# CORNERSTONE JANUARY 2023

## A Letter From The Pastor

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

#### Fellow Redeemed,

As we enter a new year, it is important for us to take a look to the future. As we look toward 2023 and beyond, I thought it would be good to ask some questions that might spur conversation. Try to answer these questions with regard to how you feel our congregation accomplishes them, and what our congregation could do in order to better facilitate how we might answer these questions in the future.Are you ready? Let's start:

1. How will we intentionally connect the lost to our church, Christ, and one another?

2. Once we have reached the lost, how will we disciple them into devoted and growing followers of Jesus?

3. How will we put people on mission with Christ and our church?

4. Do we have an agreed-upon set of vision metrics?

5. How often are we meeting, and what do those meetings include?

6. Who are we positioned to reach for Christ?

7. Where is God leading us in the next three to five years?

Leading People Into a Living

Relationship With Jesus Christ.

8. Have we documented our routines to create efficiency and scalability for growth?

9. What kind of team culture will govern our actions?

10. What do we need to be doing together? Alone?

These are just some leading questions that I would like us to wrestle with as we make plans for the future here at Christ the Redeemer. Talk about these questions with your family, friends, and other leaders here at CTR.My prayer is that we use the gifts that God has given to us through His Holy Spirit, not only to answer these questions, but also to implement a plan for how we will grow through God's Holy Spirit in the years to come. Rev. Scott Burmeister Pastor

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Strengthening the saved, saving the lost.

#### Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, January 2023



And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Thus reads the preamble to the poem God Knows, written in 1908 by British poet, missionary, and academic Minnie Louise Haskins. I first became acquainted with this text through The Gate of the Year, an anthem that the Chancel Choir of the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian in Cary, North Carolina would often sing on the first Sunday of a new calendar year.

The preamble to God Knows gained widespread public attention in 1939 when King George VI of England quoted a portion of it in his annual Christmas radio broadcast. Lovely though the language of the well-known preamble is, the rest of the poem is well worth reading and considering as we enter into the year 2023:

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So heart be still: What need our little life Our human life to know, if God hath comprehension? In all the dizzy strife of things both high and low, God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will is best. The stretch of years Which wind ahead, so dim to our imperfect vision, Are clear to God. Our fears are premature; In Him, All time hath full provision.

Then rest: until God moves to lift the veil From our impatient eyes, when, as the sweeter features Of Life's stern face we hail, fair beyond all surmise God's thought around His creaturesour mind shall fill.

The sentiments expressed in this poem bring to mind the words of a chorale with deep roots in the Lutheran tradition, If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee. This hymn reminds us that while we cannot see what the future holds, we live in the sure and certain hope that the One who created the universe holds our past, our present, and our future in His hands.

If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move. (If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee, LSB 750, text by Georg Neumark)

In closing, here is a Collect that is often prayed during times of travel. In this new year, may these words remind you of the comfort and hope that are ours in the saving, redemptive works of Jesus Christ.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul> <li>Isaiah 26</li> <li>Psalm 1</li> <li>John 1:29-42</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Isaiah 27</li> <li>Psalm 2</li> <li>John 1:43-51</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Isaiah 28:1-13</li> <li>Psalm 3</li> <li>John 2:1-22</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Isaiah 28:14-29</li> <li>Psalm 4</li> <li>John 2:23-3:15</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Isaiah 29:1-10</li> <li>Psalm 5</li> <li>John 3:16-36</li> </ul>	EPIPHANY Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72 Matt. 2:1-12 Eph. 3:1-12	<ul> <li>Isaiah 29:11-24</li> <li>Psalm 6</li> <li>John 4:1-15</li> </ul>
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The Braille ministry has been busy since its move to CTR! We kicked off the year in September and as of December 12th, 139 books of St Luke in Swahili and 246 books of Leviticus in English have been produced. Our very own Braille Brigade has produced 115 of those books. We continue to have a need for a few more people who are willing to join us on the second Monday of each month for either the morning session which runs from 9:00-12:00 or the afternoon session which is 12:30-3:30. There are standing jobs as well as jobs that allow you to remain seated. Contact Teresa Nightingale at 918-299-3396 or tnightingale@cox.net if you would like to be part of this ministry.

### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR TULSA BRAILLE CENTER @ CTR

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#### **Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, January 2023**



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/emailsignup/ to receive it if you have not done so already.

#### Follow us on Social Media

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ChristTheRedee merLutheranChurch

www.facebook.com/groups/ctrtulsa/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/ctrtulsa/

Youtube: Search "Scott Burmeister" and click on the CTR logo

Twitter: @PastorBe\_CTR



**Cornerstone 4** 



CTR LWML does not meet in January. **Are you a chocolate lover?** Please stop by the LWML Chocolate Bake Shop Sunday, February 12. Details in late January bulletins, etc.

#### MEND Donations collected at 12-13 Christmas Party:

800 diapers 240 wipes 4 blankets 13 onesies 12 pair pants 9 shirts 2 jogging suits 3 bibs 4 matching sets 7 pair socks 1 jacket 2 stuffed animals 1 xylophone 1 magnetic doll set











Lonnie & Janet Jamison	Jan 5	32 yrs
Scott & Amy Merrill	Jan 13	22 yrs
Greg & Julie Littleton	Jan 30	35 yrs
Sam & Suzanne Romine	Jan 30	13 yrs



Did you know ...

-every giving member of our CTR family is assigned an offering number. It is the number on the top left corner of your envelope (if you requested envelopes for 2023 they are ready for pickup at the east reception desk). That number is important as it tracks your giving for the calendar year. And while sometimes it remains the same from year to year, often it does change due to our accounting software. You should have received a postcard letting you know what your number is. Please put that number in the memo line of your check as it helps the Sunday counters.

-roughly half of our giving members are donating online using Vanco. There is NO charge to the church if the gift is drafted from a bank account. However, if it is paid by credit card, there is a small fee for doing so.

-if your pledge for 2023 is different than it was is 2022 and you had an automatic payment scheduled with Vanco, please remember to go online and update your giving amount.

-remember that 'God loves a cheerful giver' and that we are so thankful for your gifts and talents!!!



President: David Ross President-Elect: James Holt Past President: John Meinders Secretary: Suzanne Beauchamp **Treasurer: Janet Jamison** Director-at-Large: Cheryl Davison Director-at-Large: Alex Goossen Director-at-Large: Melissa James Director-at-Large: John Campbell Personnel: Paul Wilkening Communications: Dean Butler **Education: OPEN Elders: Jim Holt** Family & Children: Carri Cline Finance: Mary Ann Meckfessel **Outreach: Patti Ross** Parish Life: Danita Cockrell **Property: Brad Young** Stewardship: Debby Brauer Strategic Planning: Tim Kuehnert Worship: Terry Cast Youth: Jaime Bowlin

#### Endowment Chair: Frank Thomas



## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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



Open to Jr High Youth and their friends in grades 6-8. Registration cost is \$100 each for retreat cabins. Retreat cabins include bedding and towels. Due by mid-January, late registration may not receive a t-shirt.

High School small group leaders are needed and pay \$0 to attend! Please sign up with DCE Suzanne.

You should be at church no later than 6:00 PM on the 3rd. Please eat dinner prior or bring a sack meal with you! We will return on the 5th at approximately 2:30 PM.

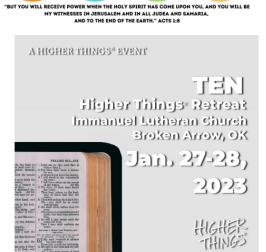
Register now for the Winter Retreat by completing the online form



and returning your registration payment to DCE Suzanne. We will also need a new 2023 CTR Medical and Permission form for each attendee filled out in early January to reflect changes in medical insurance as well as update medications

and permissions.

You may complete the forms now and pay later. The registration fee can be submitted by cash or check made payable to "Christ the Redeemer" with "Winter Retreat" in the memo or you can now pay online at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z1V1/home



Mission

www.higherthings.org Things to Know... When: January 27-28, 2023 Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church Broken Arrow, OK Cost: \$40 per person from CTR (reg. price \$60) Please register and pay by January 10, 2023.

