



CHRIST THE REDEEMER  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# CORNERSTONE

MARCH 2022



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

## *A Letter From The Pastor*

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed,

My Grace is sufficient for you. These are the words of revelation given to Paul when he prayed to the Lord that a thorn in the flesh might be removed from him. These words are recorded in 2 Corinthians 12:9. We view weakness as the absence of power. God reveals the fact that His power is actually manifest in and through weakness. Not only that, but God reveals that His power is made perfect in weakness. So, are you feeling weak? Good, God is at work! Are you feeling insufficient? Good, God's Grace alone is sufficient! When you couple this revelation from God with the Beatitudes of Luke 6:20-23, we come to a realization that God's ways are not our ways, and neither are His thoughts the same as our thoughts.

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and when

they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets."

These words from Jesus cut deep and they can cause confusion for those who do not have faith in Him. The confusion is lifted and faith clears the eyes to see, that when we follow Jesus, we are reliant on Him. In sin, we think we are self-reliant. When the Word of God comes, we see just how reliant we are on God to do all things, and complete all things, and to accomplish all things; not the least of which is our salvation, through Jesus Christ. Blessed are you and I, because of God's Son. Blessed are you and I, as the Word of God brings us to the humility of Christ, where we ourselves are humbled; completely. Blessed are you and I, when we like Paul, are called to suffer any thorn in the flesh. Rejoice and be glad, because God is working His power for your good, and the perfection of God's power is the fruit of faith in lives that are completely turned over to Him in faith. Blessed? Yes, but only by the sufficient Grace of God through Jesus Christ. Amen!

**Rev. Scott Burmeister**  
Pastor

**Suzanne Watt**  
Director of  
Christian Education

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## Outreach News

### Supporting and Lifting Up Those Who Serve Overseas

CTR currently is supporting 3 overseas missionaries through LCMS Mission Central. LCMS missionaries must raise their own funding – including transportation, housing, materials, and technology tools. Your support for them is funded with Outreach budgeted funds. You are encouraged to pray daily for these dedicated servants of God. *You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many* (2 Corinthians 1:11).

**Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster are missionaries to Czech Republic.**



They live in Prague. Dale trains men to be pastors of the Lutheran Evangelical Church of the Augsburg confession in the Czech Republic (ECAVvCR). He also serves as the pastor of an English language Lutheran Church in Prague, which serves the LCMS Eurasia regional office staff and many English-speaking expats living in Prague. In addition, Dale assists the regional chaplain with pastoral service to the LCMS missionaries serving the Silesian region of the Czech Republic. Currently, Dale and Suzanne are in the United States dealing with his diagnosis of multiple myeloma. Please pray that this level of the disease will hold. Pray also that a working relationship between the U.S. doctor and the Czech doctor will be able to establish a working relationship. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.



**Rev. Christian and Lula Tiews serve the Lord as career missionaries through LCMS in Germany.**

As a missionary pastor, Christian works with the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK), the Synod's partner church in Germany, to reach out to Germans and Farsi-speaking immigrants from the

Middle East. In addition, he offers English classes, translates English theological materials into German, and assists in the new English-language Bachelor of Theology program offered by Luther Academy, Riga (aka the Livonian Lutheran Project), as a mentor of future pastors and coordinator of other mentors throughout the Eurasia region. Chris and his wife, Lula were both born in Germany and later came to the United States in 1996. He served as pastor at Grace Lutheran in Tulsa and Trinity Lutheran Okmulgee. They have 6 children, one of whom, Lilian, is in Germany with them. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the Middle Eastern immigrants to a faith in the true God. Pray for Rev. Tiews to encounter both immigrants and U.S. military members that need to hear the saving Word of the Gospel and the love Christ has for them.



**Rev. Martin and Marie Dicke are missionaries in Papua New Guinea.**

Martin teaches music at Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Birip, develops worship resources for the Gutnius (Good News) Lutheran Church, leads workshops on worship and music and helps develop religious literature for the church. In addition, he facilitates the distribution of religious books to Lutheran schools in the Enga Province and serves as the PNG team manager. Marie is also into music. She enjoys cooking, gardening, the LWML, and quilting for Lutheran World Relief. Pray for wisdom in their service, boldness in their proclamation of faith and protection from those who would hinder it. Pray that the scourge of sorcery accusations-related violence may cease. Pray for the leaders, pastors and members of the Gutnius Lutheran Church in PNG.



