

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:45 AM

9:30 AM

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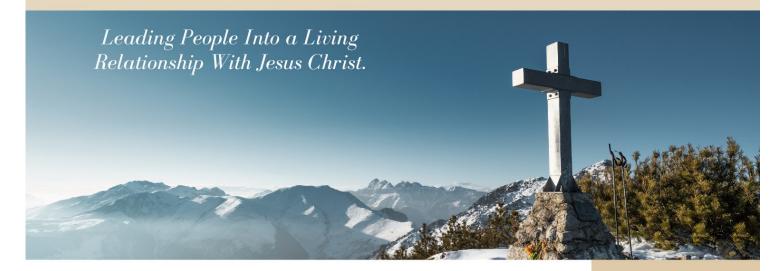
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A Letter From The Pastor

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed.

As we approach Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, it's both enlightening and inspiring to delve into the historical significance of ashes in solemn observance. Ash Wednesday is a day of penitence, where Christians the world over attend church services. During these services, pastors mark the foreheads of the faithful with ashes, in the shape of a cross. This act serves as a reminder of mortality and a symbol of repentance to God.

The Origins of Ash Wednesday

The use of ashes has its roots in the ancient Jewish tradition. Instances in the Old Testament describe the use of

sackcloth and ashes as symbols of repentance and humility (Jonah 3:6, Esther 4:1, Job 42:6). The Christian practice, however, began around the 8th century. Initially, it was a rite that marked the beginning of a 40-day penitential period for those who had committed grave sins.

Over time, the use of ashes spread from this exclusive group to the entire Christian community. By the 10th century, it became a universal Christian practice on the first day of Lent. This change signified a shift from focusing on individual penance to a more communal preparation for the Easter season.

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Strengthening the saved, saving the lost.

Rev. Scott Burmeister

Pastor

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Director of **Christian Education**

Nikki Boyd

Director of **Christian Education**

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LWML sorted eyeglasses for MOST Ministries at their January 23rd meeting









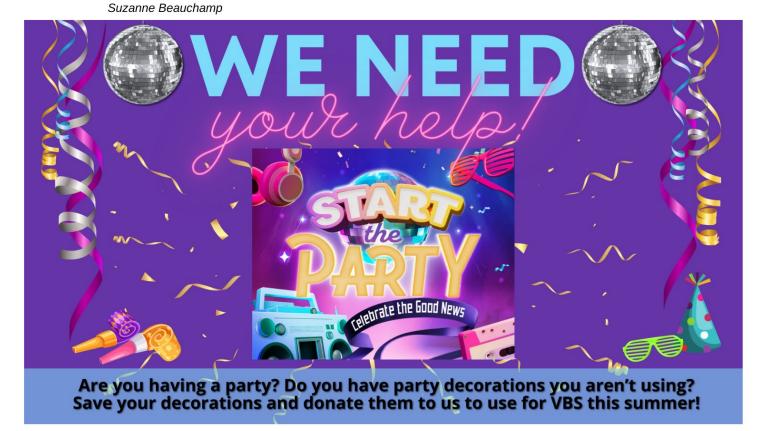
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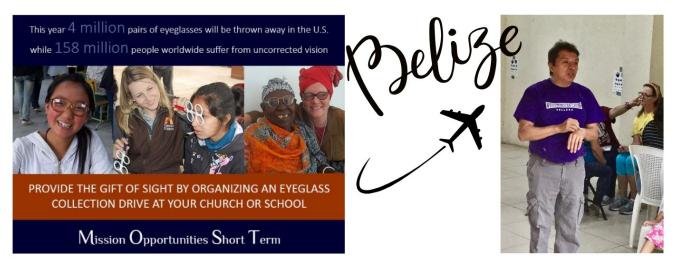
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LWML Oklahoma District MOST Mission Trip 2024



Belize is the destination for an LWML Oklahoma District mission trip with MOST Ministries to support Lutheran mission outreach near Orange Walk, Belize. This Eyeglass Clinic trip is scheduled for November 16-23, 2024. During that time there will be approximately 4 days of eyeglass clinic work and a day of sightseeing. Cost per person will be approximately \$3000 which includes all arrangements made by MOST. A \$100 deposit is due to Financial Secretary, Teresa Heater, with a notation that it is for the mission trip. We have reserved this trip for LWML Oklahoma and will need at least 12 and up to 18 people to go. Please contact Sasha Stehr (osuvetstudent23@gmail.com) or Patti Ross (pattirossvp@gmail.com) if you are interested before sending in your deposit. Go to MOST ministries website for information about their mission trips. www.mostministries.org. We'd like to get our deposit in as soon as possible so we can reserve this trip for our district.







