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# The Cornerstone

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*Join us online for an at home Thanksgiving Prayer Service.*

*Visit the page [ctrtulsa.org/worship](http://ctrtulsa.org/worship) and celebrate at home on Thanksgiving Eve or Day with your friends and family.*

*An order of service and videos will be included for you to use as you give thanks to the Lord, our God, for his blessings and gifts to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.*



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## Youth Greenery Sale

THE CTR YOUTH ARE SELLING GREENERY THROUGH LYNCH CREEK FARM THIS SEASON AS A FUNDRAISER FOR 2021 & 2022 SUMMER TRIPS, INCLUDING THE 2022 YOUTH GATHERING! WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

PURCHASES CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT THE LINK ON [HTTPS://WWW.CTRTULSA.ORG/YOUTH-5-12-GRADE/](https://www.ctrtulsa.org/youth-5-12-grade/) OR FOUND ON THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE!



This year for our **Thanksgiving "baskets"** we are going to collect cash donations only. There is a display table where you can insert cash or checks. A Thanksgiving gift to supply a lovely dinner and all the trimmings will be given to all the recipients. Please give as you are able. Checks may be made to CTR with Thanksgiving donation in the memo line and sent or delivered to the office **by Friday, November 20**. Thank you for sharing your God-given bounty!





## Pastor's COLUMN

Fellow Redeemed,

Christ. Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus

What is your favorite “thanksgiving” verse in the Bible? Mine would have to be Luke 23:42, “And he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’” With these words, the thief on the cross has his heart changed. This expression is the deepest form of thanksgiving that I can think of. The man on the cross with Jesus is guilty, and deserves the death he is about to undergo. As he reflects on his life, hanging there on the cross dying, he sees his own sin. He sees all the people he has hurt by his life of lying, cheating, stealing and even murder. Then, the Word made flesh enters his life. Jesus is there, in the flesh, in a real presence that cannot be denied, and the thief on the cross is saved; saved from his own sin; saved from the power of the devil, and even saved from the death that is moments away. Jesus says to him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Thank you, Lord! We do not even need to ask what we are thankful for. Thanksgiving is the natural response to this kind of grace and mercy. Thanksgiving is automatic when we, like the thief on the cross, look at our lives and see that we do not deserve anything from God, but then to see Him, God incarnate, on the cross, suffering and dying for us; this produces in us a life lived in thanksgiving. So, this year, do not force thankfulness, but let the truth (Jesus Christ) create in you a life that is by definition thankful. May the presence of Jesus; the same presence that the thief on the cross experienced, keep you firm in the one true faith, and create in you a thankful life. Amen!

### “Thanks to God”

Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered,  
Thanks for what thou dost deny.  
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,  
Thanks for all thou dost supply.  
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.  
Thanks for comfort in despair.  
Thanks for grace that none can measure,  
Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,  
Thanks for thorns their stems contain.  
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,  
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.  
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,  
Thanks for heav’nly peace with thee.  
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,  
Thanks through all eternity!  
—August Storm, 1891



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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.



### Thanksgiving Beatitudes

Be thankful that you don't already  
have everything you desire.  
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,  
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.  
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,  
because they give you opportunities  
for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,  
because it will build your strength and character.

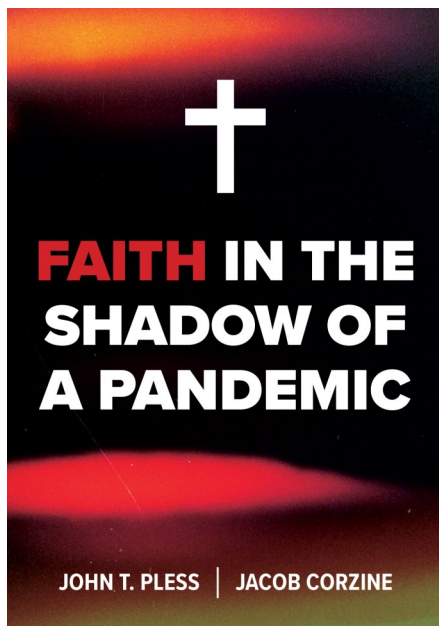
Be thankful for your mistakes.  
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary,  
because it means you've made a difference.

—Author unknown

*Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings,  
turn routine jobs into joy  
and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.*

—William Arthur Ward



### Growing Through Gratitude



Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn't always easy - especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) - but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggest reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn't grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” he writes, “for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).



### ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy



Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.)

**NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASS** led by Pastor B on the book *Faith in the Shadow of the Pandemic* begins in November. Class meets in the Sanctuary between services and will be streamed to Facebook Live. The study books are \$10 each. If you'd like to have one, please make your check out to CTR with Pastor's Bible Class on the memo line. There is a display table in the narthex where you can pick up your book and drop off your check. Please fill out the sign up sheet as well. The new class will begin on November 1.



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

Rev. Scott & Denise Burmeister	Nov. 3	30 yrs
Ed & Anja Johnson	Nov. 15	31 yrs
David & Stacie Edwards	Nov. 11	20 yrs
Brad & Janice Young	Nov. 17	41 yrs
Jim & Rosemary Holt	Nov. 24	41 yrs
Timothy & Katie Michaels-Johnson	Nov. 29	12 yrs

## Stay Connected

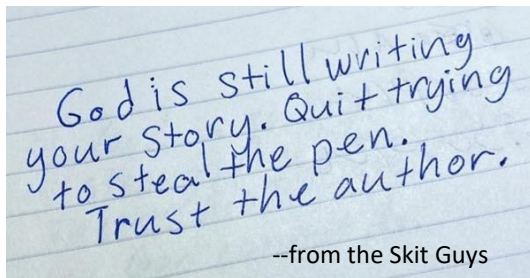
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you have not done so already.

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

"Do your little bit of good where you are;  
it is those little bits of good put all together that overwhelm the world."  
--Bishop Desmond Tutu



--from the Skit Guys



### 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



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### A Wake-up Call

The good God permits such small evils to befall us merely in order to arouse us snorers from our deep sleep and to make us recognize, on the other hand, the incomparable and innumerable benefits we still have.

With [our misfortunes], God gives us a light by which we may see and understand his goodness and kindness in countless other ways. Then we conclude that such small misfortunes are barely a drop of water on a big fire or a little spark in the ocean. Then we understand and love the words: "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!"

—Martin Luther



### November 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.

1: by Carlisle & Ellen Mabrey

1:

8:

8:

15: by John & Lori Meinders in celebration of Rachel's birthday


15:

22:

22:

29:





# Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	disciples	gathering	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	good	praising	Christian	God	river

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.  
 Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.  
 Cross out all words in column B that end in d.  
 Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.  
 Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.  
 Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.  
 Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

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\_\_\_\_\_ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV



## A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



### What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt



### What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.

**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!





For the Month of September	2019	2020
September Giving.....	\$64,030	\$57,630
Monthly Budget .....	\$79,750	\$65,431
Year to Date Giving .....	\$624,933	\$594,529
Year to Date Budget .....	\$622,049	\$637,949
YTD Expenses.....	\$562,095	\$631,416

**Building Fund Contribution:**

September receipts: \$87,986.05  
Balance: \$1,759,380.68



**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.

**Keep up with coming events, announcements, and updates:**



*Stay in Touch*

**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/ChristTheRedeemerLutheranChurch](http://www.facebook.com/ChristTheRedeemerLutheranChurch)  
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**The Simplest Prayer**

An eccentric blind man nicknamed Joybubbles reportedly loved Mr. Rogers so much he listened to 10 hours of the TV show daily until he'd heard them all. One night, when Joybubbles was in a kind of awake dream state, he said Mr. Rogers visited him and offered to teach him how to pray.

Joybubbles protested that he couldn't pray because he always forgot the words. To which Mr. Rogers said not to worry; the prayer he'd teach had only three words. "What kind of prayer has only three words?" Joybubbles asked.

"Thank you, God," Mr. Rogers replied.

--adapted from *The Wired Word*



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.



And whatever you do,  
in word or deed,  
do everything in the name  
*of the Lord Jesus,*  
*giving thanks*  
to God the Father  
through him.

Colossians 3:17







# CHRIST THE REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. High (6-8th graders)

Sr. High (9-12th graders)

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

DCE Suzanne Watt



*"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*



Our Junior High students had a great time at Camp Lutherhoma the first weekend of October! We also had 3 high school youth serve as small group leaders. The weather was fantastic and we enjoyed the outdoors!

## FALL FORCE 2020

Camp Lutherhoma



NOVEMBER 20-22, 2020

A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR AGES 8-12

Cost: \$80 per camper through CTR only. Adults are free!

Drive on your own or carpool with friends!

- Connect with friends and fun camp counselors!
- Grow in your relationship with Jesus.
- Experience fun camp games and activities like rumble ball, archery, hikes, and more!

