



CHRIST THE REDEEMER  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# CORNERSTONE

DECEMBER 2023

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



## *A Letter From The Pastor*

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed,

As Christmas approaches, we find ourselves immersed in a season of joy, love, and celebration. At the heart of this festive season lies the birth of Jesus, a moment that holds profound significance for believers around the world. Beyond the glittering lights and joyful carols, the story of Jesus' birth reminds us of the intimate relationship between faith and this miraculous event. In this article, we explore the intertwined dance of faith and the birth of Jesus, and how this relationship continues to inspire and shape our lives as we celebrate Christmas.

The story of Jesus' birth begins with the faith of Mary and Joseph, two humble individuals chosen to play an extraordinary role in God's plan of salvation. Mary, a young virgin, believed

the angel's message that she would conceive a child by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, too, trusted in God's guidance, accepting Mary as his wife despite the social stigma surrounding her pregnancy. Their unwavering faith allowed them to participate in the miraculous birth of Jesus, demonstrating that faith is the gateway through which God's divine purposes are fulfilled.

The birth of Jesus was not only witnessed by Mary and Joseph but also by shepherds and wise men from afar. The shepherds, humble and marginalized, were visited by an angel who proclaimed the good news of Jesus' birth. Their immediate response was one of faith, as they left their flocks and hastened to witness

*Strengthening the saved, saving the lost.*

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## *A Letter From The Pastor...cont. from pg. 1*

the newborn Savior. Similarly, the wise men, guided by a star, embarked on a long and arduous journey, driven by their faith in the promised Messiah. Their faith led them to the very presence of Jesus, where they offered their gifts in adoration and worship.

In the temple, the elderly Simeon and Anna encountered the infant Jesus, and their faith-filled responses were filled with prophetic insight. Simeon, upon seeing the child, declared him to be the long-awaited salvation for both Jews and Gentiles. Anna, a prophetess, praised God and spoke of Jesus to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. Their faith enabled them to recognize the significance of Jesus' birth and proclaim it to others, highlighting the transformative power of faith in recognizing and responding to God's work in the world.

The intimate relationship between faith and the birth of Jesus extends beyond the biblical narrative. Today, as we celebrate Christmas, we are invited to embrace the same faith that permeated the lives of those who witnessed the birth of Jesus. It is through faith that we receive the gift of salvation, recognizing Jesus as God's only Son. Faith allows us to experience the transformative power of His birth, death, and resurrection, and to live in the hope and joy that Christmas brings.

As we celebrate Christmas, we remember that faith is not merely a historical concept but a living and dynamic force that connects us to the birth of Jesus. Just as Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men, Simeon, and Anna responded to God's call with faith, we too are called embrace this intimate relationship between faith and the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a time for deepening our faith, rejoicing in the miracle of Jesus' birth, and sharing His love and grace with the world. Amen!



*Thank you!*

This amazing group of volunteers (and a few not pictured) hosted Fall Festival and welcomed 330 guests into our building. Due to weather we had to downsize a little this year for the festival, but the fun wasn't downsized at all!!

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, baked and pitched in. You are a blessing!



**KING OF KINGS**  
*Lutheran Church presents*  
*a...*

# Live Nativity!

**Saturday December 9th**

**6:00 pm & 7:15 pm**

*(One-half hour outdoor presentations - Refreshments to follow)*

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**The true biblical account of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Come hear and see the real meaning of Christmas!**

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**Southeast corner of 151<sup>st</sup> (RT 67) and Highway 75**

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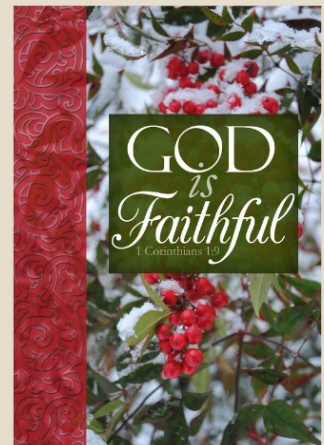
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# MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

BY JACOB DREGLER

As we enter the season of Advent, we return to our discussion of the Hymns of the Season. Hopefully, the information I share in these articles regarding the origins of the texts and melodies we sing together deepens your appreciation for the rich treasury of theology, poetry, and music that is the Church's hymnody.

The Hymn of the Season for Advent is "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" (LSB 345). In the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, this hymn is the appointed Hymn of the Day for the Third Sunday in Advent. While the origins of the original Latin hymn text are unknown, it likely originated between 800 and 1100 AD. The translation of "Hark! A Thrilling Voice" found in Lutheran Service Book is by Edward Caswall (1814-1878), an Anglican priest who is widely regarded to be one of the finest translators of Latin hymns into English.

