



CHRIST THE REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

CORNERSTONE

JANUARY 2022

*"Leading People Into a Living
Relationship With Jesus Christ."*

A Letter From The Pastor

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed,

Happy New Year! Can you believe its 2022? Of course you can, we are in it; ready or not! Those words, "ready or not", remind me of hide and seek when I was little, growing up on Rockwell Dr in Clinton, Maryland. Those are the words that would be yelled at the top of the voice of the one who was "it". "Ready or not, here I come", meant that you had better be in your hiding place. I have to admit, I never liked hiding. I was always afraid that the seeker was just around the corner and in any moment would scare me to death. I was not afraid of being caught. I was afraid of being scared suddenly with a loud "I gotcha". I always liked being "it", or being the seeker. I wanted to be the one who scared the others out of their wits. The funny thing is, now that I think about it; they never really seemed as frightened as I thought I was. So it was always a let down.

Sometimes life can feel like a game of "hide and seek". Us hiding from all of our problems, or others seeking a better life, more income, a better position, or that "perfect" relationship. Adam and Eve played the first ever game of "hide and seek" with God. Did you know that?

Genesis 3:8-9 "Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees

in the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

The fall of man separated us from God, because of the original sin. We have been hiding from God ever since. We hide from God when we try to work things out on our own. We hide from God when we think that we don't need him. We hide from God when we don't keep his commandments. We hide from God when we view others as some means to an end for ourselves. Do you know what God does every time we hide from him? He seeks us. Just like in our Scripture passage God says to us, "Where are you?" He seeks for us. He never tires from trying to find us. Why? Why would God seek us in such a way? The answer is simple. He loves us, that's why he seeks us. He wants a living relationship with each and every one of his creatures. Now the question remains, where and how does God find us? He finds us through his Word, that is through his Son, Jesus Christ the Word made flesh. God finds us in and through the sacraments. It is there, by Word and Sacraments, that God finds us, redeems us, and creates a relationship with us. If you feel lost in 2022, know that God is seeking you. I invite you to come to church, and there, be found by God once again, by being baptized, or remembering your baptism and partaking of Christ's body and blood through the Lord's Supper. What a blessing it is when God finds us in the place where he dwells. Amen!

Rev. Scott Burmeister
Pastor

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Music Director

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Floyd Lemons
Property Manager

Faye Jost
Receptionist



November 25, 2021

Thanking God for His Gifts!

James 1:17 reminds us that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." This Thanksgiving, Lula, Lilly and I are grateful for the many gifts the Lord has bestowed on us these past twelve months: the privilege of being sent abroad to share Jesus Christ in a brand-new environment and in different languages; that you all continue to support us so generously; that the Lord is walking alongside Lilly as she adjusts to a new school in a new language; that we are geographically much closer to our family in Germany (even though, sadly, at this time far away from our family in America). *Every* good thing comes from you, O Lord—our next breath, the smile of a stranger, that hug from a friend or relative. But most importantly, we are grateful for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation that come only from our Lord Jesus Christ.

November 21, 2021

Do I HAVE to Forgive?

Traveling on the ICE bullet train today, I walked to the dining car to have a cup of coffee. I saw a young German soldier sitting at a table and asked whether I might sit across from him. I thanked him for his service, and we chatted a bit. He said he has only been in three months, but his dream is to join the KSK (Special Forces). I told him that was a tough but admirable goal. He asked me what I do. I replied that I am a missionary—a pastor telling migrants about Jesus. At that point, he said, "If you are a pastor, I have a question: Do I have to forgive?" I asked him, "Are you a Christian?" "I'm an atheist," he replied. "Well, if you were a Christian, you'd have to forgive. After all, Jesus taught us to pray, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But even if you are not a believer, you should still forgive. If you hold that



bitterness inside of you, over time it's going to eat you up. It's like a boil. It has to be lanced so you can let all that pus and bitterness run off." "It's my mother..." he said, "and what she did to me when I was a kid. I haven't been in touch with her for 7 or 8 years." "Write her a letter for Christmas," I suggested. "Tell her you forgive her. You will find it liberating. And it might be one of the best Christmas presents she will ever receive. And by the way, I don't think you are really an atheist. They're quite rare." "Actually, I was baptized Protestant," he admitted. "Well, in that case, let's just say you've taken a temporary detour from Christ. Remember, even 'If we are faithless, He remains faithful' (2 Timothy 2:13)." "Thank you for saying that...Somehow I feel it was providential that we met today. Too bad I must get off here. I have so many more questions. Is there any way I can stay in touch with you?" I gave him my number." The ICE had barely pulled out of the station when I got a next: "My name is so-and-so. We just met on the train. Let's stay in touch." Thank you, Jesus, for another everyday miracle.



