



CHRIST THE REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship:
8:15 & 10:45 AM

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CHRIST THE REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Lenten
Midweek
Worship
Services*

**Weekly
services each
Wednesday
at 6:30 PM**

**Dinner before service
starting at 5PM**

CHRIST THE REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

CORNERSTONE
MARCH 2023

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

A Letter From The Pastor

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed,

The past few months we have been asking questions regarding how we will reach others, and bring them into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. The next question we will consider is this one:

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

Like all of the questions we have been considering, this one too is multifaceted. The process of moving people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ is obviously the word of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we will call this process assimilation. Discipleship is currently a "catch word" within Christian discussions. But, from a

Lutheran perspective, discipleship is the action of God, whereby He brings sinners to Himself through His Word, by means of the sacraments, which encompasses true repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, salvation, and sanctification. We will work through each of these as they relate to God's "means of Grace", in order to gain a better understanding of our question, and in order to understand how we fit into the larger picture of all that God is doing here at CTR.

First, and foremost, repentance is the activity of God, whereby He makes sinners, not only aware of their sin, but brings them to sorrow for their sin, and

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Strengthening the saved, saving the lost.

Rev. Scott Burmeister
Pastor

Suzanne Watt
Director of
Christian Education

Nikki Boyd
Director of
Christian Education

Deva Beebe
Business Administrator

Jacob Drengler
Music Director

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Assistant Music Director

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Property Manager

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March ANNIVERSARIES

Wes & Hillary Speer	Mar 5	24 yrs
Robert & Chelsea Stamm	Mar 18	23 yrs
Rob & Kristy Ehrlich	Mar 19	40 yrs
Vickie & Maurice Pritz	Mar 21	8 yrs
John & Roseanna Kretschmar	Mar 23	55 yrs
Charlie Meyer & Erin Mahoney	Mar 27	41 yrs
Kevin & Terry Brown	Mar 28	31 yrs
Carlisle & Ellen Mabrey	Mar 29	54 yrs
Glenn & Tey Jackman	Mar 30	45 yrs



Bill Fader Honored – The Coffee Bunker presented Vietnam War commemorative lapel pins to 41 Vietnam or Vietnam Era veterans to officially welcome them home. Veterans serving during the era, whether in country or elsewhere, were not properly welcomed as they returned to the States. On the 50th Anniversary of the end of the war, the Department of Defense began issuing the pin to all who served during that period.

World War II and Korean veterans were honored for their service, as well.

Bill served during the Korean War. Pictured with Bill are Deborah Drain, Coffee Bunker Transition Services Coordinator and Dr. Michael Horton, the Bunker's Executive Director.

Faith

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causes in them the desire to actually turn from that sin. That desire, alone, is not enough to accomplish the task of repentance however. So God sends His Holy Spirit, and moves the person from mere desire into actual renewal, and turning. The sinner turns from their sins and walks down paths of righteousness, by the power of God through the Holy Spirit. This is the beginning of discipleship and the first movement of assimilation into the body of the Church.

Forgiveness comes by the blood of Jesus Christ, when he sheds it on the cross for us, and it is there that our sins are truly forgiven. It is not mere picture language that is going on here, but the very Word of God, functioning in real time right here right now. The proclamation that sins are forgiven is the very heart of the Gospel, and the very heart of all that we do here at CTR.

Reconciliation is, just like all that God does, His activity. Reconciliation is the foundation of living relationships. Where there is no reconciliation there can be no unity, or peace. But, God, not allowing us to be divided, causes reconciliation in us and creates the condition for the possibility of "living relationships" among us. This condition is then realized when God's Word does all that God intends it to do, and we have unity and peace in our relationships.

Salvation, then comes among us when faith is created in us and we live in lives that are truly disciplined.

The Sanctified life, in its relationship to discipleship, is once again the pure activity of the Holy Spirit, but for us through whom the Holy Spirit is working, it is the very blessings of God. The sanctifying work of God through the Holy Spirit is evident here at CTR, as God works through His Word and Sacraments, bringing all of the gifts of Grace, Mercy and Faith to us, His children. We are disciples and our discipleship is the Word and the Sacraments. Amen!



CHILI COOKOFF

Parish Life would like to thank everyone who participated in the Chili Cook Off on January 29. We had a record total of 13 entrees into the judging! Congratulations to our 2023 winner - John Campbell!

