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The Cornerstone

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Christmas Service Schedule
Advent celebrations will be offered
on December 2, 9, 16
online for you and your family
to enjoy at a time that is convenient for you.

The Advent Theme is the Genealogy of Jesus
December 2 - Jesus, Son of David
December 9
Jesus, Son of Abraham
December 16
Jesus, Son of Joseph
These will be interactive
online worship services lead
by CTR staff and members.
They will include piano music
based on Advent Hymns

Scripture Readings - Children's Message - Homily.

Family Christmas Program - December 20 - 9:30 am
This program will include Christmas carols and a live nativity
in the sanctuary. It will be livestreamed.

Christmas Eve at 5:00/7:00/9:00 pm
5:00 service will be livestreamed
Christmas Day
10:00 am with Communion
will also be livestreamed

Pastor's COLUMN

Fellow Redeemed,

This Christmas take a walk with me along the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. The lush green of the rolling hills is contrasted by the black basalt rocks that litter the landscape. As we make our way over a gradual incline, we see the town of Capernaum nestled between the crystal blue waters of the lake and the rolling hills that cradle this town like a baby. People are busy greeting each other as they move between the ancient synagogue and Peter's house. Just round the corner is the tax collector's booth. Levi is busy collecting the taxes that are necessary for the security that Herod Antipas provides. That is when we see Him, Jesus of Nazareth. He moves with purpose but never in a rush. He takes an interest in the tax collector and moves in closer. Jesus motions to Levi with his hands and speaks the words that are the call to every human being, "Follow me". In a moment of pure and honest repentance, Levi gets up, leaves his life as a tax collector behind, and follows Jesus. Hear the account from the Gospel of Mark.

Mark 2:13-17: He (Jesus) went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he reclined at table in the house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

The beauty of the region around Capernaum is only surpassed by the amazing beauty of the forgiveness of sins to sinners. Jesus came to save us. We are sinners and we need Jesus, who bestows upon us His righteousness. What a beautiful sight it is to see Jesus motion to us and say, "Follow me". We, like Levi, have gotten up and continue to follow Jesus. He leads us down paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We had an excellent response during our Consecration Sunday on October 4. We appreciate all the pledges received that day as well as those that have been mailed to church. We need your help to bring our campaign, "God loves a cheerful giver," to a successful conclusion. Please return your pledge to the church office, 2550 E. 71st St., Tulsa, OK 74136, Attention: Stewardship.

Blessings, Stewardship Lay Ministry Members: Debby Brauer, Nancy Kirby, Kathi Lohse, Sandy Moeller, Connie Thomas, Suzanne



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LWML OKLAHOMA DISTRICT SHOE COLLECTION

November 1 - February 1

- Men's, Women's, Children's shoes
- Dress, athletic, sandals, flipflops, boots, etc.
- No roller skates or ice skates
- Shoes should be clean and in good condition
- Shoes should be paired, banded together or tied with laces together

Contact Sharon Schmidt for more information (918-296-0121 or 405-605-9518). A collection box will be located near the narthex.



1 John 3:17-18

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Tulsa Saints Foundation

As 2020 winds down, the need on the streets goes on. Messiah said in John 12:8, "For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." The indignity Judas showed when Mary poured the expensive perfume on Jesus before his crucifixion. What did he mean by this? You will always have the poor? This saying goes back to the Torah, which Jesus used throughout the Gospels (the word of God) against the Pharisees and Sadducees. From Deuteronomy 15:7-8 "If there is a poor person among you, one of your brothers, in any of your towns in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother; ⁸but you shall fully open your hand to him, and generously lend him enough for his need *in* whatever he lacks. From the beginning Abba has wanted us to help those in need.

It's hard to believe it has been over two and a half years since we began helping people. I remember a certain corporate manager from a few years ago who on Friday nights would drive down past the bus station on 4th Street between Denver and Cheyenne, having a hard heart and looking on the homeless and downtrodden with disdain. Through the grace of Messiah by his mercy and salvation, I was given the opportunity to work with other assistant shepherds to help those on the Tulsa Streets. This is a blessing the Father gives us each week to help those who are most in need.