Lonnie & Janet Jamison	Jan 5	31 yrs
Scott & Amy Merrill	Jan 13	21 yrs
Greg & Julie Littleton	Jan 30	34 yrs
Sam & Suzanne Romine	Jan 30	12 yrs



Congregational President's Update

Wow! I can hardly believe that it is January already and that we are now halfway through our congregational year for officers and Lay Ministry Chairs. Once again, I want to thank everyone who is serving in these positions and to all of our volunteers that make the ministry at CTR work so well.

While many things seem to be going by quickly, I know that we are all ready to reach the end of the Building Project. If you have not been keeping up with the Facebook & You Tube video updates of the progress, make sure to look for these. Brad Young and Suzanne Watt are the creative geniuses behind these videos!

Currently, we are hoping to have all of the construction completed by the end of April. I know that this is a little later than we originally thought, but it is really not surprising for a project of this magnitude. The construction company that we have has been great to work with and they are doing everything they can to get us to the "finish line." I know that everyone will be extremely pleased with the final product, including the improvements we will be making to the sanctuary.

We continue to evaluate how we will want to use all of our new space when construction is done. Whether it is resuming an Early Childhood Center, some other projects or a combination of them, I am confident that God will bless our efforts and that our facility will be used to His glory and for the betterment of our community.

Please plan on attending the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 23. There will be a lot of exciting things we will be discussing there.

In His Service,

John Meinders



CTR BOARD MEMBERS



President: John Meinders
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MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS
BY JACOB DREGLER

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Thus reads the preamble to the poem God Knows, written in 1908 by British poet, missionary, and academic Minnie Louise Haskins. I first became acquainted with this text through The Gate of the Year, an anthem that the Chancel Choir of the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian in Cary, North Carolina would sing each year on the first Sunday of a new calendar year. I greatly enjoyed accompanying this piece and it always seemed to me to be a fitting way to begin a new year.

The preamble to God Knows gained widespread public attention in 1939 when King George VI quoted a portion of it in his annual Christmas radio broadcast to the British Empire. Lovely though the language of the well-known preamble is, the rest of the poem is well worth reading and considering as we enter into the year 2022:

So heart be still: What need our little life
Our human life to know, if God hath comprehension?
In all the dizzy strife of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.
God knows. His will is best. The stretch of years
Which wind ahead, so dim to our imperfect vision,
Are clear to God. Our fears are premature; In Him,
All time hath full provision.
Then rest: until God moves to lift the veil
From our impatient eyes, when, as the sweeter features
Of Life's stern face we hail, fair beyond all surmise
God's thought around His creaturesour mind shall fill.

The sentiments expressed in this poem bring to mind the words of two chorales with deep roots in the Lutheran hymnic tradition: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee and What God Ordains is Always Good. These hymns remind us that while we cannot see what the future holds, we live in the sure and certain hope that the One who created the universe holds our past, our present, and our future in His hands.

If thou but trust in God to guide thee
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.
(If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee, LSB 750, text by Georg Neumark)

What God ordains is always good: This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.
(What God Ordains is Always Good, LSB 760, text by Samuel Rodigast)

In closing, here is a Collect that is often prayed during times of travel. In this new year, may these words remind you of the comfort and hope that are ours in the saving, redemptive works of Jesus Christ.

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.

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Puzzle!

Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Jesus healed Peter's wife (Matthew 8:14).	E	(N)
2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish (14:17).	R	A
3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah (17:3).	M	S
4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus (19:22).	T	C
5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" (21:13).	I	G
6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age (24:7).	V	D
7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens (25:1-13).	F	A
8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake (26:48).	P	L
9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated Jesus (27:11-14).	W	O
		N
3 2 8 6 7 4 5 9 1		

Answer N, J, A, S, T, I, V, A, L, O; salvation

Cornerstone 5

Sunday, January 23
12:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL
meeting

Congregational Packet
Submissions Due
December 28

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr High 6th-8th Grade High School 9th-12th Grade

CONTACT DCE SUZANNE WATT TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS



January 14-16, 2022- Journey in January High School Retreat

February 4-6, 2022 CTR Jr High Retreat @ Camp Lutherhoma

Feb 20-21, 2022 President's Day Lock-In @ Incredible Pizza

March 17-20, 2022 Youth Lead in St. Louis

March 25 & 26, 2022 High School District Event @ Immanuel-BA



2022 Youth Gathering Updates:

Payment 2 of \$150 is due 1/31/22

Payment 3 of \$95 is due 3/15/22.