NEXT LWML MEETING TUESDAY, FEB 20 AT 12:30 PM

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February Mission Grant Focus

Your LWML Mite Box offerings go to support 18 district grants and 31 national/international grants.

An Oklahoma District LWML grant of \$12,000 is divided between Oklahoma District men attending seminary. This money goes directly to the seminarian and his family to spend for needed expenses. It is sent every year between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

One of the national LWML grants is "Serving God's Children with Special Needs" for Journeys Lutheran School in Milwaukee for \$100,000. Journeys Lutheran School in Milwaukee serves God's children with special needs by providing educational opportunities in a specialized setting to meet the children's needs. The vans purchased with grant funds will be used to transport the children to and from events, internships and other activities.



Graduation is BIG day for Journeys Lutheran students, just like kids at other schools. They are excited that one journey is ending and another is just beginning.





Satisfy your sweet tooth or your sweetheart's with treats from the CTR Women in Mission LWML's Chocolate Festival Sunday, February 11. This is a fundraiser for mission grants paid by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. These grants are given locally, district-wide, and internationally. Some recipients you may be familiar with are Camp Lutherhoma scholarships, Persis the Comfort Dog, Lutheran Braille Workers production centers here at CTR and at Holy Trinity in Edmond. Other grants are paid to Oklahoma District Seminary students and those studying to be professional church workers. Also included is grant money for Rev. Christian Tiews our missionary in Germany. These are just a "taste" of what you will be supporting when you come by the chocolate table! Please be generous. All money in the LWML Mite Box goes to the mission grants. Cash or check, please.

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The Ashes Themselves

Traditionally, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made by burning the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This practice connects two significant moments in the Christian calendar: Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his journey to the cross; a practice we still use here at CTR.

Symbolism and Practice

The imposition of ashes is rich with meaning. When applying the ashes, I will often say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust, you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). This phrase underscores the transient nature of human life. In addition I will say, "Always in the hope of the resurrection" highlighting the call to remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday is not just about the outward sign of ashes. It is tied instead to the concepts of reflection, repentance, and preparation. The 40 days of Lent following Ash Wednesday are a time for Christians to deepen their relationship with God, often through fasting, prayer, and service.

A Timeless Tradition

As we partake in this ancient tradition, we are reminded of our shared history and the timeless call to renew our faith. The ashes, while a symbol of mortality, also remind us of the hope and new life that Easter brings.

In our fast-paced modern world, Ash Wednesday offers a moment of contemplation, a chance to slow down, and reflect on our spiritual journey. It invites us to reassess our lives, make amends, and realign our actions with our faith.

As we receive the ashes and embark on the Lenten journey, let us embrace this opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal, carrying the lessons of humility and penitence not just in these 40 days but throughout our lives. Amen.





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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.

February 14 Ash Wednesday

Join us for a traditional Ash Wednesday liturgy with imposition of ashes.

February 21 Lenten Procession

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

February 28 Return to the Lord, Your God

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 6 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.

March 13 The Seven Last Words of Christ

With Scripture and song, we recall the Seven Last Words of Christ, the sinless Lamb of God, who, by His sacrificial death on the cross, took upon Himself the sins of the world.

March 20 Thy Will Be Done

As we near the end of our Lenten journey, we join Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, to wait, watch, and pray. With Jesus we pray, "Not my will, but Thy will be done" (Luke 22:42b).



OWLS will meet on Thursday Feb 22nd at 1:00. Watch the bulletin and e-blast for an announcement of specific program information!





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 with any questions or if interested in managing the altar flowers.