"Hark," the rather archaic word that begins this venerable Advent hymn, is an alert, a call to listen or pay attention. Throughout our lives, there are many voices, both internal and external, that call for our attention. However, the writer of this hymn seeks to draw our attention to a very particular voice. In the first chapter of the Gospel according to John the Evangelist, John the Baptist said, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord' (John 1:23). The importance of this declaration lies not in who John the Baptist was; rather, it is important because of the coming of the One for whom John was sent to prepare the way.

In preparation for the coming of Christ, the writer of the hymn calls us to "Cast aside the works of darkness, all you children of the day!" This admonition draws heavily from the language of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light" (Ephesians 5:8). We do not always act as if we are children of the light. All too often, we do the wrong thing, and we fail to do the good that God would have us do. In spite of this, the third stanza of this hymn reminds us that "the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven." In the light of this marvelous gift of pardon and forgiveness, we are able to move through the season of Advent with deep, expectant joy. We hear Christ's promise, "Surely I am coming soon," and respond, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20).



## Hull Family Vicarage Newsletter

Greetings from sunny Okeechobee Florida! It has been a while since we sent out a newsletter. Life has been hectic, though. I am on a deferred Vicarage, which means I have completed 3 years of academic work and am in a Vicarage that hopefully will convert to a Call when the Vicarage is over this May.

After classes wrapped up in late May, my wife Debra and I headed for my assigned congregation in Florida. We stopped and spent a few days in St. Petersburg to celebrate Deb's birthday and await the truck that was carrying all our belongings. It was good to get to the beach and relax a bit. We arrived in Okeechobee a couple of weeks before I was to be installed so that we could get the house set up along with Deb's home office. The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits has continued their arrangement with Deb so that she can work remotely from Florida. This is truly a blessing for us and we are grateful to God that her Executive Director is gracious in continuing this arrangement.

For those that may be wondering, we are at Peace Lutheran Church and School in Okeechobee, FL. To find Okeechobee on the map simply find the big lake in the southern part of the Florida peninsula. That lake is Lake Okeechobee, and the city of Okeechobee is located on the northern end of the lake. The lake is so big that it took us 2.5 hours to drive around it. It is known for the amazing Large Mouth Bass fishing, gator hunting, and frog gigging. I have not yet had a chance to do any of those activities yet. Okeechobee is also known for its cattle industry. A couple of weeks ago we attended the Cowboy Country Rodeo. We walked there since the rodeo arena is a couple of blocks from the house. We really enjoyed it especially watching the kids try to ride sheep. We live a couple of miles from a dairy farm where we get ice cream and fresh milk. We can also stop at the stockyards and pick up some fresh beef. Most people are not aware that Florida is the largest cattle producing state.

The congregation is attached to a Preschool through Kindergarten. We have about 80 kids in the school. Karen Smith is the school administrator and has been here for 40 years! She does a fantastic job with the kids and parents, and we are so blessed to have her. Most days I greet the families as they drop the kids off in the morning. The parents are starting to get used to me and the kids are starting to know me. I have lead chapel a couple times. Grandparents' day was a huge hit and Family Fun Night brought out the families so they could "Touch a Truck".

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LOVE 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!

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## **Hull Family Vicarage Newsletter continued...**

The worshipping community is about 50 a Sunday right now, but our members are very mobile. Some are here every week, but often people go to see family, travel the US and the world, live part of the year "Up North", or go back "Up North" for hunting season and then come back home. During the winter we may double the size of the congregation. If you would like to watch one of our worship services, you can look us up on Facebook. We broadcast our services weekly. It is hard to say what our membership numbers are because during COVID they shut down completely and the congregation was vacant for three or so years. During that time they also survived a hurricane. The congregation is resilient.

As a Vicar I am in an odd situation in that I am acting in the place of a Sole Pastor. Even though I have been thrown into the deep end, the congregation is very understanding and helpful. My week consists of bulletin production, sermon preparation, shut-in and hospital visits, leading several weekly Bible studies, various meetings, community engagement, hosting get-to-know-you dinners for parishioners, special events like Family Fun Night and Okeechobee High School events, and class work for Seminary. We are required to do two hours of Language Lab studies and have a major outreach project to complete while on Vicarage. I also regularly have personal devotional time, which helps me keep my heart and mind in Christ, Jesus.

We are blessed in so many ways to be here. The congregation is very welcoming to all and has helped us make the transition. We had lived in Central Florida for about 15 years when our boys were small, and we are glad to be back. It is an adjustment, though, getting back to heat and humidity. Next week, however, the highs are supposed to be in the 70's with low humidity. This is why we like the climate. We are fine living in the tropics. If we feel like seeing colors change and feeling the cool fall air, we can fly back to the Midwest for a week and then come back to this.