We must pay our full \$395 per person by 5/1/22.

Look for info coming out by mail and email about group meetings in Spring 2022.



"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

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Blessing Bags

Blessing bags are large Ziploc bags that can be kept in your car and handed out to someone in need in place of cash.

These bags contain easily opened, individual food items, water, gloves, hats, socks, Chapstick, travel sized-toiletries, etc. as well as a card sharing God's love and/or a small Bible.

FCM (Family and Children's Ministry) will be collecting the following items (and similar) to create Blessing Bags.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please place your donations in the bin near the kitchen.

Mark your calendar...January 30th, 2-5 PM
Cross+Gen Service and Fun

Everyone (people of all ages, your friends and neighbors...everyone) is invited on Sunday, January 30, to help pack Blessing Bags and then play some games. Snacks will be provided.



Mark your calendar

CLUB 345 Winter Retreat

February 4-6th
at Camp Lutherhoma.

Cost - \$75 per child.

Invite friends for this fun weekend of camp activities like archery, hiking, rumble ball, 9-square, crafts and Bible study. We will be joining the CTR Jr. High youth for campfires and meals.

CONTACT DCE NIKKI
FOR MORE INFORMATION.
NBOYD@CTRTULSA.ORG
918-859-8575

Young Adult Bible study

Wednesdays at 7PM
New study beginning
in January!

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Why Cross+ Generational Ministry?

Cross+ Generational Ministry is ministry involving all ages, young and old. People of all ages come together for fun, service and studying God's Word.

Cross+Gen ministry values the wisdom and experience that elders have to offer and the child-like faith that children have to offer. We learn from each other, as well as encourage each other in the faith.

Not only do people of different generations learn from each other, but when multiple generations come together to learn and grow, the Body of Christ is strengthened and grows as well.

Want to learn more about Cross+ Gen ministry? Let's chat.



SIGN UP FOR THE E-BLAST

You can now sign up online to receive the CTR E-blast! This gives you access to the weekly news and events email as well as special announcements.
Sign up today at
<http://www.ctrtulsa.org/email-signup/>
to receive it if you have not done so already.

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Instagram:
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Youtube:
Search "Scott Burmeister" and click on the CTR logo



Twitter:
[@PastorBe_CTR](https://twitter.com/PastorBe_CTR)



The Parish Life Christmas party was a fun and spirited evening as the congregation gathered to celebrate the season together.



Special thanks to
Parish Life for
hosting as well as
decorating and to
the Youth for
serving.



Offering Envelopes



Beginning Jan. 1st, please use your
2022 offering envelopes.

Questions or need to pick up your
2022 envelopes?

Contact the church office.

Please throw any remaining 2021
envelopes away after December 31.

Sunday School



The kids enjoyed making Advent chains to begin the Advent season. Each link had a Bible verse that told the story of Jesus birth. They also made decorations and decorated a tree for the fishbowl.



Jacob worked for months with kids, teaching them songs in preparation for the Christmas program.



PreK -2nd grade enjoy some creative Playdoh time after learning their Bible lesson with Ms. Katie

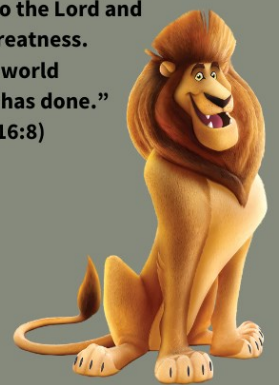


KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL
IN JANUARY, WE WILL BE LEARNING
ABOUT KINGS DAVID, SOLOMON,
JEHOSHAPHAT, AND JOSIAH OF THE
OLD TESTAMENT.

THE THEME IS "GOD'S GOOD
KINGS." OUR BIBLE BUDDY
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Learn this month's MEMORY VERSE!