Each week we bring hot food, healthy snacks, socks, blankets, coats and other winter clothing, sleeping bags, toiletries, Bibles, coffee, and sometimes special requests if we can help out someone in need.

Recently, we sponsored a homeless gentleman by the name of David, who attends sometimes Christ the Redeemer and the Sunday school. David was an avowed pagan until Jesus opened his eyes to the truth of the Father's love for all of us.

Even through these trying times, the Tulsa Saints continues to be downtown every Friday night, rain or shine, snow or sleet, even in this time of pandemics and civil unrest. As we move forward in this mission for God, we ask each and every believer to pray for the homeless and working poor and ask the Father to continue to guide the Tulsa Saints in all we do. God Bless and the Peace of Jesus our Messiah be with you all.

Michael W Bryan

Director

LET IT snow!

Create a winter wonderland with this fun craft.



What you need:

- Glass jar with lid but no label
- Laminated photo (that will fit in the jar)
- Small plastic Christmas trinkets
- Hot or waterproof glue
- Container with spout
- 1 cup distilled water
- 3 tsp. glycerin
- Glitter



What you do:

1. Unscrew lid and flip jar upside down. Glue the photo and trinkets to the inside of the lid, standing upright.
2. In a container, mix water and glycerin. Pour the mixture into the jar, leaving space at the top.
3. Spoon in some glitter.
4. When glue is dry, attach the decorated lid tightly. Shake the jar to see "snow" swirl and settle.





December

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Michael & Shirley Bird	December 2	42 yrs
James & Ann Holt	December 3	15 yrs
Tony & Kelley Goodrum	December 7	29 yrs
Steven & Susan Low	December 16	33 yrs
Brad & Jennifer Teegarden	December 17	4 yrs
Steve & Johnna Short	December 18	38 yrs
Scott & Tessa Chesher	December 19	22 yrs
Sid & Beverly McVey	December 22	51 yrs
Dennis & Kathy Stephen	December 27	45 yrs
John & Mary Gant	December 29	36 yrs
Mark & Jane Holt	December 29	30 yrs
Chris & Amber Carson	December 30	25 yrs
Chris & Brenda Flasch	December 30	31 yrs
James & Letaza Dutton	December 31	26 yrs
Paul & Alyssa Whaley	December 31	11 yrs



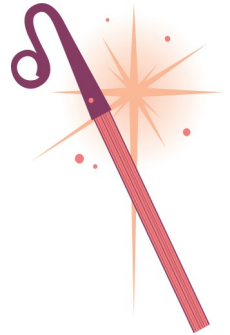
Jonathon Huff
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Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Kevin & Sarah Drain
1527 W 78th St. #317
Tulsa, OK 74132

Eric & Kara Kaplinski
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Tulsa, OK 74134

A Sacred Summary

The simple shepherds
heard the voice of an angel
and found their Lamb;
the wisemen
saw the light of a star
and found their Wisdom.
--Fulton J. Sheen



STAFF GIFTS

Please consider thanking our CTR staff and showing your appreciation with a year-end Christmas bonus. You can write "staff gifts" on the memo line of your check when making contributions.

Contributions should be received no later than December 13.



Gifts for the Staff



Now that construction has begun, church activities are confined to Sundays only with limited room access. If you or your group wish to use the church facilities, please fill out the forms that are located in the narthex or contact Floyd Lemons.

Floyd will confirm the date and location and get back to you with that confirmation.

"Miss no single opportunity
of making some small sacrifice,
here by a smiling look,
there by a kindly word;
always doing the smallest right
and doing it all for love."
--St. Therese of Lisieux



December Altar Flowers

You can sign up to provide altar flowers, which you may take home following the late service. On the sign-up sheet write your name by the date and the special occasion for the flowers. Write your \$50 check to CTR, with ALTAR FLOWERS on the memo line.

