



CHRIST THE REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

CORNERSTONE

OCTOBER 2021



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

A Letter From The Pastor

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed,

It is happening! We are starting to see many new faces on Sunday morning. Families from our community are coming by and trying to determine if Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church is a place where they will feel comfortable worshipping, and a place where they can grow in faith. They will want to know if CTR is a place that will be accepting, inviting and friendly. Our new facilities are certainly a draw for new families, but they will need to see us as caring and warm. This will take much effort on our part. Each of us will have to make a conscious effort to be warm, friendly, and inviting, when we see new faces in our midst. Make sure you make a conscious effort to approach new families and introduce yourself to them. Make sure that you make every effort to help them feel wanted, accepted, and included in the many programs that we offer.

Philippians 4:5 – “Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”

This verse might serve as a theme verse for us when we see new faces that we have never met before. Remember, it took a lot for this family to get up early on Sunday. They have discussed coming to CTR to check it out. They chose this day to pull the trigger and come to visit us. What will they see? Will they feel comfortable? Will they say, “Wow, what a friendly church”? After they leave, will they want to come back? Will they want to make CTR their church home? The answer to all these questions will be dependent upon how we apply the Philippians 4:5 passage.

Pray with me. Gracious God, move me by Your Holy Spirit to be welcoming, friendly, and loving on Sunday mornings to all whom I come into contact with. We thank you for the many visitors that are coming to church. They are Your answer to our prayers. Do not let me get in the way of the Faith that you Lord desire to create in them. Cause me to be gentle, welcoming, and loving to all this coming week. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen.

Rev. Scott Burmeister
Pastor

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Nikki Boyd
Dir. of Christian Education

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Assistant Music Director

Floyd Lemons
Property Manager

Faye Jost
Receptionist



We are very pleased to announce that **Nikki Boyd** has informed us that she will be accepting the Divine Call that Christ the Redeemer Lutheran issued to her to become a Director of Christian Education for us. Nikki will begin work immediately. We will hold an official installation service soon and we will announce the details to everyone as soon as they are finalized. Nikki will work jointly with Suzanne Watt to provide Christian Education and growth for all members of our congregation, under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Burmeister.

Nikki Boyd was a member of Christ the Redeemer for many years both as a youth and as an adult. She and her husband, Rob, currently live in Owasso and have three grown children and two grandchildren. Nikki and Rob were lay volunteer youth leaders at CTR for a number of years. Nikki has a bachelor's degree in Education and Special Education from Northeastern State University. Nikki taught Special Education in Owasso public elementary schools for 12 years. She decided to pursue DCE certification through the colloquy program, which she completed in 2007 from Concordia University – St Paul. She served her DCE Internship here at Christ the Redeemer and then took a call to be DCE for King of Kings Lutheran Church in Glenpool, where she served from 2007 – 2020. She has worked on the staff of Camp Lutherhoma since 2013.

From Nikki's LCMS Profile: "I strive to daily be in the Word, not just to prepare for Bible studies or for the work set before me, but for my personal relationship with Christ. Personally, I need time with God daily, both in Word and in prayer, like I need food and water. I can go a little while without it, but before long I will be struggling to survive. It is the life breath from the Holy Spirit that I need and crave." This speaks directly to the kind of person Nikki is and gives us a glimpse of the wonderful attitude she will bring to our children, youth and all of the congregation.

We are so excited to have Nikki on board with us and we will be blessed by her service to CTR.
GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME.



Congregational President's Update

As we enter October, the seasons are beginning to change and we're likewise seeing many changes around our congregation. Change can be intimidating, but it can also be very exciting and rewarding.

It is great to see CTR-U back in session. I think we have all really missed being together on Wednesday evenings. It is always fun to see lots of kids back in the building, as well as seeing all of the adults as well. Thanks to Suzanne and everyone who is involved in CTR-U and in making it happen.

By the time you receive this, I hope that we will officially have a second DCE on staff. On September 12 the congregation met and issued a Divine Call to Nikki Boyd to become a DCE for our congregation, working hand-in-hand with Suzanne, Pastor B, Jacob and all of our volunteers. Nikki is well known to many of us, since she grew up in this congregation. I first met her when Lori and I joined CTR in 1997. She was doing great things then as a volunteer in our youth program and I am so looking forward to the great work she can do now as part of our Ministry staff.