Also, we would like to give a special thanks to the Youth Group who were a huge help. Everyone also enjoyed several rounds of Bingo and the NFL playoff game.



2023 WINNERS

1st Place- John Campbell
Tied 2nd Place- Pastor B & Katie Michaels- Johnson



5:00 PM DINNER
6:30 PM WORSHIP

March 1 Lenten Procession

March 8 The Parables of Lent: A Lenten Service led by the Children and Youth of CTR

March 15 Return to the Lord Your God: Lenten Vespers

March 22 Follow Me: A Lenten Hymn Festival

March 29 The Way of the Cross

For a description of the theme of each service please see Jacob Drengler's article in this month's newsletter.



CTR Women's Retreat at Camp Lutherhoma
March 24-26, 2023

\$75 per person. Register online and pay online or by check. Open to all CTR women age 21 and over & friends.

Stay in the retreat cabins and enjoy a weekend at Camp! Sheets & towels provided.

More details on programming and Sunday return time to come. Got questions? Talk to DCE Suzanne for more information!

REGISTER NOW







CTR BOARD MEMBERS

- President: David Ross
- President-Elect: James Holt
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- Stewardship: Debby Brauer
- Strategic Planning: Tim Kuehnert
- Worship: Terry Cast
- Youth: Jaime Bowlin

Endowment Chair: Frank Thomas

Holy Week Worship

<p>Sunday, April 2 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Traditional Worship 8:15 Holy Communion Palm Processional at both services</p>  <p>Palm SUNDAY</p>	<p>Thursday, April 6 6:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion</p>  <p>Maundy THURSDAY</p>	<p>Friday, April 7 6:30 PM Worship</p>  <p>Good FRIDAY</p>	<p>Sunday, April 9 7:00 AM Sunrise Service 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p>  <p>Easter SUNDAY</p>
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CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

BLASTING OFF FOR ADVENTURE!
Summer VBS at CTR is back!
June 5-9, 2023
9 AM - 12 PM

Open to children age 3 - 5th grade
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY & NEIGHBORS FOR AN OUT OF THIS WORLD WEEK AT VBS!

Start inviting your friends, family and neighbors to SAVE THE DATE for our summer VBS at CTR! We will need lots of youth and adult volunteers to make this happen! Look for registration to go love around Easter. Until then, talk to DCE Suzanne about volunteer opportunities and ways you might be able to serve at this summer's out of this world VBS!

Palm Sunday Processional





April 2, 2023

At the beginning of both worship services, please meet in Fellowship West. All children invited to participate.

 SIGN UP FOR THE E-BLAST

You can now sign up online to receive the CTR E-blast! This gives you access to the weekly news and events email as well as special announcements. Sign up today at <http://www.ctrtulsa.org/email-signup/> to receive it if you have not done so already.

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-  Twitter: @PastorBe_CTR



March Featured Mission Grants


Your Mite Box offerings help fund mission grants given to missions of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod worldwide. One such national LWML grant is for Lutheran Bible Translators' literacy programs in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone. LBT staff works to teach reading and make God's Word available in the newly translated Bible in the local languages. When people can read God's Word in their local or heart language, they know that God speaks their language and hears their prayers. This grant of \$70,000 will enable the purchase of a vehicle to cross the long distances and hazardous terrain and enable LBT staff to reach remote areas of Ethiopia and Sierra Leone to visit the local people.

One of the Oklahoma LWML District grants is for \$5000 to the Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. This co-op makes essential items available to seminary students and their families to help them financially during their study at the Seminary in Ft. Wayne. Many students have families when entering the seminary and often find themselves in financial stress. This helps them be able to focus on their school work, knowing their families will get help if they need it.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Chocolate Festival Sale! These grants will be among those receiving funding because of you!

CTR members donated 7 bags of paired shoes! With 25 pair in each bag, CTR collected 175. 226 bags were collected across Oklahoma - that is 5,650 pairs of shoes! Total monetary amount for mites will be announced later.



lenten dinners

5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

FEBRUARY 22
CHICKEN POT PIE, SALAD, ROLL


MARCH 1
SOUP & SALAD BAR


MARCH 8
BRUNCH FOR DINNER

MARCH 15
BAKED POTATO BAR, SALAD

MARCH 22
RAISING CANE'S, MAC & CHEESE, SALAD

MARCH 29
ITALIAN NIGHT, SIDE, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD





**Suggested Donation
\$5 a person**

*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

**Need something notarized?
Contact Deva in the Church office!**



The next meeting of the Worship committee is Sunday, March 5th after the late service (12:00pm)



STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of January	2022	2023
January Giving.....	\$91,497	\$99,502
Monthly Income Budget.....	\$93,561	\$96,226
Year to Date Actual Giving.....	\$91,497	\$99,502
Year to Date Expense Budget.....	\$82,930	\$94,681
Actual YTD Expenses.....	\$75,038	\$58,697



MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

BY JACOB DREGLER

During our Lenten midweek worship, we will explore the idea of the season of Lent as a journey. In our Lenten journey, as in life, we encounter trials and temptations, the inevitable results of our human brokenness. We remember, however, that we do not journey alone. At all times, even in Lenten wilderness, the risen Christ walks beside us every step of the way, supporting, encouraging, and sustaining us with the boundless love that comes from God alone. And at the end of our journey through Lent as through life, we know what awaits us: Christ, reaching out to us with nail-scarred hands, leading us into the brightness of the Easter dawn.

March 1 Lenten Procession

With Scripture, song, and prayer, we gather at the doorway of Lent to be strengthened for the journey.

March 8 The Parables of Lent: A Lenten Service led by the Children and Youth of CTR

The children and youth of CTR will lead us through a service reflecting on the parables of Jesus.

March 15 Return to the Lord Your God: Lenten Vespers

A contemplative service for the midpoint of our Lenten journey reflecting on the prophet's call in Joel 2 to "return to the Lord, your God."

March 22 Follow Me: A Lenten Hymn Festival

We worship through the singing of specifically chosen hymns juxtaposed with readings related to the hymn texts, reflecting on Christ's call to us to take up our crosses and follow Him on a journey through Lenten wilderness.

March 29 The Way of the Cross

Through readings, musical reflections, and song, we journey with Jesus to His cross and burial, remembering the events of Christ's Passion as recorded in Holy Scripture.

Three WAYS TO GIVE AT CTR

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

Online Giving



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 or In-Person



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.

Our offering envelope system has changed. Envelopes were distributed only to those members who requested them. This is a much more cost-effective way to get envelopes to those who need/want them. All pledged members were mailed a post card letting them know their contributor number. At any point in the year, you may request giving envelopes - just contact the Church office!

LENT & SPRING 2023



CTR-U Dinner Schedule 2023	MENU Salad Bar and Dessert every week
February 15	Italian Night, Garlic Bread
February 22 <i>Lent Begins</i> 5 PM Dinner, 6:30 Service	Ash Wednesday Chicken Pot Pie, Roll
March 1 <i>Lent Begins</i> 5 PM Dinner, 6:30 Service	Soup & Salad Bar Roll
March 8 <i>Lent Begins</i> 5 PM Dinner, 6:30 Service	Brunch for Dinner
March 15 <i>Lent Begins</i> 5 PM Dinner, 6:30 Service	Baked Potato Bar
March 22 <i>Lent Begins</i> 5 PM Dinner, 6:30 Service	Raising Cane's, Mac & Cheese
March 29 <i>Lent Begins</i> 5 PM Dinner, 6:30 Service	Italian Night
April 5	Holy Week, No Events
April 12	Taco Bar
April 19	TBD
April 26	Raising Cane's, Mac & Cheese
May 3	TBD
See you in Fall 2023 on September 6!	

Weekly Schedule
5:00-5:30 PM Open for Games & Fellowship
5:30-6:30 PM Classes for All Ages
6:15-7:15 PM Dinner in Fellowship West
7:15-8:30 PM Choir
7:15-8:30 PM Young Adult Group

Youth Music Schedule

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
6:00-6:30 PM
Elementary Students

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
5:45-6:45 PM
High School Students

ONLINE DONATIONS FOR CTRU DINNER NOW ACCEPTED!

Make a donation toward your meals anytime using Vanco.

MORE INFORMATION

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



O.W.L.S.

The OWLS will gather at CTR for the March meeting at 1 pm on March 23 with dessert. Our speaker will be Patrick Vaught, VP - Financial Consultant with Schwab in Tulsa, who will give us Schwab's explanation of the recent turmoil in the stock markets and what Schwab expects to happen in the future. Patrick is generally knowledgeable regarding financial issues so if you wish bring questions.



At the January OWLS meeting, Eric Wendelbo discussed The Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Ministry and his experiences with comfort dog Persis. Steve & Roxanne Hurry assisted Eric with the program.

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QUILTS

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!





As many of you know, Stewardship's responsibilities are multifaceted. We are all familiar with the financial piece, which was managed successfully during the Covid pandemic. The spiritual gifts piece, however, was pretty much put on hold during the last few years. It is our desire to bring it back to CTR during the months of April and early May.

The Stewardship ministry, in collaboration with our 2 DCEs and support staff, would like to host a ministry fair on **Sunday May 7th**. We are in the process of planning a series of activities and events that will encourage our congregation to examine their own God given spiritual gifts and think/pray about how they can use them at CTR in service to God and each other. We are in the infant stages of our planning but we think it will involve the following:

- a sermon series by Pastor highlighting service to CTR by using our own unique God given spiritual gifts.
- a spiritual gifts survey for members to fill out.
- a ministry fair with each lay ministry setting up a booth to explain what they do and how members can get involved.
- a talent show at the end of this time to celebrate the gifts and talents that we've been blessed with.

EVERYONE is called for service and our hope is that we will embrace the mantra...we are a church body with many parts and each one has a part to play.

Watch for more information!

THE WIRED WORD
A study based in the Word and current events.

Adult Bible Class
SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
IN THE EAST ADDITION

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- @ctrwed FOR CTRU OR MIDWEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS
- @ctrfa FOR FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Everyone His Witness Workshop

Event Time: Saturday, March 18, 2023, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Event Detail: The Every One His Witness Lutheran evangelism program considers the real world context in which Lutherans find themselves as witnesses of Jesus Christ. It puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing the faith with the people whom God has placed alongside His witnesses in their everyday lives.

Workshop Leader: Rev. Daniel Ross, Oklahoma District Evangelism Executive
Hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Claremore, OK.

Lunch and Workshop Materials Provided. Sign-up or online registration required. For more information visit www.oklahomalutherans.org/e1hw or <https://www.rlccok.org/e1hw>

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Seminary News



Greetings from the St. Louis Seminary!

Deb and I are doing well. William, who is in the Army, signed a contract to stay on one more year. Steven is considering changing jobs in the Air Force but hasn't made up his mind yet. Peter continues to play a bigger role at Lowood restaurant in Tulsa and has a new dog, Gus. Otherwise, life keeps chugging along. Thanks for all your prayers and support. They are crucial as we come down the home stretch at Seminary.

Eager anticipation is the mood around here these days. Quite a few of the guys that are getting a Call next month are going through the interview process with multiple congregations. Everybody is wondering where they will be going next. All we know is that we can't stay here and that there is so much to get done before the day of departure. Dr. Nielsen, the Director of Placement, has talked about a couple of scenarios with us but you never know where you are going until your name is read and the district and the congregation announced. The decisions are all in God's hands where they belong.

Lately I have been leading a Bible Class on the Gospel of John at congregation Chai v 'Shalom (life and peace). As we start Lent, you might take the time to read the book from start to finish. It probably wouldn't take a lot of time unless you want to dig into some of the events or sayings that are recorded there. Our approach is to look at it as though it were the script for a play, paying attention to who is on stage, who does what, who says what, and what the effect is. The last half of the book is dedicated to the last week of Jesus' life.

Just like Advent is to Christmas, the season of Lent is to Easter. It is a period of eager anticipation. We who have been through Lent before know how the story ends, with Jesus' death, resurrection and appearances to the disciples. Avoid the temptation, if you choose to accept the challenge to read John, to jump ahead in your mind to the end. Pretend that you don't know how it will end. It is a great adventure. But it isn't written just as an exciting adventure. In chapter 20 verses 30-31 we read, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Like us concluding seminarians, in Lent we live in eager anticipation. Yet, we know how our adventure will end because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As we travel through our own adventure in Christ, we pray this prayer from p. 311 in the hymnal.

Lord, 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

Deon and Debra Hull



Sunday School



THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR—

This month in grade Sunday School, in Prek-5th grade, we will be continuing through the Old Testament, beginning with the book of Ezra. Our memory verse for this month is:

*"For I can do everything through Christ,
who gives me strength"*

Philippians 4:13

Bring your kids, your neighbors kids, everyone you know, to Sunday school as we journey through the Bible in One Year!



Faith Friends

Wednesdays at 5:30

This school year the kids, grades K-5th, have been learning about God from the "13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Kids About God." Each week the kids learn a new attribute about God, such as He is eternal, He is Holy, and much more. We also spend time each month in fellowship as we learn to play together and make friends.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us for Sunday School Opening!