6: by James & Ann Holt in celebration of their 15th anniversary

6:

13:

13:

20: by Suzanne Beauchamp in celebration of Mary Jo Beaird's birthday

20:

27:

27:

MILITARY COUPONS

Until further notice, the collection of coupons for military families overseas is going to be put on hold. I wish to thank CTR members for their generous support of this program over the past several years.

-- Deb Drain





Seasons of Hope

The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity -

*hope of pardon,
hope of peace with God,
hope of glory*


- because at the Father's will Jesus Christ became poor, and was born in a stable so that 30 years later he might hang on a cross.

--J. I. Packer



you have not done so already.

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




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!



*"Bless us, Lord,
this Christmas,
with quietness of mind;
teach us to be patient
and always to be kind."*

--Helen Steiner Rice





Solitude as Soul Care

Richard J. Foster (*Celebration of Discipline*) says solitude is "more a state of mind and heart" than a place: "There is a solitude of the heart that can be maintained at all times. Crowds, or the lack of them, have little to do with this inward attentiveness."

Although Jesus preferred crowd-free alone times, that's not always feasible. But no matter your surroundings and responsibilities, you can carve out intentional time to "be still" (Psalm 46:10).

Try these tips for adding solitude to life's rhythms:

- ♦ Take a day. Every month or two, enjoy a day of solitude. Turn off your phone and spend the day with God.
- ♦ Take an hour. Treat this time as an important calendar appointment. Keep it free to protect your solitude.
- ♦ Take a minute. Before a big meeting or as you're answering the phone, breathe deeply and invite God into the moment.



We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gave words of sympathy and gave virtual hugs on the occasion of the death of my grandson Dean Allen Drain, son of Kris and Korie. We are most grateful for the many prayers offered to our Lord on our behalf.

-- the Drain family



For the Month of October	2019	2020
October Giving.....	\$71,814	\$81,801
Monthly Budget	\$63,800	\$65,431
Year to Date Giving	\$696,747	\$676,330
Year to Date Budget	\$685,849	\$703,380
YTD Expenses.....	\$633,515	\$729,436

Building Fund Contribution:

October receipts: \$64,408.25
Balance: \$1,823,788.93



In-Person Service Announcement

We resumed in-person worship on July 26 at 8:15 and 10:45. We WILL livestream the 8:15 service. Beginning September 13, all Sunday school classes will resume as well.

Masks will be required at CTR. This will facilitate a two fold purpose; first so that we can serve one another by keeping the spread of germs to a minimum, and second so that we can sing all of the hymns and liturgy. Wear your masks while you sing and praise God as He serves us through Worship with His Word and Sacraments. Masks are available in the narthex.

Communion will be distributed in a walk through manner, maintaining social distancing.

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Worship Services

CTR Members and visitors are asked to arrive to these services early to insure a seat in the sanctuary. Please keep in mind that we want to continue to adhere to safe social distancing practices. With that in mind, once the sanctuary seating is full, those attending will be asked to sit in the narthex/fellowship hall where overflow seating will be made available.



Christmas Presence

Amid the secular trappings of the holidays, we can lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas, until we lament with Charlie Brown, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?"

These reminders call us back to where it all began — in the heart of God.

"The giving of gifts is not something [people] invented. God started the giving spree when he gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of his Son."

—Robert Flatt

"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that he gave his only Son. The only requirement is to believe in him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."

—Corrie ten Boom

"The great challenge left to us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season that has grown increasingly secular and commercial, and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas."

—Bill Crowder

"If we do not set aside time to focus together on what God's word tells us about the promise of Christ, on Christmas morning we can find ourselves surrounded by mounds of torn gift wrap, our laps full of presents, but with hearts that are empty and unprepared."

—Nancy Guthrie



The OWLS will not meet until we are comfortable with the safety issues for everyone involved. We look forward to our fellowship luncheons in the near future.





