



CHRIST THE REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

CORNERSTONE

AUGUST 2021



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

A Letter From The DCE

BY DCE SUZANNE WATT

Fellow Redeemed,
In mid-July I had the pleasure of attending the National Lutheran Youth Workers Conference. Not only that, but two of our youth were a part of the Youth Lead training hosted by synod to help cultivate and prepare them as Christian leaders.

At this year's conference there was a fair amount of time given to understanding Generation Z, those born in the mid-1990's-mid-2010's who are currently our 10-25 year olds. Many in this age group make up our 345 youth as well as junior high, high school and college students. You may know many of them as your children or grandchildren. Why is this age group so important? Research studies done by synodical youth ministry, Barna and Lutheran Hour Ministries all point toward this generation being vastly different than any before. How so?

- This group is considered "digital natives." They have never known a time without digital media.

- This generation's priorities are different. They value finishing their education and having a career as well as being financially independent over starting a family.

- Their attention span is generally 6 seconds (down from 12 seconds the generation before.)

- They live in fear. Their entire life has known nothing other than mass shootings, school shootings and active shooter plans.

- They are authentic. This group will speak their mind and are the most open in their opinions.

- Mental health issues have skyrocketed in 2020 data vs. 2019 due to COVID. In ages 13-18 claims went up by 103%, self harm reports by 90% and overdoses by 119%.

So what can we do at the church to minister to these young people?

1. Listen, don't judge. Be understanding, compassionate and open-minded when talking to them even if you believe differently than them.
2. Form relationships that are genuine. They are hurt when they feel talked down to. This generation is by far the most well-educated for their age due to the accessibility of information.
3. Give hope and guidance. Help build resiliency by sharing open conversation, encouraging them to have an active role in planning and preparing for the future of ministry.
4. Give them a voice. They want to be a part of the church including leading, participation in financial process decisions and calls.
5. Focus on joy! No matter what tragedies happen in our world and how bad things may seem, Christ has still risen!

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Reach Out



Outreach News

With God's Love

More LWML Convention Highlights from Lexington

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 2,787 people to the **LWML Convention** in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24-27, 2021, under the theme "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus." The convention theme was based on Hebrews 12:1-2. Hosting LWML Districts were Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. Attending from Christ the Redeemer were Rev. Virgil and Carolyn Benning and Bill and Patti Ross. The voting body adopted a **mission goal** of \$2,150,000 for the 2021-2023 biennium which will fund 28 mission grants. By the grace of God this goal will be met by women and men responding in prayer, contributions, and Mite Box offerings during the next two years.

New board members elected were: Vice President of Christian Life, Susan Brunkow, Kansas District (former LWML Oklahoma District President); VP Communication, Kathy Pavelock, Eastern District; VP Gospel Outreach, Karen Morrison, Kansas District; Recording Secretary, Brenda Piester, Kansas District; and Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Gary Piepkorn, Rocky Mountain District.

Offerings were collected during the convention and included the following recipients. Recipients are chosen by the BOD and Presidents Assembly prior to convention. (Totals are preliminary amounts):

For the 2021-2023 Mission Goal: \$43,494.15

King's Community Outreach in Ft. Wayne, Indiana: \$27,434.02

Gifts for All God's Children's Connecting Kids to Christ Center, Detroit, Michigan: \$28,206.66

POBLO International Ministries in Clinton Township, Michigan: \$27,079.61

The Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Outing was sponsored by the Lutheran Federal Credit Union. Sixty-nine golfers made up 18 teams in the scramble-format, Wednesday morning event. Players competed on the Wildcat Course at the University Club of Kentucky. Past President Linda Reiser and husband Ron, and Past President Patti Ross and husband Bill led off the event which raised \$23,046 for the mission goal.

For more programming information, speakers, entertainment, and opening worship, go online to www.lwml.org and watch the **archived livestream**. Support missions with your **Mite Box offerings**!

Letter from the DCE/ continued.

6. Be faithful examples. Know the story, study the scriptures. Don't just memorize truths and doctrines. Then listen to their story and tell the story of Jesus. After all, it is ALL ABOUT JESUS- the one who created, reconciles, forgives and redeems us. Everyone needs to be reminded of that!