Register with CTR by cash or check



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, 2021- YouthLead! Training in St. Louis for High School Students

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

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# Sunday School Classes For Children and Youth

## Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary (Pre-5th Grade)

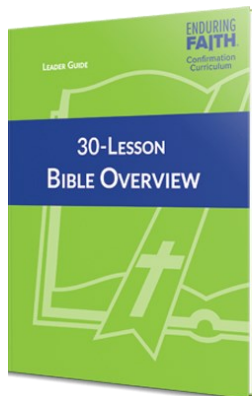
A graphic for the Rocky Railway VBS Experience. It features a steam locomotive crossing a bridge over a river in a mountainous landscape. The text "In Person Sunday School 9:30 AM At CTR for PreK-5th Grade Kids" is at the top. Below it, a yellow box contains the text: "JOIN US FOR THE ROCKY RAILWAY VBS EXPERIENCE DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL! MEET NEW BIBLE BUDDIES, EXPERIENCE AWESOME BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS AND MORE!". At the bottom, another yellow box says: "Come join us for a fun time each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall!". A shield-shaped logo on the right says "ROCKY RAILWAY" and "JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH".

**In Person Sunday School  
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## 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.



In everything  
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB



## Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, November 2020



- Digging and pouring column pads is imminent
- Elevator pit is formed and poured
- Plumbers are 85% complete with wall rough in existing building areas
- Ductwork fabricating and installing in existing building is ongoing
- Flooring is removed in existing ECC classrooms
- Footings at new addition scheduled to begin



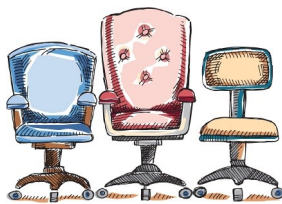
### STAFF GIFTS

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



### STAFF CHANGES

Our new business administrator is Deva Beebe. Deva has 13 years of church finance and administration experience. She holds a Business Administration degree from Langston-Tulsa and a master's degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma. She provides administrative support to church staff and assists in managing the finances of the office and the congregation. She can be contacted in the church office Monday through Friday 9:30 - 3:30, by emailing [dbeebe@ctrtulsa.org](mailto:dbeebe@ctrtulsa.org) or by phone 918-492-6451 VM Ext. 11.

Connie Phillips has agreed to come out of retirement to resume her duties in the office as office administrator during the construction project. Her office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00-12:00, or contact her directly at [connie.phillips@ctrtulsa.org](mailto:connie.phillips@ctrtulsa.org).



# ECC

Chapel time  
with Pastor B  
and Leo!



## ECC Introduces New Christian-Based Curriculum

This curriculum is being  
used in varying degrees  
depending on the age and  
ability of each age group

- ◆ includes Bible stories,  
poems, songs and books
- ◆ becoming familiar with  
their names and others in  
their family
- ◆ introduction and use of  
basic words, numbers,  
colors, letters and shapes
- ◆ fine and gross motor skills



Give  
thanks



Nikki Witt, Director



Outdoor fun  
and learning our names!!



Tippy Toes has  
returned!

## Amazon Smile!

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





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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Autumn is a beautiful time of the year in Missouri. The trees are changing color and the first few cool days have urged us to switch the clothes in the closet and dressers from shorts to sweaters. Debra and I broke down and bought a firepit for our back patio. The smell of the campfire and the taste of smores and cider remind me of days gone by when I was a camp director. Unfortunately, the COVID protocols in place do not allow us to congregate around a fire at this time but perhaps soon we will be able to sit around a fire with friends. Hopefully, you are all able to gather with friends and share their warmth.

The semester is almost halfway done. It is hard to believe. Time zips past me as there are few breaks from classes, homework, papers, and field work. At our fieldwork church, we serve in different capacities based on the church needs. Sometimes we assist with the service or perform some other duties. Faith Lutheran in Oakville is where I have been assigned for fieldwork. We have been worshipping in person, but all other programming has been put on hold. Last Sunday, we had one worship service in the parking lot. God provided great weather. Faith is a completely contemporary congregation and has a unique format for education and programming. If you would like to know more you can visit the website at <https://faithstl.org/>.