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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 3-5 PM

CTR Youth Christmas Event

**BA ICE RINK
418 S MAIN STREET IN BROKEN ARROW**

**BRING A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT FOR THE EXCHANGE, FRIENDS
ARE INVITED! RSVP TO DCE SUZANNE BY DECEMBER 2**



Check the Youth page of the CTR website for forms to print and register! Friends are always invited to events!



January 15-17, 2021– Journey in January High School Retreat @ Camp Lutherhoma

February 5-7, 2021– CTR Jr High Retreat @ Camp Lutherhoma

February 25-28, 20201- YouthLead! Training in St. Louis for High School Students

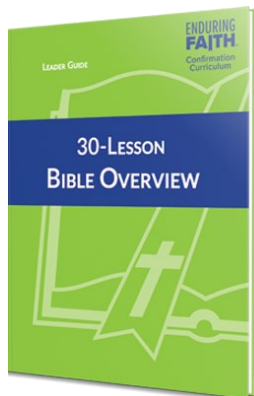
April 9-11, 2021– CTR High School Retreat @ Camp Lutherhoma

Sunday School Classes For Children and Youth



Starting November 22!

Each week kids will add another decoration to the Christmas Tree and learn a little more about the real reason we celebrate Christmas. The lights, ornaments, tinsel, and star will all serve as reminders of the Christmas story. Get ready for games, crafts, activities and a lesson each week as well as some fun, festive cheer!



Jr High/Confirmation (6th-8th Grade)

Confirmation students have 2 choices for classes this fall:

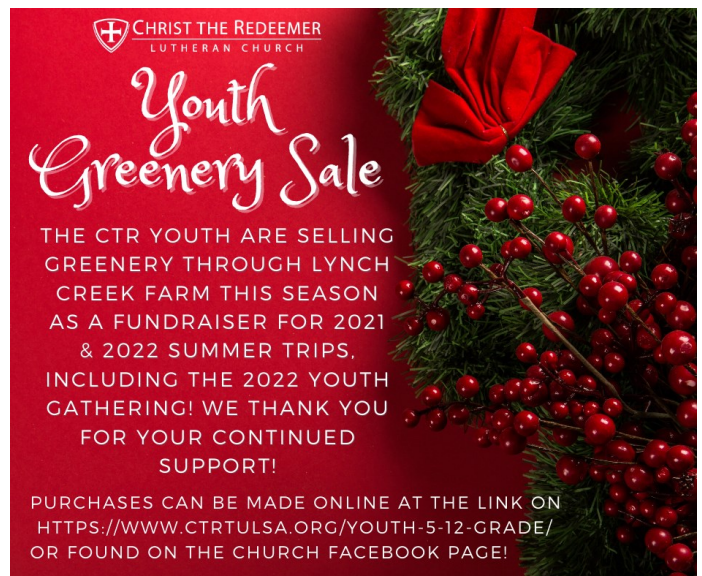
- Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 am for 6th grade - 8th grade
- At home with monthly Check-In Nights from 3:00-5:00 PM for 6th grade and up

The Sunday School class, a 30-Lesson Bible Overview is also open to non-confirmation students. If necessary, we will continue to Zoom Sunday School classes for the participation of those staying at home. Classes are led by DCE Suzanne in the CTR Library.

High School Youth (9th-12th Grade)



Led by David Ross and Tim Kuehnert in the Church Office. This class looks at a wide variety of topics including Church History, Denominational Differences and Contemporary Culture and our Beliefs.



Construction Updates:

- Electric and plumbing rough in at addition complete and inspected.
- Drywall work at existing building to begin.
- Steel scheduled for delivery November 12 and 20.
- Steel to begin erecting at end of November.
- Concrete slab complete.
- Excavation work at sidewalks on east & west sides to begin.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