Wes & Hillary Speer	March 5	23 yrs
Robert & Chelsea Stamm	March 18	22 yrs
Rob & Kristy Ehrlich	March 19	39 yrs
Vickie & Maurice Pritz	March 21	7 yrs
John & Roseanna Kretschmar	March 23	54 yrs
Charlie Meyer & Erin Mahoney	March 27	40 yrs
Kevin & Terry Brown	March 28	30 yrs
Carlisle & Ellen Mabrey	March 29	53 yrs
Glenn & Tey Jackman	March 30	44 yrs

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# MUSIC MINISTRY

## CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

BY JACOB DREGLER

Since October, I have endeavored to expand and broaden the repertoire of hymns that we sing in our worship lives together here at Christ the Redeemer. I have attempted to do this by selecting a Hymn of the Season (not dissimilar in concept to the Hymns of the Day that we sing each week). For the Hymns of the Season, I have chosen a number of hymns based on the seasons of the Church year. We have then sung those hymns in worship for several weeks in a row as a way of beginning to ingrain those great hymns of the faith in our communal memory. Below are the hymns that we have sung as part of this effort thus far:

October (Season after Pentecost): Evening and Morning (LSB 726)

November (Season after Pentecost): God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (LSB 594)

Advent: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (LSB 336)

January (Baptism Of Our Lord-Sundays after the Epiphany): O Blessed Spring (LSB 595)

February (Sundays after the Epiphany-Transfiguration Sunday): Voices Raised to You We Offer (LSB 795)

This brings us to the hymn for the penitential season of Lent. Among the most striking Lenten hymns found in Lutheran Service Book is "In Silent Pain the Eternal Son" (LSB 432) by Anglican priest and hymnodist Christopher Idle (b. 1938). This hymn, originally titled "Strangest Victory," was conceived to fill a perceived lack of hymnody that deals with the subject of atonement. Idle has noted that many hymn writers have penned hymns that display Christ's majesty and power but rarely His cross (Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns, p. 263).

In silent pain,<sup>1</sup> the eternal Son hangs derelict and still;  
In darkened day his work is done, fulfilled, his Father's will.  
Uplifted for the world to see, he hangs in strangest victory,  
For in his body on the tree, he carries all our ill.

He died that we might die to sin and live for righteousness;<sup>1</sup>  
The earth is stained to make us clean and bring us into peace.  
For peace he came, and met its cost; he gave himself to save the lost;  
He loved us to the uttermost and paid for our release.

For strife he came, to bring a sword, the truth to end all lies;  
To rule in us, our patient Lord, until all evil dies:  
For in his hand he holds the stars, his voice shall speak to end our wars,  
And those who love him see his scars and look into his eyes.

The opening stanza begins with a grim image, one which many of us likely prefer not to contemplate, much less sing about: the image of the Christ hanging dead on the cross. In just a few words, we are reminded of the awful price paid on our behalf to fulfill God's plan of salvation. It is a strange form of victory that we bear witness to when we sing the story of Christ's Passion and death. And yet...

Yet we know that this is not the end. We know something that those who were witnesses to that brutal execution did not know as they watched the events of that Friday unfold. Simply put: it's Friday, but Sunday is coming! That Sunday brings with it the Resurrection dawn. That Sunday brings forth songs of victory. That Sunday heralds life triumphant over death. And so we sing!

We sing songs that affirm the knowledge that Christ's hands, scarred with the marks of death, hold the stars in their courses. We sing songs of a Christ whose voice shall speak to end our human wars and conflicts, ushering in a radically reordered kingdom of peace, where the first shall be last and the last shall be first. We sing songs of hope, justice, peace, and love in a world that so desperately needs to be made whole. We sing these songs, even (perhaps especially) in times of social, political, and economic upheaval. In times when so many things seem to be uncertain, we, Easter people, even in the midst of Lenten wilderness, live in the certain hope that Jesus is risen and that he walks beside us.





