



# CHRIST THE REDEEMER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***September 6th*** in  
observance of  
Labor Day.

# CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

# CORNERSTONE

SEPTEMBER 2021



*"Leading People Into a Living  
Relationship With Jesus Christ."*

## *A Letter From The Pastor*

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed,

Grace to you, and Peace, from  
God our Father and from the Lord Jesus  
Christ. Amen.

### **The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
Christian church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection  
of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason  
or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my  
Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit  
has called me by the Gospel, enlightened  
me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in  
the true faith. In the Same way He calls,  
gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the  
whole Christian church on earth, and  
keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true  
faith.

This explanation of the Third Article of the  
Apostles' Creed, written by Martin Luther, is  
a tour de force of Christian faith. We rely so  
heavily and mightily on the Holy Spirit for  
faith, righteousness, and sanctification. If  
we can be honest, we are nothing without  
God's Holy Spirit. But with God's Holy Spirit  
we are everything that God wants and  
needs us to be. We are holy by the power  
of God. We are declared righteous by the  
same Holy Spirit, through the blood of  
Jesus Christ, and we God works in us all  
that is pleasing to Him. We lack nothing for  
this journey. We lack nothing for this call  
from God. We lack nothing for future days  
that belong to Him alone. Stay firm in the  
faith, to which God has called you and take  
seriously His call in your life and do the  
work that he has given you with all zeal,  
passion, and joy. In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Rev. Scott Burmeister  
Pastor

Suzanne Watt  
Dir. of Christian Education

Deva Beebe  
Business Administrator

Jacob Drenkler  
Music Director

Craig Amendt  
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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CTR members Kathi Lohse, Patti Ross and Betsy Piantinida sharing a moment of celebration with Priscilla at South Tulsa Community House upon completion of assembling 1000 backpacks for children in the neighborhood! Distribution is Thursday, August 12.



Mark your calendars!

Flu and COVID Vaccine Clinic

Sunday September 26th at CTR 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Free with Medicare, \$10 without.  
\*We'll have more info about booster availability closer to the event.

SAVE STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

GOAL: To support missions of the LWML Oklahoma District

Please save all cancelled stamps. Ask your friends and neighbors to save their cancelled postage stamps for you.

Use commemorative stamps instead of forever flag stamps. When trimming stamps, leave 1/4 inch edge around the stamp. This allows for safely handling the stamp for prospective buyers.

Stamp collection box is located on the LWML table. Thank you for your support of this mission project.



Gary & Mary Ames	Sept 1	48 yrs
Ron & Phyllis Vause	Sept 2	55 yrs
Lynn & Sandy Moeller	Sept 12	57 yrs
Nick & Renee' Colson	Sept 18	29 yrs
Shannon & David Losacco	Sept 21	25 yrs
Bob & Iris Wilson	Sept 22	64 yrs
Hassan & Katie Haddad	Sept 25	22 yrs
Brandon & Nikki Witt	Sept 26	23 yrs



LUTHERAN  
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WORKERS

BRAILLE MINISTRY Can you imagine not being able to pick up your Bible and read God's comforting words? Such is the case with many who are visually impaired or blind. Lutheran Braille Workers is the largest producer of FREE Braille, large print, and audio Christ-centered publications and they need volunteers to provide these items in a multitude of languages. You can be a part of the LBW mission by joining CTR's group of volunteers as they travel to Our Savior one morning each month to produce books of the Bible in Braille. The books are shipped all over the world thus enabling many who are seeking the word of God to have a Bible of their own. Please prayerfully consider joining us in service on the second Monday of each month beginning September 13th. There are standing jobs and sitting jobs. If you are unable to join us please include LBW in your prayers. Contact Teresa Nightingale at [tnightingale@cox.net](mailto:tnightingale@cox.net) or 918-639-6011 for questions.

OWLS ARE BACK!