Work on the west side of the building is well underway. It already looks a lot different with all of the walls gone and only the supporting structure left. I know that worshipping in the new Fellowship Hall is a little different, but we all just need to remember that this is only temporary. Before we know it, the entire construction project will be completed and we can take full advantage of this great new space we have. At the same time, the updates that will be done in the sanctuary will not only take care of some long-term maintenance needs, but I think will add to the existing beauty of our worship space as well.

Most of all, please keep our congregation, our paid church workers and all of our volunteers in your prayers. May God continue to richly bless His church and His local congregation here in south Tulsa!

John Meinders

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The LORD hath done
great things
for us; whereof
we are glad.

~PSALM 126:3, KJV~



MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

BY JACOB DREGLER

Sing to the LORD a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
Proclaim his salvation day after day. (Psalm 96:1-2)

Throughout the centuries, the book of Psalms has served as a wellspring of song from which priests, poets, and composers have drawn, bringing forth text and tunes that have shaped the faith of believers and given voice to their praise and prayers. So influential have the Psalms been on the development of Christian worship and music that Lutheran pastor and church musician Paul Westermeyer refers to the Psalter as the "womb of church music."¹ Our prayer, praise, lament, and thanksgiving may certainly be spoken, but so often they cry out to be sung. We find a vehicle for the expression of that song in the Psalms.

The Psalter contains a richly varied treasury of words that speak to every aspect of the human experience. Here we encounter hymns of praise and thanksgiving, prayers of complaint and lament, cries for deliverance, expressions of a yearning for justice and hope in a God who will execute that justice, and didactic writings that seek to convey some measure of instruction in the faith and the way in which the faithful are called to live.

This month we will consider those psalms which take the form of hymns of praise and thanksgiving. The structure of these psalms may vary, but there are certain common elements that recur through many psalms of this type. Most begin with an invitation to praise God, followed by the recounting of a specific reason that we are to praise God. Psalms of praise often end with a repetition of the invitation found at the beginning or with a doxology. The language of these psalms is most often communal, and so they are particularly well-suited to liturgical use. Notable examples of this psalm type include Psalms 8, 29, 33, 46, 84, 96, 98, and 145-150.

While an exhaustive examination of each individual psalm of praise is beyond the scope of this article, we will now briefly examine Psalm 150 as a representative example of this psalm type.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6)

In the above excerpt from Psalm 150, all things that are filled with the creative, enlivening breath of God are exhorted to offer praise to the One who breathed them into life. We understand then that we, as living, breathing members of that creation which God looked upon and called good, are called upon to offer fitting praise. For what are we to praise God? How are we to manifest that praise? Perhaps a look at the rest of Psalm 150 will offer some clues.

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise God in his Sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals! (Psalm 150:1-5)

Following the opening exhortation to praise the Lord, we read in the second verse that we are to praise God for His mighty deeds. What are these mighty deeds? As Christians, we naturally read and understand the Psalms through the lens of a Christological interpretation. God's promised plan of salvation has been accomplished through the redemptive, all-availing sacrifice and glorious resurrection of Christ Jesus. In the cleansing flood of Holy Baptism, we are united with Jesus in his death and resurrection and, by the grace of God, are made partakers in the sure and certain hope of eternal life. These are indeed mighty deeds, worthy of all thanks and praise.

How then are we to praise God? Certainly we are to live lives of love toward God and service to our neighbors. In that way, our lives may be an offering of praise. But how ought we to express that praise as a community of believers gathered around Word, font, and table? The Psalms make it very clear that one way we should do so is through music. Trumpet, lute, harp, tambourine, strings, pipe, cymbals, breath: all are enjoined to be sounded in praise.

It is my hope that as we are gathered together to praise the Triune God, the words of the Psalmists may encourage all of us to join together to "sing to the Lord a new song." Soli Deo Gloria!

¹ Paul Westermeyer, *Te Deum: The Church and Music*.
(Minneapolis: MN: Augsburg Fortress, 1998), 23.



Seminary News

BY DEON HULL



Fall classes have started and we have a full slate of fun! This semester I am taking **The Torah, Systematics I, Lutheranism in America, and Worship and the Word**. On top of that we are keeping sharp in Greek through the **Greek Lab**, Hebrew through our **Hebrew Lab**, and professional development through **Formation Lab**.

It was good to see so many of our friends in Tulsa. It was an honor and privilege to be allowed to preach at CTR. I am grateful for all of your support! The new building is amazing. I will be interested to see how the rest of the building program works out. It will also be interesting to see how God uses the new facilities to further His mission in Tulsa.