Colossians 1: 28-29 says, "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

And that should be our desire as the Church, to strive that everyone, young and old, would be mature in Christ. Let us remember to know, hear and proclaim to every generation, because the young people are not our church of the future, they are the church right now.

Amen.



Greg & Deena Braun - Aug 1 - 40 yrs

Rob & Teena Newton - Aug 1 - 40 yrs

James & Rachel Morgan - Aug 2 - 18 yrs

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David & Sarah Ross - Aug 4 - 20 yrs

Tracy & Sean Dickson - Aug 5 - 25 yrs

Gerald Coakley & Micky Flasch - Aug 6 - 5 yrs

Ken & Eva Heim - Aug 9 - 68 yrs

Matthew & Samantha Schultz - Aug 10 - 2 yrs

Terry & Valarie Kolkman - Aug 15 - 51 yrs

David & Marion Penka - Aug 15 - 51 yrs

Robby & Emily Walter - Aug 16 - 13 yrs

Richard & Debbie Burling - Aug 19 - 49 yrs

Kara & Clint Howard - Aug 21 - 17 yrs

Jonathan & Jennifer Caspersen - Aug 22 - 22 yrs

Virgil & Carolyn Bening - Aug 23 - 52 yrs

Dennis & Pat Morris - Aug 26 - 54 yrs

Bruce & Edie Cottrell - Aug 29 - 51 yrs



Congregational President's Update

To Members of Christ the Redeemer and Friends:

As I look forward to the upcoming twelve months, I am truly excited about everything that is happening at Christ the Redeemer. We know of some exciting things coming up and I know that the Lord has even more good things planned for our congregation and our community that we are not even aware of yet!

One of the obvious things that is exciting is our new facility. It's not just about the building itself, but all of the opportunities and possibilities that the new space will offer us for serving God's kingdom here in Tulsa. Phase I is on track and will be ready for occupancy by the end of July or early August. Everything still points toward having the entire project completed by Christmas this year.

I look forward to the staff having new, bigger office space in which to work. I, personally, along with many others look forward to the new choir rehearsal area. I know that the Sunday School opening and Sunday school classes will be more exciting than ever for our children. Adult Sunday School, CTR-U and weekday Bible studies, fellowship events – all of this will continue to thrive, I am solidly sure.

What new opportunities lie ahead? Do we want to restart our Early Childhood Center? Are there other outreach opportunities that God wants us to pursue? The possibilities are truly amazing.

Whatever may be ahead, we must put our confidence in God and not in ourselves (OR this new facility). Proverbs 14:26 tells us, "In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and His children will have a refuge." God tells his people through his prophet in Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

I thank God every day for the wonderful staff with which He has blessed our congregation. Pastor Burmeister, Suzanne Watt, Jacob Drengler, Craig Amendt, Deva Beebe, Floyd Lemons. Each of these humble servants give so very much of themselves every day to doing God's work through them in our midst. Don't forget to thank each of them yourself whenever you see them. And now we may have the opportunity to add another member to our staff as we consider adding an additional DCE.

Last of all, and most importantly, I ask that each of us continue to pray for our congregation, our staff, our lay leadership, that we may be open to hear God's word and follow His direction for us. My God greatly increase our faith in Him and the saving power of His Son. There may be challenges in the year ahead, but we know that God will be with us. Our confidence is in God. I will close with a quote by Martin Luther, "Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake." May God grant us such confidence.

John Meinders

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MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

BY JACOB DRENGLER

"The Psalms are the story of our lives and all of life with all the horror and wonder of this story in light of the story of God's love, breaking out in praise, prayer, and proclamation with the gift of music."¹

In our worship lives together, we are constantly singing the story of salvation. Lutheran worship is positively saturated with song. As a family of believers, we are gathered together with song, hear and proclaim the Word with song, approach the Table of the Lord with song, and are sent forth into the world with song. Martin Luther wrote of the Psalms, "Anyone who could not read the whole Bible would here have anyway almost an entire summary of it, comprised in one little book."² As we consider the songs we raise when we are gathered together to offer prayer and praise to God, we may find that the book of Psalms captures the inherently musical nature of liturgical worship more naturally and more fully than any other part of Scripture.