**"Give thanks to the Lord and
proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world
know what he has done."
(1 Chronicles 16:8)**



CHECK
YOUR MAIL!

Look in your mail just before the start
of each month for a special packet
from CTR. In it you'll find resources to
help review the Sunday school
lessons each week.

BE A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER!

With more families and children
returning to in-person attendance we
would love to have some new Sunday
School teachers! If you are interested
in finding out more about being a
Sunday School teacher, please
contact DCE Suzanne or DCE Nikki.



Cornerstone 9



OWLS will meet at CTR on Thursday January 27 beginning at 1 pm. Please join us for Fellowship, dessert and coffee, during which Suzanne Watt will present a summary of her latest trip to the Holy Land with stories and photos. This promises to be interesting and informative. A sign up sheet is available.



At the November OWLS program, Phyllis McKay was presented with an OWL trophy to honor her for her 95th birthday and in recognition of helping get OWLS started.



Ian Blake, Co-owner of Physical Therapy of Tulsa, was the OWLS speaker on Nov 18. If you want further information about Ian or his program contact Marty Weber.



Special thanks to our friends at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church for their generous donation of fleece throw blankets. All donations will go directly to individuals in need.

South Tulsa Community House thanks you for your continued support!



The next business meeting will be held January 18, 2022, 12:30. Look for us in the Wired Word classroom. Please use the ECC entrance or the east entrance.

It was great to have 23 ladies attend the Christmas party this year! So many different appetizers and desserts! Different, unique, and beautiful Christmas ornaments were exchanged to the story of Frosty the left-handed snowman. Mixers included your name as a side dish. We concluded the evening singing our favorite Christmas hymns. Everyone had a great time. I would like to thank my officers, Lynne, Lanece and Sharon for all their help and support making this such a successful event.

LWML is collecting stamps. The collection box is on the counter at the receptionist desk. These stamps help to support missions in the Oklahoma District. Here's the link for instructions. https://www.oklwml.org/311923_2

Remember to feed your Mite Box. <http://www.lwml.org/posts/free-resources/mite-challenge-calendar>. The mite challenge calendar is a resource designed to focus daily on LWML Gospel Outreach. It includes a suggested mite donation, but that is mainly to remind the user that even little amounts can make a big impact when coupled with prayer, mission service, a Bible verse, a song, or recognition and praise for what God is providing in your life.

The first Sunday of the month is Mite Box Sunday. If you can't make it to church, you can mail a check to church for LWML with Mites in the memo line. The MITE box is on the table at the east entrance and at the ECC entrance.

The 2021-2023 Biennium Mission Goal is \$2,150,000. As of October 2021, \$724,437.36 had been received.

LWML.ORG has lots of ways to support and learn more about mission grants. For the Oklahoma district go to www.lwml.org/oklahoma-district. There are also Bible Studies, devotions, and Lutheran Women's Quarterly. LWML also has a Facebook page that you can follow for Mustard Seed devotions, resources, news and events.

Make sure you also view the LWML page on the CTR web site. It has meeting dates and what we are collecting each month. Link to CTR is <https://www.ctrtulsa.org/lwml/>

When was the last time you prayed with someone? Not for someone, but with someone? We are encouraged in Scripture to be people of prayer, and prayer marks us as children of the heavenly Father. He has promised to hear us and to answer our prayers

Thank you for your support.

Yours in Service – Daphnee Brian, President



QUILTS

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

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!

Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.

What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.



EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS

CONTACT DCE SUZANNE WATT FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER TO TEACH

PRE3-5TH GRADE KIDS



These classes are now meeting in the East Addition. Opening is each week at 9:30 AM in "The Fishbowl" room.

Here students will enjoy music and a video to introduce the Bible Buddy of the month and memory verse.

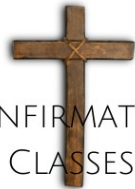
Students will then break into classes divided by age. This winter our teachers are:

PreK-2nd: Katie Michaels-Johnson

Club 345: Carri Cline & Melissa James

Opening Leader: DCE Nikki Boyd

6TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

These classes are now meeting in the East Addition. Class begins each week at 9:30 AM in the Jr High Room toward the end of the East Hallway.

This winter and Spring 2022 we will study World Religions which will fulfill an elective credit. These classes will be led by DCE Suzanne.