Includes:

Featured Speaker: Rev. Harrison Goodman, snacks, lunch Saturday

A good God gives us 10 commandments. A good God doesn't give bad gifts. So the law is a good gift from God. Even when we don't like what it has to say. The 10 Commandments show us how things are supposed to be. They teach us about God. And they make it clear that we're not Him. That's not just ok. That's the first commandment. Come hear the rest at a Higher Things Retreat to learn about the law that paints a picture of Jesus so that the gospel can paint a picture of you.

Friday, January 27-6 PM- 11:45 PM Programming Dinner and evening snack included \*\*Home for the evening or lock-in, must bring bedding, toiletries and clothing

Saturday, January 28-7:30 AM- 3 PM Programming Breakfast and lunch included



# Youth Ministry





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

January 27-28- Higher Things Retreat

January 29-CTR Chili Cookoff (Youth Serve 5-7 PM)

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

February 19-20-Incredible Lock-in for 6-12th grades

April 9-Youth Easter Breakfast at CTR

April 14-16, 2023-Ok'd in Christ District HS Event in OKC

#### YOUTH MINISTRY PLANNING MEETING



Parents & Youth- you look toward your 2023 calendar, please mark Sunday, January 8 for a 12pm youth and parent meeting. We will be discussing and planning events for 2023 including the summer. Please plan to attend!





High School Students and friends! Save the date for this year's Ok'd in Christ event in OKC! Our program will be held at Messiah Lutheran in OKC while we stay overnight at a nearby hotel. Our presenter will be Rev. Lee Hopf from Trinity Klein in Spring, TX whom many of you saw at last summer Youth Gathering when he presented the sectional "In All Things Marvel." Registration details and price coming soon!



Registration Forms for all youth events as well as 2023 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 as well as other CTR ministry events. If you have difficulty, please contact DCE Suzanne. The annual Medical & Liability Forms will have to be updated as of 1/1/23 for all 2023 events.



## CREATING DEEPER BIBLE EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

This month in grade Sunday School, in Prek-5th grade, we will be learning the story of Ruth and Naomi, and we will be moving into Israel's history in the book of Samuel, including the stories of Hannah, King Saul and David and Goliath. A good verse to discuss as a family would be, *"Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!"* (Romans 12:16). This is the summary verse for the first part of the month. It reminds us of what Jesus wants for us, and the humility with which He came to dwell among us. What a loving Savior we have that came to be with ordinary sinners like us, and gave His life for us, so that we might have eternal Life with Him!

Bring your kids, your neighbors kids, everyone you know, to Sunday school as we journey through the Bible in One Year! It is so important for kids to have this foundational learning as "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)



Fun and games at the Club 345 Christmas Party before the Light Tour.





#### Christian education



3rd, 4th and 5th grade students hearing the Word of God.



Birthday celebrations during Sunday school opening



### BLESSING BAGS

We are out of blessing bags!

Please consider donating individually wrapped food items, like peanut butter crackers, canned meats, soups, etc. Also useful is chap stick/lip balm, gloves, socks and other small items to place in

blessing bags. These bags will be for you to keep in your car and distribute to those you see who are in need.

Bags will be packed before or during CTR-U in mid January.

## Family & Children's MINISTRY

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Rumble ball, 9-Square, Hiking, Bible Study, First Word, rchery, Arts & Crafts. friends and more

Invite a friend!



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All students, grades 3-8, are welcome to join us for the Winter Retreat on February 3-5th @ Camp Lutherhoma, in Tahleguah. Register on the church Family and Children's Ministry webpage. **Ouestions? Contact DCE Nikki or** DCE Suzanne.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY rEcess January 20th, Christ the Redeemer hopes to host our first rEcess.

What is rEcess? rEcess is a parents' night out for families with children who have disabilites and their siblings. It is one of the programs designed by the non-profit organization, 99 Balloons, helping to change the story of disability.



**\$ 100** 

How does rEcess work? rEcess is run by volunteers, with programming for both the children who have special needs and programming for their siblings, who often take a back seat as the family's schedules revolve around the extra needs of their brother or sister.