OWLS (Older, Wise Lutheran Seniors) will resume meeting in September with a different format and location. We will try to alternate speakers with field trips and will attempt to schedule our events on the 4th Thursday of each month. Meetings with speakers will be held in the new facility at 1:00 beginning with dessert and coffee and field trip times will vary depending on where we go. A sign-up sheet will be posted a few weeks before each meeting and announcements will be in the bulletin and e-blast.

Our first event in September WILL NOT BE ON THE 4TH THURSDAY BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING CONFLICTS BUT will be on **September 15th** and will recognize the events of September 11th with a speaker who took photos of the event, one of which might be picture that you recognize. October's event will take place on the 28th and will be a visit to the Jenks Planetarium to view a presentation on the Sistine Chapel.







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2 Kings 25:22-30 Ps 61 Matt. 27:32-56	2 Jonah 1 Ps 62 Matt 27:57-66	3 Jonah 2 Ps 63 Matt. 28:1-20	4 Jonah 3 Ps 64 Rom. 1:1-17
5 Jonah 4 Ps 65 Rom. 1:18-32	6 Hos. 1 Ps 66 Rom. 2:1-29	7 Hos. 2 Ps 67 Rom. 3:1-20	8 Hos. 3 Ps 68 Rom. 3:21-4:12	9 Hos. 4 Ps 69 Rom. 4:13-25	10 Hos. 5 Ps 70 Rom. 5:1-21	11 Hos. 6 Ps 71 Rom. 6:1-14
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26 Joel 3:4-16 Ps 85 Rom. 14:13-15:7	27 Joel 3:17-21 Ps 86 Rom. 15:8-21	28 Amos 1:1-12 Ps 87 Rom. 15:22-33	29 Amos 1:13-2:5 Ps 88 Rom. 16:1-16	30 Amos 2:6-16 Ps 89 Rom. 16:17-27		



Bible Quiz

- How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?
- A. once  
B. twice  
C. three times  
D. four times

Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



Congregational President's Update

This is really an exciting time for our congregation!

We are now using the new space that Phase I of our construction project and Phase II is underway. I think that temporarily worshipping in the new Fellowship Hall (which we are now calling Fellowship Hall East) during Phase II is a great way to let everyone become acquainted with our new facilities. I know that Suzanne and the Sunday School staff are thrilled to have use of the new space on Sunday mornings. Personally, I am also thankful (as a choir member) to be able to now use the new Music Room with Jacob and Craig. So, if you have been hesitant to get involved in any of our music programs because of the circular staircase, you now have the elevator to use to get to the new Music Room.

It now looks like Phase II will not be completed until the 1st quarter of 2022, but that is really not that far away. The Phase I facilities will certainly function well for us in the interim.

Just as a reminder, both of the West entrances to the building will not be in use during Phase II.Both East entrances are now open and available for use. The Southeast entrance from the parking lot may be the easiest to use if you can navigate the stairs there, but the new East entrance is also an option. There is limited parking near the new East entrance, so on Sundays, please allow those spaces to be used for handicap parking and those that are unable to climb the Southeast entrance stairs. We will have a golf cart available on Sundays to help transport people from the parking lot to the new East entrance. The West entrance to the parking lot will remain open and should be the only entrance that we use for the parking lot. You will continue to be able to exit the parking lot from the west side, but the east side drive will be reserved for EXITING the parking lot only.

The Board and Ministry Staff continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and we will keep our assessment ongoing for the future. We will always comply with any national, state or city requirements. While we are not currently mandating masks for any of our church functions, please consider wearing a mask for the safety of others in the congregation that may be more at risk. Again, we will appropriately respond to any future developments.

God continues to richly bless our congregation financially also. Our regular offerings are ahead of budget and the receipts of pledged amounts for the Building Project are ahead of projections. Look for more details about the Capital Campaign status in September and I look forward to our annual Stewardship campaign that will begin in October.

