.org/vbs. Here you can also see a preview of this year's Bible Buddies and the daily verses. Registration will be limited in each group so please sign up early to reserve your spot.

Volunteer registration is also available on this webpage. We will need CTR members who are adults, high school and junior high students to help. Opportunities range from group leaders and assistants to station leaders who oversee specific areas. Please contact DCE Suzanne for more information on the possible areas of service.

Station Leader Positions are:

Loco Motion Games Leader & 2 Assistants

Imagination Station Leader & Assistant

Chew Chew Snacks Leader and 3 Assistants

Bible Adventures Leader & Assistant

Kidvid Cinema Leader



Cornerstone 8





Jacob Drengler
Music Director

Psalms 120-134 are collectively known as the Song of Ascents. It is widely believed that this title indicates these Psalms would have been sung by pilgrims traveling on the road to Jerusalem to observe Passover, Shavuot, or Sukkot, three of the principal festivals of the Jewish faith. Of these fifteen psalms, Psalm 121 is perhaps the most familiar:

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountain. From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Liturgical songwriter and ethnomusicologist John Ylvisaker (1937-2017) wrote a rather wonderful versification of this Psalm which he subtitled "The Traveling Psalm." Ylvisaker joined the text to the American folk tune "Wayfaring Stranger." This marriage of tune and text lends the Psalm a haunting, but hopeful quality.

I lift my eyes up to the mountain from where my help will surely come.

For my help comes from the Creator, who made the earth, the stars and sun.

The Lord will keep me safe and holy; the Lord's a shade when day is bright;

The sun won't burn me with its glory, nor will the moon in dark of night.

The Lord will keep me from all evil with all the love I'll ever need.

From this time on until forever, the Lord will know and care for me.

And when the road is long and weary, and if you tire beneath the sun,

You join with those who share the journey and bring them home when day is done.

As a personal aside, I have strong memories of singing this arrangement of Psalm 121 as a small child while a summer camper at Camp Luther in Three Lakes, Wisconsin. Even now it is a piece that I return to when I am seated at the piano and my fingers are not sure what else to play.

While we may not all be on a journey in the same sense in which those who first sang Psalm 121 were, we are all at one stage or another in our earthly pilgrimage. Perhaps in recent days you have found that journey to be more arduous than usual. Perhaps you have found, in the words of Ylvisaker's psalm setting, that the road can indeed be "long and weary." Times of grief, fear, sorrow, brokenness, loneliness, and separation are an inextricable reality of the human condition. Yet none of us journey alone. As a community of believers at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, we are together in the journey, even when we are not able to be physically gathered together. More than that, we live these days in the sure and certain hope that the One who spread His arms out on the cross to embrace the world walks beside us. The crucified, risen, ascended, and glorified Christ is with us on the journey.

To close here is a rather beautiful prayer which is often used during times of travel. May it help strengthen you for the journey.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



DON'T TRASH THOSE COUPONS!



Military personnel and their families stationed at major overseas bases in Europe and Asia can use manufacturer's coupons up to six months after they have expired.

A box marked "Coupons for the Troops" is located at the south entrance.



**OLDER
WISER
LUTHERANS**

OWLS

The meeting for May is in a pending status. Everyone will be notified should it be deemed safe to meet.

You can then decide if you are ready to get out, eat pizza and see old friends.

For now, we tentatively plan to meet June 25.

ECC

We are settling into our temporary home at Good Shepherd!
We had a great time during our Easter Egg hunt!



Nikki Witt, Director



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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LWML will not be holding its regular meeting on May 19 due to the restrictions on meetings that are in place due to the coronavirus pandemic. However we will still hold our election of officers which our bylaws say must be held in May. We will be voting using email. As all women who are confirmed members of Christ the Redeemer Church are considered members

of the LWML, according to the bylaws, it is necessary to let everyone know how they can participate in this election process. If you would like to participate in the email election you must **notify Kathy Stephen at stpn44@aol.com** of your intent no later than **May 15, 2020** so you can receive voting instructions.