1 OVERALL FLOOR PLAN - FIRST FLOOR
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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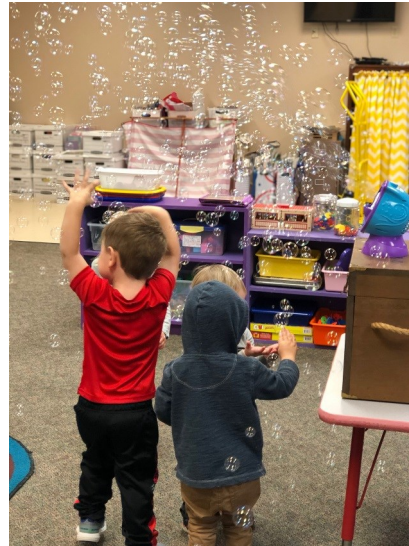


"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising, God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

-- Luke 2:10-14



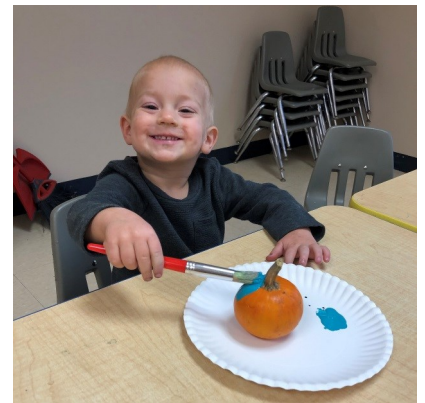
ECC



Nikki Witt, Director

Pumpkin
painting for
Halloween!

No matter the time
of year, playing with
bubbles is fun!!!



Amazon Smile!

Help support ECC by shopping
on Amazon Smile. Simply select
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Church and .5% of your
purchase will be given back to
the ECC.



Ms Sarah
brings
out the
smiles in
everyone!

S NEWS

M I N A R Y

Dear friends at CTR:

Advent greetings from St. Louis Seminary!

The days are shorter and the air is colder. I look forward to the Advent and Christmas season, but the cold and snow? Not so much. We have been blessed in so many ways lately! These are some of the blessings we celebrate.

Studying at such a wonderful institution of higher learning. Every day I learn so much!

Our son, Steven, made it home safely from his Air Force deployment in the country of Qatar.

The organization that Debra works for extended her remote employment for another year.

While COVID numbers are higher right now, the overall impact is still low.

My mom, Doris Hull, had successful surgery after a fall and is recovering quickly.

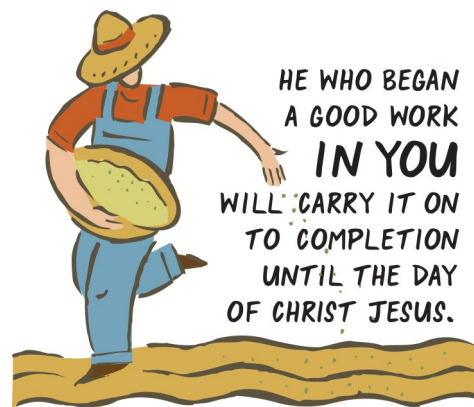
Deb and I are in good health, which is a blessing that can never be overstated!

Although the trees are almost bare now, we had a beautiful fall in St. Louis.

Above all, I borrow the words of Paul writing to the church of the Philippians (1:3-6).

"I thank my God in all my remembrances of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

What great remembrances I have of you! I miss the fellowship of Tuesday night dartball league, Wednesday evening Men's Bible Study group, and especially Sunday Morning worship. We have been worshipping with my field experience congregations which are awesome, but it is not the same as being home. We are not sure if we will be able to make it back for Christmas. I must keep reminding myself that when we do make it back it will not be the same in a lot of respects. Restrictions from COVID and construction at the church site have altered life there. I know that I can not go back to the CTR of 6 months ago, when we left. That is sad in some ways but joyous in others.



PHILIPPIANS 1:6, NIV

The passage above talks about a good work that God began in us that he will bring to completion on the day of Jesus Christ. Paul, of course is talking about our Salvation, which God started before time began. God's plan was finished on the cross when Jesus died there for us. We were all baptized into that death at our baptism. We will be resurrected on the day of Jesus Christ, the day when he returns. That is what we celebrate in Advent. Thank God for his amazing gifts of grace through faith. The greatest gift of all, and one that I share with my friends whose partnership in the gospel I am grateful for. Thank you for your support both financially and spiritually.