I write this letter in the midst of a powerful thunderstorm. Every once in a while, I enjoy a rainy day. I feel like opening the shades and watching it rain while I curl up with a good book like "Luther and Erasmus: Free Will and Salvation" or the book of Exodus. For some reason, even though it is raining, I don't have the same feeling towards a thunderstorm. Too scary!

One of my assignments is to read Exodus from start to finish in one sitting multiple times this week. One of the subplots to the story is how God chooses to reveal himself to Moses and the Israelites. In Chapter 19 we read about God revealing himself to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai. Starting in v. 16 God shows up in "thunders and lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God," That had to be frightening! Too scary!

Many times, God identifies Himself by what He has done (I AM the God that created/ brought out of Egypt/redeemed you/ etc.) and at other times He identifies Himself through His traits. When we pick up the story in chapter 34 God is going to tell Moses his name and pass before him. In vs 6 we read "The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, The LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness..."

What a great God we have. His power could be a threat to us, instead it is comforting. The God who has power greater than any lightning and thunder, chose to exhibit that power ultimately in His Son, Jesus on a cross. His grace and mercy are what we receive instead of wrath because He is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. For all this we thank, praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true!

On a personal note, the boys are doing well. Pete works at a great restaurant, Lowood, located downtown Tulsa. William is in Poland with the Army and will be home right after Christmas. Steven was part of the Kabul airlift but is home safe now. His C-17 crew made three trips and brought about 1500 people out. Thank God!

Again, thank you for all of your support. We covet your prayers.

Deon and Debra Hull



SIGN UP FOR THE E-BLAST

You can now sign up online to receive the CTR E-blast! This gives you access to the weekly news and events email as well as special announcements.

Sign up today at <http://www.ctrtulsa.org/email-signup/> to receive it if you have not done so already.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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



"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

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.

Save the date

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

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

Youth Greenery Sale

CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE CTR YOUTH ARE SELLING GREENERY THROUGH LYNCH CREEK FARM THIS SEASON AS A FUNDRAISER FOR 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 THROUGH [HTTPS://WWW.LYNCHCREEKFUNDRAISING.COM/F/1503010](https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/f/1503010)

in all things
JULY 9-13, 2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

2022 Youth Gathering Updates:

Your Registration Form and Deposit are due no later than 10/15. We will be mailing in our official registration on November 1.



Use this QR Code to go directly to our Lynch Creek Fundraising Page!

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Preschool- 5th Grade

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

Fall Force 2021



November 19-21, 2021

A weekend retreat for ages 8-12

Cost: \$130 per camper
Adults are free!

Register with CTR and
pay only \$100!

Camp Lutherhoma

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



FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.

CTR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



Dear fellow members,

After getting settled into our new facility and conducting our third Sunday of worship in the new Fellowship East addition I thought I'd give you an update on the status of phase 2 construction.

Construction Status News:

The interior demolition of the west wing is almost complete, the southwest entrance has been removed so that heavy equipment can be moved into the courtyard, the northwest entrance sidewalk has been taken out and part of the west driveway has been removed in preparation for the new drive through and drop off. Additionally, a temporary wall has been erected between the narthex and the sanctuary as well as a temporary wall around the curved stairway to protect it during construction. Framing for the new classrooms should begin next week.



We will keep you informed as construction progresses.

Brad Young



Sunday School



Club 345 teachers, Carri Cline and Melissa James, do an activity during Sunday School with the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. The kids are SUPER excited to have their own room to meet in.

PreK & K teacher, Katie Michaels-Johnson, and Music Director, Jacob Drengler, work with our youngest students in the Fishbowl. The kids were very happy to have Mr. Jacob tell them a story. Each week Jacob also teaches music to all of the elementary students.



Some of the Confirmation students in the Jr High class led by DCE Suzanne participated in a Bible Scavenger Hunt to test their knowledge of finding things in the Bible. The hunt was girls versus boys and the girls won!



KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL
IN OCTOBER OUR UNIT WILL FOCUS
ON STORIES FROM THE OLD
TESTAMENT, INCLUDING 1 SAMUEL
ACCOUNTS OF THE LIFE OF DAVID.
THIS MONTH'S BIBLE POINT IS
"GOD HELPS US STAND
STRONG!" OUR BIBLE BUDDY
IS KLYMER THE SNOW LEOPARD!

Learn this month's MEMORY VERSE!