A slate of officers is listed below. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. You must have the permission of the person you are nominating prior to submitting their

name. Nominations from the floor and the written permission must be received by CTR LWML president, Kathy Stephen, by 2:00 pm, Sunday, May 17.

PRESIDENT
Daphnee Brian

VICE PRESIDENT
Sharon Schmidt

SECRETARY
Tomie Whitacre, Lynne Kollock

TREASURER
Lanece Young, Carol Fruehling

Instructions for voting by email will be sent out on Sunday evening, May 17, 2020. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Stephen at stpn44@aol.com or (281)782-7783.

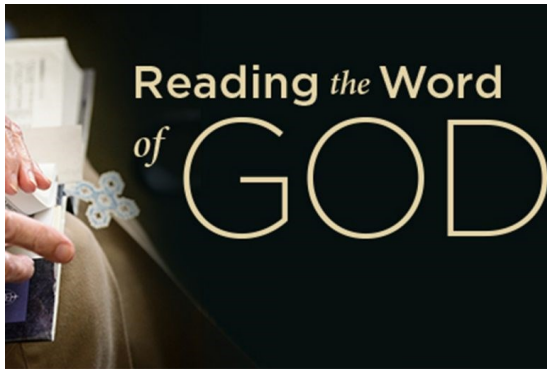
Oklahoma District LWML Online Election Results :

	Votes	Approved	Rejected	Abstain	Office	Votes	Abstain
Mission Grant Goal	141	141	0	0	President		1
					Sherry Schroeder	39	
Bylaw Amendments	137	136	1	3	Pam Weiderkehr	101	
					VP of Organizational Resources		
					Joan Anderson	140	1
					VP Special Focus Ministries		3
					Caroline Honeycutt	138	
					Financial Secretary		1
					Teresa Heater	140	
					Corresponding Secretary		3
					Debbie Hooper	45	
					Myrna Lou Meyer	93	
					Pastoral Counselor		2
					Rev. John Wackler	139	

Number of Delegates 148
Number Voted 141
Number Not Voted 7

LWML Oklahoma District Mission Grants 2020

No	Votes	Rank	Mission Grant	Amount	Balance
13	101	1	Oklahoma District Ministerial Students, OK District	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
3	88	2	Bringing Christ's Light to Those Living in Darkness, Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
21	84	3	AED Devices for Camp Lutheroma, Tahlequah, OK	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,690
14	81	4	Oklahoma District Professional Church Workers Scholarships, OK District	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
10	72	5	Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSF) Food and Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
15	66	6	King of Kings Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Ministry, Glenpool, OK	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
4	61	7	Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Oklahoma, Lawton, OK	\$ 5,010	\$ 5,010
9	61	8	MOST Ministries Water Filters, Ann Arbor, MI	\$ 7,050	\$ 7,050
7	58	9	Assistance to LWML Members Team Mission Trip, OK District	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
19	48	10	Good Samaritan Fund at Concordia Life Care Community, Oklahoma City, OK	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
24	45	11	Tools for Oaks Indian Mission, Oaks, OK	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
22	44	12	Pastors, Vicars and Lay Ministers Wives Retreat, OK District	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
1	39	13	Healing Spaces-Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
5	38	14	At Just The Right Time, Mission Central, Mapleton, IA	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
12	36	15	God Speaks Today-A Lutheran Voice, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala	\$ 10,020	\$ 10,020
8	32	16	Equipping People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Share the Gospel, Bethesda	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
23	28	17	Tablet Technology for St. John's Lutheran School, Moore, OK	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700
18	27	18	Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families, LCMS, St. Louis, MO	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
25	23	19	Summer Heights Day Camp, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City, OK	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
2	21	20	Training Leaders to BOLDLY Declare Y'shua as Messiah, Israel	\$ 5,000	\$ 90
11	19		A Lutheran Library for Spanish Speaking Americans, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, WI	\$ 5,000	
16	19		Post-Seminary Applied Learning & Support (PALS) Wives Resource Project, St. Louis, MO	\$ 1,000	
20	10		Helping Oklahoma Congregations Touch Their International Neighbors through Love, Clinton Township, MI	\$ 4,500	
6	9		Family Shield Evangelism Resources, St. Louis, MO	\$ 5,000	
17	9		Family Night Outreach, Trinity Lutheran, McAlester, OK	\$ 3,000	
			TOTAL		\$ 115,060