## 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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Youtube:

Search "Scott Burmeister" and click on the CTR logo



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OKLAHOMA  
DISTRICT LCMS

IT'S  
**OK** TO  
NOT  
BE **OK**



## YOUNG ADULT EVENT

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
400 N ASPEN AVE  
BROKEN ARROW, OK

**FREE**

SPECIAL SATURDAY EVENING  
DINNER & SESSION FOR YOUNG  
ADULTS AGE 18+

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

6PM - 9 PM DINNER & SPECIAL SESSION  
FOR YOUNG ADULTS ONLY

FEATURING  
SPEAKER:

TANNER OLSON



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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS

# YOUTH BAND

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE YOUTH BAND? WE ARE REHEARSING  
FROM 3-5 ON SUNDAYS. CONTACT DCE NIKKI FOR MORE  
INFORMATION: 918-859-8575




# YOUTH MINISTRY



"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

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

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



IT'S *OK* TO NOT BE *OK* *March 25-26, 2022*

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT LCMS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
BROKEN ARROW, OK

OPEN TO YOUTH IN 8TH-12TH GRADE.

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON  
• INCLUDES SNACKS & MEALS DURING EVENT


REGISTRATION DUE BY  
MARCH 6

FRIDAY, MARCH 25  
7 PM- 10PM PROGRAMMING


SATURDAY, MARCH 26  
8 AM- 5PM PROGRAMMING

\*\*OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN AT IMMANUEL\*\* OR HOME FOR THE EVENING

USE THIS QR CODE TO GO TO OUR REGISTRATION PAGE!



FEATURING SPEAKER: *TANNER OLSON*



HI! MY NAME IS TANNER OLSON. I AM AN AUTHOR, SPEAKER, AND POET.

I STARTED THE CREATIVE PROJECT, WRITTEN TO SPEAK, IN 2013 TO SPREAD HOPE AND ANNOUNCE LOVE THROUGH SPOKEN WORD AND POETRY.

MY WRITING HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS UNIQUE AS IT BLENDS FAITH, HUMOR, AND CURIOSITY AS I SEEK TO POINT READERS AND LISTENERS TOWARD THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF HOPE AND LOVE, JESUS.



## 2022 Youth Gathering Updates:

Payment 2 of \$150 was due 1/31/22  
Payment 3 of \$95 is due 3/15/22.  
Your full 3 payments totaling \$395 per person is due by 5/1/22.

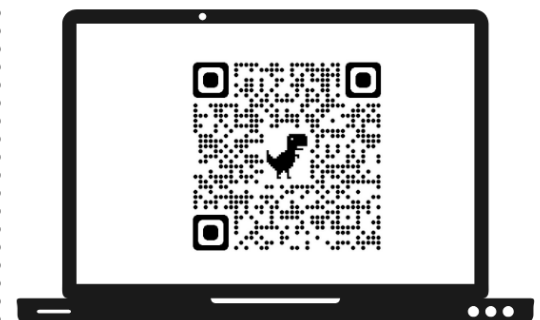
Look for info coming out by mail and email about group meetings in Spring 2022.

## Pay online for CTR Events!



Scan this QR code with your smartphone camera and go straight to the new online site.

Vanco Online now allows you to pay online for youth events, special church events and more!



Registration Forms for all youth events as well as 2022 Medical & Liability Forms are all online through Planning Center.



# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Winter Retreat



## REMIND!

Join one of our CTR Remind! groups to get text updates on upcoming events as well as important updates during activities and trips. You can join multiple groups.

To join this group/class:	Text this:	To this Number:
CTR Family & Children	@ctrfa	81010
CTR Confirmation Class	@ctrconf	81010
CTR Jr High Youth	@ctrj	81010
CTR High School Youth	@ctrh	81010
CTR-U	@ctruwed	81010



In February, 17 of us from CTR went to Camp Lutherhoma for the Winter Retreat for Club 345 and Jr. High. We enjoyed the snow, some great games, Bible studies and music and we learned about how we are United in Christ. We can't wait for next year!!!