"I look up to the mountains—
(shield hand over eyes and look up)
does my help come from there?
(shrug shoulders)
My help comes from the Lord,
(point up with hands)
who made heaven and earth!"
(circle arms up and around head)
Psalm 121:1-2



CHECK
YOUR MAIL!

Look in your mail just before the start of each month for a special packet from CTR. In it you'll find 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 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER!

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



1 John 3:17-18

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

Tulsa Saints Foundation

9.14.2021

Michael W Bryan -Director

CTR Newsletter

Blessings to all of the Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. As we approach the end of summer the nights have begun to cool. Though a blessing to many of us as a relief from the summer heat, it is a double edged sword to a homeless person. The desire to have cool clothing during the day, yet a need to have warm clothing, blankets, and a sleeping bag at night. This is the continuation of the season cycle for a homeless individual on the Tulsa streets.

Every Friday night and throughout the week the Tulsa Saints tries to provide the basic needs a person will need to survive. Besides the food provided on Friday night to help carry those who come through the line until Sunday (the next day another organization does food service for the homeless), we try to provide basic clothing and toiletries. In addition, when we have them, Bibles and other miscellaneous items such as old suitcases and tents.

Additionally, during the week some members of Tulsa Saints spend time taking individuals to appointments, lunch, dinner, biblical studies, and sometimes just a cup of coffee to chat and see how their week is going. I have seen real friendships develop with individuals who have come out of homelessness and continue to get together in fellowship.

There are many believers in Messiah on the streets but lost to the world. **1 John 2:16** *For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.* Many have fallen to just these things, just as all of us are subject to as well. Our only hope is the salvation of Jesus, who sacrificed himself on the cross for us and them. **Titus 2:11-12** *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.*



Even as I write this, I see hope, the grace of God as he has provided a means to help those on the streets and provide them with not only physical needs (Hebrews 13:5), but fellowship with some special people like Chuck, Eric, Dawn, David, Clifford, Dave, Cory, and many, many others.

I want to make a plea to our congregation. As we approach winter I would ask everyone to include the homeless in their prayers each day and if you have some extra coats, sweat shirts, jeans, and other items for to coming cooler weather, please begin bringing to the church for donation to the Tulsa Saints so we can distribute it to those on the streets. God Bless and the Love of Messiah Jesus Christ be with you always.



As always, if you wish to come out and help we meet at Fridays 5:15 on 4th Street between Denver and Cheyenne in front of the Metro Bus Station (near the BOK). We hand out food and supplies until we run out.



We continue to have our regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30, October 19 will be our next meeting. Look for us in the fellowship hall or one of the classrooms. Please use the ECC entrance or the east entrance.

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

October 2 is the Tulsa Zone Fall Fest at Trinity Lutheran, Broken Arrow. The Mission Speaker is the King of Kings Comfort Dog Program. The Bible Study is entitled "Press on in Prayer"

October 5 we will be loading the truck to take our LWR items to OKC. As of this writing, we have 4 boxes of fabric kits, 8 boxes of health kits, 43 boxes of school kits, and 19 boxes of quilts. Thank you to everyone that helped with this mission.

Oklahoma District Fall Retreat is November 5-6, in Hinton Oklahoma at the Canyon Camp and Conference Center. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. God's Quilt of Comfort is the theme this year.

This year we are going to try to have a Christmas party in December. I will let you know more details as we make our plans.

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. The MITE box is on the counter at the receptionist desk.

#LWMLWitnessWednesday The mite challenge calendar is a resource designed to focus daily on LWML Gospel Outreach. It includes a suggested mite donation, but that is mainly to remind the user that even little amounts can make a big impact when coupled with prayer, mission service, a Bible verse, a song, or recognition and praise for what God is providing in your life.

The 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 view the LWML page on the CTR web site. It has meeting dates and what we are collecting each month. I try to keep it updated.

Link to CTR is <https://www.ctrtulsa.org/lwml/>

Thank you for your support.

Yours in Service –
Daphnee Brian, President

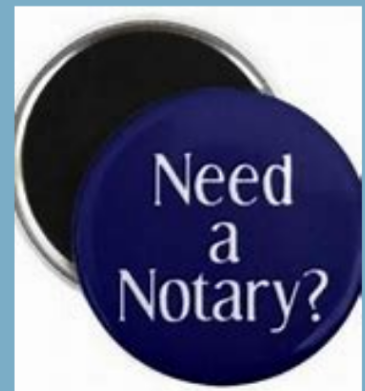
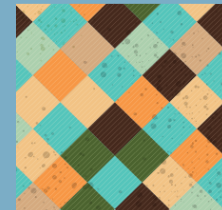


What brings warmth and shelter to families by becoming a bed, room divider, backpack, and at times even a home???