May God keep you all safe according to his will until we see you again.

Deon and Debra Hull
14 Founders Way
Unit B
St. Louis, MO 63105

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Which of the four Gospels name(s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus' birth?

- A. Only Luke
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7.)



In his book, *First Person Singular*, church musician, composer, and professor Carl Schalk relates a story about a phone call he received from a journalist from Birmingham, Alabama. The journalist was writing an article about the "dark side" of Christmas carols. She wished for Pro-

fessor Schalk to comment on the frequent references in many popular Christmas carols to the suffering and crucifixion of Christ. One of the most well-known examples of this which Schalk cited is found in the second stanza of the carol "What Child Is This" (LSB 370)

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you.

This stark, even brutal imagery is perhaps more jarring when juxtaposed with the gentle, sweet language of the first stanza with its references to a sleeping Infant, a holy mother, flights of angels filling the night with song, and shepherds who go forth with great joy to share the news of the birth of the Holy Child.

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary

What is often lost in the telling of the Christmas story is that it is only one part of a much longer, more complex narrative. The Incarnation story which we relate during the Advent and Christmas seasons leads inexorably to the cross and the tomb. Yet even there the story is not over; the Hope of the World who came down to us as a child at Christmas is not left to repose in a borrowed grave. We know this and we recall it each time we gather for worship, but it bears repeating: our Lord lives again having broken the power of death. Charles Wesley's Easter hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" speaks to this reality and reminds us that just as we are buried with Christ, so too shall we rise like Christ:

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

We do well to remember that the cradle which we so often sing about in the hymns and carols of Advent and Christmas always exists in the shadow of the cross. Carl Schalk writes, "the Incarnation and Christ's suffering and death are of one piece, part of the same story! You can't have one without the other. The tradition of carols both remembers and reminds us of this simple fact: "Christ came to die." This fact continues beyond the seasons of

Advent and Christmas and into the visit of the Magi at the Epiphany. Schalk shares a stanza of a haunting carol by Bruce Blunt which captures this truth in a most startling fashion.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

A particularly exquisite example of the way in which the language of carols seeks to connect the cradle and the cross may be seen in the lovely Basque carol "Sing Lullaby." The hushed whispers of a new mother singing her infant Son to sleep are contrasted with forward-looking references to the redemptive work of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining,
Sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Angels are watching, stars are shining
over the place where he is lying.
Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping,
Sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Soon will come sorrow with the morning,
Soon will come bitter grief and weeping: Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-dozing,
Sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing,
Then in the grave at last reposing: Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby! is the babe a-waking?
Sing lullaby! Hush, do not stir the Infant King.
Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning,
Conquering Death, its bondage breaking: Sing lullaby!

As we journey through these holy, hopeful, watchful, joy-filled seasons together, I would like to leave you with this rather marvelous Benediction from Ray Pritchard's *Why He Came*:

"May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. May the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen."



Jacob Drengler
Music Director

Outreach News

Senior Stars

Help put a Christmas smile on the face of a senior citizen client of South Tulsa Community House this December.

STCH provides services for seniors in the South Peoria neighborhood that includes the Inhofe Plaza Apartments which houses seniors. Many of these people are without family or support. STCH wants to provide gift cards of \$35 each to as many of their senior clients as possible. We are currently working with STCH to provide snack items for the seniors they visit in the apartment complexes in the area around 61st and Peoria.

Owing to space limitations during our building process and the pandemic we would like to again take cash donations only and provide some much-needed assistance through STCH to our vulnerable senior neighbors. Please see the collection table in the hall. Please give from your heart. This project will take the place of our traditional CTR Angel Tree.



Sunday School Offerings

Fourth Quarter

Our Sunday School offerings for October, November, and December are designated to Camp Lutherhoma. Our LCMS Oklahoma District camp and retreat center is well-known to many of you. Your children, grandchildren, and their friends have attended summer camp, Journey in January, Fruitful in February, Fall Force Camp and other events. Adults have attended retreats, family reunions, and invested time and money in upkeep of the camp.