Each Sunday morning, we begin our Sunday School with singing (and a little dancing). Join us in Fellowship Hall West at 9:20.

Young Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Young adults are invited to join in Bible study on: Wednesday evenings @ 7:15 (dinner 6:15) "In Christ Alone" video series

and Sunday mornings @ 9:40 am The Gospel of John

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Pick up your family's free Lenten calendar in the Sunday school store.

WINTER RETREAT FUN

February 3-5th, 17 youth and adults, including 3-8th graders, High School leaders and adults attended the CTR Winter Retreat. The theme was "Identity," where we learned about our identity as children of God. We enjoyed fantastic weather at Camp Lutherhoma as we explored the outdoors and God's Word.



Playing Heads Up
 The Human Knot
 Making canvases of our hand prints

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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



I NEED A HERO

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

High School Students and friends! Our 2023 Ok'd in Christ- District High School event is in OKC! Our programming 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."

At this year's event we will explore the themes:
 I Need a Hero
 No Perfect Hero...Not Even You
 The Hero We Need & Have

\$50 per person
 Please register and pay by April 2, 2023
 You can pay by check or online through Vanco.
 Registration info and details are on Church Planning Center.

Friday, April 14-
 7 PM- 10PM Programming
 Saturday, April 15-
 9 AM- 5PM Programming
 6PM- 10 PM Dinner & Activities
 Sunday, April 16-
 10:45 AM Special Worship Service at Messiah

Sign Up

Scan these QR codes with your smartphone camera and go straight to the new online registration and payment sites.

Church Planning Center allows you to sign up for church events and stores contact information for the next event.

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

Join us for Easter Breakfast
 YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER
 9:00-10:30 AM
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Breakfast Casseroles
Fruit
Pancakes
Orange Juice & Coffee

YOUTH MINISTRY



Save the date

March 5-
Murder Mystery
Dinner @ Immanuel
for High School

April 9-
Youth Easter
Breakfast at CTR

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

June 4-
Confirmation Sunday

June 11-13-
Summer Service
Lock-in for Jr High
and High School

July 9-14-
Summer Branson Trip

October 6-8-
JOY Jr High District
Gathering @ Camp
Lutherhoma (6th-8th
grade)



This summer our youth will have a fun-filled week in Branson, MO! Open to all students who will complete 6th-12th grades in May 2023.

We will be staying in a whole home rental and doing fun activities like Silver Dollar City, White Water Park, horseback riding, trails, and more! We are also looking into possible service projects in the Branson area.

Cost is \$200 per student and we will have fundraisers leading up to the summer trip to help supplement costs. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due February 15 to save your spot. Your second payment of \$100 is due March 15.

High School Students!

- Don't forget about attending the Murder Mystery Dinner at Immanuel on March 5.
- Pay \$10 to Suzanne in advance or bring \$10 cash in person the night of the event.

JOIN US FOR A FIESTA!!!

Murder at CINCO DE MAYO

Marzo

Come as a guest to the party or sign up to play a character!

Sunday, March 5th
5-8pm
(Doors open at 4:30pm)
\$10/person
(Food, Fellowship, + Fun. NOT a Fundraiser. NO auction.)

Youth Ministry is hosting a murder mystery dinner party! Join us for a LOT of fun. Seriously! (Although someone will die and we won't know who did it and we'll have to solve the mystery . . .)

(Childcare offered by Young Adult Ministry for a donation toward their Poland Mission Trip)

Summer Youth Service Lock-In

6TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH
JUNE 11-13, 2023 @ CTR
SIGN UP ONLINE TO PARTICIPATE



FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

family & friends
MOVIE NIGHT

March 5th
4-6 PM
Everyone is welcome!

Whether you are a family of 1 or a family of 10, join us for Movie Night. Invite your friends!! Bring a snack to share. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

rEcess

Next rEcess:
March 3rd,

Our first rEcess was a huge success!! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen! Here are a few photos to recap the evening.



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Easter IS COMING!!

Donations needed for our
Easter Event:

- egg cartons
- plastic easter eggs
- Candy donations

Please place donations in the
basket at the donation station.
Thank you!!



Want more
information about
rEcess?

If you are interested in helping
provide respite care for families
and just having fun with kids, or
if you just want to know more
about rEcess, please contact
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We need volunteers to make
rEcess happen! NO PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!
We will train you!!

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