## Family Roustabouts

March 27th- Mark your calendars!!

We are inviting anyone who is able to come for a service day at the church. We may be cleaning, fixing, gardening, or whatever the church needs.

CONTACT DCE NIKKI  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.  
NBOYD@CTRTULSA.ORG  
918-859-8575

## Young Adult Bible study

Wednesdays during Lent, we will join the Forgiving Challenge Gathering.  
Dinner at 5:30 and the Gathering starts at 6:30.

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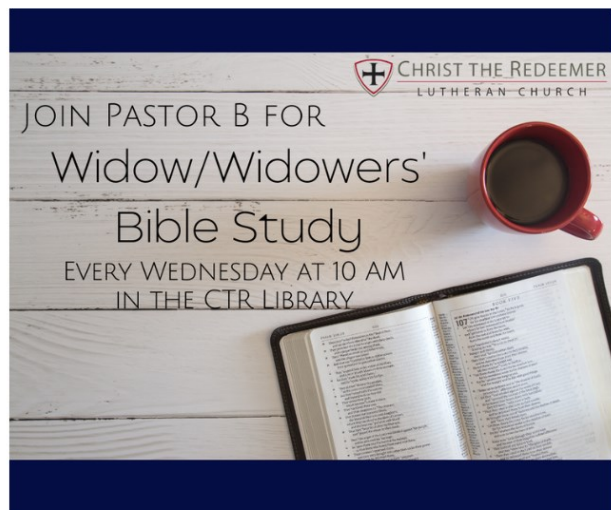
## Experience Generations Family Ministry

Wednesdays during Lent, we will be gathering to study God's Word in intergenerational groups. Come and see!  
Dinner @ 5:30  
Gathering @ 6:30

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# CTR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



# Sunday School

## DID YOU KNOW...?

Research by Barna, the LCMS and others have found that the number one factor that keeps kids involved in the church and faith life after graduation is 3-5 caring adults in the church that have a relationship with them. This includes Sunday School teachers, youth ministry volunteers, mentors, Pastors and DCEs, in addition to their parents.

Intergenerational ministry is one way everyone can be involved. As you join intergenerational Bible studies and activities, both young and old influence each other as we form relationships and have faith conversations along the way.

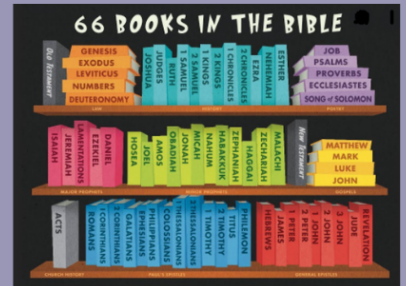
Another way is volunteering to teach or chaperone a youth event. If you are considering how you can leave a legacy, pray about becoming a Sunday school teacher or volunteering in Youth or Children's Ministry. We will equip you with necessary skills and you will be blessed as you bless others! You are never too young or too old to influence the faith of someone else.

Talk to DCE Nikki or DCE Suzanne if you have any questions or would like to live out your faith in this way.

## SUNDAY MORNING OPENING

In February, we began our new Sunday School opening format. We are singing some fun songs that many of the kids know from Camp Lutherhoma and even have some of the Lutherhoma staff leading the opening. Kroople (Conner Cline), Yomp (Harrison Boyd), and Peach (DCE Nikki) will be singing and dancing each Sunday beginning at 9:30 in the Fishbowl.

Once Phase 2 of construction is complete, opening will happen in the New Fellowship Hall-West.



### KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN MARCH, WE WILL BE DOING THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE. ALL CURRICULUM WILL BE BASED ON THE 40 DAY CHALLENGE. IF YOU NEED A BOOK FOR YOUR CHILD, OR YOURSELF, PLEASE PICK ONE UP AT THE INFORMATION DESK. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE THE BOOK TO PARTICIPATE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL OR WEDNESDAY EXPERIENCES.

### AT HOME

**Help your kids memorize the books of the Bible! Find songs on Youtube to help them learn! Currently, we are focusing on the Old Testament and using "Old Testament Song," by Slugs and Bugs to learn the books in order. Listen to it a few times and you'll be singing the books in order in no time!**

## BRING YOUR BIBLES TO CHURCH!!

### 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 or DCE Nikki.







Please indicate if you will be coming by registering on the sign-up sheet at the reception desk.