The original camp was purchased in 1930 during the Great Depression and the current location in 1950. Camp and the outdoor ministry opportunities it affords are in a hard financial situation now. The income from retreats and summer camp has dropped by almost half of what was budgeted for. This is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently income is down \$88,000 from last year.

God has blessed us with a fantastic camp and staff where people, especially youth, can gather together to hear and learn God's Word in the beauty of His Creation. Please give generously.

Read about Camp Lutherhoma at www.lutherhoma.com or email them at lutherhoma@lutherhoma.org.

Contact Patti Ross at 918-691-5328 with questions and suggestions for the Outreach Ministry.



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.

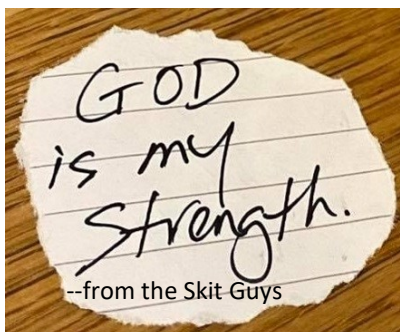


In order to encourage and retain our professional church workers here at Christ the Redeemer, several years

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



Keep up with coming events, announcements, and updates:



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Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, December 2020

LWML met on October 25 at 1:00.

Thank you, Barb, for the delicious cupcakes. Our Bylaws were approved by the members in attendance but because we didn't have a quorum, they will be voted on again in January.



We will continue to collect shoes November – February. Sharon is in charge again this year. Look for the big box in the hallway. Please bring a pair of shoes tied together, either with a rubber band or the strings tied together. We cannot accept roller blades or roller skates. Anything else is acceptable as long as they are clean and please make sure you include a pair of shoes.

We are planning our Christmas party for December 6 at JMAA, 728 W Main Street, Jenks. Barb is working on the decorations. I'm looking at alternatives for catering – Los Cabos, Abuelos, pizza, BBQ, McAlister's, etc. So far, my research shows it will cost about \$12 each for catering. Those attending are bringing their favorite cookie or candy and the recipe to share. I have also planned a craft. It will only cost a few dollars. Sharon is working on some games and prizes. If you have any ques-



tions, please let me know. I will need to know who is attending by December 1.

Starting January 17, we will meet the third Sunday of the month at 1:00.

At our February 21st meeting, Sharon will help us make mission bracelets.

Even through the Pandemic of Covid 19, the mission work of the LWML continues. Please continue to support the many missions of LWML with your prayers and offerings.

LWML.ORG has lots of ways to support and learn more about mission grants. For the Oklahoma district go to OKLWML.ORG. The Oklahoma District Web site is still a work in progress so please be patient.

Thank you for your support and please be flexible as we figure ways for our group to meet together to fulfill our outreach and missions.

Yours in Service – Daphnee Brian, President



President's Update

Dear Friends and fellow CTR members,

In line with Pastor's sermon yesterday, I would like to share some "joy" with you. As we are surrounded with all manner of things to be afraid of, fearful of and concerned about, we could all use more joyful news and thoughts. Resist the temptation to fall prey to the fear mongering and hysteria that so fills the airwaves. Regardless of who our elected officials are, corrupt or honest, God will provide for his people. That does not mean that we will not go thru tribulation, but it does mean that we should not be fearful about what the future holds.

First and foremost we need to constantly remember and remind each other of the Good News that all believers are saved through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Joy that we are still able to gather together whether in person and/or livestreaming to worship and encourage one another.

Joy that despite the sadness of the necessity to close ECC that you all were so understanding and encouraging to all of those impacted by this decision. Continue to support and pray for the staff of ECC in any way you can.

Joy that despite COVID-19, your contributions to the building fund are 6.7% ahead of projections that were made well in advance of this evil disease.