Our three sons are jealous of our move and are all planning to come and see us soon. Peter (30) is still working in the restaurant business even though the place that he and his girlfriend, Isa, worked at recently burned down. We thank God that no one was hurt. William (27) is a Sergeant in the Army at Ft. Riley in Kansas. He is thinking of getting out of the Army in a year or so and is looking for direction. Steven (24) is a Sergeant in the Air Force and just returned from temporary duty in Qatar. He was glad to get back to Dover AFB in Dover, Delaware. He and his fiancé, Livy, are starting to make wedding plans. We ask God's blessing on their planning and the new family that they will form under God's care.

Deb and I are grateful for your support. We still have Seminary expenses as well as living expenses and new Pastor/ Vicar expenses. There are approximately 1,000 people moving to Florida daily. That means that housing is hard to find and expensive. God blessed us with the house we have but rent is expensive, relatively speaking. I have had to purchase quite a few Bible Commentaries and books to help with sermon and Bible study preparation. Inflation is taking its toll, though we can't complain. We thank God for every blessing, and your support is certainly one of those blessings. Thank you! May God bless you and keep you!

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788 NW 22nd Lane  
Okeechobee, FL 34972  
(DLHULL5@gmail.com)



Christ the Redeemer will host the 101st presentation of the Christmas Portion of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, December 10, 2023 by all of the Lutheran churches in Tulsa and NE Oklahoma. The presentations will be at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM.

We need many volunteers to help make this happen (in addition to the singers and instrumentalists). We need greeters, ushers, people to assist with set up and tear down, people to assist with the pre-presentation lunch for the musicians, people to assist with refreshments between presentations, etc.

#### **Schedule for Sunday, December 10:**

- 12:00 - Set up for lunch in gym
- 12:30 - Lunch for singers and instrumentalists (and all volunteers)
- 1:15 - Set up of chairs in sanctuary, orchestra seating in balcony and chairs for overflow seating in the narthex
- 3:00 - First presentation in the sanctuary
- 4:15 - Refreshments in the gym for singers, instrumentalists and volunteers
- 5:00 - Second presentation in the sanctuary
- 6:16 - Return everything at CTR to how it was

To volunteer, go to  
<https://ctrtulsa.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2021777> or contact  
John Meinders at (918) 625-5983 or [jhmeinders@cox.net](mailto:jhmeinders@cox.net)



## 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.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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Search "Scott Burmeister" and click on the CTR logo



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Students in 3rd-12th grades can sign up so serve as an acolyte or crucifer in worship services. Please use the Sign Up Genius page to save your spot on the schedule!



*Please consider thanking our CTR staff and showing your appreciation with a year-end Christmas bonus. You can write "staff gifts" on the memo line of your check when making contributions.*

*Contributions should be received no later than December 17.*







## November 2023 Eden Village News for our Friends and Supporters

### Ground -Breaking Ceremony Success!

Last Thursday the rainy weather broke long enough for us to celebrate our ground-breaking, with many community leaders, churches, donors, and all four local news stations. We're thankful that after 18 months since starting our new non-profit, we're at the point of starting construction of our Helmerich Community Center and 63 tiny homes for people coming out of chronic homelessness. Our first 4 model homes are at the property, so let us know if you'd like to come tour them, see the land, observe our progress.

### 1st Annual Vision Casting & Fundraiser Set for November 30th at Circle Cinema!

**When:** Thursday Nov. 30th from 6:15-8:30 **Where:** Circle Cinema at 7 S. Lewis in Tulsa.

Guests and supporters will enjoy an indoor picnic dinner from Tazikis Mediterranean Cafe, and then see the Oklahoma premiere of our new documentary film, **No One Sleeps Outside**. This documentary tells the inspiring story of how Eden Village is working to fight homelessness in cities across the country, including here in Tulsa. To get more details please visit the website.

### HELP WANTED

WE are accepting resumes for our first Office Manager position at Eden Village. If you'd like to be part of our new team in helping to make Tulsa be a city where No One Sleeps Outside, you can send us a resume or apply online at the [Oklahoma Center for Non-Profits website](https://oklahoma.org/nonprofits/).

To donate, participate and get the latest news on this vital program please visit our website at <https://edenvillageusa.org/tulsa-ok/>



Join us every Wednesday evening beginning September 6 for an all new year of midweek education and programming. We also offer a nursery, meals and more!

CTR-U stands for "Christ the Redeemer University" and incorporates Christian Education and learning opportunities for all ages on Wednesday nights during the school year. We offer a variety of classes to meet the needs of children, youth and adults. All classes are open to anyone to attend- guests and friends are always welcome! At certain times we may also offer special speakers or one time events, please check the listings for

these event speakers and times. If you'd like to see a particular Bible study or class or would like to start up a group on your own, please contact the Lay Ministry of Education.