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!



Deva Beebe, our Business Administrator, has been commissioned as a notary public. If you need a document notarized, please call the church office to make an appointment with her!



EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS

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

PRE3-5TH GRADE KIDS



These classes are now meeting in the East Addition. Opening is each week at 9:30 AM in "The Fishbowl" room. Here students will enjoy music and a video to introduce the Bible Buddy of the month and memory verse. Students will then break into classes divided by age. This fall our teachers are:

PreK/K: Katie Michaels-Johnson

1st & 2nd grade: Kayla Kuehnert

Club 345: Carri Cline & Melissa James

6TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH



These classes are now meeting in the East Addition. Class begins each week at 9:30 AM in the Jr High Room toward the end of the East Hallway. This fall we will be studying How the Church Grew, a course on early church history, followed by World Religions. Each of these 2 classes will fulfill and elective. These classes will be led by DCE Suzanne.

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

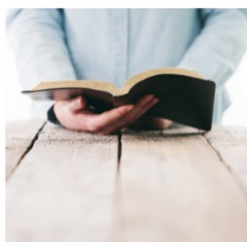


These classes are now meeting in the East Addition. Class begins each week at 9:30 AM in the High School Room. Classes led by David Ross & Tim Kuehnert.

Topics will include:
Mirror- Your unique identity as God's children, and a unique calling to live differently, mirroring Christ and his love to the world.

Blurry- Every believer experiences doubt. When we're wrestling with uncertainty, we can turn to God for help because God's grace is bigger than our doubts.
And more!

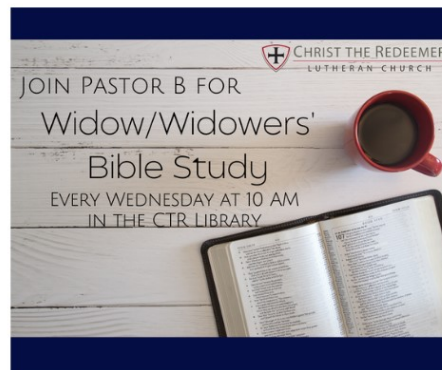
ADULT CLASS



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

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

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



STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of August

	2020	2021
August Giving.....	\$94,481	\$70,896
Monthly Budget	\$65,431	\$60,983
Year to Date Giving	\$536,898	\$589,672
Year to Date Budget	\$572,518	\$545,877
YTD Expenses.....	\$576,965	\$454,001
Building Fund Contribution:		
August Receipts: \$11,178		
Balance: \$2,464,007.38		

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 or 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



The golf cart is available Sunday mornings and will be making rounds through the parking lot before services to give rides to the entrance.

It will also be available immediately following services to transport back to the parking lot.