Actually, I am blessed to have two fieldwork congregations. The second one is designed as a cross-cultural experience. Chai v' Shalom <http://www.chaivshalom.com/ChaiShalom/Welcome.html> is a Lutheran Jewish congregation located near the seminary. Rev. Kevin Parviz is a Jewish convert to the Missouri Synod and runs a storefront church. We seminarians have been learning about reaching out to God's original chosen people utilizing only the Old Testament scriptures. They have some extreme challenges during times when life is normal. These days they are only allowed to have 11 people in the building at one time! I learned that Jewish converts to Christianity will many times be rejected by their families who hold a funeral for the convert to demonstrate that they are dead to their family and community. We continue to pray that the Spirit open their eyes and hearts as Jesus did for his disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Obviously, the best aspect of Fall is that we take time to give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow! I don't have space to list all of the blessings we have in this life. We would like to highlight these prayers of thanksgiving. Deb and I appreciate your support for my work at the seminary. We are so blessed! Thank you! We also thank God that our son, Steven, returned safely to the States as his deployment for the Air Force finished up recently. We thank God for congregations all over the world who, although they may be struggling at this time, spread the Gos-

pel of Jesus Christ. We pray that unrestricted face-to-face fellowship be allowed again soon.

We have several items that we would appreciate you lifting up on our behalf. Our daughter-in-law, Tatiana, is in the Army National Guard and has orders deploying to the Middle East in the coming month. She will be gone for the better part of a year. Her husband, William, who is in the Army, recently finished desert training in preparation for deployment and will probably be sent to a foreign land (yet to be determined) in February.

Blessed Thanksgiving to you all and may He bless and keep you!

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

the only One qualified  
to ever throw a stone...  
didn't.  
--The Skit Guys

### Count Your Blessings

Count your blessings  
instead of your crosses;  
Count your gains  
instead of your losses.

Count your joys  
instead of your woes;  
Count your friends  
instead of your foes.

Count your smiles  
instead of your tears;  
Count your courage  
instead of your fears.

Count your full years  
instead of your lean;  
Count your kind deeds  
instead of your mean.

Count your health  
instead of your wealth;  
Count on God  
instead of yourself.





One of the great joys of my calling as a church musician is that I am constantly afforded the opportunity to discover new music. Some of that music is in fact quite ancient and is only new insofar as it is new to me. Other times it is a collection of newly-composed

music which I find speaks to me. Recently just such a set of pieces was brought to my attention. ...*Still All My Song Shall Be: A Collection of Heartsongs* is a set of vocal solos written by composer and church musician Tom Trenney. The collection comprises new settings of well-known hymns such as "Be Thou My Vision" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness," settings of more recently composed hymns including "For Everyone Born," and newly-composed pieces including "Like Him We Rise" and "Maya's Prayer for Peace," a musical setting of a prayer by the American poet Maya Angelou.

The past several months have required church workers around the world to approach the way that we do ministry with a degree of creativity and flexibility. The pieces found in ...*Still All My Song Shall Be* originated in just such circumstances during this time of pandemic as the composer found that he needed new music for soloists to present each week in his congregation's online worship services. The following excerpt from Tom Trenney's Preface to the collection gives context to the origins of the work and captures something of the numerous emotions that many of us have likely felt at various points for a variety of reasons during these past months:

When I came home from choir rehearsal on March 11, 2020, I never could have imagined it would be the last time I'd be making music with our choir for the season...All our plans for music ministry and worship were undone. At first, I could not imagine how I could do what I was so sure God had called me to do. I was lost in a deep sea of disappointment, amidst the waves of cancellations, distressed by the suffering that so many were suddenly facing. But, in a moment of grace, God tapped me on the shoulder and encour-

aged me to stop thinking about all the things I could not do, and instead, to think about the unique ways that I could serve in this peculiar moment that might especially speak to the heart of those I longed to serve...This collection of heartsongs came together week by week...and I pray that they will bring you and your congregation an extra measure of hope and peace as we all find our way in this new wilderness.

Two pieces from this collection have had a particularly strong impact on my spiritual journey recently. I have found myself singing them quietly during moments to myself and have been drawn to play them each time I am seated at the piano to practice. "Like Him We Rise" draws textual inspiration from passages of Scripture, from the Cameroon hymn "He Came Down," as well as a line from Charles Wesley's great Christmas hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." The refrain, in particular, speaks to the hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come that is ours through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ:

*Made like him, like him we rise! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies;*

*Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.*

The refrain of "For Everyone Born" draws upon the language of Micah 6:8 which tells us that the Lord requires us to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.*

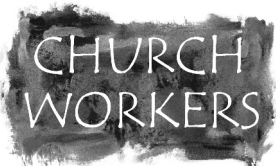
May we always strive to be instruments of God's compassion and peace in a world that is so desperately in need of both. During the coming months, we will hear several of these heartsongs in worship at CTR and I hope that you all will find them to be a blessing on the journey.