# FALL 2023 CTR-U

CTR-U Dinner Schedule	MENU Salad Bar and Dessert every week
November 1	Hot Soup Bar, Roll
November 8	Raising Cane's, Mac/Cheese, Chips
November 15	Chicken Pot Pie, Roll
November 22	NO CTR-U <b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 PM</b>
November 29	Hot Baked Potato Bar
December 6	Advent Midweek
December 13	Advent Midweek

Weekly Schedule
5:00-5:30 PM Church Open for Fellowship
<b>5:30-6:30 PM Classes for All Ages</b> Nursery Faith Friends- Sunday School Rooms Confirmation- Jr High Room Youth Small Group- High School Youth Room Adult Groups- NE Classrooms <i>Women's Group-</i> "The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the OT" <i>Adult Group-</i> "Faith & Reason"
6:30-7:15 PM Dinner in Fellowship West
7:00- 8:00 PM Class led by Pastor B Meets in NE Classroom "Extra Nos" by Flame
7:15-8:45 PM Choir
7:15-8:30 PM Young Adult Group Meets in the Fishbowl Lounge "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis

## FAITH Friends

Wednesdays  
5:30-6:30 PM

Kids from Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for Faith Friends. Each Wednesday we will be learning about our faith, having fun and fellowship. Led by DCE Nikki.

## CONFIRMATION

Wednesdays  
5:30-6:30 PM

Led by Pastor B reviewing the 10 Commandments in the Jr High room.

## YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays  
5:30-6:30 PM

Led by DCE Suzanne reviewing the Lord's Prayer and enjoying games & fellowship in the High School room.

### MORE INFORMATION

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



# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## THIRD SUNDAY *Family Funday*

2023

# CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT

For all ages!

**DEC 17TH**  
from 4-6:30 PM  
Cost \$10 per person

Must sign-up by Dec 10 to be included in the meal count.



Or sign up at the NW entrance  
??? - See DCE Nikki or DCE Suzanne



## FALL FORCE FUN

Some of our 8-12 year-olds had a great time at Camp Lutherhoma!!



# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women welcome!  
Tuesday mornings  
@ 10 am.

Topic: The Book of Acts

Contact DCE Nikki for info or if you need childcare.  
NBoyd@CTRTulsa.org

# rEcess

## FIRST FRIDAYS 5:30-9:30 PM

Since we began rEcess at CTR, we have served between 6 and 10 children each month who have special needs, as well as their siblings. Parents are given a much needed respite while the kids are having fun with our volunteers. We would love to serve more kids but we need your help! The more volunteers we have, the more children and families we can serve.

If you are interested in volunteering, would like more information or know of a family who needs this ministry, please contact Sarah.Wendelbo@gmail.com or NBoyd@CTRTulsa.org.

# STUDENT MINISTRY



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

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

ALL REGISTRATION IS NOW ONLINE THROUGH CHURCH PLANNING CENTER & ONLINE PAYMENT IS AVAILABLE.



"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 18

## Save the date

January 12-14, 2024-  
Journey in January High School  
Retreat @ Camp Lutherhoma

January 21, 2024-  
Family Fun Day  
Hockey Event

January 28, 2024-  
CTR Chili Cook-off

February 2-4, 2024-  
CTR Winter Retreat @ Camp  
Lutherhoma

February 18-19, 2024-  
President's Day  
Lock-In Event

April 26-28, 2024-  
Y4Life Apologetics Retreat @  
Camp Lutherhoma  
(HS & College)

July 19-23, 2025-  
LCMS Youth Gathering in New  
Orleans, LA

# JOURNEY IN JANUARY

CAMP LUTERHOMA

**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 12 -  
SUNDAY  
JANUARY 14**

**HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT  
\$100 EACH FOR YOUTH, FRIENDS &  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
(CAMP FULL PRICE IS \$145 PER PERSON)  
REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 9TH-12TH GRADERS  
& FRIENDS!**

**SIGN UP ON PLANNING CENTER & COMPLETE  
YOUR FORMS. PLEASE REGISTER BY  
DECEMBER 1, 2023.**

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## SUMMER YOUTH SERVICE TRIP

July 5-13, 2024 | Open to students ages 13-20 years old

We will be serving teaming up with Immanuel-Broken Arrow at an inner-city immersion program through Prince of Peace in Cincinnati, OH. At the end of the week we will have the opportunity to also visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. In addition, during the week one evening we will attend an MLB ballgame of the Reds vs. Rockies (and eat dinner there).