When is rEcess? One Friday every month, volunteers will arrive at 5:30 for dinner and to get details about the kids that will be arriving that evening. Then around 6:00-6:30, the children will begin arriving. Each child with special needs will be paired with a volunteer for the evening, while the siblings are supervised in groups. There are many pre-planned activities that they can choose from during the first hour and then some large group activities to end the evening, including a movie, before the parents return for their kids.

We need you!

We need volunteers to make rEcess happen! NO PREVIOUS **EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** We will train you!!

If you are interested in helping provide respite care for families and just having fun with kids, please contact DCE Nikki or contact Sarah Wendelbo: sarah.wendelbo@gmail.com

The more volunteers we have, the more families we can serve.

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to enjoy time with friends doing camp activities and just playing in the leaves!





We filled the bus and, sadly, had to turn people away for the Christmas Light Tour. Everyone had fun looking at the lights, listening to Christmas music and singing a few Christmas carols. What a great way to enjoy the Christmas season with your church family!





# WINTER & SPRING 2023

CTR-U Dinner Schedule 2023	MENU Salad Bar and Dessert every week			
January 4	Raising Cane's, Mac n Cheese, Chips			
January 11	Taco Bar, Chips/Queso			
January 18	Italian Night, Garlic Bread			
January 25	Soup and Salad			
February 1	Raising Cane's, Mac n Cheese, Chips			
February 8	Taco Bar, Chips/Queso			
February 15	Italian Night, Garlic Bread			
February 22 Lent Begins	Ash Wednesday			
March 1	Lenten Midweek			
March 8	Lenten Midweek			
March 15	Lenten Midweek			
March 22	Lenten Midweek			
March 29	Lenten Midweek			
April 5	Holy Week, No Events			
April 12	TBD			
April 19	TBD			
April 26	TBD			
May 3	TBD			
See you in Fall 2023 on September 6!				



Weekly Schedule	You		
5:00-5:30 PM Open for Games & Fellowship	1st & 3 Wedne 6:00-6 Elemer Studer		
5:30-6:30 PM Classes for All Ages			
6:15-7:15 PM Dinner in Fellowship West	2nd & . Wedne 5:45-6		
7:15-8:30 PM Choir	High S Studer		
7:15-8:30 PM Young Adult Group			
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#### Youth Music Schedule

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toward your meal anytime using Vanco.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

https://www.ctrtulsa.org/ctr-u/



Greetings from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis!

It is 2023 and you know what that means? Yes, it means that I will be writing the wrong year on stuff for the next 6 months, but it also means that I have almost completed my classes as Seminary. By May I will have finished everything and be heading off on the next ministry adventure. In April there will be a special church service in which they will announce the vicarages for all of us going out on vicarage and the calls for all of those who are heading out to their first permanent congregation. I fall into both categories kind of, in that the place that I go to for vicarage is most likely to be where I stay. I will have some interviews in the near future.

This Semester I have, in the first half of the Semester a class called **Spiritual Autobiography**, an Old Testament class concerning the time **After the Exile**, a New Testament class on the book of **Philippians**, as well as several full Semester classes, **Pastoral Leadership and Theology**, as well as **Confirmation and Christian Formation**. I will still have Greek and Hebrew labs for an hour each week. Later in Spring I will switch out the first three classes above for **Adult Catechumenate and Christian Formation** and **Revelation** which is ironic since the end will definitely be in sight.

I look forward to all my upcoming classes, yet the one that piques my interest the most is the one on **Spiritual Autobiography**. I don't know what it will be exactly, but I am guessing that we will be recounting our spiritual journey. I don't know if it is to my benefit or detriment to have twice the life span of most of my classmates. By understanding the great cloud of witnesses that have played a part in my faith formation, perhaps it will lead to insights that will be built upon in the **Confirmation** and **Adult Catechumenate** classes. For those who may be wondering, Adult Catechumenate is just church talk for adults who want to join the church.

