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*“Leading People Into
a Living Relationship
With Jesus Christ”*



A Letter From The Pastor

BY REV. SCOTT BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed,

The central doctrine for the Christian faith is this: You are saved by God's grace through faith for the sake of Jesus Christ. Apart from this there are no other doctrines, whereby you must be saved, and nothing should ever be added to this core doctrine, with regards to salvation. There is a saying, "familiarity breeds contempt". I think that is what was happening to the church in Galatia. The Gospel became very familiar to them, but then others came, who had contempt for the simplicity of it and began to preach a different gospel, which was no gospel at all. Galatians 1:6-7, "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel- not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ."

We must never be tempted to depart from the core doctrine of, "saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ". For it is God's unmerited Grace alone, through the very Faith that God Himself creates, all for the sake of Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection that we have been saved. This is the faith, this is the truth by which we live and this is the way of salvation. Jesus brings the forgiveness of sins by the Word of God, nothing else. As sinful humans, it is our nature, our sinful nature to have contempt for something so familiar, just as the church in Galatia did. Do not have contempt, but rather hold on to this faith with all the strength that God has given you. Then you will know Jesus and you will know the power of the Holy Spirit and you will experience the work of God in your life. Keep the faith! Trust in God! Love each other! Amen.

Rev. Scott Burmeister
Pastor

Suzanne Watt
Dir. of Christian Education

Deva Beebe
Business Administrator

Jacob Drengler
Music Director

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Assistant Music Director

Floyd Lemons
Property Manager

Sunday Worship:
8:15 & 10:45 AM
Sunday School/Bible Classes
9:30 AM

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*A reflection on
four significant
days of
Holy Week*

FEBRUARY 24
MARCH 3
MARCH 10
MARCH 17
MARCH 24



VIEW THE WORSHIP
SERVICE ONLINE EACH
WEEK THROUGH OUR
WEBSITE AND YOU TUBE



AshWednesday

FEBRUARY 17

*Imposition of Ashes in person at CTR
9-11 AM & 12-2 PM*

*Online only worship service through website
& You Tube*



MaundyThursday

APRIL 1

*Worship Service with Holy Communion
7:00 PM in person at CTR & live-streamed*



GoodFriday

APRIL 2

*Tenebrae Service
7:00 PM in person at CTR & live-streamed*

Outreach News

Here's a new "Top 10" needs list from STCH. You may put donations in the shopping basket in the south hallway or donate money marked for STCH. We pick up on Wednesday and deliver on Thursdays. Thank you!

- 32 oz laundry detergent (for seniors in February)
- 11 oz coffee or bricks (for veterans)
- Family Size bar soaps
- Family size hair shampoo/conditioner
- 2 pack razors
- Adult diapers size medium and large
- Baby wipes
- Hamburger helper
- Brownie mixes
- Disinfectant cleaners such as 409 or Clorox

Sunday School offerings during the fourth quarter of 2020 plus matching funds from Outreach budget allowed a check for \$557.50 being sent to Camp Lutherhoma.

Thrivent members! One of our members used her \$250 Thrivent grant to purchase needed items for STCH. Have you designated your \$250 towards something yet?

Please see the Congregational Reports-Outreach Ministry for other Outreach Ministry-supported ministries.

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!



Wes and Hillary Speer	March 5	22 years
Robert and Chelsea Stamm	March 18	21 years
Rob and Kristel Ehrlich	March 19	38 years
Vickie and Maurice Pritz, Jr.	March 21	6 years
John and Roseanne Kretschmar	March 23	53 years
Charlie Meyer and Erin Mahoney	March 27	39 years
Kevin and Terry Brown	March 28	29 years
Carlisle and Ellen Mabrey	March 29	52 years
Glenn and Tey Jackman	March 30	43 years

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT NEWS

The Oklahoma District LCMS convention originally scheduled for this month has been postponed due to COVID-19 health concerns. Therefore, all District elected positions and staff will retain their office until a convention can be scheduled, hopefully in Fall 2021.