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has prepared a three-year plan of daily Bible readings. The daily readings are listed on calendars. The plan provides a guide that will take the reader through the entire Old Testament one time in three years, with the exception of Psalms, which are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years. A reading from the Old Testament, a psalm (or portion of a psalm) and a reading from the New Testament is assigned for each day. Certain church festivals have readings for the specific occasion.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 2020					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Chron. 35:20-27; Ps. 111; Luke 18:31-43 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Chron. 36:1-23; Ps. 112; Luke 19:1-10
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nah. 1; Ps. 113; Luke 19:11-27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nah. 2; Ps. 114; Luke 19:28-44 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nah. 3; Ps. 115; Luke 19:45-20:8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hab. 1:1-11; Ps. 118; Luke 20:8-26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hab. 1:12-2:1; Ps. 117; Luke 20:27-40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hab. 2:2-20; Ps. 118; Luke 20:41-21:9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hab. 3:1-13; Ps. 119:1-8; Luke 21:10-24
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hab. 3:14-19; Ps. 119:9-16; Luke 21:25-38 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeph. 1:1-6; Ps. 119:17-24; Luke 22:1-13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeph. 1:7-18; Ps. 119:25-32; Luke 22:14-30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeph. 2:1-7; Ps. 119:33-40; Luke 22:31-38 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeph. 1:8-15; Ps. 119:41-48; Luke 22:39-53 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeph. 3:1-8; Ps. 119:49-56; Luke 22:54-65 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeph. 3:9-13; Ps. 119:57-64; Luke 22:66-23:16
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeph. 3:14-20; Ps. 119:65-72; Luke 23:18-31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 1; Ps. 119:73-80; Luke 23:32-43 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 2:1-13; Ps. 119:81-88; Luke 23:44-56 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 2:14-28; Ps. 119:89-96; Luke 24:1-12 	ASCENSION DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 1:1-11; Ps. 47; Eph. 1:15-23 ; Luke 24:44-53 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 2:29-3:5; Ps. 119:97-104; Luke 24:13-35 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 3:6-18; Ps. 119:105-112; Luke 24:36-53
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 3:19-25; Ps. 119:113-120; Acts 1:1-11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 4:1-18; Ps. 119:121-128; Acts 1:12-26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 4:19-31; Ps. 119:129-136; Acts 2:1-13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 5:1-13; Ps. 119:137-144; Acts 2:14-41 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 5:14-31; Ps. 119:145-152; Acts 2:42-3:10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 6:1-15; Ps. 119:153-160; Acts 3:11-26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jer. 6:16-30; Ps. 119:161-168; Acts 4:1-22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
THE DAY OF PENTECOST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 139; Acts 2:1-21; John 16:4-15 						
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DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

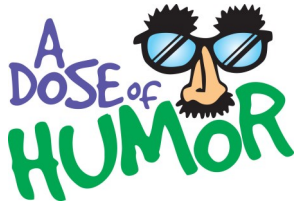
MOST Ministries collects eyeglasses and distributes them to people all over the world. A collection box is located at the collection center. For more information go to www.mostministries.org.