Joy that our construction project continues to proceed and will take a giant visible leap forward this week with the pouring of the main concrete slab for the northeast addition and that the steel frame work will start being erected by week's end.

Joy that our many ministries within CTR continue, virtually in many cases but they still continue and that planning for "what's next" has begun so that our ministries here can not only continue but thrive and have an even bigger impact throughout our community and the world.

I personally am so thankful for all the support and encouragement you give me as I try to do my small part in leading this congregation thru these challenging times.

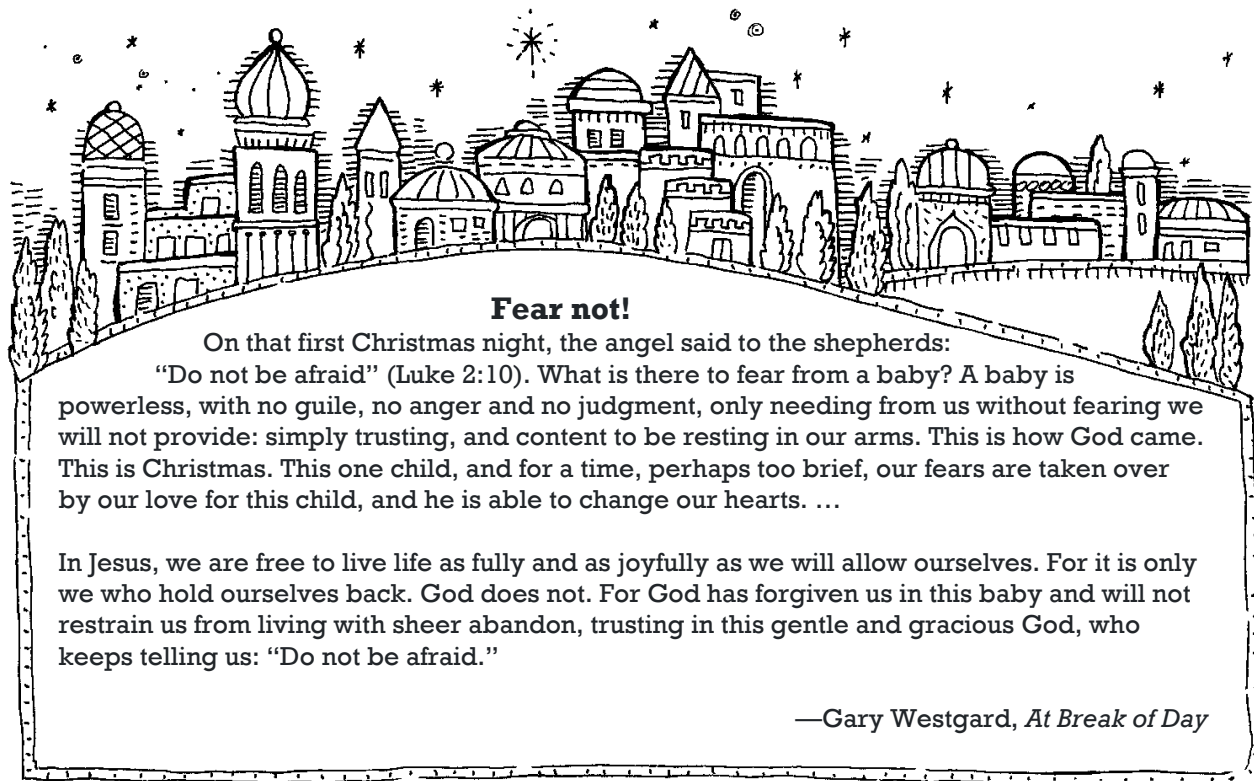
May God bless and keep you.

Brad Young



DECEMBER 2020

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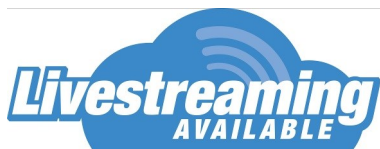
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Isaiah 11:6, NIV