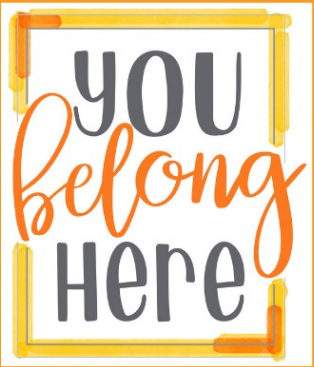
Thank you to all of our Staff, Directors, Lay Ministry Chairs and Lay Ministry Volunteers as well as ALL of our volunteers and contributors at church. You are a blessing to CTR and to the Tulsa community.Continue to LEAD OTHERS INTO A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST and to STRENGTHEN THE SAVED AND SAVE THE LOST, just like you always have!

John Meinders

CTR BOARD MEMBERS



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# MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS  
BY JACOB DREGLER

In the Old Testament book of Psalms, we find a collection of writings that are at once profoundly theological, richly poetic, and deeply musical. The words of the Psalmists span the whole gamut of human emotions in ways that are both highly individualistic and inherently communal. As we prepare to more closely examine the Psalter in the coming months, it seems to me helpful to first examine some of the basic formal characteristics of the ancient Hebrew poetry which comprises the Psalter, as well as Job, Proverbs, and much of the rest of the Old Testament.

The most commonly occurring poetic device in the book of Psalms is parallelism. Almost every psalm uses some form of parallelism, and understanding the basics of this poetic form will help you draw connections between the verses. In parallelism, each psalm verse is divided into two or three parts called stichs (pronounced "sticks"). Each subsequent stich repeats, contrasts with, or complements the thought presented in the first stich of the verse. The three basic forms of parallelism most commonly found in the Psalter are synonymous, antithetic, and synthetic.

In **synonymous parallelism**, the second stich repeats the same basic idea expressed in the first. While the second stich always reiterates or restates the thought expressed in the first, in some cases the second stich also introduces an additional dimension of meaning to the text. Below is an example of synonymous parallelism. In the following examples, I have intentionally left space between each stich in order to visually illustrate the formal divisions present in each verse.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

In **antithetic parallelism**, the thought expressed in the second stich contrasts with the first by presenting a second idea that is understood to be in opposition to the initial thought. While the stichs which comprise such verses are accurately described as parallel in the sense that each word or phrase in one stich corresponds to a word or phrase in the other, in antithetic parallelism the two ideas put forth are always contrasting rather than complementary.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish. (Psalm 1:6)

**Synthetic parallelism** occurs when the second (and in some cases third) stich completes, develops, or adds to the idea put forth in the first stich. Often in synthetic parallelism, the first stich will pose a question which subsequent stichs then answer.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. (Psalm 24:3-4)

Look for examples of parallelism the next time you read a psalm, whether reciting communally the Introit or psalm of the day during worship or reading in your private devotions. See if you can identify if the psalmist is using synonymous, antithetic, or synthetic parallelism, and what he hopes to communicate by connecting or contrasting the thoughts in each stich.

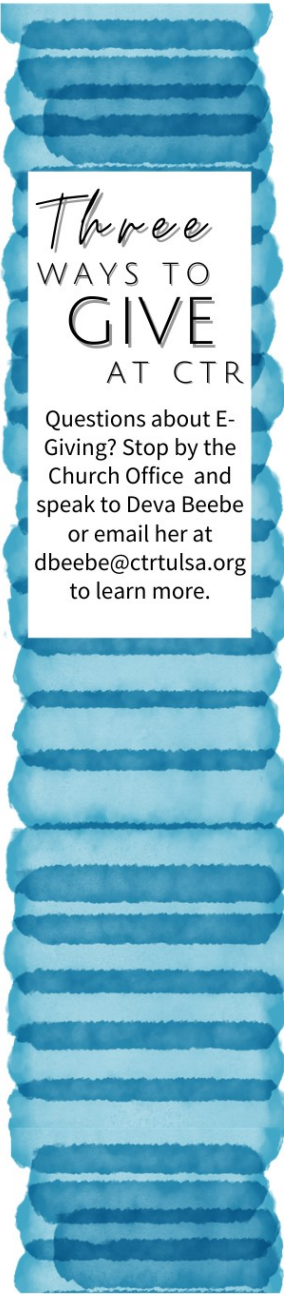
It is my hope that this continuing in-depth look at the Psalter will allow you the opportunity to read and understand familiar passages of Scripture in new ways. May the words of the Psalms encourage and strengthen you for the journey.