The Oklahoma District LCMS is publishing an e-newsletter appropriate for congregation members and others with interest in Lutherans and their congregations, missions, activities, and work in Oklahoma. "Oklahoma Lutherans: District Updates" will be published periodically and include information such as stories about events and activities across the state, links to the latest Lutheran Witness Oklahoma News on the district website, announcements, and more. To sign up to receive the newsletter, visit www.oklahomalutherans.org and enter your name and email address in the box found on the lower right of the home page.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We have resumed in-person worship at 8:15 and 10:45. We WILL livestream the 8:15 service. Youth and Pastor's adult Sunday school class have resumed 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.



EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS

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

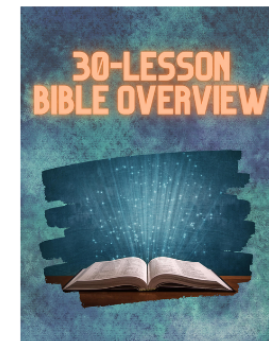
Your favorite VBS Bible Buddies and music are BACK as part of the "Simply Loved" Sunday school series. Join us each Sunday for music, videos, skits, games, activities and more as we learn about Joseph, the Exodus and Moses and talk about Jesus! All kids in preschool 3 through 5th grade are invited to attend!

March 7	Jesus is Born	Jesus rescues us...in unexpected ways.
March 14	Jesus Calms a Storm	Jesus rescues us...through God's power.
March 21	Jesus Forgives the Thief on the Cross	Jesus rescues us...even when we don't deserve it.
March 28	Jesus Comes Back to Life	Jesus rescues us...and fills us with joy!
April 4	Easter Event	

Confirmation students have two choices for classes:

- Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 am for 6th grade - 8th grade
- At home with monthly Check-In from 12:30-2:00 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.



Led by David Ross and Tim Kuehnert in the church office. This class, titled Vantage, looks at a wide variety of topics. A change in perspective changes everything. In the same way that a microscope reveals the tiniest moving parts and a mountain view makes skyscrapers fade, God's grace transforms the way we see and understand our world

forever. Vantage is a yearlong curriculum that shows how God's grace changes the way that we see ourselves and our world. Students will examine the issues that confuse and divide our world by digging into what God has already said through his Word. From his vantage point, they will see that God isn't just here to tell us what we can or can't do, he's seeking to redeem the world.

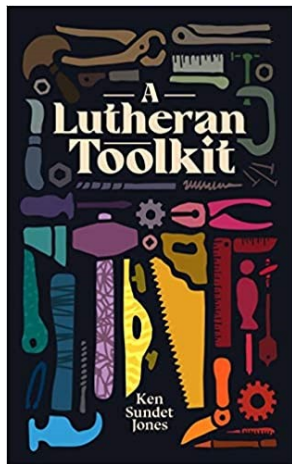
Adult Sunday School is led by Pastor B in the Sanctuary. This month's topic is Popular Biblical Narratives. Join us as we take a deeper dive into the familiar narratives and people of the Scriptures.



March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 Sam. 27 Ps 56 Col. 3:1-17	2 1 Sam. 28 Ps 57 Col. 3:18-4:6	3 1 Sam. 29 Ps 58 Col. 4:7-18	4 1 Sam. 30 Ps 59 1 Thess. 1:1-10	5 1 Sam. 31 Ps 60 1 Thess. 2:1-16	6 2 Sam. 1:1-16 Ps 61 1 Thess. 2:17-3:5
7 2 Sam. 1:17-2:7 Ps 62 1 Thess. 3:6-13	8 2 Sam. 2:8-32 Ps 63 1 Thess. 4:1-18	9 2 Sam. 3:1-25 Ps 64 1 Thess. 5:1-28	10 2 Sam. 3:26-39 Ps 65 2 Thess. 1:1-12	11 2 Sam. 4 Ps 66 2 Thess. 2:1-12	12 2 Sam. 5:1-16 Ps 67 2 Thess. 2:13-3:5	13 2 Sam. 5:17-6:4 Ps 68 2 Thess. 3:6-18
14 2 Sam. 6:5-23 Ps 69 1 Tim. 1:1-11	15 2 Sam. 7:1-17 Ps 70 1 Tim. 1:12-20	16 2 Sam. 7:18-29 Ps 71 1 Tim. 2:1-15	17 2 Sam. 8 Ps 72 1 Tim. 3:1-13	18 2 Sam. 9 Ps 73 1 Tim. 3:14-4:16	19 2 Sam. 10 Ps 74 1 Tim. 5:1-16	20 2 Sam. 11:1-13 Ps 75 1 Tim. 5:17-6:2
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28 Deut. 32:36-39 Ps 31 Phil. 2:5-11 Luke 23:1-56	29 2 Sam. 15:16-36 Ps 82 2 Tim. 4:1-8	30 2 Sam. 16:1-14 Ps 83 2 Tim. 4:9-22	31 2 Sam. 16:15-17:14 Ps 84 Titus 1:1-16			



Pastor B has ordered copies of the book, *A Lutheran Toolkit*, that will be available for purchase in March as a reference guide. The cost will be \$10. If you'd like to have one, please make your check out to CTR with "Lutheran Toolkit" on the memo line. There will be a display table in the narthex where you can pick up your book and drop off your check.



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)



Congregational President's Update

Greetings fellow members,

February is turning out to be a cold, cold month. Negative temperatures, highs in the single digits Brrr! I thought they only had this kind of temps for an extended period of time in the Dakotas and other northern states! Anyone else ready for Spring like me?

Things continue moving along with the construction but have been slowed by these nasty weather conditions. We do not know yet if it will impact our completion date for our phase 1 building. The existing ECC wing has most of the painting and new ceilings completed. We will keep you posted as things develop.

We received great budget news last week when our January financials were completed and were informed that our offerings were over \$33,000 more than budgeted. That is so encouraging to know that you all continue to support CTR and it's many ministries in such a meaningful way. This kind of giving allows CTR to continue moving forward in so many areas. Keep it up!

The Family Ministry Exploratory Committee recommendation at the January voters meeting that a call committee be formed to consider whether a second DCE should be called was approved by the voters. The BOD is working on putting that call committee together. Stay tuned for developments in the not too distant future.

Connie Phillips and her husband Ron's home sold within a few days of listing so their plans for moving to Iowa accelerated and she has said goodbye to CTR. Office responsibilities are now in Deva's hands and she is doing such a superb job. CTR has been blessed to be able to transition our office staff like it has and in the year of COVID no less.

Stay safe and warm!
Respectfully,
Brad Young
President



“

Dear Lord,
I don't know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that You are my Rock and my Fortress. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to You today. Teach me how to stand strong in You and choose only Your way today. Help me walk by Your truth and not my feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see You at work and as an opportunity to point others to You. Thank You that You love me and nothing can ever take that away from me! Even if I fail today and fall short, You whisper Your unconditional love deep into my soul and remind me that Your mercies are new every morning. That truly amazes me, Lord. Thank You for meeting with me today. Would You wake me again tomorrow with the same sweet whisper of Your love? I can't wait to meet with You again.
In Jesus' name, Amen.”

WENDY BLIGHT

WomansDay

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



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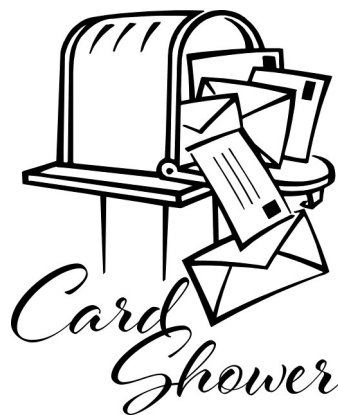
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EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV



Card Shower organized by
Jaime Bowlin for :

Don and Marie Vavra

Married 50 years on April 24

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Broken Arrow, OK 74011





MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS
BY JACOB DRENGLER

Across many Christian denominations, one of the most widely-sung hymns during the Lenten season is When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (LSB 425/426) by the English hymnwriter Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Watts was a Congregational pastor, theologian, and hymnist. He is credited with having written approximately 750 hymns. While the work of many earlier Christian hymnwriters tended towards didactic and homiletical qualities, the hymns that Watts wrote were generally characterized by a marked shift towards more devotional, personal language. This devotional, even introspective quality is readily apparent in When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.

*When I survey the wondrous
cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but
loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord that I
should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that
charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See, from His head, His
hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow
meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of
nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!*

Upon publication of his hymns, Watts divided them into three distinct categories: hymns that paraphrased texts of Scripture, hymns of human composition on divine subjects, and hymns for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. While at first glance When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, clearly a reflection on the Lord's Passion, might appear to belong to the second category, Watts himself specifically included it among his hymns centered on the Lord's Supper (Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns, 248). The references to the blood and body of Christ in the second and third stanzas should therefore be sung and understood in that Eucharistic context, even when not specifically sung during the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Much of the poetry that Watts wrote and published was intended for private devotional use. Despite this, Watts also considered much of his hymnody to be suitable for public congregational singing. Beginning in the second edition of his collected hymnary, Watts specifically identified stanzas of hymns that included language too personal or too poetical for use in public corporate worship and which could be omitted during worship services without "disturbing the sense of the hymn" (Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns, 248). Such a stanza was originally included in When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.

*His dying Crimson like a
Robe spreads o'er His body on the Tree,
Then am I dead to all the
globe, and all the globe is dead to me.
(Isaac Watts, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 189.)*

As we journey through this holy season may we always remember that we are Easter people even in the midst of Lenten wilderness. May the songs that we sing continue to give voice to our faith. May those songs continue to shape our faith, and may we find that in singing them we are strengthened for the journey. To close, here is a portion of a reflection by Lutheran hymnwriter Susan Palo Cherwien from her collection To God I Give My Melody which captures the spirit of the Lenten journey in a marvelous way:

As the days begin to lengthen,
as we begin to feel a need to be done with winter
we enter into a time called Lent.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday (Why ashes?
Ashes for repentance, like Job. Ashes for cleansing-
ashes are an ingredient in soap, after all)
Beginning with Ash Wednesday for forty weekdays we
journey
Forty days
A reminder of
Jesus' forty days in the wilderness to prepare for his
mission on earth
For forty days we journey
We repent
We pray for a clean heart
We prepare for our mission on earth
We prepare for the coming spring
We prepare for the coming Easter, for the coming newness
and Jesus journeys with us all the way

To God alone be the glory. May every step of the journey
be blessed.
Jacob Drengler,
Music Director



Tulsa Saints Foundation

2.15.2021
MICHAEL W BRYAN -DIRECTOR

Blessings to all of the Christ Redeemer Lutheran Church. These last several months have been a trying time on the streets with the homeless, abused, addicted, down trodden, those most in need; the lost. Brothers and sisters lost in the misery of whatever demons have grasped onto them in their dark moments of their life. We bring them the promise of salvation and mercy from God on High through His Son, Jesus, our Messiah and King.

The promise from God started in the very beginning. Jesus, our Messiah was prophesied from the beginning before the world was created and will be with us throughout existence. *John 1: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

But what does the Word tell us? *Mark 12: 28 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; 30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' 31 The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM; 33 AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." Love God by Loving your neighbor, even the one despondent and lost on the streets.*

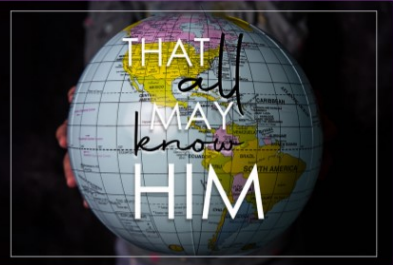
The streets are full of those whom the love of our brother and sister has been lost. Have you ever heard someone sneer at the lost sheep of God? But our Father loves his children, even those who have become lost in sorrow, addiction, mental illness, and sin. *Matthew 18: 12 "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? 13 If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. 14 So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.*

Let us pray and help those who need us the most. *John 13: 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

We of the Tulsa Saints walk without fear each Friday night on the streets of Tulsa helping those most in need. We do what Abba wants us all to do, love our brothers and sisters. Let's all be assistant Shepherds!

Thank you all, God bless you and keep you safe.

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.



STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of January	2020	2021
January Giving.....	\$61,805	\$99,504
Monthly Budget	\$65,431	\$66,065
Year to Date Giving	\$837,386	\$99,504
Year to Date Budget	\$850,599	\$66,065
YTD Expenses.....	\$822,075	\$57,406
Building Fund Contribution:		
January Receipts: \$17,315.50		
Balance: \$2,249,228.89		

E-GIVING OPTIONS



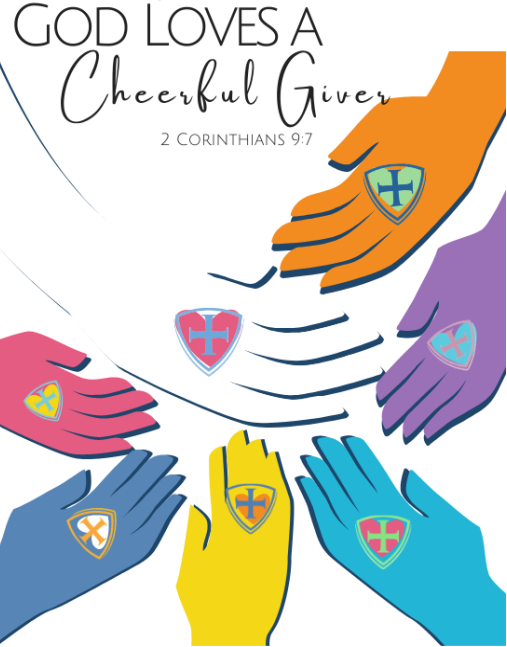
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Questions about E-Giving? Stop by the Church Office and speak to Deva Beebe or email her at dbeebe@ctrtulsa.org to learn more.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for

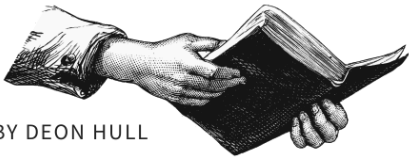


GOD LOVES A Cheerful Giver
2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



The Skit Guys

Seminary News



BY DEON HULL

Greetings to all our Tulsa friends!

"I thank my God in all my remembrances of you," Phil. 1:3 (ESV) One of my classes this Semester is Pauline Epistles. What a great way to start a letter to your friends. I don't know a lot of people who write letters anymore, but I start my letter to you all in this way. We really miss all of you and can't wait to get back there. Hopefully, it will be soon. We are so grateful for your prayers and support! Deb and I are doing fine, although we are freezing. The thermometer in the car said it was seven degrees above zero this morning when we went to church. It wouldn't be any better if we were there. As a matter of fact, as I write this Tulsa is getting pounded with snow and freezing temperatures. I saw that you all had church online this morning (2/14). I tried to petition the school that they should allow us to choose to go to watch class virtually if the temperature was below 50. Most guys wouldn't sign it because they are from Michigan, Minnesota, and other Canadian Provinces. I know those are states, but they might as well be part of Canada. The Floridians that we have here are first year students and are reveling in novelty. I can't win. I can only look forward to Spring.

March this year will mean that we are well into Lent and looking forward to Easter, like I look forward to the warm weather. It is easy to desire to skip over Lent, like midwinter. It is considered by many to be dark, foreboding, and depressing. I look forward to Lent like Dean Butler looks forward to skiing. From Paul's point of view it is a joyous season. We get to give something up!