The Old Testament book of Psalms is a collection of 150 sacred Hebrew songs or hymns, which was likely compiled into its present form following the period of the Babylonian captivity.³ It is probable that the Psalms were first redacted into a single collection during the period of the Second Temple (516 BC-70 AD), when the Psalms would likely have been part of the liturgical practices of both the Temple and local synagogues. The exact provenance of many of the Psalms is a matter of some dispute, although 73 of the Psalms are attributed to King David. The composition of the majority of the Psalms spans a period of at least five centuries, likely beginning in the 9th century BC and continuing into the 5th century BC.

The Psalms are principally a form of religious verse addressed to God, often structured as prayers or set in hymnic forms. While the book of Psalms may certainly be treated as an anthology of prayers and hymns for individual use, many of the Psalms find their most characteristic voice within a liturgical context, that is, when sung or chanted by an assembly of believers.

The thematic scope of the Psalms is wide-ranging and varied. The Psalms are not always songs of rapturous praise. There is also, as the Psalmists knew, a time and place, and indeed, a deeply felt need for songs which speak to our human brokenness and frailty. "The Psalms," wrote theologian Walter Brueggemann, "explore the full gamut of human experience from rage to hope."⁴ The words of the Psalmists capture and give voice to experiences and emotions which are common to all people at one time or another. It is precisely this depth and diversity of feeling that lends the Psalms a durability and emotional resonance which extends far beyond the times and places in which they were composed.

In the coming months, we will delve deeper into the Psalms, learning about the diverse Psalm forms, examining their poetic characteristics, and exploring the varied musical settings which are used to give voice to the words of the Psalmists. It is my hope that you will find that this in-depth look at the Psalter will allow you the opportunity to read and understand familiar passages of Scripture in new ways. May the words of the Psalms help encourage and strengthen you for the journey.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. (Psalm 34:1)

¹ Paul Westermeyer, *Church Musicians: Reflections on Their Call, Craft, History and Challenges*. (Saint Louis, MO: Morningstar Music Publishers, 2015), 41.

² Martin Luther, "Preface to the Psalter," in *"Luther's Works, American edition, vol. 35, Word and Sacrament I, ed. Theodore Bachman (Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1960), 254-257.*

³ David W. Music and Milburn Price, *A Survey of Christian Hymnody*, 5th ed. (Carol Stream, IL: Hope Publishing Company, 2010), 1.

⁴ Walter Brueggemann, *Praying the Psalms: Engaging Scripture and the Life of the Spirit*, 2nd ed. (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2007), 63.



Seminary News

BY DEON HULL



In these supposed post-pandemic days, I hear the phrase “new normal” way too often for my liking. I am sitting outside on my back patio writing this note. It is 2021 but it could just as easily be 1978. The sun is slowly sinking below the horizon. The warm, humid air is filled with the songs of insects, frogs, and occasionally the hoot of an owl. A fluffle of bunnies is munching on grass and the fireflies will be dotting the sky before I finish writing. Nothing has changed about summer sunsets since I was a kid on my Grandparent’s farm in 1978.

I worked on Grandpa’s farm every summer well into my high school years. One of the many rituals we had on the farm was asking my Grandpa what we were going to do the next day. The answer never changed. “Lord willing, we will do ...” and he would tell us what he had planned. We hoped in vain that it was something more fun or interesting than working in the fields. Ever hopeful that we would get a break from work, we would then ask, “But Grandpa, what if it rains?”. “Well then, we will do what they do in Germany.” Although we knew the answer, ritual demanded that we had to ask, “What is that Grandpa?” “We will let it rain.”

I enjoy my delusion of control over the happenings in the world. I can wring my hands and make a lot of plans, but in the end, I can not control much, if anything. In my life I experience anxiety over health issues, family issues, money issues, etc. I have more issues than National Geographic. (Ask someone over 50 what that means if you don’t get the reference.) Anxiety many times comes from asking “What if...” about things I have no control, like the rain.

This is the promise that you and I have in Phil. 4:5b-7.

5b The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 2

We can’t understand the will of God or the peace that He provides us. The Hebrew greeting “Shalom” reflects the well-being provided by God despite our circumstances. How do we get Shalom? Talking to God. I am learning to take my concerns to God in prayer instead of being anxious. I want it to become my “new normal”?