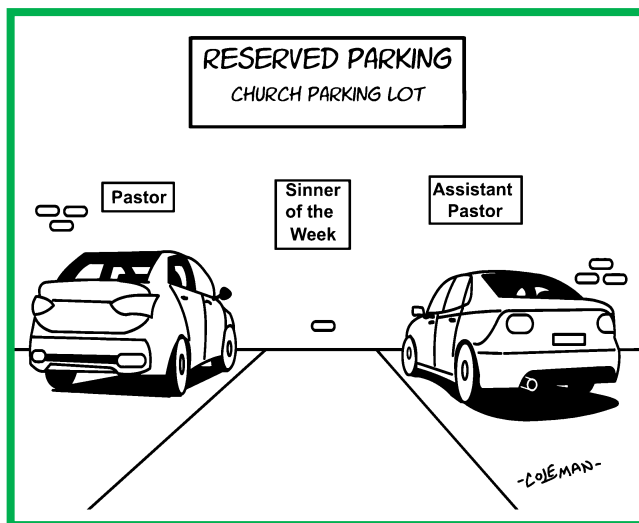
metal cans and plastic containers (no glass items) in the collection bin in the south-east corner of the parking lot.

PAPER & OTHER RECYCLING: You can recycle all your mail/newspapers, as well as cardboard,

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.



Getting through the toilet paper shortage in March and April took drastic measures!



Memorial Day—A Prayer for Veterans

Taken from *Pray for Our Nation* (pp. 48-49)

by Keith and Megan Provance

“Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for our veterans. Thank You for their willingness to risk all so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety. May they find the honor and recognition they deserve. In the name of Your divine Son, I pray You will heal the physical and psychological wounds some of these veterans have suffered. Bring peace to those who mourn the loss of comrades. Father, I pray our nation would learn to respect and acknowledge those who have served their country well.”



“With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right—as God gives us to see the right—let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for all who shall have borne the battle—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.” ~ ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Keep up with coming events, announcements, and updates about recent events by joining CTR on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter!



Stay in Touch

The public events Facebook page is: facebook.com/ChristTheRedeemerLutheranChurch.

The private group facebook.com/groups/ctrltula/ is an information page for members only. To join the private group, click “Join Group” in the top right-hand corner of the page, or email communications@ctrltula.org.

Instagram account: Follow **ctrltula** or go to: www.instagram.com/ctrltula/

Twitter account: **@PastorBe_CTR**

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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



Ron & Connie Phillips
Home email address:
Rphil2007@sbcglobal.net

Bob & Jean Paulsen
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Tulsa, OK 74136-7039

Ellen Mabrey
New email:
ellenpmabrey@gmail.com

Confession

CORNERSTONE

Article XXI: Of the Worship of the Saints

1] Of the Worship of Saints they teach that the memory of saints may be set before us, that we may follow their faith and good works, according to our calling, as the Emperor may follow the example of David in making war to drive away the Turk from his country. 2] For both are kings. But the Scripture teaches not the invocation of saints or to ask help of saints, since it sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Propitiation, High Priest, and Intercessor. 3] He is to be prayed to, and has promised that He will hear our prayer; and this worship He approves above all, to wit, that in all afflictions He be called upon, 1 John 2:1: 4] If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, etc.

5] This is about the Sum of our Doctrine, in which, as can be seen, there is nothing that varies from the Scriptures, or from the Church Catholic, or from the Church of Rome as known from its writers. This being the case, they judge harshly who insist that our teachers be regarded as heretics. 6] There is, however, disagreement on certain abuses, which have crept into the Church without rightful authority. And even in these, if there were some difference, there should be proper lenity on the part of bishops to bear with us by reason of the Confession which we have now reviewed; because even the Canons are not so severe as to demand the same rites everywhere, neither, at any time, have the rites of all churches been the same; 7] although, among us, in large part, the ancient rites are diligently observed. 8] For it is a false and malicious charge that all the ceremonies, all the things instituted of old, are abolished in our churches. 9] But it has been a common complaint that some abuses were connected with the ordinary rites. These, inasmuch as they could not be approved with a good conscience, have been to some extent corrected.



Summer 2020 will be here soon and Camp Lutherhoma is accepting applications for summer staff members. We are seeking quality Lutheran college students with servant hearts to join our team. Do you know any college students who love the Lord and have a desire to serve children, teens, and families?