Unlike a lot of people, I don't give up something for Lent. Peer pressure is strong though, and I always feel guilty not giving something up. Maybe it is because I always thought giving up something is painful and makes us miserable. This year I think I will give up weight. I have at least 50 pounds I could just give up. Wouldn't that be great! Take a look at what Hebrews 12 says about losing weight and finding joy in Lent.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (ESV)

Please continue to pray for us as we continue through the Seminary. Sometimes the workload gets overwhelming, but God sees us through. Pray for our boys, especially William who will be overseas with the Army for about nine months. Steven is back at Dover AFB after his deployment late last year.

Thank you again for your support and prayers.

In the name of our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus!

Deon and Deb Hull
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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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YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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CTR High School Retreat

Save the Date!! April 9-11, 2021 at Camp Lutherhoma

Help plan the retreat in High School Sunday School! Decide what activities we do and more! This trip is only for CTR youth and we will be the only group at Camp. Cost is \$75 per youth to attend. Get your registration forms from DCE Suzanne.



2021 Florida Mission Trip Update

Youth who originally registered for the 2020 Youth Mission Trip to Florida receive first priority to attend the rescheduled Florida Mission Trip this coming June 19-27, 2021.

The good news is that the Church Treasurer made sure that all payments each family made last year have carried over to this year, so your deposit and subsequent payments are still applicable.

IF, things improve with a vaccine roll out and

IF, inter-state travel is allowed in June and

IF, having a VBS or rethinking and doing some other mission project is possible;

Would you plan to attend the trip? This question applies to all youth had had planned to attend and all adults who had planned to attend. This allows us to start thinking about what our travel might look like and if we have spots to fill. Please let me know by 3/1/21 what you would plan to do so we know how to proceed with trip plans.

If youth who registered in 2020 decide to no longer attend, those spots will be opened up to youth who did not register last year, but would like to go this year. Please speak to DCE Suzanne to be put on the waitlist.



REMIND!

Parents and Families, Join one of our CTR Remind! groups to get text updates on upcoming children's and youth events as well as important updates during activities and trips. This is very important for families in Jr High and High School Youth Ministry groups.

To join this group/class:	Text this:	To:
CTR Confirmation Class	@ctrconf	81010
CTR Jr High Youth	@ctrj	81010
CTR High School Youth	@ctrh	81010



Sharon collected lots of shoes the last few months! Thank you to everyone that contributed to our cause. The Oklahoma District gathered 165 bags of shoes! Each bag contains 25 pair. Our church collected 8 bags.

Our Valentines meeting was cancelled because of the upcoming snow storm and freezing temperatures. But we do have a meeting planned for March. Sharon has ordered all the materials needed to make mission bracelets. We will put them together at our meeting on March 21 at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. We will continue to try to meet the third Sunday of the month in the fellowship hall at 1:00. I'm going to try to have some sort of craft or other activity for us to make at each meeting. Some ladies have been wanting do another craft class so I'm trying to incorporate this into our meetings as an optional activity. Please let me know if you have any activities you would like to try.

Connecting Hearts and Hands Spring Fling 2021 Show faithful love and compassion to one another. Zechariah 7:9b. In our current world of COVID-19 and social distancing, followers of Christ may wonder how to share God's love with those around them. God is not limited by viruses or our fear of them. He has plans that cannot be thwarted and a love that cannot be kept at a distance. Connecting Hearts and Hands, the 2021 Spring Fling Bible Study with its accompanying activities, will help each LWML woman connect God's compassionate heart and actions to her own. Due to the pandemic, the Spring Fling will be uniquely presented at the zone level. Stay tuned for more details from your zone president.

Sing the Doxology, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!" The LWML, by God's grace, has reached the mission goal of \$2.1 million set for the 2019-2021 biennium. This means that all mission grants selected for this biennium can be funded! God has great plans for spreading His Gospel story through those ministries. He has great plans for the 2021-2023 mission grants as well. Of the 65 completed mission grant submissions, 34 were selected for the 2021 LWML Convention ballot and approved by the LWML Board of Directors (BOD) and Presidents Assembly in January.