As far as Seminary life is going, as of this writing I am in the midst of Summer Hebrew and helping new Seminarians get acclimated to their “new normal”. Deb and the boys are doing well. Lord willing, we will be able to visit Tulsa this August between the end of Hebrew and the start of Fall Semester. We appreciate your support and notes of encouragement we receive.

Shalom!
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[2] *The New International Version*. (2011). (Php 4:5-7). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Strategic Planning Report

Good progress to report on the strategic planning front. We have imported attendance data for each age group and worship service from Shepherds Staff software and previous annual reports. We have copies of all MAPS goals for each ministry and have transferred them into a spreadsheet for easy review and performance tracking. As you may recall, each ministry developed goals: short term, long term, staffing and space requirements. We have done a preliminary evaluation of each goal – assessing whether the goal is “complete”, “ongoing”, “incomplete” or “not started”.

Our goal is to give the Congregation, board & staff a tool to help guide our actions and decision making. Another goal is to summarize this information each year and publish as an annual report. Trends in attendance for each age group, programs, outreach, visitors, small groups, etc will be tracked, so we can continue our growth and achievement of our Mission to Lead people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Tim Kuehnert



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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

CONTACT DCE SUZANNE WATT TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION



Our next meeting will then be August 8, 2021 following late service to review registration forms which will be due in September 2021 for inputting online. If you have any questions, please contact DCE Suzanne and she will be happy to answer them for you.

What is the theme for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering?

The theme for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is "In All Things" and is centered around Colossians 1:15-20.

When and Where is the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering?

The next LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 9-13, 2022 in Houston, TX.

What Are the Age Requirements for Participants?

The LCMS Youth Gathering's primary focus is for youth participants between the ages of 14 to 19. To register for the 2022 Gathering, youth participants must meet ONE of the two following eligibility requirements:

- Must be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering

OR

- Entering his or her ninth-grade year at the time of the Gathering.

While we do allow students from the ages of 14 to 20 to attend, please keep in mind that some of the program content may not be relevant to the youngest and older youth participants as it is geared to high school students.

How Much Does it Cost?

The Gathering registration fee is \$395 per participant. This fee covers all Gathering program and Office of National Mission Youth Ministry administrative costs and secondary insurance for all participants. Hotel, travel and meal costs are not included in the registration fee.

As in the past, CTR asks youth who want to attend to pay the registration fee, which is generally 1/3 of the total cost. The cost of travel, meals, hotel, District activities, t-shirts etc. will all be supported by fundraising and donations.



"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

Save the date

August 8- 2022 Youth Gathering Meeting for Registration

September 8- CTR-U Begins!!

October 1-3- Joy Jr High District Youth Gathering at Camp Lutherhoma for 6th-8th graders

October 29-30- CLASS at Concordia- Nebraska for 8th-12th grade students

Save the Date

October 1-3, 2021



Joy- Jr High District Youth Gathering for 6th-8th grade students at Camp Lutherhoma

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY- NEBRASKA & THE OKLAHOMA DISTRICT- LCMS PRESENT

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

C.L.A.S.S. STUDENT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**OCTOBER 29-30, 2021
ON CAMPUS @ CONCORDIA
UNIVERSITY- NEBRASKA**

OPEN TO STUDENTS AGE 14 OR IN 8TH GRADE THROUGH AGE 18
OR IN 12TH GRADE BY OCTOBER 8, 2021.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Preschool- 5th Grade

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



Christ the Redeemer is again offering a Church Nursery and childcare from 8AM-12PM during worship services and Sunday School. This care for our youngest will be provided by professional, caring staff and is open to infants through age 4/5. The Nursery will be in the Church Fellowship Hall (east side) near the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact the Church Office.



Starting September 8 join us for CTR-U as we resume Faith Friends for our K-5th grade students. Class will be in the "Fishbowl" in the new East Addition.

Save the Date!

November 19-21 is **Fall Force** at Camp Lutherhoma! Campers age 8-12 years old can enjoy a weekend of camp and catch up with their Lutherhomies! Registration will begin in early fall.



CAMP

Several weeks of summer camp at Camp Lutherhoma were filled with CTR children and youth! Plus we had many young adults serving as staff members!