1 Massey H. Shepherd Jr., The Psalms in Christian Worship.  
(Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 1976), 8





# STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of July	2020	2021
July Giving.....	\$53,257	\$66,971
Monthly Budget .....	\$65,431	\$60,983
Year to Date Giving .....	\$442,418	\$518,776
Year to Date Budget .....	\$490,730	\$483,034
YTD Expenses.....	\$492,525	\$403,487
Building Fund Contribution:		
July Receipts: \$6,203.00		
Balance: \$2,452,829.38		



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You can visit [www.ctrtulsa.org/on-line-giving](http://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





# EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS

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

## Seminary News

BY DEON HULL



Dear members of Christ the Redeemer:

I am so grateful for the opportunity to attend Seminary. Some days I get overwhelmed and forget to be thankful. Deb and I are enjoying a couple of weeks off before Fall classes start.

This summer I have had the opportunity to preach on several occasions. By the time that this newsletter is delivered to you I will have had the privilege of preaching at CTR. The news of the last couple of days have been making my heart sink. I wrote a sermon based on that overwhelming feeling.

As a young man I enjoyed the music of a band called U2. Even if you are not familiar with their music the opening line of one of their songs may strike a chord with you. It begins, "I can't believe the news today. I can't close my eyes and make it go away." I feel that a lot lately. One of the Old Testament lessons for that Sunday was from the book of Job chapter 19. Job had a great life. He was rich, had a large family, and many possessions. God allowed it all to be taken away in a single day. I am sure that Job on that day felt that he couldn't believe the news that day. He couldn't close his eyes and make it go away. His children, home, goods, all gone. And then, as if those losses were not enough of a tragedy to break the man, his health is taken from him. Yet in this tragedy this is the hope that he clings to.

*For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.*

The light that shines in our darkness is the light brought to the world on the cross of Jesus Christ. He is our redeemer. We look forward to the promised feast to come when he will lay out a table for us. He has swallowed up all of the death and bad news in His death and resurrection. That is unbelievable good news. I can't believe the news today. I don't want to close my eyes and make it go away. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

I cherish your prayers as we move into the next phase in school. Our sons in the military, William in the Army and Steven in the Air Force, have taken on special duties considering the recent international events. Please continue to pray for them and all our troops. There are several Seminarians that I have the pleasure of knowing that are working towards being Military Chaplains. Please pray for them as some may be called up for active duty, knowing how shorthanded the military is in that respect.

Thanks again for your prayers and support. It means the world to us that there are people supporting us in this adventure.

Thank you!  
Deon and Debra Hull  
14 Founders Way  
St. Louis, MO 63105

### 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

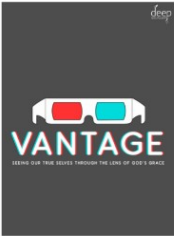
### 6TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH



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!

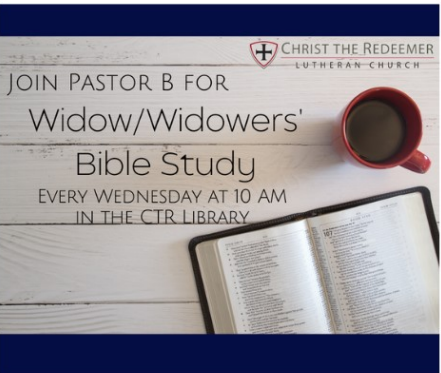
### ADULT CLASS



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.



## 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.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Search "Scott Burmeister" and click on the CTR logo

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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



Registration forms will be due by late 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.