I count you all as part of my cloud of witnesses in my faith journey. When we moved to Tulsa, we, for the first time in our adult lives, were free to figure out what Lutheran Church we wanted to attend. The first church that we attended was CTR. Someone gave us a goodie bag that included a loaf of homemade bread. That made an impression. We remember distinctly talking to Joshua Brakhage (now Rev. Joshua Brakhage of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmond, OK). He was the President of the congregation. We thought it was great how the church was not afraid to bring young people into important leadership positions. Then there was Phyllis McKay.

At that time, Phyllis lived in our neighborhood, and on one of the first nights that we stayed in our house, she brought us a meal. We weren't even members and had to try out at least five other churches. But she sealed the deal. We never visited the other churches and signed up despite the church having a Pastoral Vacancy. We thought that if the members are like this with no Pastor to lead them, they must be awesome. And you are.Later, you called my long-time friend, Pastor Scott Burmeister and that was more icing on the cake. And then there was Dartball. (St. Mark in Edmond is playing again and hopefully now that the renovations are done you all will get back at it.)

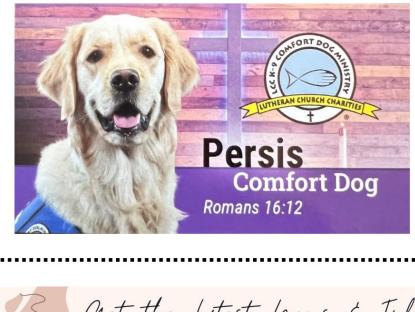
I couldn't possibly recount all the people from CTR that have impacted us. Thank you! And again, thank you for your continued support financially and in your prayers.

Deon and Deb Hull 14 Founders Way Unit B St. Louis, MO 63105



O.W.L.S.

The next scheduled OWLS presentation will be in the church fellowship hall at 1:00 Thursday afternoon, January 26, 2023. Eric Wendelbo will be the speaker and the topic will be The Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Ministry and his experiences with comfort dog Persis.





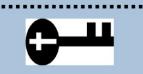
## poquilts

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!



Effective Jan. 4, 2023 the master door code to CTR will be changed. Due to security reasons, the new code will not be published.

\*Individual codes will remain the same.

Monday-Friday - Please ring the bell at the east entrance or use the keypad with the master or your personal code at any door.

On Sundays, please enter using one the two west doors.



## Stewardship & Giving

For the Month of November	2021	2022
November Giving	\$49,882	\$62,741
Monthly Income Budget	\$60,983	\$81,087
Year to Date Actual Giving	\$795,517	\$910,046
Year to Date Expense Budget	\$746,579	\$1,097,562
Actual YTD Expenses	\$668,100	\$988,484

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

Unline Giving WANCO

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.





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.



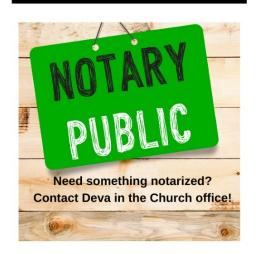


Visit our church office during the week or use the offering basket during worship services.

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 put the web address 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.



## LWML SHOE COLLECTION



Over 125 pairs of shoes have been donated by CTR members the first five weeks of collecting! These shoes help start ups in poor countries and the funds earned from collecting the shoes go to support mission work in the OK LWML District. Your shoe donations have also aided Tulsa Saints. Shoe collection continues until the end of January.

Collection box is in shelved cabinets behind the member name tag wall. LWML is collecting now until January 31, 2023. Men's, women's and children's shoes are being collected. Dress, athletic, sandals, flip flops, boots, etc. in clean and good condition will be accepted. NO roller skates or ice skates. Shoes should be paired and rubber banded or laces tied together.

#### 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



Chili Cookoff is back!!!!!!!!!

It will be held January 29 from 5 – 7. Come supporting your favorite team!! You will be able to purchase squares for the Super Bowl quarterly scores.

Let's see who is the big winner!



Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:45 AM

9:30 ÅM

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CHRIST THE REDEEMER Sunday School/Bible Classes

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Join us for the CTR Dedication Service on January 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

1st Vice-President, Pastor Chris Hall will be representing District President, David Nehrenz.

A reception will follow the service.

Mark your calendars!