The family of Phyllis McKay would like to thank our CTR family for the cards, letters, flowers, visits, memorials and especially the prayers during the illness and death of our Mother. She loved each one of you and treasured the friendships that she had made in the past twenty years at CTR. Sarah Ross and her committee provided a wonderful meal after mother's memorial service, and we thank you. Thanks also to Pastor B for the visits he made to Mother while she lived in assisted living and rehab the past two years.



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- Feb 1 Jason Fager
- Anita Ede Feb 1
- Feb 2 Justin Cline
- **Chris Cross** Feb 3
- Feb 3 Cannon Cross
- Adelaide Ross Feb 4
- Eric Hansen Feb 7
- Feb 8 Janet Jamison
- Feb 9 Faye Jost
- Feb 10 Carole Hansen
- **Bruce Cottrell** Feb 10
- Feb 11 Aleah Dutton
- River Waller Feb 12
- Feb 12 Embre Waller
- Feb 15 Christa Zirk
- Kelly Brown Feb 16 **Heather Mann** Feb 16
- Genevieve Walter Feb 16
- Mason Smith Feb 19
- Terry Brown Feb 20
- Sadie Losacco Feb 20
- Hillary Speer Feb 22
- Feb 23 Georgette Kuehn
- Diane Morlock Feb 23
- Catabrean Baumann Feb 23
- **Robin Sanders** Feb 24
- **Deidre Sanders** Feb 24
- **Campbell Howard** Feb 24
- Teri King Feb 27
- Caden Brown Feb 27
- Feb 27 Billy Simpson



Dawnelle & Kelly Lawson Feb 4

Dean & Shelley Butler Feb 5

Robert & Lanece Young Feb 28







MINISTRY OF MUSIC FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Spring 2024

Providing music education & opportunities for the students of CTR

Sunday Mornings

Feb Feb 18 Mar 3 Mar 17 Apr 7 Apr 21 May 5

1st & 3rd SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Beginning January 7 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) hand chimes and bell choir practice.



Students will join Jacob and Craig for



2nd & 4th SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING Feb January 14 on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month join the Youth Band in Fellowship Feb 11 Feb 25 Mar 10 Mar 24 Apr 14 Apr 28 May 12 May 26 West for Sunday

School Opening. at 9:20 AM. All ages welcome.



2nd & 4th SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC

After Opening Elementary Students will join Jacob and Craig for vocal music practice.

Wednesday Evenings (CTR-U)

After February 7, CTR-U is on break until after Easter. We resume on April 3, 2024.



time from 6:00-6:30 PM on these two weeks each month to learn vocal music.

2nd & 4th YOUTH HANDBELLS

(For youth who choose to participate, please RSVP to Jacob)

Jr High (6th-8th) and High School Youth (9th-12th grade) Students from 6:00-6:30 PM who want to be part of a hand chimes and hand bell choir will join Jacob and Craig for practice leading up to playing for a worship service.





FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: CTRTULSA.ORG OR SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church | 2550 E 71st St., Tulsa | 918.492.6451 | jacob.drengler@ctrtulsa.org

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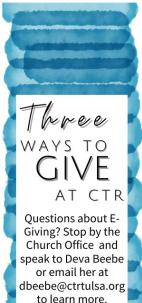
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STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

For the Month of December
December Giving
Monthly Income Budget
Year to Date Actual Giving
Year to Date Expense Budget
Actual YTD Expenses

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
\$97,066	\$100,073
\$81,087	\$96,226
\$1,007,112	\$995,942
\$1,202,680	\$1,176,675
\$1,094,133	\$1,077,508



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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/online-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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES Students Sundays weekly at 9:20 AM



SPRING 2024

Adult Classes Sundays weekly at 9:30 AM

Students (PK-12th)

PreK-5th Grade Elementary Students

Sundays following Opening





This month in Sunday School, for PreK- 5th grade, we will talk about humility. Our summary verse is:

"Anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven."

Our humility doesn't earn our way to Heaven, but only in our humility do we realize that there is nothing we can do to get to Heaven. Jesus did it all! He humbled himself to come to the earth as a human and even to death on the

As a family, talk about what humility means and what it means for the way we treat others.

K-5th Grade Elementary Students



Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 PM

Faith friends working on memorizing (and understanding) Scripture verses.

