

APRIL 2022

Leading People Into a Living Relationship With Jesus Christ.

A Letter From The Pastor

Fellow Redeemed.

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia! With these words we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What a celebration it is! Death has been defeated, sin has been forgiven and overcome, and the power of the devil has been conquered by the all availing sacrifice of Jesus. Christ's blood now covers us and we are free. This Easter, we celebrate with a renewed faith, a rekindled desire for fellowship, and with service that cares for and loves out neighbor, because Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Luke 24:1-12 "On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to

the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened."

That first Easter was filled with wonder and awe and even a bit of doubt. How could this be? Is it all true? Did Jesus rise from the dead? Is He alive?All of these questions get answered for Jesus' followers when He appears to them in the flesh. All doubt is erased and they believe. They believe! What a wonderful life we have, even in the midst of a dark and fallen world, that we too believe and live, following Jesus.

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia! Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

This is our Easter song of joy, and it flows through all the days of our lives here on earth. Our witness is to the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Death could not hold him and the grave has now become a doorway to everlasting life because of faith in the Risen One, Jesus.So, let us repeat, once again, this wonderful truth: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Rev. Scott Burmeister
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Strengthening the saved, saving the lost.



Outreach News



"We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight"

You are invited to a reception Sunday April 10th, 2022 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall (site of Braille Ministry Center #73) 146 South Sheridan Rd, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Honoree and guest speaker, Jay Zemke, president Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. Hear how volunteers, 16 of which are from CTR, make it possible for the Blind & visually impaired to "Touch the Promises Of Jesus".

Do you know what the books of the Bible are produced in Braille at Ministry Center #73 ? Can you guess approximately how many Braille books are shipped from Ministry #73 each month ? Can you name some of the countries currently receiving these Braille books? Please join us for light refreshments and to have these and other questions answered, meet Volunteers and learn how you too can become a volunteer!

Questions? Contact: Claudette Brown 918 809-5224

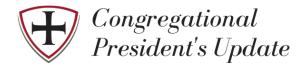






Tom & Bev Bordner	Apr 1	55 yrs
Judy & Jack Holliday	Apr 2	4 yrs
Deon & Debra Hull	Apr 5	34 yrs
John & Lori Meinders	Apr 6	31 yrs
Suzanne & Joey Watt	Apr 13	10 yrs
Robin & Gregory Sanders	Apr 14	39 yrs
Kasey & Laura Simpson	Apr 15	27 yrs
Gene & Betty Kuhlmann	Apr 18	52 yrs
Del & Jan Dreyer	Apr 20	59 yrs
Bob & Jean Paulsen	Apr 21	66 yrs
Amy & Eric Mock	Apr 24	12 yrs
Don & Marie Vavra	Apr 24	51 yrs
Les & Nancy Austin	Apr 26	14 yrs
Sandra & Scott Hughes	Apr 28	32 yrs
Stephen & Kristie Ferguson	Apr 30	15 yrs





After many months (really years) of hard work, our construction project on our church facilities is nearing completion. I know that there is a lot of anticipation and excitement, but I also know that there are many questions that people are asking and I will try to address some of them here, as best I can.

We expect completion of Phase II (which includes all sections of the building except for the sanctuary) to occur in early April. This will include the new Fellowship Hall West, a second kitchen and the new Sunday School classrooms. Fellowship Hall West will cover the areas of the old Fellowship Hall and the courtyard. It will be able to serve many functions, as it will have a stage and much more space than before. The kitchen, which will be in the place of the pervious "old kitchen" will be bigger than before and have more appliances and serving capabilities. The Sunday School area will cover the previous office space and will include shower facilities that can be used for youth lock-ins, visiting Synodical music groups, etc.

I can't give you and exact date yet when Phase II will pass its inspections and be ready for occupancy, but we fully expect to use the new kitchen for our Easter breakfast on April 17. Suzanne and Nikki are also planning Easter activities for the youth and children in the new Fellowship Hall West for Easter Sunday.

The work on the sanctuary we are now referring to as "Phase III." The main part of Phase III will be the replacement of the existing skylights. The new skylights have been ordered and are in production, but the supply shortages will probably not allow those to be ready to install for several weeks yet. The new skylights will look somewhat similar to the existing skylights in colors and placement, but they will be larger and should allow more light into the sanctuary. Once the skylights are installed, we will be replacing all of the flooring in the sanctuary with new tile. The installation of the tile and the re-installation of the pews should move fairly quickly once the skylights are in, but these projects must await completion of the skylights because of the equipment that will be needed to install the skylights. Once the pews are re-installed, they will have new cushions. The timing of the completion of production of the skylights is the biggest question mark. At this time, our best guess is that we can be worshipping back in the sanctuary by July. We are blessed to have the new Fellowship Hall East to use until then. We are storing the pews in the gymnasium right now, so the gymnasium will not be back in use until the sanctuary work is complete.

This has been a long time coming and I know we all want everything done as quickly as possible. God has been so good to us in this time and I am so thankful for the patience of the congregation, the tireless work of our staff and the construction workers, the dedication of our volunteers and the numerous ways that each of you has supported this project and the ministries of this congregation!

What is ahead for the new building space? I know that this question has been asked several times. At the request of the Board of Directors and the congregation, Melissa James and Alex Goossen are leading a committee to consider the many ways that we might use our new space. ALL OPTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED. The options could include providing child care in a format somewhat similar to what we had in ECC. We may consider using some of the new facilities for outreach efforts to our community. The Board firmly believes that we will need several months to "settle into" our new space from Phase II. We are still in the process of truly settling into our new space on the East side of the building (Phase I) even now. While this committee is welcome to hearing ideas that the congregation may want us to explore, the Board's plan is to wait until the Fall of 2022 to really begin to study the potential future uses of the new space. By that time we should have an idea on how our existing programs and ministries are using all of our space and what space we may truly have available for new activity.

Yours in His service, John Meinders





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Seminary News

BY DEON HULL





What a great time of the year to be at the Seminary. Spring is in the air, and we are hoping that we are done with cold weather and snow, although it may be a bit premature. Spring classes will be wrapping up soon. We look forward to Holy Week and Easter. To outsiders it must seem strange that we look forward to the week that memorializes the death of the one we look to for our faith and our life. Yet, it is true. We talk about it all the time. We profess his death every week when we say the Creed. We celebrate his betrayal, abandonment by man, forsakenness by the Father, and death by crucifixion under Pontus Pilate. We also celebrate his resurrection. Easter must seem especially odd to an outsider. What a great time to lead people who are on the outside to become people on the inside. God works through this story, the narrative of Holy Week and Easter.

Spring is a really busy time for the Seminarians. It seems that the homework is unending and days long. This semester I have a class in how to preach. The fancy word for that is "Homiletics". I am enjoying the challenges of that class and it still takes a lot of effort for me to craft a sermon. In my history class we discussed the work of Martin Luther as a preacher. In a year Luther could preach over 200 sermons and write others that were not delivered but published for general use. It is estimated that over his career he wrote and preached over 4,000 sermons. Only about half of those have been translated into English. What is more insane is that his full-time job was college professor. Preaching wasn't even his main responsibility.

My class, the "second years" are getting ready to go out on vicarage. Well, most of them. We have a real dilemma in that the two Seminaries, St. Louis and Ft. Wayne, combined have more Vicars and Deaconess Interns than there are available positions. When our class was informed of this, we were also told that some people would be asked to defer their vicarage for a year. I am one of those people. That means that Deb and I will be in St. Louis for one more year where I will take the classes that I normally would take my fourth year. The year after that I will graduate from Seminary, Lord willing, and will go to a congregation that has a vacancy, and I will become their Vicar for a year. If it works out and both the congregation and I agree, then they can Call me as a regular Pastor. This is cause for celebration and for sadness. Celebration because we will only have to move once, to our congregation next summer. Sadness because we will miss our friends on vicarage, but we commend it all to God's will.

Deb and the boys are doing well. Peter is working at a high-end restaurant in downtown Tulsa called Lowood. If you make it down there ask for Peter. He will take good care of you. As of this writing both William (Army) and Steven (Air Force) are still in the States. We are keeping an eye on Europe and pray for the people effected by the war that is raging there. Steven has a friend, Taylor, who is stationed in Poland, so we send up prayers for his safety and an end to this conflict.

We appreciate all your prayer and financial support. We are aware of the difficult financial times we are in and are truly blessed to have your help. We miss you all and hope to get back for a visit this summer.

Have a Blessed Lent and Easter season!

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



Music Ministry

Choir & Handbells for Youth & Adults

BY JACOB DRENGLER

Over the past six months, I have endeavored to expand and broaden the repertoire of hymns that we sing in worship together here at Christ the Redeemer. I have selected a series of Hymns of the Season, similar to the appointed Hymns of the Day that we sing each Sunday. 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. It is my hope that by doing so, these great hymns of the faith have begun to be ingrained in our communal memory. So far, our Hymns of the Season have included:

Jacob Drengler, pictured at Doctoral Organ Recital March 8, 2022

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)

Lent: In Silent Pain the Eternal Son (LSB 432)

Beginning with the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on April 17th, we will enter into the Easter season. Our Hymn of the Season for Eastertide will be "The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done" (LSB 464). This majestic hymn celebrating the risen Christ is, like many of the hymns of the Church, a product of the work of not only the original author of the text but of the subsequent efforts of translators, composers, and arrangers. "The Strife Is O'er" is Francis Pott's nineteenth-century English translation of a seventeenth-century Latin hymn. The musical setting that accompanies the text is based upon William Henry Monk's nineteenth-century adaptation of a sixteenth-century "Magnificat" by the great Italian Renaissance composer Giovanni Pierluigi de Palestrina.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won;

Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

He broke the age-bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.

Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, from death's dread sting Thy servants free

That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

This hymn affirms the truth we confess together each week: that through Christ's atoning death and saving resurrection, the battle against sin, death, and the power of the devil has been won. The text brings to mind the words of Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your string? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The refrain, which is sung at the beginning and the end of the hymn, is cast in the form of a triumphant threefold alleluia. In addition, each of the five stanzas of the hymn concludes with a single alleluia. These alleluias, joyful affirmations of Christ's resurrection from the dead, are especially welcome in our hymns of praise as we emerge from our forty-day journey with Jesus through the Lenten wilderness.

Easter is undoubtedly a time for rejoicing! This is reflected in the hymns we sing together during the Easter season. Perhaps at times, however, we find that those songs of praise stick in our throats. Perhaps we find that we have much in common with the disciples on that first Easter. Perhaps we, like the faithful women that first Easter dawn, approach the empty tomb expecting death. Perhaps we, like the first disciples, hide ourselves away behind the locked doors of doubt, fear, and uncertainty. Certainly we live in a world full of sorrow, sickness, and death. How then are we to live as the Easter people God has created us to be in the face of pandemic, war, political and economic upheaval, and all the forces that set themselves against the kingdom of God?

These questions remind me of a portion of the rite for the burial of the dead: "All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!" There is that threefold alleluia again! We do not deny the reality of sin or the grave. Yet we do not face those realities alone. When we, like the faithful women, approach the tomb expecting death, we find the Risen One there, his wounded hands scarred with the marks of death but incontestably alive. When we, like the disciples, find ourselves locked away behind doors of doubt, fear, and uncertainty, Christ is there with us, speaking words of comfort: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19b). Full of the peace of Christ, that peace which surpasses all understanding, we live these days in the sure and certain hope that the Lord is risen, having conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil. In the light of that hope, we are able to lift our voices together and sing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CTR Camp Lutherhoma Rebate 2022

For Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Youth Attending Summer Camp at Camp Lutherhoma, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

- 1. Rebates are offered to individual member campers who are actively participating (attending worship, Bible study &/or confirmation, youth activities, etc.) at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church.
- 2. We will only offer a rebate for one camp session per person per season.
- 3. You may put up to 3 campers per member household on one form.
- Remember to send your registration to Camp Lutherhoma as soon as possible. When you receive your registration confirmation attach a copy to this rebate form and return it to Christ the Redeemer in the Lay Ministry of Youth drawer in the Office Work Room
- 5. The amount of the rebate will depend on how many youth apply by May 1:
 - it will not exceed 50% of the early registration price per individual person
 - it will reflect the total price paid after camp discounts (such as family and friend discounts) per person
 - it will be no more than \$500 per family and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.
- 6. Funds will be sent out after May 5. Forms submitted after May 1 will be considered with any funds that remain.

Name of Camper 1:	Christian Education, S	questions please contact the Director of Suzanne Watt by phone 918-492-6451 orwatt@ctrtulsa.org. Enjoy Camp!	
Camp Dates Registered For:	Name and Address to wh	om Rebate is to be sent:	
Amount Paid to Camp Lutherhoma:			
Name of Camper 2:			
Camp Dates Registered For:	Total Amount Paid to Car	np: \$	
Amount Paid to Camp Lutherhoma:		:	
\$	Please be sure to attach	a copy of the registration form you rhoma. It should show a \$0 balance due.	
Name of Camper 3:	Mail the completed application to the church or place in the Lay Ministry of Youth drawer in the 1st Floor Work Room:		
Camp Dates Registered For:	Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church Attention: Camp Rebate 2550 E. 71 st St.		
Amount Paid to Camp Lutherhoma:	Tulsa, OK 74136		
Office Use Below:			
Reviewed by DCE:		Date:	
Approved by Youth Chair:		Date	
Amount of Funds Granted:		Line Item #1132	

Family & Children's Ministry

Journey Cross

APRIL 17TH

EASTER EXPERIENCE 9-10:30 AM

EASTER EGG HUNT 10:30 AM

Invite Family and friends

Postcards invitations will be available at the information desk to give to family and friends. Pick up yours today!

SIGN UP FOR CAMP TODAY!



CAMP LUTHERHOMA SCHEDULE

May 27-29	Work Weeke	nd (all ages)
June 12-17 19-24	Force 1 Force 2	Kinetic 1 Rock & Ride
24-26	Mommy/D	Daddy & Me
26- July	1 Force 3	Energy 1
July 3-8	Force 4	Kinetic 2

17-22 Force 5 24-29 Dynamic

August

10-14

12-14 Recharge- Young Adult
New for ages 18+!

Family Camp

Energy 2

THINGS TO KNOW

- Early Deadline
 May 15 and get a \$30 discount
- New Friend Discount \$30 discount for you and your friend

Kinetic- Ages 7-9, Force- Ages 9-12 Energy- Ages 13-15, Dynamic- Ages 14-18

CTR CAMP REBATES AVAILABLE

Every summer CTR reimburses up to 50% of the registration price of campers who are CTR members. Submit your registration and payment to camp, then complete a Rebate form. Submit the Rebate form to CTR by MAY 1st.

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

Young Adult Bible study

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



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

Youth Ministry

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

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





2022 Youth Gathering Updates:

Your full 3 payments totaling \$395 per person for registration is due by 5/1/22.

Group Meeting on March 27 at 12 PM.

<u>Tentative Schedule</u> Friday, July 8, 2022

6a Depart from Immanuel-BA
Eat lunch along the way
4p Arrive at hotel in Houston
Check in hotel
5p Eat dinner in Houston at The Truckyard

Saturday, July 9, 2022

8a-6p Registration
9:30a Leave for Galveston Pier
11a Lunch at Bubba Gump
12-4:30p Pier rides & Beach
4:30p Board bus back to Houston
Eat dinner on the drive back
7:30p Doors Open at Minute Maid Park
8:30p Mass Event
10p Mass Event Ends

Sunday-Tuesday, July 10-12, 2022 10a Bible Study

10a-6p Sessions 5:30-7:30p (Sunday only) Oklahoma District Event/Dinner

> 8:30p Mass Event 10p Mass Event Ends Mass Event Plus 12a Program Spaces Close

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

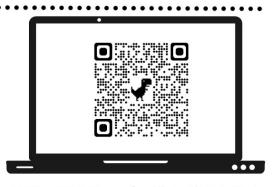
9a Doors Open at Minute Maid Park 10a Worship Begins 12p Conclusion of LCMS Youth Gathering 12-1:30p Lunch & Board Bus home! est. 10:30p Arrive at Immanuel-BA



Youth Easter Breakfast

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN EASTER
BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17 FROM 9 AM-10:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. YOUTH WILL BE SERVING
PANCAKES, FRUIT AND MORE! THIS EVENT WILL BE A
FREE-WILL OFFERING MEAL WITH ALL DONATIONS GOING
TOWARD EXPENSES FOR THE 2022 YOUTH GATHERING &
FUTURE YOUTH EVENTS. COME CELEBRATE WITH US!





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

Faith Sunding School

Sunday school opening in the Fishbowl begins by 9:30 and is led by some Camp Lutherhoma summer staff. Kroople (Conner Cline) and and Yomp (Harrison Boyd) are leading in this photo. Did you know that the summer staff has nicknames? Some adults our congregation worked at camp in summers past. Ask them what their nickname was.



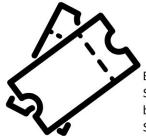


Some of our PreK-K students enjoy playing with Playdoh during Sunday school.

Meet Red, the fox, and Peter

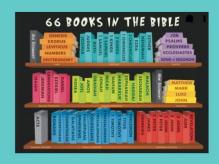
Each Sunday, Red, the fox, and the disciple Peter come to Sunday school opening and talk to us about the Forgiving Challenge theme for the week. Come meet Peter and Red each Sunday until Easter.





SUNDAY SCHOOL TICKETS

Boys and Girls! Did you know that you can collect Sunday School tickets each week for coming to Sunday School, bringing your Bible or bringing a friend with you to Sunday School?? Trade your tickets in for fun prizes in the Sunday School Store.



KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN APRIL, WE WILL CONTINUE THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE. ALL CURRICULUM WILL BE BASED ON THE 40 DAY CHALLENGE. WE STILL HAVE A FEW KIDS BOOKS LEFT IF YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN ONE.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE THE

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE THE BOOK TO PARTICIPATE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL OR WEDNESDAY EXPERIENCES.

AT HOME

TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE READING THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SOME FAITH TALKS WITH YOUR KIDS. ASK THEM WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING AND WHAT BIBLE STORIES THEY HAVE READ. HELP THEM CHOOSE A MEMORY VERSE TO MEMORIZE EACH WEEK. HELP THEM SEE REAL LIFE APPLICATION OF THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE.

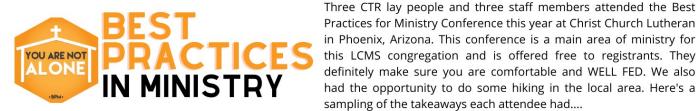
Bring your bibles to church!!

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.



Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, April 2022



I really enjoyed the conference. My favorite part was our interactions between the sessions. I think implementing a higher standard for hospitality at CTR is foremost in my mind since we have come back.

- Pastor B

I really enjoyed best practices! I was reminded how important our church's mission and vision statements are when planning for our future. Since returning, I am really focused on hospitality and signage. How can we really welcome guests to CTR? I also learned a great technique for teaching Sunday school, which I am excited to try! - Carri Cline











The BPM conference was a great experience for me... I left the conference with a strengthened faith. I agree, overall, the hospitality was on full display. A couple of the sessions provided some key takeaways that will be quite helpful to us as we move forward with our mission. One of the sessions taught some techniques to help members understand the importance of "being the church" instead of just "going to church". This will be an important reminder for those who we ask to help with increasing our hospitality efforts.

- Alex Goossen

"Best Practices in Ministry is a conference I wish everyone could attend. I come away with so many ideas and am encouraged in ministry. One of the sessions I attended focused on church systems and how to make sure there is cohesiveness within the ministry and our mission and vision. Another great session I attended was about story-telling and how important stories and the elements in a story are when sharing the Gospel.

- DCE Nikki

If I had to describe the conference in one word, it'd be awesome. My takeaway is that a church can always improve on their hospitality and that hospitality is more than just greeting at the door and serving coffee and donuts. It's scope is much broader than I realized and encompasses things such as signage, security, digital communication and a lot of training. - Debby Brauer

Two sessions I attended had to do with how a medium sized church can implement large church ideas. We should never be afraid to try new ministries just because we aren't a "mega-church." A big focus of other sessions was engaging with and welcoming guests as well as how to encourage and equip volunteers with tools to BE the church. - DCE Suzanne











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 morning Worship & classes focusing on Forgiving Challenge continue through April 10. Pastor B's adult class in Fellowship East and all ages of children and youth will have materials reflecting the same weekly themes. These are different from the Wednesday night classes.



ADULT READING SCHEDULE FOR FORGIVING CHALLENGE

Week 3- Confession March 20-26 - Read Days 13-19



Week 5- Restoration April 3-9- Read Days 27-33



Week 4- Absolution March 27-April 2 - Read Days 20-26



Week 6- Sanctification April 10-16 - Read Days 34-40







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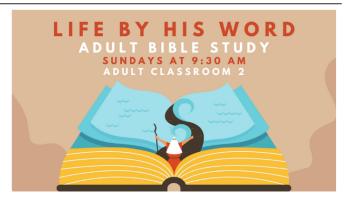






There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday, April 17. Please join us for our Special Easter Event and our Easter Breakfast from 9:00 AM-10:30 AM.

Regular Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults will resume on April 24.





STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of February	2021	2022
February Giving	\$75,468	\$91,497
Monthly Budget	\$60,983	\$67,685
Year to Date Giving	\$174,971	\$159,182
Year to Date Budget	\$137,211	\$165,860
YTD Expenses	\$112,455	\$139,519

Building Fund Contribution: February Receipts: \$11,927.03

Balance: \$2,731,746.89

Questions about E-Giving? Stop by the

Church Office and

speak to Deva Beebe

or email her at

dbeebe@ctrtulsa.org

to learn more.





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 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 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:

If you previously used the GivePlus Mobile app, your log-in credentials stay the same in Vanco Mobile. No need for a new user ID or password. If you have recurring gifts set up, they will continue to be made as scheduled.

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.

Please consider making donations with your bank account as it saves CTR the additional credit card fees.

Thank you for your continued generosity to CTR!





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The next business meeting will be held April 19, 2022, 12:30 p.m. Cherry will present a roster of officers for the next year. 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

The Oklahoma District Convention will be held April 8-9, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Edmond, OK. Please pray for our ladies that will be attending the convention – Patti Ross, Cherry Volberding, Sharon Schmidt, and Daphnee Brian. 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.

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 "What's Your 80?".

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.

To learn more about mission grants and other ways to support LWML, go to LWML.ORG. To access 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 other information. Link to CTR is https://www.ctrtulsa.org/lwml/

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





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Mother's Day gifts!



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paQUILTS

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!



Ken and Anita Ede 7538 S Darlington Ave Tulsa, OK 74136

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, April 2022

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PASSION SUNDAY Deut.32:36-39 Psalm 31 Phil. 2:5-11 Luke 23:1-56	2 Sam. 24Psalm 95Heb. 4:14–5:10	Prov. 1:1-19Psalm 96Heb. 5:11-6:8	Prov. 1:20-33Psalm 97Heb. 6:9-20	MAUNDY THURSDAY Ex. 12:1-14 Psalm 116 1 Cor. 11:23-32 John 13:1-17	GOOD FRIDAY Isaiah 53 Psalm 22 Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9 John 19:17-30	Prov. 2 Psalm 98 Heb. 7:1-10
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EASTER CHRIST IS RISEN! • Isaiah 65:17-25 • Psalm 16	Prov. 3:1-18 Psalm 99 Heb. 7:11-28	Prov. 3:19-35 Psalm 100 Heb. 8	Prov. 4 Psalm 101 Heb. 9:1-10	Prov. 5 Psalm 102 Heb. 9:11-28	Prov. 6:1-19Psalm 103Heb. 10:1-10	Prov. 6:20-35Psalm 104Heb. 10:11-18
• 1 Cor. 15:19-26 • Luke 24:1-12	18	19	20	21	22	23
Prov. 7Psalm 105Heb. 10:19-31	Prov. 8:1–21 Psalm 106 Heb. 10:32–39	Prov. 8:22-36Psalm 107Heb. 11:1-12	Prov. 9 Psalm 108 Heb. 11:13–28	Prov. 10:1-17 Psalm 109 Heb. 11:29-40	Prov. 10:18-32Psalm 110Heb. 12:1-6	Prov. 11:1-15Psalm 111Heb. 12:7-17
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

WORSHIP

The Worship Lay Ministry committee will meet on Sunday, April 3 following the late service (about noon) in the conference room upstairs.

O.W.L.S

Our OWLS meeting April 28th will be MCd by Sam Woodard. Our speaker will be County Assessor John Wright who will discuss & answer questions re: property values & assessments. We will begin at 1:00 PM as usual with refreshments prior to the talk.

With property values having fluctuated in the past year this will be a good time to ask questions as well as how assessments and Fair Market Values are calculated. CTR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT Service







Work on phase 2 of our construction project is moving rapidly towards completion. It is anticipated that we should be able to utilize our new west fellowship hall and kitchen for the Easter weekend activities.

Cabinets are about 90% completed and installed, floor tile installation is complete in the west classroom wing, the 2nd floor bridge and corridor allowing passage into the choir loft is receiving finishing touches, lighting is almost complete. The new range hood vent and walls are complete in the kitchen.

As I write this floor tile in the kitchen is moving towards completion, ceiling tile is being installed, the main east-west corridor opening between phase 1 and phase 2 is being enlarged, soon the new insulated glass in the large window north of the curved stairwell will arrive and be installed.

It's amazing how things are coming together despite continuing delays and shortages of such mundane things as floor tile, fire sprinkler heads, glass and light fixtures. I continue to be thankful that the congregation stepped out in faith and voted to kick off construction during the beginning of Covid. It would be much more difficult and tremendously more expensive to begin now.

Phase 3 (The Sanctuary improvements) are progressing, and completion is anticipated in late summer.

Due to the continuing strong financial position CTR is experiencing the decision has been made to make

significant improvements and upgrades to the existing southwest restrooms. This project will begin most likely in early summer so as not to delay phase 2 completion and will include new doors, toilet partitions, wall and floor tile, paint, sinks and counter tops. It is anticipated that the existing toilets will be reused but new flush valves installed. Stayed tuned for more information as all the projects moves toward completion.

Respectfully, Brad Young











CHRIST THE REDEEMER Sunday School/Bible Classes

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