The expected cost is currently \$225.

The goal of this immersion program is to give a group of volunteers an in-depth experience of the inner city environment in which Prince of Peace Lutheran Church exists within Cincinnati. Prince of Peace is in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, an inner-city environment. The immersion program is intended for an extended period of time.

We will sleep at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, participate in ministry activities that occur at Prince of Peace, many of which serves the homeless and poor in Over-the-Rhine. These include "The Bridge" a day shelter program on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11am-2pm and their Wednesday night community program of a devotion and community meal starting at 6pm as well as Kids Church for inner city youth on Sundays at 11:30 am.

Finally, the immersion program will give us exposure to other agencies and environments outside of Prince of Peace that serve the homeless and inner city youth in Over-the-Rhine. This includes the Freestore Foodbank and Wesley Chapel Mission Center youth outreach.

We will need commitments by those planning to attend, no later than December 1.



## WINTER RETREAT

### CLUB 345, JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Rumble ball, 9-Square, Bible Study, Archery, Games, Arts & Crafts, Friends and More

Invite a friend!



FEBRUARY 2ND-4TH

Camp Lutherhoma Tahlequah, OK

\$100 PRICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: nboyd@ctrtulsa.org suzanne.watt@ctrtulsa.org

# MINISTRY OF MUSIC FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

## FALL 2023

Providing music education & opportunities for the students of CTR

### Sunday Mornings

**AUG  
20**

SEPT 3  
SEPT 17  
OCT 1  
OCT 15  
NOV 5  
NOV 19  
DEC 3  
DEC 10

#### 1st & 3rd SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Beginning August 20 on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month we will have an acoustic style music opening beginning at 9:20AM. All ages welcome.

#### 1st & 3rd SUNDAY MUSIC

At 9:30 AM Jr High (6th-8th grade) Students will join Jacob and Craig for chimes practice leading up to the Children's & Youth Advent Service. Full rehearsal on December 10.

**AUG  
27**

SEPT 10  
SEPT 24  
OCT 8  
OCT 22  
OCT 29  
NOV 12  
NOV 26  
DEC 10

#### 2nd & 4th SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Beginning August 27 on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month join the Youth Band in Fellowship West for Sunday School Opening. at 9:20 AM. All ages welcome.



#### 2nd & 4th SUNDAY MUSIC

After Opening Elementary Students will join Jacob and Craig for music practice leading up to the Children's & Youth Advent Service. Into October costumed parts will be assigned to those who are interested and regularly attend rehearsals. Full rehearsal on December 10.

### Wednesday Evenings

**SEPT  
6**

SEPT 20  
OCT 4  
NOV 1  
NOV 15  
NOV 29

#### 1st & 3rd ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Faith Friends students can join us after Faith Friends from 6:00-6:30 PM on these two weeks to learn music leading up to the Children's & Youth Advent Service. Into October costumed parts will be assigned to those who are interested and regularly attend rehearsals.

**SEPT  
13**

SEPT 27  
OCT 11  
OCT 25  
NOV 8

#### 2nd & 4th HIGH SCHOOL HANDBELLS

High School Youth (9th-12th grade) Students will join Jacob and Craig for handbell practice leading up to the Children's & Youth Advent Service.



**DEC  
13**

#### CHILDREN'S & YOUTH ADVENT SERVICE

6:30 PM Worship



*Is your child an instrumentalist and interested in playing a piece for the service? Contact Jacob Drenkler by October 29 to coordinate his or her participation in the service.*

### NEW CLASS



Pastor B is leading a new class from 7:00-8:00 PM during CTR-U on the book Extra Nos: Discovering Grace Outside Myself by FLAME. This book is a deeply personal account of one man's faith, Extra Nos recounts hip-hop Christian rapper FLAME's journey from Calvinism to Lutheranism.

After a serious car accident when he was 16, FLAME dedicated his music to Christian doctrine. Follow his path of being discovered as an artist to attending Concordia Seminary. In Extra Nos, FLAME dissects the misguided lyrics he used to write and details the truth he found in Lutheranism.

While FLAME's faith journey and life may be unique, readers will recognize the forgiveness, kindness, and healing nature of Lutheranism.

# SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

FALL 2023

Children's & Youth  
Begins weekly at 9:20 AM

Adult Classes  
Begins weekly at 9:30 AM

## DIG IN *Sunday School* CREATING DEEPER BIBLE EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS



This month in Sunday School, for PreK- 5th grade, we will continue learning about the beginning of Jesus' ministry here on earth. Our summary verse is:

"Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord."

Psalm 40:3

Jesus performed many miracles while He lived on earth, and He taught the people about God, in whom we can trust. We trust Jesus when He forgives us, and that He will take us to Heaven one day because He is trustworthy.