Faith Friends will not meet during Lent.



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.



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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/emailsignup/

to receive it if you have not done so already.

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Youtube:
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!

BE A "SOUP"-ER VOLUNTEER!

CTR-U Midweek Ministry is in need of your help! Please consider volunteering to serve in one of the following roles this spring or in the fall when we resume for a new school year:

- · Sign up to bring a dessert
- Make a main course item for one week
- Serve on the prep team in the kitchen
- · Assist in serving dinner
- Stay to help clean up the kitchen after dinner

Sign up information is by the Kitchen in Fellowship West. Contact DCE Suzanne with questions or for more information.

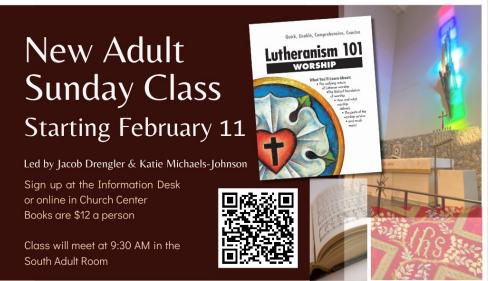
NEED TO SIGN UP?

Download the Church Center app today on your phone.





- Register for Events & See Upcoming Events
- Link to the online edition of The Cornerstone
- Update Contact & Medical Info only once a year!
- Complete
 Student Forms



We are called by God to worship. It is the most basic, core part of what we mean when we say we "go to church." But why do we worship the way we do at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church?

How does our Lutheran theology affect our Sunday worship? What is all the stuff you see at the front of the church, and why is it always changing color? Why is the sanctuary arranged the way it is? Why do we sing the songs we sing accompanied by the instruments we use? What even is worship, anyway? Lutheranism 101: Worship has answers! This adult Sunday School class will be offered beginning February 11, 2024 at 9:40 am. Led by our Director of Music, Jacob Drengler, and Katie Michaels-Johnson, it will cover topics such as:

- Worship in Old and New Testament times
- The history of Christian worship
- The church year
- The importance of the Sacraments
- The Lutheran musical tradition
- · Church art and architecture
- And more!

We will guide you step by step through the Divine Service from Invocation to Benediction and all the points in between. This class is for anyone who has ever wanted to know the why behind what happens Sunday mornings, whether you're brand new to the Lutheran Church or have been attending Lutheran worship services since before you were born.

Sign up at the Information Desk or online in Church Center Books are \$12 a person (please sign up by February 4 to receive a book by the first class)

Class will meet in the South Adult Room. Come for coffee and fellowship at 9:30 am and teaching begins at 9:40 am.

CTR BOARD MEMBERS

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Beauchamp

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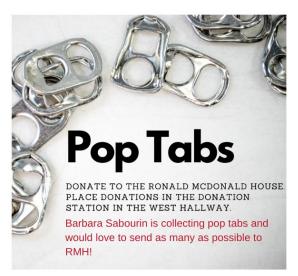
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STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT FUND



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 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

Thank you for your past generosity and for ongoing support.

- Dennis Morris, Elder Chair

STRATEGIC PLANNING



Progress is being made toward choosing the method we will use to create the strategic plan. The board will be given a presentation on LCMS's strategic planning process at the January meeting, to see if it is the direction we want to go. It is a detailed, self-guided process that LCMS has created and implemented successfully.

As we look forward to beginning work, we have seated members of the strategic planning committee, as called for in the CTR manual. The members are: Myself (Tim Kuehnert / Chairman), Pastor Burmeister (Sr. Pastor), Shaun James (President Elect), Camden Knutson (Congregational rep 1 – Youth), Kim Davis (Congregational rep2- Young family), Michael Gross (Congregational rep3 – Family w/teenagers), Del Dreyer (Congregational rep4 – Adult) and Lauren Liebmann (Congregational rep5 - Young Adult).

We are still in need of another congregational adult rep for the committee. If you'd like to be on the committee, please let me know. 918-906-2651

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES Stude



SPRING 2024

Students (PK-12th) Sundays weekly at 9:20 AM

Adult Classes
Sundays 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.