On March 24 beginning at 1:00, Thursday afternoon, the OWLS will meet and tour the John Neas classic car collection. The collection includes several classic Corvettes as well as dragsters and other classic vehicles. The car collection is located about a half mile from the church at 2136 East 69th Street.



*Suzanne's presentation to the Owls on 1-27-22 was on her trips to the Holy Land.*

Thank you CTR for helping to provide the items for blessing bags. We were able to assemble 45 bags on January 30.





## Women's Retreat

April 1-3, 2022 at Camp Lutherhoma  
\$75 per person  
Open to all CTR women age 21 and over & friends.  
Registration open!  
Stay in the retreat cabins and enjoy a weekend at Camp!

REGISTER NOW  
ONLINE FOR THE  
WOMEN'S RETREAT!







The next business meeting will be held March 15, 2022, 12:30 p.m. Look for us in the Wired Word classroom. Use the south entrance or the east entrance.

LWML is collecting stamps. The collection box is on the table to the right of the east entrance. These stamps help 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)

The Oklahoma District Convention will be held April 8-9, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Edmond, OK. The Theme is "Chosen to Love and Serve." Friday interest sessions include Lutheran Braille Workers, Concordia Life Plan Community and Persis the Comfort Dog. Saturday interest sessions include Mercy Matters, Gifts of Love, Persis the Comfort Dog, and Young Women. Servant Activities on Friday will include tying flannel baby blankets, marking Bibles for Prison ministry, and writing encouraging notes to VA residents. Bible Study leader is Pastor Wackler from Zion in Stillwater. Please pray for our ladies that will be attending the convention – Patti Ross, Cherry Volberding, Sharon Schmidt, and Daphnee Brian.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League is celebrating 80 years in 2022. The CTR Rebekah Society will be taking extra MITE money to convention – 80 pennies, 80 dimes, 80 nickels, etc. If you would like to contribute to this donation, please place your donation in the large MITE box and designate that it is for convention.

Remember to feed your Mite Box. <http://www.lwml.org/posts/free-resources/mite-challenge-calendar>. 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 small 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 first Sunday of the month is Mite Box Sunday. If you can't make it to church, you can mail a check to CTR for LWML with MITEs in the memo line. The MITE box is on the table at the east entrance and at the south entrance. We are all fed through Christ: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).

The 2021-2023 Biennium Mission Goal is \$2,150,000. As of January 31, 2022, \$699,430 had been dispersed. The total amount received is \$1,119,686.94. Several of the Grants have already been funded!

Please continue to bring your used eyeglasses for the MOST ministries box. It is on the bookshelves at the south entrance. We are trying to collect at least 80 eye glasses to take with us to convention. You can purchase reader glasses for \$1 at Dollar Tree.

LWML.ORG has lots of ways to support and learn more about mission grants. To access 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. Link to CTR is <https://www.ctrtulsa.org/lwml/>

Thank you for your support.  
Yours in His 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!



Bob and Jerri Jennings  
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## EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS

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

PREK-5TH GRADE KIDS

6TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

ADULT CLASS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES BEGIN MARCH 6**

# FORGIVING CHALLENGE

Participate in Sunday morning Worship & classes beginning March 6.

Pastor B's adult class in Fellowship East and all ages of children and youth will have materials reflecting the same weekly themes. These will be different from Wednesday night classes.

There are 2 DIFFERENT books:



Forgiving Kids will be used for Elementary Sunday School and is appropriate for kids age 11 and under.



Forgiving Challenge will be used for adults and youth and will be the main text used for Sunday and Wednesday education. Everyone should have a copy to follow along with whether you are here or at home.

Do you know someone who would like to participate, but has not been comfortable worshipping with us in person yet? Take them a book or invite them to contact the Church Office to make arrangements to get one so they can follow along at home by watching Sunday services and Pastor's Class.