**Join us for Sunday School Opening @ 9:20 am!**



**FAITH**  
*Friends*

Wednesdays  
5:30-6:30 PM



Part of our time with Faith Friends is spent playing together and getting to know each other. Here are some of our kids playing "Red Light, Green Light". We also spend time learning the books of the Bible and learning Bible verses.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Interested in helping with Children's Sunday School?

We need a Sunday School Superintendent and substitute teachers. Contact DCE Nikki if you are interested.

**FAITH**  
*Friends*

**WE ARE TAKING  
A BREAK DURING  
ADVENT.**

**SEE YOU AGAIN  
IN JANUARY!**



# SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

FALL 2023

**Children's & Youth**  
Begins weekly at 9:20 AM

**Adult Classes**  
Begins weekly at 9:30 AM

## Opening

Each Sunday we begin our Sunday School time in Fellowship West at **9:20 AM** All children age preK-12th grade are asked to join us here as we begin the morning with music, prayer, celebrate birthdays and more.

## PreK- 5th Grade Elementary Students

Sundays following Opening



This fall in Sunday School, for PreK- 5th grade, we will continue learning about "The Life of Jesus". Kids will learn that Jesus is God's Son and is wise. Jesus can change our lives and help us when we are tempted. He does so much for us, most importantly forgiving our sins.

## 6th-8th Grade- Jr High/Confirmation

Sundays following Opening

Our fall class will be a confirmation elective on World Religions and why Jesus is the only way. Led by DCE Suzanne. Students need their book, binder, Bible and LSC each week.

## 9th-12th Grade- High School

Sundays following Opening

Come and fellowship with your friends in the High School Room as we dig deeper in the Bible using Group's Live curriculum. this survey will lead students through every book of the Bible. Led by Timothy Michaels-Johnson.

## Adult Class Opportunities

### Young Adults

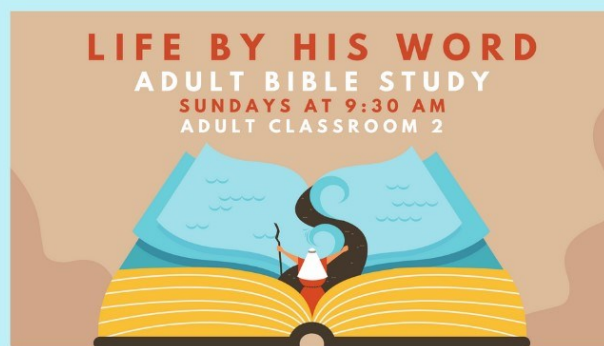
All young adults are invited to join in Bible study on Sunday mornings @ 9:40 am in the Fishbowl led by DCE Nikki, where we are using the Wired Word.

*Who is a young adult?*

*Most of our attendees are 19-30ish years old. This also includes those attending college, trade school or with professional careers, married or single.*

### Pastor's Class

Led by Pastor B in Fellowship East at 9:30 AM currently covering Book of Hebrews.





# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**NEW  
LOOK**

The Fishbowl has a new look!

Thank you to everyone who supported the garage sale last summer. The money raised helped buy new furniture for the Fishbowl. The young adults will love relaxing in here for Bible studies and gatherings.

"The Last Supper" table will be great for gathering together



Lots of seating for Bible studies and hanging out.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

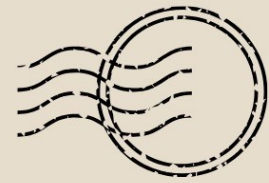
Sundays @ 9:40 am and  
Wednesdays @ 7:15 pm



Help us keep our CTR directory current by notifying the church office when your address, phone, or email changes!

Need help with the online directory?

Contact the church office!



## COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

At the end of November, care packages were sent to members who are in college or who are in the military. They received an Advent Devotional and some treats. If there is someone we might have missed, please let us know!





## *Angel Giving Tree*

*for Crisis Pregnancy Outreach*

*Sponsored by*

*CTR Lutheran Women in Mission*

We are excited to support CPO and the very important work they do in saving the unborn through alternatives to abortion; assisting the mothers and babies with medical/counseling/mentoring services; and with a fully licensed adoption agency.

*We will be raising the tree on **Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>** and gathering your generous gifts up to **Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>**. The tree will be located right outside the fellowship hall facing the narthex, you won't be able to miss it!*

With the type of services CPO offers you will not be providing a gift for a particular child but instead you will be providing much needed resources for the mothers, their babies and the center itself.