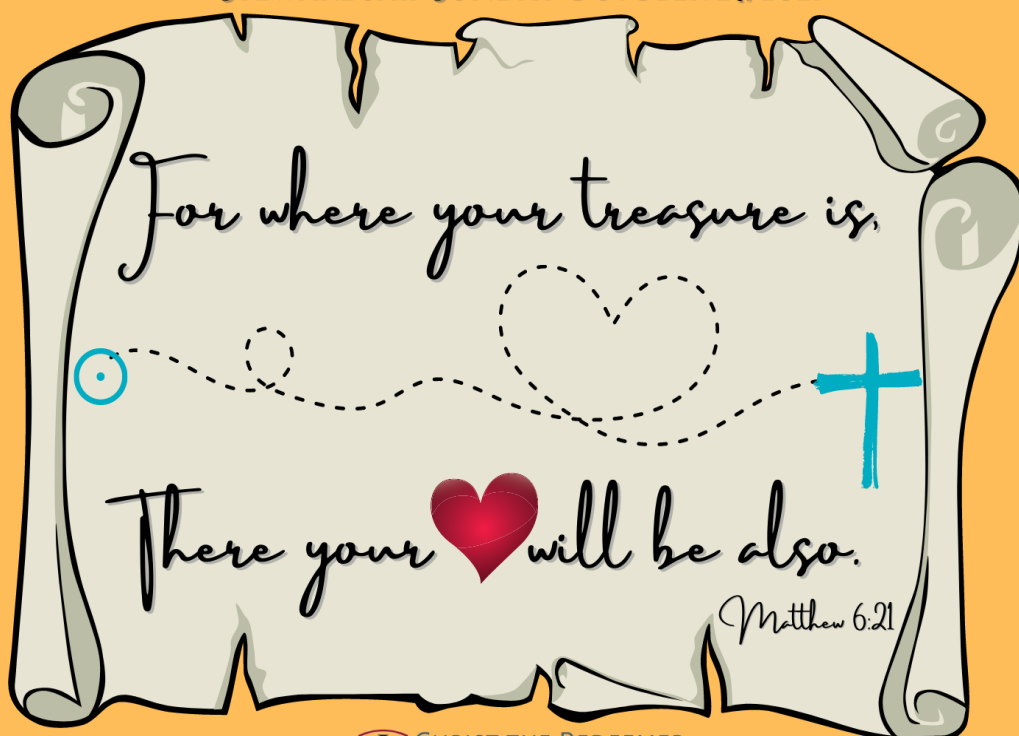


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IMPERISHABLE TREASURE

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2021



Matthew 6:21



CHRIST THE REDEEMER
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Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_y__ h_v_
b__n s_v_d thr__gh
f__th, __nd th_s_s n_t
y__r_wn d__ng; _t_s
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n__n_m_y b__st.

_ph_s__ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV



Missionary News



Now Thank We All Our God

By Rev. Tiews

Did you start off your day annoyed...because you ran out of coffee filters, or because your Internet connection isn't as fast as you'd like? Are you letting "gnats" like these overshadow your gratitude for the rich gifts of God—a comfortable place to live, the ability to come and go as you please, the privilege of being able to receive the Lord's gifts of Word and Sacrament every single week? My Latvian colleague at Riga Luther Academy and I have spent the last several days interviewing over Zoom men and women from around the world who are applying to the Bachelor of Theology program beginning this fall. We spoke at length with applicants from Turkey, Italy, Rumania, Pakistan, and even California. But the most gripping interview we conducted—which exhibited one man's extreme thankfulness for our Lord and Savior and unswerving trust in His guidance and care—was with a South Sudanese man. "James" (not his real name) is a Lutheran pastor. Some of his favorite passages are Genesis 3:15, the first Gospel proclamation in the Bible (remember Ilya a few weeks ago?); also, God's sparing the Israelites from the death of their firstborn by the blood of lambs in Exodus 12—and the fulfillment of that prophecy in the blood of the true Lamb of God in the Last Supper and on the cross of Calvary, which spares us from eternal death. Surely, if James wishes to enroll in this four-year program, he must live in a nice home with high-speed Internet access. No, not quite... You see, James, his wife, and five children live in a tent in a refugee camp in Kenya. They were forced to flee their homeland because of ongoing civil war in South Sudan. Even though a pastor for almost fifteen years, James wishes to deepen his understanding of Lutheran Christianity and also improve his English. And so he plans to take all his classes on his cell phone—from the refugee camp—until he and his family can return to their home. That is what I call extreme gratitude for the Lord's gifts—and trust in His unswerving guidance. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col 3:16).



Christmas Party will be December 12 from 5 to 7. The youth will be assisting and the party will double as a fundraiser. Sign up sheet will be out starting November 7.

Cost is \$20 per person



Tasha & Anthony Bury	Oct 1 - 16 yrs
Chuck & Leigh Ann Fuller	Oct 1 - 33 yrs
Alex & Hailee Goossen	Oct 2 - 5 yrs
Tom & Barbara Sprunger	Oct 2 - 50 yrs
Ed & Diane Fager	Oct 6 - 42 yrs
Kimberly & Nick Shannon	Oct 6 - 37 yrs
Marty & Rosalie Weber	Oct 8 - 55 yrs
Shawn & Sandra Cooper	Oct 12 - 25 yrs
Heather & Jarrod Mann	Oct 15 - 10 yrs
Mitch & Danita Cockrell	Oct 17 - 34 yrs
Robert & Jocelyn Bentley	Oct 21 - 4 yrs
Jesse & Anita Overton	Oct 30 - 17 yrs
Sam & Beverly Woodard	Oct 30 - 28 yrs



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BLOOD BATTLE

Christ the Redeemer Blood Drive

Sunday, October 17
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Look for the Bloodmobile!

To schedule an appointment,
sign up at the blood drive table.

For a limited-time only, all donors will receive Hemoglobin A1C
blood sugar testing, which can help monitor diabetes risk.



*While supplies last. Photo ID required.

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