Camp Lutherhoma offers opportunities for counselors to **grow their leadership skills**, as they guide campers through typical camp activities (hikes, crafts, sports), to **share the Gospel**, as they communicate the love of Jesus through Bible studies and devotions, and to **challenge themselves**, as they lead adventurous programs such as rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, and more! Working alongside like-minded college peers on staff brings personal and spiritual growth. Many personal and professional skills are gained through a summer at camp while counselors solve problems, care for children, and communicate the Gospel through words and actions. To find out more about Camp Lutherhoma, students can explore our website: www.lutherhoma.com or find us on Facebook or Instagram.

Staff members report to camp on May 25th for 2 weeks of staff training and 7 weeks of camp sessions. Summer camp ends and staff are dismissed on July 27th.

If you know of someone who might be an asset to our team this summer please send their contact information to erin@lutherhoma.com or encourage them to apply at www.nloma.org. I invite you to prayerfully consider who among your congregation and community might be willing to share the love of Jesus with children this summer.

Erin Busch
Camp Lutherhoma
Program Director
918-458-0704
erin@lutherhoma.com



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

CTR Camp Lutherhoma Rebate 2020

For Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Youth Attending Summer Camp at
Camp Lutherhoma, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

1. Rebates are offered to individual campers who are actively participating (*attending worship, Bible study &/or confirmation, youth activities, etc.*) at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church.
2. We will only offer a rebate for **one camp session per person per season**.
3. You may put up to 3 campers per household on one form.
4. Remember to send your registration to Camp Lutherhoma as soon as possible. When you receive your registration confirmation **attach a copy** to this rebate form and return it to Christ the Redeemer in the Lay Ministry of Youth drawer in the Office Work Room
5. The amount of the rebate will depend on how many youth apply by May 1:
 - it will not exceed 50% of the early registration price per individual person
 - it will reflect the total price paid after camp discounts (such as family and friend discounts) per person
 - it will be no more than \$500 per familyand will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.
6. Funds will be sent out **after May 8**. Forms submitted after May 1 will be considered with any funds that remain.

If you have any other questions please contact the Director of Christian Education, Suzanne Watt by phone 492-6451 or email suzanne.watt@ctrtulsa.org. Enjoy Camp!

Name of Camper 1:
Camp Dates Registered For:
Amount Paid to Camp Lutherhoma:
\$

Name and Address to whom Rebate is to be sent:

Name of Camper 2:
Camp Dates Registered For:
Amount Paid to Camp Lutherhoma:
\$

Total Amount Paid to Camp: \$

Rebate Submission Date:

Parent Signature:

Please be sure to attach a copy of the registration form you receive from Camp Lutherhoma. It should show a \$0 balance due.

Mail the completed application to the church or place in the Lay Ministry of Youth drawer in the Office Work Room:

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
Attention: Camp Rebate
2550 E. 71st St.
Tulsa, OK 74136

Name of Camper 3:
Camp Dates Registered For:
Amount Paid to Camp Lutherhoma:
\$

Office Use Below:	
Reviewed by DCE:	Date:
Approved by Youth Chair:	Date:
Amount of Funds Granted:	Line Item #1132

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, May 2020



*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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26 8:15 AM Live Stream Service	27 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr	28 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr	29 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr	30 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr	1 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr 8:00 AM Roustabouts 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study-Library	2
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10 8:15 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Class 10:45 AM Communion Service 11:55 AM Handbell Choir 12:00 PM CTR Friends lunch	11 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr 9:00 AM Braille Workshop 6:00 PM Worship Meeting 6:30 PM Board of Directors Mtg 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	12 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr 10:00 AM Sew n' Sows 7:00 PM BUNKO 7:00 PM Property Meeting	13 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr 10:00 AM Widows/Widowers Bible Study 7:00 PM Adult Choir-Balcony	14 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr	15 CORNERSTONE DEADLINE 7:00 AM Early Childhood Ctr 8:00 AM Roustabouts 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study-Library	16
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