# Save the date

- 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.



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, September 21 will be our next meeting. LWML will be collecting stamps once again. Look for the collection box on the LWML table in the hallway. These go to support missions in the Oklahoma District. Here's the link for instructions. [https://www.oklwml.org/311923\\_2](https://www.oklwml.org/311923_2)

In September, we will be collecting for the Food Bank at South Tulsa Community House. Patti Ross is our contact for this cause.

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.

You can click on the MOST ministries website and check out the latest newsletter. You might just see a few familiar faces. Click on Summer 2021 [https://mostministries.org/most\\_newsletters1](https://mostministries.org/most_newsletters1)

#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](http://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/>

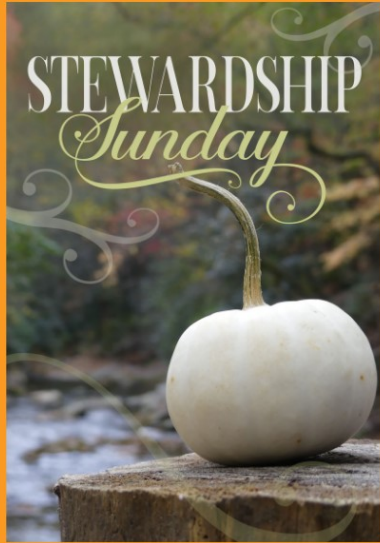
Thank you for your support.  
Yours in Service – Daphnee Brian, President



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!



Stewardship Sunday has been scheduled for October 24th. The stewardship committee is working on a theme. Please be in prayerful consideration of your 2022 pledge.



1 John 3:17-18

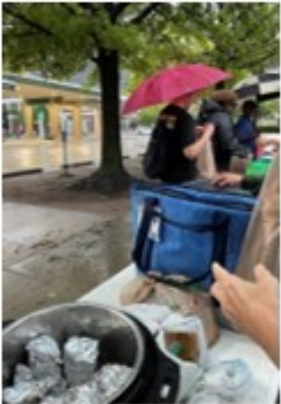
But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Tulsa Saints Foundation

8.15.2021  
Michael W Bryan -Director  
CTR Newsletter

Blessings to all of the Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Hard to believe we are half way through 2021. As we continue to go through the summer the homeless situation in the downtown has gotten worse over the last month. Where we were serving 50-60 consistently during the spring and early summer recent evictions and hotel vouchers expiring has created a significant influx of lost brothers and sisters to the streets of Tulsa. Tulsa Saints has increased our provisions but the number of people coming through out line has depleted our stock of commonly need items such as socks, underwear, jeans of various sizes, t-shirts, and large print Bibles.

This month, I wanted to give everyone an idea of how Tulsa Saints currently prepares for each Friday. First, we need some great volunteers. Tulsa Saints has come a long way from the back of a Prius and a few sandwiches and snacks. Now typically there are 5-6 people who help get the food, drinks, and supplies ready. We have a small trailer we carry most non-food supplies in. A text is usually sent out to the group mid-week to discuss the food plan and any special needs that were requested on Friday night from one of those who is in need. These request can be work clothes, shoes, suitcase, or other items an individual on the street may need. We meet at around 5:15, rain or shine, at the downtown metro bus station and set up 5-6 tables in a row on the sidewalk on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Denver and Cheyenne. Typically, we begin handing out food and supplies at 5:30. If we have food still available after 6 pm, we will give out seconds to those who are still hungry. During the time there we provide food, prayer, common supplies, and fellowship with many, such as Clifford Magee, who I will talk about a bit later in the letter. Usually by 6:30 pm our food is gone and we begin to wrap up, and clean the area. It truly is a blessing to be an assistant shepherd for the Father.