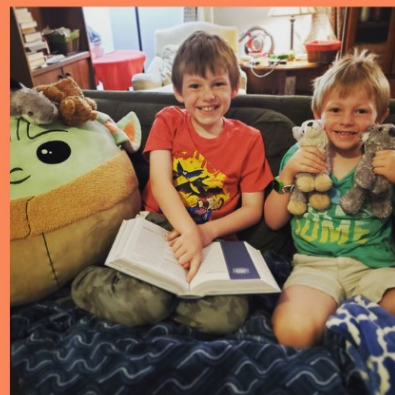


Some of our CTR families enjoyed Family Camp Week at Lutherhoma in early July.

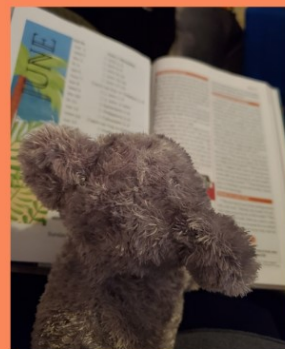


BRING YOUR BACKPACK TO EITHER THE 8:15 OR 10:45 SERVICE ON AUGUST 15 FOR A BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING!

Summer Bible Buddy READING PROGRAM



REX AND JAIME HAD FUN WITH THEIR BIBLE BUDDIES THIS SUMMER!



The Summer Bible Buddy Reading Program is wrapping up! Don't forget to bring a copy of your Care Guide back with the signature of a parent on it that you completed the program. You will receive a certificate and a special prize book!

CTR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



Updates on Phase One



Enjoy some photo updates as Phase One is close to being completed and we move onto the renovation and construction in Phase Two.

A PANORAMIC
VIEW OF
FELLOWSHIP
EAST AS
WORKERS
HANG THE
WOOD ACCENT
PANELS.
CONCRETE
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DAYS.



THE SECOND
FLOOR OFFICES
ARE CLOSE TO
COMPLETE.

THE NEW
CONFERENCE
ROOM AND
OFFICE MAIN
WORKSPACE
ARE PICTURED.



PENDANT
LIGHTS ARE
BEING HUNG IN
FELLOWSHIP
EAST AND THE
"FISHBOWL"
ROOM.



FAITH STEPPING STONES

Long before and long after children and youth are part of the church's various ministries they are connected to their families. By far the most influential people in a young person's spiritual life are his or her parents. In fact, scripture itself mandates that a parent's most important calling is to impress upon their children the word of God:

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6)

This scripture is at the cornerstone of our Christian Education ministry. The Church plays a vital role in the spiritual formation of believers and can act as an extended family to all who enter. This can help to show them that their "family" extends beyond their own biological family into the family of Christ represented by the congregation. The union of home and congregation forms a partnership for ministry to take place. The relationship between those who gather publicly for worship and those who interact on a daily basis in homes and communities should be a partnership to carry faith beyond the walls of the church and into each Christian's daily life. The responsibility of the church worker and the church is to strengthen families so that they are able to impress the Word of God into the hearts and minds of their children. The job of the Church is to keep the priority of the family at the forefront of our mission and to give families the understanding and tools they need to raise their children in the Christian faith.

As children grow we want to educate and train them in the faith when they come to the church, but we also want to give families the resources to continue that development at home. As each child in our church grows, we will put resources in your family's hands to help them learn at home what they are also learning here. On August 15, 2021 we celebrate Christian Education Sunday and will have these resources available to each family for their home library. Please look for your child's name with the appropriate age group and bring your book home. Some resources may span multiple grades or ages so if you brought your book home last year we ask that you do not take a repeat copy this year so others can share in these resources. Please share this book with your child and work with them as they Grow in Christ!

HOME RESOURCES

Preschool Age 3 and 4- The Story Bible

Pre-K -Whisper, Whisper

Kindergarten- Prayer: Learning How to Talk to God

1st grade- Growing in Faith set

2nd grade- Our Faith A to Z

3rd grade- Lutheranism 101 for Kids

4th grade- Know the Bible Now

5th grade- Faith Alive Bible

6th grade- Luther's Small Catechism

7th- 8th grade- Devotionals

High School- Devotionals

College- College resources

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHURCH MINISTRY OBJECTIVES

Learn Key Bible Verses

Learn to say the Lord's Prayer

Learn the 10 Commandments

Learn the Apostles Creed

Learn in depth about the Bible

Learn and grasp an understanding of Luther's Small Catechism, a devotional life and further Bible knowledge

Ongoing focus to teach Bible basics, learn books of the Bible and grow in Bible knowledge both at home and in the church ministries



KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL



IN AUGUST OUR UNIT WILL FOCUS ON STORIES FROM RUTH AND 1 SAMUEL. OUR BIBLE BUDDY IS AMANDA THE RED PANDA!