**Jacob Drengler**  
Music Director

## 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



## Missionary Support Update

God has richly blessed the members of CTR with resources to support three missionaries. The funds come out of the Outreach Ministry budget on a quarterly schedule. Here is an update from them.



Missionary Hesham Shehab, Salam Arabic Fellowship, Lombard, Illinois, shares the love of God with Middle Eastern and North African immigrants. They exchange scriptures, devotions in Arabic on WhatsApp daily and have been holding worship services and one-on-one Bible studies. They drive immigrants to clinics and provide medication to those in need. During the pandemic, they have provided food and also furniture for three new homes. You can hear him in a recent interview at <https://www.fulllifeinchrist.org/flattenthecurve/>.

Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster are missionaries in the Czech Republic. Most recently, they traveled to the town of Varsdorf looking for a place to plant a Gospel outreach. There they saw the Lutheran church building that is called "The Red Church" by the locals. It has not been used as a church for quite a while but they are applying to hold services there again. They ask that we please pray that the leaders of the ECAV (Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession) will look with favor on this work. Their email address is: [Dale.Kaster@lcms.org](mailto:Dale.Kaster@lcms.org).

Anton Lutz serves in the jungles of Papua, New Guinea, since 2004. He grew up in Papua where his parents were LCMS missionaries. He attended Valparaiso University. You can follow him on Facebook. He has some beautiful photos from the 2020 Enga Cultural Show. He works with the Gutnius (Good news) Lutheran Church.

It is our privilege to remember these missionaries and the people to whom they minister in our prayers. Please pray that their work would bring the Word of God to many of His people.



## Ways you can SERVE Outreach News

### South Tulsa Community House

South Tulsa Community House is starting a program of going into the various apartment complexes in the south Peoria neighborhood with snacks for children and older adults. The children's snacks will include a protein item, fruit, a snack item and juice box. The older adults' packages will include low sodium, small serving items. All of the items need to be non-refrigerated and microwavable. In order to support this venture, we will be collecting those types of items over the next few weeks. These items can be placed in the shopping basket in the south hallway. We will continue to collect household cleaning items, paper goods, personal hygiene items, and baby supplies. We also accept paper grocery bags, egg cartons, and medicine bottles with the labels removed. Questions? Patti Ross 918-691-5328

### 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](http://www.lutherhoma.com) or email them at [lutherhoma@lutherhoma.org](mailto:lutherhoma@lutherhoma.org).

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



### COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Please contact the church office with updated addresses for all college students.



It was great to finally have an in-person LWML meeting after eight months of being apart! Fifteen ladies with one visitor attend our first meeting. Thank you, Lynne, for the delicious refreshments.

**Lutheran Women in Mission** On National Giving Tuesday in September, \$85,985.74 was collected for mites. Amazon also reported \$370.11 given this quarter.

There will not be a Zone Fall Fest this year because of the pandemic. However, Sharon will present the Zone Bible study at our meeting on October 25. Sharon Schmidt, Patti Ross and myself served as delegates to elect the new Zone officers – Lori Steele, President; Claudette Brown, Vice President; and Gloria Buehring, Secretary.

On October 1, a few ladies took 230 quilts, 321 school kits, 47 personal kits and 29 sewing kits to Trinity Lutheran, a total of 1,784 pounds. Those boxes, along with boxes from other churches, were taken to OKC on October 5. A very special thank you to everyone who helped make this possible – all the ladies that cut, sew, tie, quilt, box and donate. It takes all of us.

From November through February, we will be collecting shoes. 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.

As of right now, we will plan on having a Christmas party on December 6 at JMAA, 728 W Main Street, Jenks. I have someone that is going to do the decorations. As we get closer, we will decide what we want to do about a meal/appetizers, games, crafts, etc. We will not be able to have Jacob entertain us this year so we will have to have other alternatives. If you would like to help or have an idea, please let me know.

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 website 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



### Thanksgiving Prayer

Author and radio host Garrison Keillor put a unique spin on expressing gratitude for special meals. He painted the following table prayer on his dining-room wall, encouraging guests to sing it together before eating:

*O Lord, we thank Thee for this food,  
For every blessing, every good.  
For earthly sustenance and love  
Bestowed on us from heaven above.  
Be present at our table, Lord.  
Be here and everywhere adored.  
Thy children bless and grant that we  
May feast in paradise with Thee.*

"It's inspiring to hear 15 people find harmony around the Thanksgiving table," Keillor writes. Singing together "sets a tone. No crying in the cranberries."