On Wednesdays during CTR-U we will be having classes on The 10 Commandments and then the Apostles Creed. These classes will be led by Pastor B.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



These classes are now meeting in the East Addition. Class begins each week at 9:30 AM in the High School Room. Classes led by David Ross & Tim Kuehnert.

Topics will include:
Mirror- Your unique identity as God's children, and a unique calling to live differently, mirroring Christ and his love to the world.
Blurry- Every believer experiences doubt. When we're wrestling with uncertainty, we can turn to God for help because God's grace is bigger than our doubts. And more!

ADULT CLASS



Adult Sunday School is led by Pastor B in Fellowship Hall East.

Life By His Word is led by Steve Short and will be in Adult Education Room 1 in the East Addition.

Wired Word is led by a team of teachers and will be in Adult Education Room 2 in the East Addition.



CTR-U: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

After a brief Advent and Christmas break, CTR-U will resume on Wednesday, January 5.

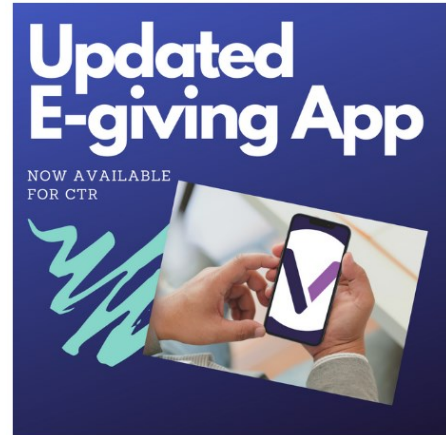
Classes begin at 5:30 PM
Including: Faith Friends, Confirmation, Youth & Adult Small Groups
Dinner is served at 6:30 PM

A nursery is provided for young children.



STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of October	2020	2021
November Giving.....	\$60,261	\$49,882
Monthly Budget	\$65,431	\$60,983
Year to Date Giving	\$676,330	\$745,635
Year to Date Budget	\$785,168	\$746,579
YTD Expenses.....	\$700,060	\$668,100
Building Fund Contribution:		
November Receipts: \$133,393.98		
Balance: \$2,627,959.36		



Three WAYS TO GIVE AT CTR

Questions about E-Giving? Stop by the Church Office and speak to Deva Beebe or email her at dbeebe@ctrtulsa.org to learn more.

Online Giving



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

Mobile Giving



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

Drop Off or In-Person



Visit our church office during the week or use the offering basket during worship services.

CTR has some very exciting news! Vanco has replaced our GivePlus Mobile app with our all-new Vanco Mobile app. Vanco Mobile will be just as easy to use as GivePlus Mobile, and it comes with new features to make it even better. Vanco Mobile will provide you with the simplest way to give or donate – and stay in touch – with CTR.

We encourage you to download the free Vanco Mobile app today! And it's easy for you to use:

If you previously used the GivePlus Mobile app, your log-in credentials stay the same in Vanco Mobile. No need for a new user ID or password. If you have recurring gifts set up, they will continue to be made as scheduled.

If you're new to the E-giving app, simply download it and set up a profile to start giving or making payments today!

For a quick video tutorial, visit: <https://vimeo.com/605658635>

We will now be able to accept donations and payments for Family & Children's Ministry events and Youth Ministry events through the app and online giving webpage. To visit our online giving page simply put the web address <https://www.ctrtulsa.org/on-line-giving/> into the search bar of any browser.

Vanco Mobile is available in the Apple App store and the Google Play store now. Download it today!

Thank you for your continued generosity to CTR!

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

Biblical resolutions

- Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
- Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
- Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
- Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

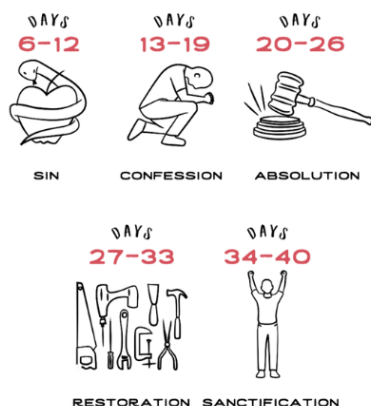
- Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)
- Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

- Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
- Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
- Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
- Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols (adapted)



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CTR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



Check out the Phase 2 construction progress in this new video tour!



<https://youtu.be/zG-O7FLnBVg>





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PSALM 98:1, KJV