The LWML BOD and Presidents Assembly will meet in March to approve the 2021-2023 mission goal – and after the end of the biennium (March 31, 2021) – any surplus mite offerings not given to mission grant recipients in this biennium will be added on top of the allocation for the 2021-2023 mission grants. What a joy and privilege it will be to pray, consider, discuss, and vote for those recipients! LWML Treasurer Karla Koehler wrote, "We thank God for the many women and men who have generously shared their material blessings so that the LWML can share the love and forgiveness of Christ!" Let the trumpets sound and the cymbals crash, in praise to the Lord!

We are HIS: Held by His Word; Inspired to share His Gospel; Surrounded by His grace. A primary focus of this new campaign is that each woman of the LCMS is the Heart of LWML. Learn more at LWML.org "Remember to feed your Mite Box. The first Sunday of the month is still 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.

Mission Goal for 2019–2021 Biennium:
\$2,100,000.00
See update below

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 www.lwml.org/oklahoma-district. There are also Bible Studies, devotions, and Lutheran Women's Quarterly. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Service – Daphnee Brian, President



STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT FUND



Pursuing a career in service to the Lord through the church is a fulfilling opportunity, but it is not an inexpensive choice.

Those who pursue professional church work many times incur educational debt, just like anyone else may do. Repayment of educational debt is often made more difficult by the more modest salaries of church workers, compared to other professions.

In order to encourage and retain our professional church workers here at Christ the Redeemer, several years ago the congregation established a fund to assist our Pastors, DCEs and other synodically-trained church workers in repaying their student loans. This fund relies on the donations of our members here at CTR. The fund is currently in need of additional funds. Please prayerfully consider a designated donation to this cause. You may place your gift in the weekly offering with a designation of "Student Loan Fund" or you may give your gift directly to one of the Elders, and we will ensure that it is deposited in the correct fund. Thank you for your past generosity and for ongoing support.

– Jim Holt, Elder Chair



CTR JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

The 6th-8th grade youth spent a weekend at Camp Lutherhoma in early February. The youth enjoyed nine square, rumbleball, GIC leadership activities and Bible study led by some of our high school students.



FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Preschool- 5th Grade



CONTACT DCE SUZANNE WATT OR KATIE MICHAELS-JOHNSON FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER.

Spring Force 2021

Camp Lutherhoma



\$100 per camper if you register with CTR!

Adults are Free!
Youth stay with camp counselors in the bunk cabins 6 kids per cabin. Adults stay in the Retreat Cabins.

- 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!

March 19-21, 2021

A weekend retreat for ages 8-12

JOIN US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!



CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to our dedicated volunteers who have been helping week in and week out to teach children's Sunday School. Larry & Lisa Bellmard, Carri Cline, Melissa James & Katie Michaels-Johnson.

CTR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



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. Please note that the West side of the building will only be in use through spring and then all activities will transition to the new East side wing as renovations move to the Fellowship Hall and existing offices. As those dates become available we will let everyone know.



This Month's Updates & Progress



- Roof work is tentatively scheduled to begin.
 - Exterior masonry wall will complete this month.
 - Lights and ceiling grid are installed in the existing construction area.
 - Electricians continuing to rough in walls.
 - Plumbing and mechanical continuing to rough in.
 - Exterior framing and sheathing continues at the new construction.
 - Roof curbs are installing at the existing and new roofs.
- Check out the construction site online tour on our Facebook page and on the CTR website for an inside look at what is going on!



KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

EACH WEEK THE TEACHERS AND KIDS ARE HAVING A BLAST AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!
JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!



Mr. Carri and Ms. Melissa leading lessons with us.



Mr. Jacob also does music with us!



Fun crafts, activities and experiments that go with each week's lesson!

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