## ADULT READING SCHEDULE FOR FORGIVING CHALLENGE

Week 1- Introduction to SCARS

March 6-7- Day 0-00- Read Introduction

March 8-12 (Tuesday-Saturday) - Read Days 1-5



Week 3- Confession

March 20-26 - Read Days 13-19



Week 2- Sin

March 13-19 - Read Days 6-12



Week 4- Absolution

March 27-April 2 - Read Days 20-26





A DEVOTIONAL AND CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION STUDY FOR ALL AGES

# FORGIVING CHALLENGE

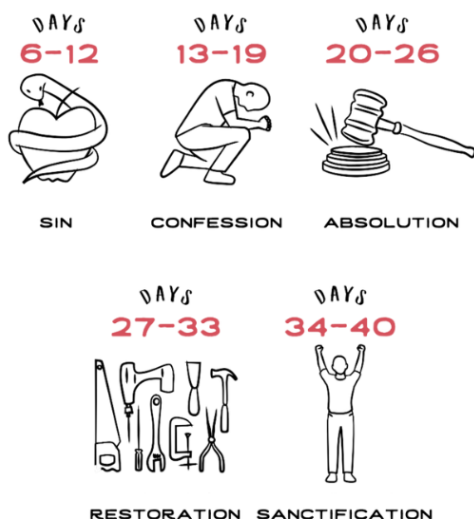
Forgiving Challenge is a 40-day journey that challenges everyone to bring all of your sin, your guilt, and your shame to Jesus and experience the free gift of grace in your life.

Sign up to participate at the Eastside Reception Desk, books are limited.

Sunday school classes for all ages begin March 6 and Wednesday Night Lenten

Gatherings begin March 9, the week after Ash Wednesday.

## S.C.A.R.S.



THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE WAYS  
THAT EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE:

- #1. SIGN UP AND PICK UP A BOOK AT THE EAST RECEPTION DESK. THERE ARE DIFFERENT BOOKS FOR ADULTS AND KIDS (AGE 11 AND UNDER).
- #2. PARTICIPATE IN SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES BEGINNING MARCH 6. PASTOR B WILL HAVE AN ADULT CLASS IN FELLOWSHIP EAST. AND ALL AGES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL HAVE MATERIALS REFLECTING THE SAME WEEKLY THEMES.
- #3. STARTING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 WE WILL HAVE LENTEN GATHERINGS. EACH WEEK WILL BEGIN WITH A SHORT OPENING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWED BY A SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION TIME. THEN EVERYONE WILL COME BACK TOGETHER FOR A CLOSING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. MEAL WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 AND SMALL GROUPS AT 6:15. THE CONTENT WILL BE DIFFERENT THAN SUNDAY MORNINGS.

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN GATHERING FORMAT BEGINNING MARCH 9

**DINNER AT 5:30**  
Dinner will remain available through small group time for those who come later.



**LARGE GROUP OPENING AT 6:15**  
Music, Prayers, & Scripture readings



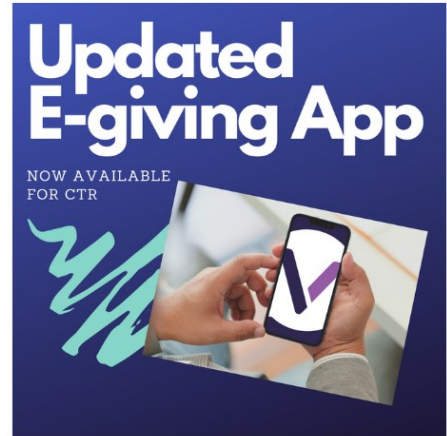
**LARGE GROUP CLOSING**  
Blessing, Prayers, & Music





# STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of January	2021	2022
January Giving.....	\$99,504	\$91,497
Monthly Budget .....	\$60,983	\$81,087
Year to Date Giving .....	\$99,504	\$91,497
Year to Date Budget .....	\$75,971	\$82,930
YTD Expenses.....	\$57,406	\$75,038
Building Fund Contribution:		
January Receipts: \$11,927.03		
Balance: \$2,731,746.89		



## Online Giving



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 Vanco Mobile, 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 "Vanco Mobile" 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.