There is much  
to be grateful for."





# NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>ALL SAINTS</b> ■ Rev. 7:9-17; ■ Ps. 149; ■ 1 John 3:1-3; ■ Matt. 5:1-12	■ Ezra 8:24-36; ■ Ps. 115; ■ 1 Peter 1:13-25	■ Ezra 9:1-15; ■ Ps. 116; ■ 1 Peter 2:1-12	■ Ezra 10:1-17; ■ Ps. 117; ■ 1 Peter 2:13-25	■ Ezra 10:18-44; ■ Ps. 118; ■ 1 Peter 3:1-7	■ Dan. 1:1-2:16; ■ Ps. 119:1-8; ■ 1 Peter 3:8-22	■ Dan. 2:17-45; ■ Ps. 11:9-16; ■ 1 Peter 4:1-19
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
■ Dan. 2:46-3:30; ■ Ps. 119:17-24; ■ 1 Peter 5:1-14	■ Dan. 4:1-18; ■ Ps. 119:25-32; ■ 2 Peter 1:1-15	■ Dan. 4:19-37; ■ Ps. 119:33-40; ■ 2 Peter 1:16-21	■ Dan. 5:1-31; ■ Ps. 119:41-48; ■ 2 Peter 2:1-10	■ Dan. 6:1-7:8; ■ Ps. 119:49-56; ■ 2 Peter 2:10-22	■ Dan. 7:9-28; ■ Ps. 119:57-64; ■ 2 Peter 3:1-13	■ Dan. 8:1-27; ■ Ps. 119:65-72; ■ 2 Peter 3:14-18
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
■ Dan. 9:1-27; ■ Ps. 119:73-80; ■ 1 John 1:1-10	■ Dan. 10:1-21; ■ Ps. 119:81-88; ■ 1 John 2:1-14	■ Dan. 11:1-19; ■ Ps. 119:89-96; ■ 1 John 2:15-27	■ Dan. 11:20-45; ■ Ps. 119:97-104; ■ 1 John 2:28-3:10	■ Dan. 12:1-13; ■ Ps. 119:105-112; ■ 1 John 3:11-24	■ Neh. 1; ■ Ps. 119:113-120; ■ 1 John 4:1-21	■ Neh. 2; ■ Ps. 119:121-128; ■ 1 John 5:1-12
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
■ Neh. 3; ■ Ps. 119:129-136; ■ 1 John 5:13-21	■ Neh. 4:1-14; ■ Ps. 119:137-144; ■ 2 John 1-13	■ Neh. 4:15-23; ■ Ps. 119:145-152; ■ 3 John 1-15	■ Neh. 5:1-13; ■ Ps. 119:153-160; ■ Jude 1-25	■ Neh. 5:14-19; ■ Ps. 119:161-168; ■ Rev. 1:1-8	■ Neh. 6:1-14; ■ Ps. 119:169-176; ■ Rev. 1:9-20	■ Neh. 6:15-7:4; ■ Ps. 120; ■ Rev. 2:1-7
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>ADVENT BEGINS</b> ■ Is. 64:1-9; ■ Ps. 80; ■ 1 Cor. 1:3-9; ■ Mark 13:24-37	■ Neh. 7:5-65; ■ Ps. 121; ■ Rev. 2:8-11					
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					



## Doxology for Humanity

Praise life that makes us change and grow  
 Praise love that makes compassion flow  
 Praise peace that ends all strife and fear  
 Praise hands that work for justice here.

Praise ears that hear the children's cries  
 Praise truth that drives out heartless lies  
 Praise hearts that value human worth  
 Praise lives that build a better earth.

Praise eyes that see all human need  
 Praise minds that cast out selfish greed  
 Praise lips that challenge those in power  
 Praise those who struggle every hour.

Praise faith that keeps us ever strong  
 Praise hope that triumphs over wrong  
 Praise dreams that make our spirit's rise  
 Praise voices raised in joyful cries.

--Tune: Old Hundredth - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ©2013 Kurt Struckmeyer

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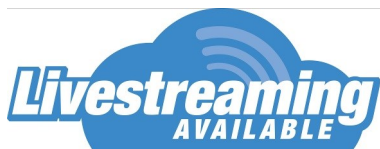
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