The Father and Messiah both spoke to us about the poor and those in need; Deuteronomy 15:11 - For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land'. Matthew 25 35-41: 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 'Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



One such person that Tulsa Saints has seen get off the streets and we have helped is Clifford Magee. Clifford lost his job as the pandemic swept the nation. Shortly after this he found himself homeless. I remember the first time Clifford came through the food line and offered to help us hand out food and supplies. Clifford was blessed. He was able to get into the new overflow shelter as the other shelters began to limit access. During this time he came occasionally to Tulsa Saints for food. Then one day he came and needed some work boots for his temporary job. After this we began to develop a closer relationship with Clifford. When he got his first apartment, we started to help him getting him back on is feet. You may have met him recently at service. Clifford is a God loving and God fearing man. He is looking to get some help to restart his life. If you want to help Clifford see Pastor Burmeister or contact Michael Bryan at [tulasaintsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:tulasaintsfoundation@gmail.com) and we will provide the list of items Clifford needs to help get himself started.

As a final note I wanted to thank everyone for the supplies they donate. The clothes, blankets, and bags/rolling suitcase were much appreciated and have helped us to supply people with things they need to survive on the streets. Thank you for all the help. I can only relay the thanks they express. May the Father Bless You and Keep you Safe.

As always, if you wish to come out and help we meet at Fridays 5:15 on 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 on the North end of the center hallway in the East Addition.. 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.



We will hold a **special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, September 12** immediately after the completion of the 10:45 AM worship service. At that meeting we will consider two questions:

- Does CTR move ahead with issuing a call to a second DCE?
- If the answer to question 1 is "Yes" then the congregation will be asked to choose between the candidates that will be presented by the Call Committee.

We will have written ballots for each question. The Call Committee has narrowed the number of potential candidates down to two. Both will be presented to the congregation. An information packet will be sent to each congregational household prior to the meeting with more details.

# Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



**What you need:**

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

**What you do:**

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver





CTR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



Updates on Phase One



The East Addition is now home to the Church office, Sunday School and other ministry events. At the beginning of September Phase Two will begin as we renovate the Fellowship Hall and office space into classrooms.



PERSIS COMES TO VISIT!!

Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog, Persis, came to visit CTR on August 1. She interacts with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and in disaster response situations. Persis joins Comfort Dogs Miriam and Rufus serving Oklahoma. LCC is a National Ministry in 27 states and can deploy Comfort Dogs locally to serve in many areas. The dogs mostly travel by car or van. All of the Comfort Dogs have trained LCC caregivers and handlers that care for all of the comfort dog's needs. Including play, massage, brushing both fur and teeth! Please visit the [Lutheranchurchcharities.org](http://Lutheranchurchcharities.org) website and Facebook for additional information.



FAITH STEPPING STONES

FAITH STEPPING STONES RESOURCES WERE DISTRIBUTED ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY, IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO BE HERE, PLEASE CONTACT DCE SUZANNE TO RECEIVE YOUR AT HOME RESOURCES.

HOME RESOURCES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHURCH MINISTRY OBJECTIVES
Preschool Age 3 and 4- The Story Bible	Learn Key Bible Verses
Pre-K -Whisper, Whisper	Learn to say the Lord's Prayer
Kindergarten- Prayer: Learning How to Talk to God	
1st grade- Growing in Faith set	Learn the 10 Commandments
2nd grade- Our Faith A to Z	
3rd grade- My First Catechism	Learn the Apostles Creed
4th grade- Know the Bible Now	Learn in depth about the Bible
5th grade- Faith Alive Bible	
6th grade- Luther's Small Catechism	Learn and grasp an understanding of Luther's Small Catechism, a devotional life and further Bible knowledge
7th- 8th grade- Devotionals	
High School- Devotionals	
College- College resources	

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN SEPTEMBER OUR UNIT WILL FOCUS ON STORIES FROM THE GOSPELS. OUR BIBLE BUDDY IS SAL!

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: PreK/K, lower elementary 1/2 and upper elementary 3rd,4th,5th. We especially need a teacher for PreK/K! If you are interested in finding out more about being a Sunday School teacher, please contact DCE Suzanne.