CTR has some very exciting news! Vanco has replaced our GivePlus Mobile app with our all-new Vanco Mobile app. Vanco Mobile will be just as easy to use as GivePlus Mobile, and it comes with new features to make it even better. Vanco Mobile will provide you with the simplest way to give or donate – and stay in touch – with CTR.

We encourage you to download the free Vanco Mobile app today! And it's easy for you to use:

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If you're new to the E-giving app, simply download it and set up a profile to start giving or making payments today!

For a quick video tutorial, visit: <https://vimeo.com/605658635>

We will now be able to accept donations and payments for Family & Children's Ministry events and Youth Ministry events through the app and online giving webpage. To visit our online giving page simply put the web address <https://www.ctrtulsa.org/on-line-giving/> into the search bar of any browser.

Vanco Mobile is available in the Apple App store and the Google Play store now. Download it today!

Thank you for your continued generosity to CTR!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Sam. 28</li> <li>Psalm 57</li> <li>Col. 3:18-4:6</li> </ul>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joel 2:12-19</li> <li>Psalm 51</li> <li>2 Cor. 5:20-6:10</li> <li>Matt. 6:1-21</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Sam. 29</li> <li>Psalm 58</li> <li>Col. 4:7-18</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Sam. 30</li> <li>Psalm 59</li> <li>1 Thess. 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Sam. 31</li> <li>Psalm 60</li> <li>1 Thess. 2:1-16</li> </ul>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 1:1-16</li> <li>Psalm 61</li> <li>1 Thess. 2:17-3:5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 1:17-2:7</li> <li>Psalm 62</li> <li>1 Thess. 3:6-13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 2:8-32</li> <li>Psalm 63</li> <li>1 Thess. 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 3:1-25</li> <li>Psalm 64</li> <li>1 Thess. 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 4</li> <li>Psalm 66</li> <li>2 Thess. 2:1-12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 5:1-16</li> <li>Psalm 67</li> <li>2 Thess. 2:13-3:5</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 5:17-6:4</li> <li>Psalm 68</li> <li>2 Thess. 3:6-18</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 6:5-23</li> <li>Psalm 69</li> <li>1 Tim. 1:1-11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 7:1-17</li> <li>Psalm 70</li> <li>1 Tim. 1:12-20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 7:18-29</li> <li>Psalm 71</li> <li>1 Tim. 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 8</li> <li>Psalm 72</li> <li>1 Tim. 3:1-13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 9</li> <li>Psalm 73</li> <li>1 Tim. 3:14-4:16</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Sam. 10</li> <li>Psalm 74</li> <li>1 Tim. 5:1-16</li> </ul>
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## 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

## Strategic planning committee:

The Strategic Planning Committee continues to consolidate previous goals from each ministry. We are also working to make sure we get accurate Sunday school attendance numbers each week. We had a gap in collecting the information, but are now back on track. This information is important in measuring the success of our efforts and plan for the future. If you are interested in joining the strategic planning committee, please let me know. Our hope is to help CTR grow by identifying and communicating our Congregations goals, measuring our performance toward these goals, and producing a annual report for the board and congregation.



# CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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### Mite Explanation and History

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

### Mite Boxes - How They Began

Perhaps inspired by the various "cent" or "mite" societies of the early 1800s, the Woman's Mission to Woman urged members in its first circular letter in 1871 to use their new Mite Box to raise funds. The entire family was encouraged to contribute. The garnet-colored paper box had an opening on the top and the words, "Woman's Mission to Woman," in gold letters on the side.

### LWML Mite Boxes

Over the years, many Lutheran Ladies Aid societies used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Under the original 1928 Lutheran Women's Missionary Endeavor organizational plan, each woman in every congregation would receive a Mite Box if she participated in Ladies Aid. Receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totaled \$6,651.31 in 1930.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, formally recognized by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in 1942, required by the newly adopted constitution and bylaws, that 25% of all missionary contributions be given to the national organization, shared from the districts. Leaguers are reminded to not just tuck their Mite Box out of sight until meeting day, but instead to:

- Put your pennies in the box at the end of each day
- Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted
- Empty all your loose change from your kitchen coin bowl into the box on meeting day

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.