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

Sundays following Opening

Our winter & spring class will be 30 Lessons in the Bible (Intro to the Old Testament & New Testament led by DCE Suzanne. Students need their green book, Bible and LSC each week.



9th-12th Grade-High School Students

Sundays following Opening



Come and fellowship with your friends in the High School Room as we dig deeper into tough questions in faith. Led by Timothy Michaels-Johnson and David Ross.

Adult Class Opportunities

BIBLE OVERVIEW

Young Adults

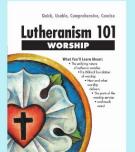
All young adults are invited to join in Bible study on Sunday mornings @ 9:40 am in the Fishbowl led by DCE Nikki, where we are using the Wired Word.

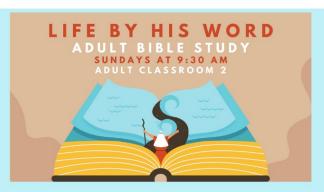
Who is a young adult?

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

<u>Lutheranism 101-Worship</u>

Led by Jacob Drengler & Katie Michaels-Johnson in the South Adult Classroom at 9:30 AM. Class begins on February 11 and runs through early May. Books are \$12 and you can RSVP for the class on Church Center or at the Information Desk.





Pastor's Class

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

Do you have ideas for future adult classes or small groups? Do you have an interest in being a teacher for any age or want to be trained to teach? Contact Education Lay Ministry chair, Suzanne Beauchamp so that it can be discussed at a future meeting.

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Weekly Services each Wednesday Weekly Services each Wednesday at 6:30 PM Dinner before service Starting at 5:30 PM

February 21- Men's Group hosting Burgers & Dogs Grillout February 28- Youth Ministry hosting Baked Potato & Soup Dinner March 6- Parish Life hosting Pizza & Salad Dinner March 13- LWML hosting Chicken Casserole Dinner March 20- Elders hosting Breakfast for Dinner



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STUDENT MINISTR

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 CENTER & ONLINE PAYMENT IS AVAILABLE.



A NEW YEAR MEANS NEW YOUTH FORMS! AS OF

CENTER APP BEFORE ATTENDING YOUR FIRST

YOUTH EVENT OF THE YEAR.

TULSA AREA LCMS YOUTH

Feb 18, 2024 | 2-5 PM | Paintball Land

12731 N. 118th E. Ave Collinsville, OK 74021

Open to 6th-12th grade youth

RSVP using the Church Center app

\$25 per person for CTR members & their friends

Includes a discounted rate per person (\$3) and 500 rounds

of paint (\$22), rental equipment included.

JANUARY 1, PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR ANNUAL 2024

MEDICAL AND LIABILITY PACKET ON THE CHURCH

Mission



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

February 18, 2024-Incredible Paintball Event

April 10, 2024-Camp Night Event

April 21, 2024-Jr Roustabouts Work Day

May 5, 2024-Tie Dye & Tacos Event

June 3-7, 2024-VBS Set Up

> June 10-14-**VBS** Week

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





CONTACT DCE NIKKI BOYD TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS. ALL REGISTRATION IS NOW ONLINE THROUGH CHURCH **CENTER & ONLINE PAYMENT IS** AVAILABLE.

THIRD SUNDAY Family Funday

Movie Night

Join us this month for a family movie night on February 18, from 3-5 PM. Bring a snack to share and invite your friends!





A and R Axe Throwing- 6975 S Lewis Ave

*Childcare available if pre-registered.

FEB 10

5:30-6:30 PM

Then bring an appetizer to share and join us back at church for some more fellowship afterwards.

Must sign-up by Feb 3rd on the Church Center app.



FIRST FRIDAY 5:30-9:30 PM

rEcess is starting back up this month and we are excited! Our rEcess dates for this spring are February 2, March 1, April 5, and May 3. rEcess needs you. We need volunteers to make this family respite ministry happen.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women welcome! Tuesday mornings @ 10 am. Topic: Genesis

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

rEcess

Volunteers can work directly with kids or behind the scenes. We will train you!!

To learn more about rEcess or to volunteer, please contact Sarah.Wendelbo@gmail.com or jhmeinders@cox.net

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