Look in your mail just before the start of each month for a special packet from CTR. In it you'll find a poster to hang of the month's Bible Buddy, a sticker and information on each week's lesson that your mom and dad can review.



BE A TEACHER!

With more families and children returning to in-person attendance we would love to have some new Sunday School teachers! We currently have all elementary students in one class; however, we would like to divide into 2 classes: lower elementary (PK/K/1/2 and upper elementary (3rd,4th,5th). If you are interested in finding out more about being a Sunday School teacher, please contact DCE Suzanne.



HOPE ON THE BEACH

IN JUNE OUR YOUTH MINISTRY WENT TO SANTA ROSA BEACH, FLORIDA TO ASSIST HOPE ON THE BEACH, AN LCMS CONGREGATION WITH A BEACHFRONT MINISTRY. THERE WE HELPED WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, YARD WORK PROJECTS AND PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS. OUR GROUP ALSO MADE OUR OWN WATER BOTTLES TO PASS OUT ON THE BEACH WITH SCRIPTURE ON THEM.





Summer Blessings!

With the fellowship hall open again, we will be having our regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30.

The ladies that went to the LWML national convention in Kentucky took lots of items with them, thanks to the members of CTR.

They took 50 sunglasses, 330 witness bracelets and 362 pairs of glasses. They also took lots of gift cards for Gifts of the Heart! Some of the glasses and the materials for the bracelets were purchased with Thrivent grants. These grants are very special to our missions.

Other donations at the convention included:

Assurance for Life Ministry: \$1,252
 Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri: \$1,870
 Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, Indiana: \$1,495
 MOST Ministries: \$940, plus donations of used eyeglasses
 Unspecified Gifts: \$1,930

A mission pledge walk was held to support the new \$2,150,000 mission goal for the 2021–2023 biennium. Groups and individuals unable to attend the convention were encouraged to walk in their neighborhoods. In Lexington, nearly 1,100 individuals took part, walking from the convention center to Thoroughbred Park in a 1.5-mile loop. Contributions raised totaled \$96,232.92. For more information about the convention, please checkout the Facebook page or the LWML web page.

LWML will be collecting stamps once again. Please watch for more information. These go to support missions in the Oklahoma District. I have not received any more information concerning stamps, but I will let you know as soon as I do.

Remember to feed your Mite Box. The first Sunday of the month is Mite Box Sunday. If you can't make it to church, you can mail a check to church for LWML with Mites in the memo line.

[#LWMLWitnessWednesday](https://bit.ly/2Owb2K) The mite challenge calendar is a resource designed to focus daily on LWML Gospel Outreach. It includes a suggested mite donation, but that is mainly to remind the user that even little amounts can make a big impact when coupled with prayer, mission service, a Bible verse, a song, or recognition and praise for what God is providing in your life. Find the July Mite Challenge Calendar at <https://bit.ly/2Owb2K>

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. LWML also has a Facebook page that you can follow for Mustard Seed devotions, resources, news and events.

Make sure you also check out LWML page on the CTR web site. I try to keep it updated.

Thank you for your support.

Yours in Service –
 Daphnee Brian, President



QUILTS

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

HOW CAN YOU HELP??

We need help in purchasing the fabric to make the quilt tops. Each quilt costs approximately \$25 to make. Donations marked "LWML quilts" can be dropped in the mite box or put in the offering plate.

Prayers for our quilt program are needed plus prayers for the recipients of our quilts. These quilts are sent all over the United States, as well as the world!

FAITH
 HOPE
 & LOVE

OWLS (Older Wise Lutheran Seniors) will resume meetings in September with a new format.

Stay tuned for details!





EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS

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

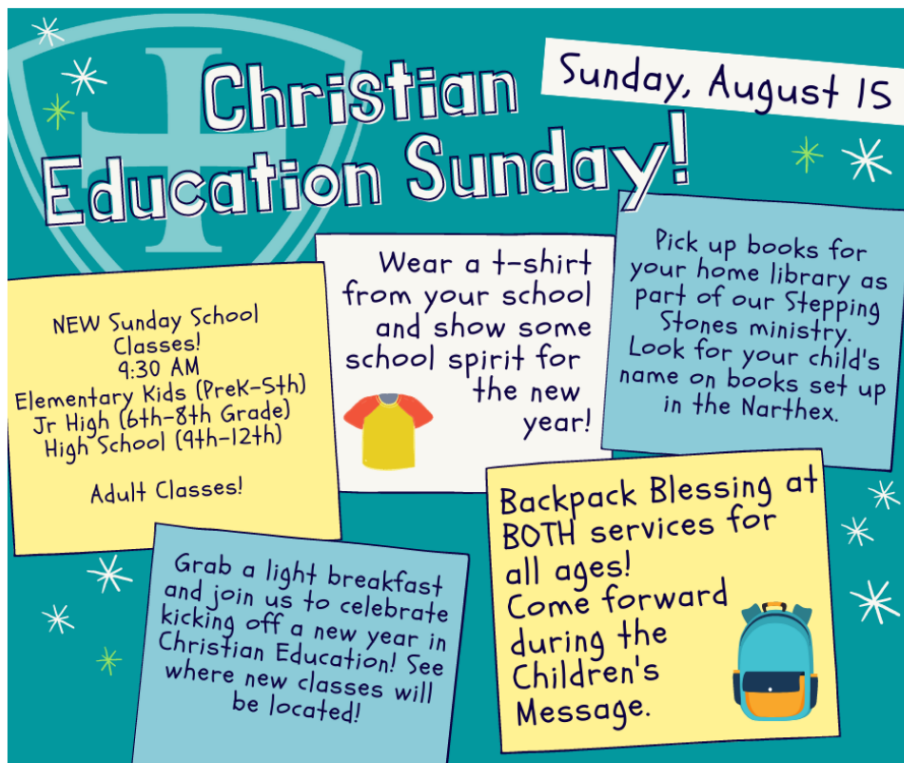
PRE3-5TH GRADE KIDS



6TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



Join us on Sunday, August 15 as we celebrate Christian Education Sunday at CTR!

We will be opening our new classroom spaces in the East Addition and sharing in fellowship together as we kick off a new year of Christian Education classes for all ages!

Everyone is invited to a light breakfast in Fellowship East at 9:30 AM.

Stepping Stones library books will be available for all children and youth to pick up.

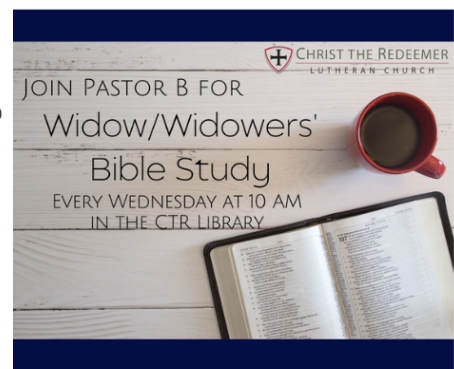
See the new classroom spaces!

ADULT CLASS



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.

As we transition into the East addition this summer, look for that addition of more adult education classes!



STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of June	2020	2021
June Giving.....	\$66,378	\$65,451
Monthly Budget	\$65,431	\$60,983
Year to Date Giving	\$389,160	\$451,805
Year to Date Budget	\$425,299	\$393,388
YTD Expenses.....	\$246,790	\$345,804
Building Fund Contribution:		
June Receipts: \$78,388.19		
Balance: \$2,446,626.38		