- Each Angel has a requested item on the back, and this is what you will be providing.
- There are plenty of items to choose from at a wide variety of prices. So, pick one that appeals to you and you're ready to go! Be sure and take your angel with you.
- The great thing is you don't wrap these gifts but instead place your unwrapped present in the large gift boxes at the base of the tree and that's it!
- Ladies, you can bring your present to the CTR Women's Christmas dinner on Tuesday night December 12<sup>th</sup>, look for the information on this fun event!!

*Our gifts provide not only the resources needed, but they show these mothers that they and their babies matter, they aren't alone.*



Dear CTR Family,

The CTR Stewardship Committee is so grateful to you for pledging your financial treasure during our recent Stewardship Campaign. We are extremely blessed to have such generous, faithful members.

Due to your pledges, our Board of Directors can now budget for 2024 so that our ministries can plan for another year of fulfilling our mission of 'Leading People into a Living Relationship with Jesus Christ'.

Once again, thank you so very much for your 2024 pledge. May God bless you and yours in the coming year.

Your CTR Stewardship Committee


Debby Brauer, Kayla Kuehnert, Connie Thomas, Judy Cook, and Hailee Goossen



CTR LADIES BUNCO  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7  
1PM  
IN FELLOWSHIP WEST

RSVP TO CARRI CLINE

A black rectangular box containing an announcement for a Bunco event. On the left side, several white dice with black pips are scattered. The text on the right side of the box provides the event details: 'CTR LADIES BUNCO', 'THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7', '1PM', and 'IN FELLOWSHIP WEST'. At the bottom of the box, it says 'RSVP TO CARRI CLINE'.



# Pop Tabs

DONATE TO THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE.  
PLACE DONATIONS IN THE DONATION  
STATION IN THE WEST HALLWAY.

Barbara Sabourin is collecting pop tabs and  
would love to send as many as possible to  
RMH!



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## STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT FUND



Pursuing a career in service to the Lord through the church is a fulfilling opportunity, but it is not an inexpensive choice. Those who pursue professional church work many times incur educational debt, just like anyone else may do. Repayment of educational debt is often made more difficult by the more modest salaries of church workers, compared to other professions. In order to encourage and retain our professional church workers here at Christ the Redeemer, several years ago the congregation established a fund to assist our Pastors, DCEs and other synodically-trained church workers in repaying their student loans. This fund relies on the donations of our members here at CTR. The fund is currently in need of additional funds. Please prayerfully consider a designated donation to this cause. You may place your gift in the weekly offering with a designation of "Student Loan Fund" or you may give your gift directly to one of the Elders, and we will ensure that it is deposited in the correct fund.

Thank you for your past generosity and for ongoing support.

- Dennis Morris, Elder Chair



The altar flower sign up is now available inside the Fellowship West wall cabinet nearest the Sanctuary.

When you've taken your bouquet home, please return the white container until further notice.

Contact Deb Drain at [ddrain1122@gmail.com](mailto:ddrain1122@gmail.com) with any questions or if interested in managing the altar flowers.






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 LUTHERAN CHURCH

JOIN PASTOR B FOR

## Widow/Widowers' Bible Study

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10 AM  
IN THE UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM



Michael & Shirley Bird	Dec 2	45 yrs
James & Ann Holt	Dec 3	18 yrs
Stuart & Leigh Graham	Dec 4	8 yrs
Kelley & Tony Goodrum	Dec 7	32 yrs
Brad & Jennifer Teegarden	Dec 17	7 yrs
Steve & Johnna Short	Dec 18	41 yrs
Scott & Tessa Chesher	Dec 19	25 yrs
Sid & Beverly McVey	Dec 22	54 yrs
Rob & Nikki Boyd	Dec 23	34 yrs
Dennis & Kathy Stephen	Dec 27	48 yrs
Mark & Jane Holt	Dec 29	33 yrs
John & Mary Gant	Dec 30	39 yrs
Chris & Brenda Flasch	Dec 30	34 yrs
Chris & Amber Carson	Dec 30	28 yrs
Paul & Alyssa Whaley	Dec 31	14 yrs



# DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						2
<b>ADVENT BEGINS</b> • Isaiah 64:1-9 • Psalm 80 • 1 Cor. 1:3-9 • Mark 13:24-37	• Neh. 8:13-18 • Psalm 124 • Rev. 3:1-6	• Neh. 9:1-15 • Psalm 125 • Rev. 3:7-13	• Neh. 9:16-38 • Psalm 126 • Rev. 3:13-22	• Neh. 10 • Psalm 127 • Rev. 4	• Neh. 11 • Psalm 128 • Rev. 5	• Neh. 12:1-43 • Psalm 129 • Rev. 6
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
• Neh. 12:44-13:31 • Psalm 130 • Rev. 7:1-8	• Hag. 1 • Psalm 131 • Rev. 7:9-17	• Hag. 2 • Psalm 132 • Rev. 8	• Zech. 1 • Psalm 133 • Rev. 9	• Zech. 2 • Psalm 134 • Rev. 10	• Zech. 3 • Psalm 135 • Rev. 11	• Zech. 4 • Psalm 136 • Rev. 12
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
• Zech. 5 • Psalm 137 • Rev. 13:1-10	• Zech. 6 • Psalm 138 • Rev. 13:11-18	• Zech. 7 • Psalm 139 • Rev. 14	• Zech. 8 • Psalm 140 • Rev. 15	• Zech. 9 • Psalm 141 • Rev. 16	• Zech. 10 • Psalm 142 • Rev. 17	• Zech. 11 • Psalm 143 • Rev. 18
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> • Isaiah 7:10-14 • Psalm 110:1-4 • 1 John 4:7-16 • Matt. 1:18-25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> • Isaiah 52:7-10 • Psalm 2 • Heb. 1:1-6 • John 1:1-14	• Zech. 12 • Psalm 144 • Rev. 19	• Zech. 13 • Psalm 145 • Acts 6:8-10	• Zech. 14 • Psalm 146 • Luke 2:22-40	• Mal. 1 • Psalm 147 • Rev. 20:1-10	• Mal. 2 • Psalm 148 • Rev. 20:11-21:8
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
• Mal. 3-4 • Psalm 149-150 • Rev. 21:9-22:21						
<b>31</b>						



# STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of October	2022	2023
October Giving.....	\$145,877	\$85,341
Monthly Income Budget.....	\$81,087	\$96,226
Year to Date Actual Giving.....	\$847,305	\$822,984
Year to Date Expense Budget.....	\$992,445	\$987,314
Actual YTD Expenses.....	\$894,401	\$878,719



## 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](mailto:dbeebe@ctrtulsa.org) to learn more.

### Online Giving



You can visit [www.ctrtulsa.org/on-line-giving](http://www.ctrtulsa.org/on-line-giving) to sign up through Vanco for one time or ongoing offering or donations. This allows you to set up weekly, bi-weekly or monthly offering. Setting up an account is easy, all you need is an email address to get started. You choose your own login information. When you create an account, you can also securely and conveniently store debit/credit card or bank account information, manage donations and review your giving history.

### Mobile Giving



For our smartphone users, you can contribute through Vanco Mobile, our mobile giving app. It's a convenient solution whenever you have a smart phone. You can give anytime, anywhere, any day. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to quickly find the app and download it for free. You can easily make donations anytime, or create an account to schedule recurring weekly or monthly offerings. When you create an account, you can also securely and conveniently store debit/credit card or bank account information, manage donations and review your giving history. You choose how you prefer to login- Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

### Drop Off or In-Person



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

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 go to the web address <https://www.ctrtulsa.org/on-line-giving/>



**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.**



# O.W.L.S.



At the November 16th OWLS meeting, and with Veteran's day in mind, author Linda Hight, discussed her books "How We Served", Volumes I and II. These books tell the stories of Oklahoma military men and women who served our country and protected our freedoms from World War II through Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pictured with Linda are Don Parrish and Grant Husky, two of the military veterans whose memories are shared in the books. Also pictured is Marty Weber who presented the speakers with OWLS mugs as a token of appreciation for this very special and inspirational program.



Email Linda Hight at [lhight@cox.net](mailto:lhight@cox.net) if you'd like to read her books. The books do not have a set price. They serve as fundraisers for the American Legion and are given in return for a donation to the veterans. 100% of all money donated for the books goes to the American Legion.



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At the October 26th OWLS meeting, our speakers were Ryan Allen and Caelyn Musgrove, Executive Team & Storytelling members from the new Oklahoma Museum of Popular Culture, also known as "OKPOP". The mission of OKPOP is to tell the stories of creative Oklahoman's, all genres, past & present, and use this as a basis to inspire future generations of creative Oklahomans. OKPOP is located in downtown Tulsa across from Cain's Ballroom and is a division of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Pictured with Ryan & Caelyn is Lynn Moeller, who presented them with OWLS mugs as a small token of appreciation for their very informative program.





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Sunday Worship:  
8:15 & 10:45 AM

Sunday School/Bible Classes  
9:30 AM

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# Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

## MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

**Wednesday Evening Advent Worship**  
5:30 PM Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship

December 6 - Hanging of the Greens  
December 13 - Children & Youth Led Service  
December 20 - Service of Lessons & Carols

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Fourth Sunday in Advent Services - December 24**  
8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

**Christmas Eve Services - December 24**  
5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM  
Nursery care available at 5:00 & 7:00 PM

**Christmas Day Service - December 25**  
10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion