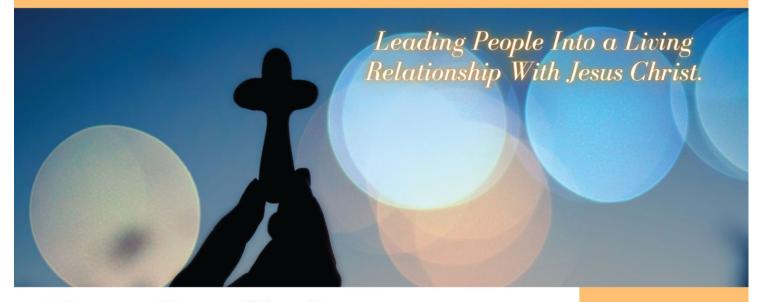


SEPTEMBER 2022



#### A Letter From The Pastor

BY PASTOR BURMFISTER

Fellow Redeemed.

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church has a mission: "Leading people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ". In order to understand this mission, we must first understand the Gospel.

What is the Gospel? At its core, the Gospel is the Good News of Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God, and that He has died upon the cross to bring us the forgiveness of sins.It is Good News, because it is a free gift from God, and there is nothing that we can do, or need to do in order to earn this salvation from God. The Gospel is tied to every aspect of our lives. What I mean by that is the reality that the Gospel so permeates our lives that is changes the very way we perceive the world, and those around us. The Gospel changes the way we read the world, by this I mean every form of dispersed information, from news media to social media and even movies and other cultural forms of communication. If Jesus, by His death on the cross, has indeed rescued us from sin, death. and the power of the devil, then all forms of media have been put into their place. The place

for all worldly forms of media is in subjection to the Gospel.What that means is this; the Gospel of Jesus Christ is so wonderful, so powerful, and so full of joy, that it is impossible for any other news to knock it off its throne of preeminence. The Gospel reigns! The Gospel rules! The Gospel is preeminent for our lives, and for our teaching, and especially for preaching.

It is the Gospel, and only the Gospel, that brings us true joy in the midst of this world. It is the realization of all that God has done, and continues to do for us, in an active way, to keep us bound to Himself, always through Word and Sacrament. The sacraments themselves are bound to the Gospel, and it is the Gospel that gives them their power to set free, and forgive. So, whenever I am tempted to feel down, or to get angry, or even speak about worldly things in negative way, I remember the Gospel, and that brings me into the joy that is a "living relationship with Jesus Christ".

Strengthening the saved, saving the lost.

Rev. Scott Burmeister

Pastor

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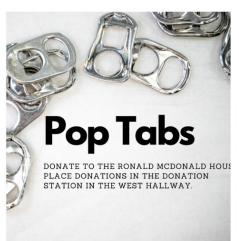
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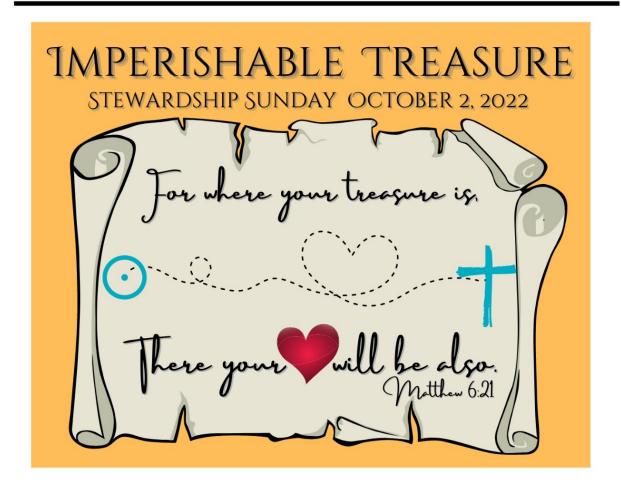
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Sept 1	Gary & Mary Ames	49 yrs
Sept 2	Ron & Phyllis Vause	56 yrs
Sept 12	Lynn & Sandy Moeller	58 yrs
Sept 18	Nick & Renee' Colson	30 yrs
Sept 21	Shannon & David Losacco	26 yrs
Sept 22	Bob & Iris Wilson	65 yrs
Sept 25	Hassan & Katie Haddad	23 yrs





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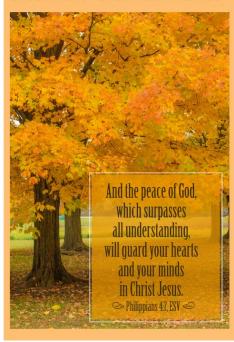
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Sign up today at http://www.ctrtulsa.org/email-signup/

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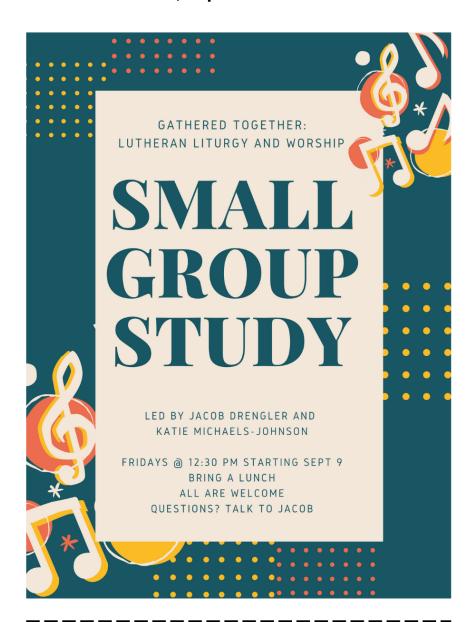
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#### **BRAILLE**

CTR'S Braille Brigade kicks off right here at CTR on Monday, September 12th at 9:00. This ministry meets the second Monday of each Month (except December) to assemble Braille Books

of the Bible for the blind and visually impaired. There are jobs that allow you to stand and jobs that allow you to sit and we can always use additional volunteers---wouldn't it be great if we could get a second group of volunteers for another day and/or time? If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, please contact Teresa Nightingale at 918 639-6011 or tnightingale@cox.net.



During the past eleven months, it has been my goal to broaden the repertory of hymns that we sing together in worship here at Christ the Redeemer. To that end, I have selected a series of Hymns of the Season, similar in concept to the appointed Hymns of the Day that we sing each Sunday. It is my hope that, through the practice of singing each of these hymns repeatedly over the course of several weeks, these great hymns of the faith have begun to be ingrained more deeply in our communal memory.

This month, we will continue our mini-series of Hymns of the Season that are hymns of praise and adoration. The Hymn of the Season for September is "When in Our Music God is Glorified" (LSB 796). This hymn comes from the pen of English hymnist and pastor Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). Rev. Green found an interest in poetry and hymnody relatively late in life. That interest arose as the result of a long correspondence and friendship with the poet Fallon Webb. Although Green began writing poetry as early as 1944, he did not write his first hymn until 1967, when he was asked to join a committee tasked with creating a hymnal supplement to The Methodist Hymn Book. Many of his most widely-sung hymns show a deep concern for the stewardship and care of God's creation and the role of the Church in attending to the needs of "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40).

"When in Our Music God is Glorified" was written in 1971 at the urging of Green's friend and fellow hymnwriter John Wilson (1905-1992). Wilson requested that Green write a hymn suitable for a Festival of Praise, preferably in a hymnic meter compatible with ENGELBERG, a stirring and majestic tune written by the eminent English composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). Green responded with a five-stanza hymn that strongly emphasizes both the role of music in worship and the continuity of the Church's liturgy and song in our own time and place with the liturgy and song of believers of all times and places.

In the first stanza, all of creation is invited to sing "alleluia" to God. "Alleluia," a Greek transliteration of the Hebrew word "Hallelujah," which means "praise the Lord," concludes each of the stanzas. In describing music as a means by which all of creation gives praise to the Creator, Green draws upon the musical tradition of the Old Testament, echoing the words of Psalm 150, "let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Through the gift of music we offer praise to the One who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Stanza 2 speaks to the ability of music worship to "move us to a more profound alleluia." The music of the Church, particularly as expressed in congregational song, is neither trivial nor dispensable; rather, it is a vital and necessary part of our communal praise of God. The centrality of song to the life of a worshiping community is further emphasized in stanza 3, wherein we are reminded that in the Church's liturgy and hymnody, which draws from a multitude of languages and musical styles, we are joined in a living tradition that binds us together with the saints throughout all of time and space.

The fourth stanza, like the first and fifth, connects the song of the Church in our day and age to its biblical roots. In this stanza we recall how Jesus led the disciples in the singing of a hymn on the night He was betrayed (Matthew 26:30). In this, we are reminded that music "has a place even in the most spiritually distressing of circumstances" (Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns, 1183). Green reminds us that because Jesus "won the fight" against sin, death, and the devil through his death and resurrection, we are able to join our voices in singing "alleluia."

The final stanza, which begins "let every instrument be tuned for praise!" again recalls the words of Psalm 150. The Psalmist enjoins trumpet, harp, lyre, string, pipe, and cymbal to make music together for our mighty King. Instrument and voice are lifted up together in praise of God. Indeed, all who "have a voice to raise" are invited to sing along! Note that neither Green nor the Psalmist suggest that this song is only for those with special musical training or particularly melodious voices. Rather, the song of the Church is for all those whose hearts and minds are fixed upon the praise of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is my hope that this hymn will inspire in you a "more profound Alleluia" as we make music for the One who is our Rock and our Redeemer.

## Youth Ministry

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

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







Registration Forms for all youth events as well as 2022 Medical & Liability Forms are all online through Planning Center. Please set up a family account and use this platform to register for all youth events. If you have difficulty, please contact DCE Suzanne.



High school students! Are you interested in being part of the annual YouthLead! training done by LCMS Youth Ministry.

This event equips students with leadership skills, shows them how to prepare a devotion, and teaches them how to lead a pre-written bible study in addition to fostering Christian servant attitudes. Contact DCE Suzanne if you are

interested. Registration opens this fall.

## Youth Ministry





September 7- CTR-U Begins!!

Sept 30-Oct 2- Joy Jr High District Youth Gathering at Camp Lutherhoma for 6th-8th graders

October 20-22- CLASS at Concordia- Nebraska for 8th-12th grade students

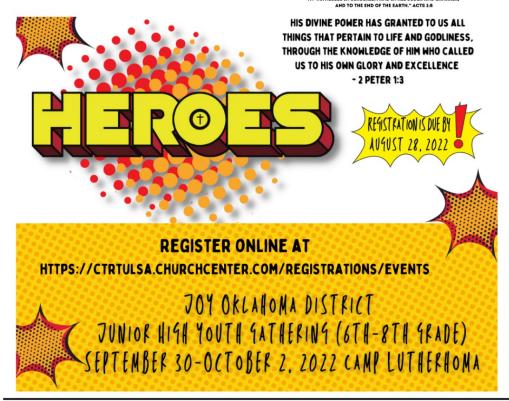
November 18-20- Fall Force at Camp Lutherhoma

January 13-15- Journey in January High School Retreat at Camp Lutherhoma

February 3-5- CTR Club 345/Jr High Retreat at Camp Lutherhoma

March 16-19- YouthLead! Training for High School Students





#### Christian Education Sunday



We are so glad many of you join us for the Backpack Blessing, breakfast and worship on August 14 as we celebrated a new year in Christian education at CTR!







## HELLO!



DCE SUZANNE

Here's what's happening at CTR this Fall . . .

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

8:15 & 10:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES CHILDREN-ADULTS

9:30 AM (NEW CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 21)

9:30 AM (NEW CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 21!)
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING IN THE NEW
FELLOWSHIP WEST.

## CTR-U BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 7

COME AT 5PM AND HANG OUT!

CLASSES FROM 5:30-6:30 PM FOR ALL AGES

DINNER SERVED FROM 6:15-7:15 PM

EACH WEEK.

#### **RETREATS & EVENTS!**

JOY JR HIGH EVENT (6TH-8TH GRADE)-SEPT 30-OCT 2 @ CAMP LUTHERHOMA

C.L.A.S.S. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (8TH-12TH GRADE)-

OCT 20-22 @ CONCORDIA NEBRASKA

CTR FALL FESTIVAL (ALL AGES)OCT 30

FALL FORCE RETREAT (AGES 9-12)-NOV 18-20 @ CAMP LUTHERHOMA We are Nikki & Suzanne, the Directors of Christian Education at your church. We love and believe in families, and we're here to pray for you, support you, and encourage you. We are praying for your family as you begin a new school year and we all begin a new year in Christian Education. This can be the best year ever! There are lots of opportunities at CTR for ALL AGES. If you Want to chat or if we can serve you in any way, feel free to reach out at nboyd@ctrtulsa.org or suzanne.watt@ctrtulsa.org



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#### Family & Children's Ministry



Camp Lutherhoma friends celebrating Logan's baptism







SUNDAY, OCT 30

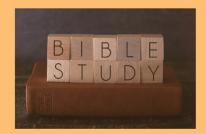
4-7 PM

- Bingo
- Food trucks
- Games
- Inflatables
- Trunk-or-Treat
- & much more! Fun for all ages!

Invite your neighbors!

We need volunteers! Contact DCE Nikki to volunteer!

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



## Young Adult Bible study

The young adults will begin meeting for Bible study on September 7th @ 7:15 PM.

We will be doing a Bible study about the American Gospel videos.

Mark your calendars and invite friends!

Contact Nikki if you have questions:
918-859-8575

#### Women's study

Beginning Tuesdays, Sept 6th at 10am we will begin a new study based on the book Joining Jesus on His Mission:
How to be an Everyday Missionary.
Contact Nikki if you have questions or need a book: 918-859-8575

# Faith Sunday School CREATING DEEPER BIBLE EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS

#### The Bible in One Year-

On August 21st, Pre-K through 5th grade began a new curriculum that takes kids through the Bible in one year. They will be learning about all the major Bible stories in the next year and through those stories learning about who God is, about His promises to us, and His plan of salvation for us. It also gives the kids an overview of the entire Bible and God's story throughout history and throughout eternity. This is a great foundation for everyone and we are excited to explore God's Word with the kids.

Join us each Sunday! Opening begins at 9:20 in the West Fellowship Hall and then children and youth are dismissed to their classes.



Sunday School
Opening
in the new
West
Fellowship Hall!
Everyone is
welcome!

## NEW Sunday School Schedule for Children & Youth

9:20-9:40 Opening Music in Fellowship West 9:40-10:40 Class Time

1st & 3rd Sundays- 6th-12th grade 2nd & 4th Sundays- Elementary Kids will have music with Jacob from 9:40-10:00 followed by class at 10:00 until 10:40.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION







Check out the awesome new Sunday School classrooms for our Elementary Kids! We also have a fun play room for you to enjoy!





CTR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT Service





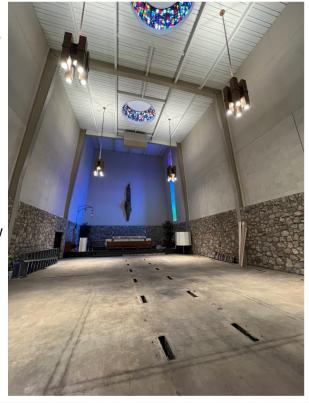


The Sanctuary skylight material has arrived in Tulsa and weather permitting work on replacing the existing skylights will begin near August 29.

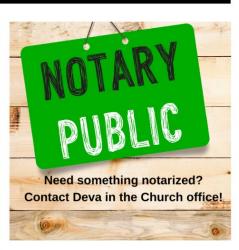
The existing sanctuary light fixtures will be upgraded to improve the lighting. Along with the larger skylights it is hoped that this will give more light in the sanctuary.

The existing southwest restrooms are completed and available for our use. This project included new fixtures, doors, toilet partitions, wall and floor tile, paint, sinks and counter tops.

Respectfully, Brad Young Property Committee Chair







#### **Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, September 2022**

Sep	temb	er (S)	Wednesday	Thursday  • 2 Kings 25:22-30  • Psalm 61  • Matt. 27:32-56	Friday  • Jonah 1  • Psalm 62  • Matt. 27:57-66	Saturday  • Jonah 2 • Psalm 63 • Matt. 28
<ul><li>Jonah 3</li><li>Psalm 64</li><li>Rom. 1:1-17</li></ul>	<ul><li>Jonah 4</li><li>Psalm 65</li><li>Rom. 1:18-32</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 1</li><li>Psalm 66</li><li>Rom. 2</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 2</li><li>Psalm 67</li><li>Rom. 3:1-20</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 3</li><li>Psalm 68</li><li>Rom. 3:21-4:12</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 4</li><li>Psalm 69</li><li>Rom. 4:13-25</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 5</li><li>Psalm 70</li><li>Rom. 5</li></ul>
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<ul><li>Hos. 6</li><li>Psalm 71</li><li>Rom. 6:1-14</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 7</li><li>Psalm 72</li><li>Rom. 6:15-23</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 8</li><li>Psalm 73</li><li>Rom. 7:1-6</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 9</li><li>Psalm 74</li><li>Rom. 7:7-25</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 10</li><li>Psalm 75</li><li>Rom. 8:1-17</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 11</li><li>Psalm 76</li><li>Rom. 8:18-39</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 12</li><li>Psalm 77</li><li>Rom. 9:1-26</li></ul>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul><li>Hos. 13</li><li>Psalm 78:1-35</li><li>Rom. 9:27-10:4</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hos. 14</li><li>Psalm 78:36-72</li><li>Rom. 10:5-21</li></ul>	<ul><li>Joel 1:1-12</li><li>Psalm 79</li><li>Rom. 11:1-10</li></ul>	<ul><li>Joel 1:13-20</li><li>Psalm 80</li><li>Rom. 11:11-24</li></ul>	<ul><li>Joel 2:1-11</li><li>Psalm 81</li><li>Rom. 11:25-36</li></ul>	<ul><li>Joel 2:12-17</li><li>Psalm 82</li><li>Rom. 12</li></ul>	<ul><li>Joel 2:18-27</li><li>Psalm 83</li><li>Rom. 13</li></ul>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul><li>Joel 2:28-3:3</li><li>Psalm 84</li><li>Rom. 14:1-12</li></ul>	<ul><li>Joel 3:4-16</li><li>Psalm 85</li><li>Rom. 14:13-15:7</li></ul>	<ul><li>Joel 3:17-21</li><li>Psalm 86</li><li>Rom. 15:8-21</li></ul>	<ul><li>Amos 1:1-12</li><li>Psalm 87</li><li>Rom. 15:22-33</li></ul>	<ul><li>Amos 1:13-2:5</li><li>Psalm 88</li><li>Rom. 16:1-16</li></ul>	<ul><li>Amos 2:6-16</li><li>Psalm 89</li><li>Rom. 16:17-27</li></ul>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	

On August 17, friends from Camp Lutherhoma had a great time worshiping at Christ The Redeemer Lutheran Church, praising Jesus and welcoming Logan Michael Garrett into the family of God through baptism.











OWLS resumes meeting on Thursday, September 22nd at 1:00 with a presentation by Brad Young who will share with us some of the challenges of the building addition and remodel. As usual there will be a sign-up sheet at the reception desk.

The October 27th meeting will be a presentation by Navy Veteran Don Varva who will share the fun times and very serious times of being on a nuclear submarine during the Vietnam war.

On November 17th (change from our usual 4th Thursday of the month due to Thanksgiving) we have a tentative reservation to Greenwood Rising.

#### 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:**

The strategic planning ministry is working with the board of directors to work towards a sustainable strategic plan. We have the work from the MAPS project to draw from, which is an excellent base to start from. We would like the board to give us input on what goals they would like to include in the plan and how to measure our performance in achieving our MISSION.





#### STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of July	2021	2022
July Giving	\$66,971	\$97,699
Monthly Income Budget	\$60,983	\$81,087
Year to Date Actual Giving	\$518,776	\$562,561
Year to Date Expense Budget	\$483,034	\$662,083
Actual YTD Expenses	\$403,487	\$687,144
Building Fund Contribution:		

July Receipts: \$3,780.00

Balance: \$2,777,579.89



Thank you for your continued generosity to CTR!

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

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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.



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

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 the web address put https://www.ctrtulsa.org/on-line-giving/ into the search bar of any browser.

> When giving online, please consider making donations with your bank account instead of a debit/credit card as it saves CTR the additional credit card fees.





Thanks to CTR for hosting the Oklahoma District LWML Board of Directors Saturday the 6th. Everyone was impressed with the space available at CTR. The board voted to pay four mission grants which are funded through LWML Mite Box offerings. A total of \$19,500. Praise be to God!











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CTR members Gerri and Bob Jennings will be the featured mission speakers at the September 20, LWML meeting.

They will tell us the LCMS training requirements and their many duties during the six years they were based in Ghana, West Africa. All CTR members, including men, are invited to attend the 12:30 presentation.

LWML business meeting will follow the Jennings' talk.

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### naQUILTS

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!



Dan & Georgette Kuehn James, Chikako & Justin Knapp



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