Three WAYS TO GIVE AT CTR

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

Online Giving



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

Mobile Giving



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

Drop Off In-Person



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

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Early service ushers

Late service greeters

Occasional office help

August

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 Kings 5:15-6:7 Ps 31 Matt. 15:21-39	2 2 Kings 6:8-23 Ps 32 Matt. 16:1-20	3 2 Kings 6:24-7:2 Ps 33 Matt. 16:21-28	4 2 Kings 7:3-20 Ps 34 Matt. 17:1-21	5 2 Kings 8:1-15 Ps 35 Matt. 17:22-18:6	6 2 Kings 8:16-29 Ps 36 Matt. 18:7-20	7 2 Kings 9:1-13 Ps 37:1-22 Matt. 18:21-35
8 2 Kings 9:14-29 Ps 37:23-40 Matt. 19:1-15	9 2 Kings 9:30-10:17 Ps 38 Matt. 19:16-30	10 2 Kings 10:18-11:3 Ps 39 Matt. 20:1-16	11 2 Kings 11:4-12:3 Ps 40 Matt. 20:17-34	12 2 Kings 12:4-21 Ps 41 Matt. 21:1-17	13 2 Kings 13:1-13 Ps 42 Matt. 21:18-27	14 2 Kings 13:14-25 Ps 43 Matt. 21:28-44
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LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

Did you know that worldwide 285 million people are visually impaired and that 39 million are blind? Did you know that 95% of those who are blind are unchurched? How can we reach those people beyond audibly sharing the word of God with them? We can provide them with a large print or a Braille Bible! You can be a part of spreading the Gospel by joining CTR's volunteers who travel to Our Savior Lutheran Church once a month to print books of the Bible in Braille. The Braille Brigade meets on the second Monday of each month from 9:00-12:00 and our fall kick-off will be on September 13th. Contact Teresa Nightingale at tnightingale@cox.net or at 918-639-6011 for more information. We would love to have you join us!

Christmas in Branson 2021

Wed, Nov 3 – Fri, Nov 5
Immanuel Lutheran Travelers

On the Agenda

Jesus – Sight & Sound Theater
Beach Boys California Dreamin'
Six, Brett Family
Shopping

This is a 3 day/2 night stay in Branson, MO. Cost of the trip is \$330 per person and includes:

- Two nights at Lynina Inn including hot breakfasts (double occupancy)
- Bus Fare
- Three lunches and two evening meals (must let us know if you require a gluten free meal)
- All Shows



Please bring a WRAPPED white elephant gift!

Must bring list of medications and phone number of contact person for medical release.

Bring cards or games for our free time together.

Please arrive by 7:30 AM on Wednesday, Nov 3rd. The bus will depart from south side of Immanuel Lutheran, 400 N. Aspen in Broken Arrow, at 8 AM, returning on Friday evening approx. 6PM.

Please make check payable to Judy Newman, 120 S. Joshua Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Questions? Call Judy Newman 918-254-6238 or Barbara Sabourin 918-437-4405.

\$100 PER PERSON will reserve your seat. FINAL PAYMENT DUE August 31st. Cancellation policy: NO REFUNDS after September 15th.

Dear brothers and sisters at CTR,

Thank you for allowing Lula and me to present on our mission work at CTR on April 25 and thank you for your hospitality and very generous support.

I deployed to Germany two days later after my presentation, while Lula and our daughter Lillian (see photo) will arrive in Germany on June 7. Last Sunday here at Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church we had two confirmations. Praise God!

Learning Persian (in order to work with Iranian migrants in Hamburg come this fall) is challenging but the Lord is by our side!

I also serve on the faculty of Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia (on online seminary that offers a Bachelor of Theology) and am in charge of the vicarage program for pastoral students who hail from Italy all the way to Pakistan.

You can follow the Tiews family on Facebook (Christian C. Tiews) or follow our website (Tiewsfamily.org) to stay up-to-date on our activities. If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please contact me at christian.tiews@lcms.org.

The Lord's blessings to you and thank you again for your support!



Thank you!

Members of Christ the Redeemer,

Thank you for the worship service and reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of my ordination into the ministry. CTR is richly blessed with people with such musical ability - pianist/organist and soloists that made the service extra special. Thanks to the members who attended or gave cards to offer congratulations and well wishes for my years of service. Your prayers and encouragement over the years have also been beneficial as I continue to serve the Lord in his ministry. Also thanks to the Parish Life committee for making the day so special and a wonderful memory.

In Christ,
Pastor Cottrell



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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



CTR will be collecting these **World Relief School Supply** items during the months of July and August. You can collect individual items or enough to complete one or more kits.

Collection boxes will be located near the south entrance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynne Kollock at 918-298-0717; mrsk75@hotmail.com

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- ☐ **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ☐ **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ **ONE** pencil sharpener
- ☐ **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☐ **ONE** 2 ½" eraser
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)