



CHRIST THE REDEEMER  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# CORNERSTONE

NOVEMBER 2024

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

## BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed,

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see".

I want to use this passage of scripture as a vehicle to discuss this coming presidential election. Now, before you get too excited, I will NOT be endorsing any candidate. Rather, I will be taking up the importance of the political process, as it relates to faith in Jesus Christ, and the sacrifice He made for us on the cross.

So, as we approach this election season, it's important to pause and reflect on the deeper purpose of casting a vote. Voting is not just a civic duty or a political choice; it is a sacred responsibility, one deeply tied to the sacrifices of countless men and women who fought and, in many cases, gave their lives so that we might have the freedom to choose our leaders. Voting can be a little bit like the faith described in Hebrews 11:1.

In every ballot we cast, we honor the legacy of those who came before us. History is filled with stories of individuals who stood against oppression, marched for civil rights, and fought on battlefields for the freedoms we so often take for granted today. Many of these brave souls did not live to see the fruits of their labor, but their sacrifice paved the way for the freedoms we now enjoy. One of those key freedoms is the right to vote—a right that was hard-won and should never be neglected.

As Christians, we are called to be stewards of the blessings and freedoms God has given us. Exercising our right to vote is an important way we honor that calling. It is an opportunity to seek justice, promote peace, and help shape a society that reflects the values of compassion, integrity, and love for our neighbors. When we vote, we step into the legacy of those who made it possible, ensuring their sacrifices were not in vain.

This election season, let us remember that our vote is more than a personal choice; it is an act of gratitude and honor toward those who came before us. Let us approach the ballot box with a spirit of responsibility, prayerfully considering the impact our choices will have on our community and future generations.

God bless you as you cast your ballot, and may God bless and keep our country in this election season. Amen.

*Strengthening the saved, saving the lost.*

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Jesus is hidden  
in this month's  
newsletter 10  
times.



Can you find  
them all?



**UPDATE**

In case you did not attend the  
Congregational Meeting on September  
29, here is a summary of the campaign  
report that was given at the meeting:

Non-pledged cash received \$32,100.

Pledges made \$382,124.

Cash payments already received on pledges \$190,310.

Pledges still outstanding and due by Dec 31, 2025, \$191,814.

Total of pledges and cash received is \$414,224.

Additional contributions can be made at any time with a notation  
accompanying the gift "apply to **Retiring the Debt**".

## Bethlehem Christian Families

BCF will be visiting CTR

Sunday, Dec 15 to display olive wood carvings  
and gifts from the Holy Land and to share their  
mission with our congregation.



# SEWING LOVE



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.

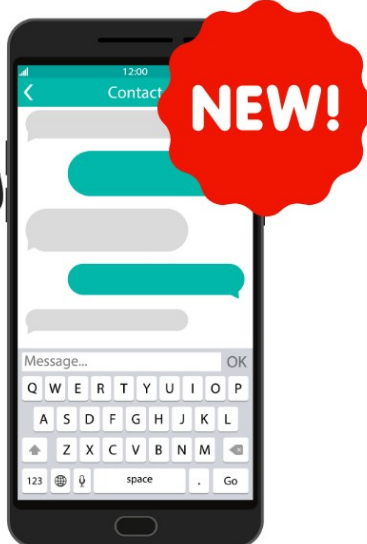
Prayers for our quilt program are needed plus prayers for the recipients of our quilts. These quilts are sent all over the United States, as well as the world!



Complete the Text Opt-In Form on Church Center and receive texts from CTR for events you have signed up for!

This includes:

- Youth & Family Events
- Retreats
- Volunteer Opportunities
- And more!



**Sign up to serve as an Acolyte or Crucifer**

USE THE SIGN UP GENIUS PLATFORM TO SELECT DATES AND TIMES OF SERVICES

**SIGN UP!**



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!



## NOVEMBER:

- 1-Benjamin Gobin
- 1-Carmen Koch
- 1-James Morgan
- 2-Lucas Horn
- 5-Andrew King
- 6-Ryan McVey
- 8-Wayne Beikmann
- 9-Abi Campbell
- 9-Grace Campbell
- 12-Russ Hansen
- 15-Brock Kissman
- 17-Carolyn Bening
- 17-Frank Brown
- 17-Victoria Brown
- 17-Carol Fruehling
- 19-Kristy Ehrlich
- 19-Connor Morgan
- 22-Xavier Ford
- 22-Jerry Morlock
- 23-Darbi Newman
- 24-Paige Keeton
- 24-Caroline King
- 25-Kelli Hanson
- 25-Colt Knoup
- 25-Camden Knutson
- 25-Ericka Musse
- 26-Tom Bordner
- 26-Rhoda Transue
- 27-Charlotte Ross
- 28-Tim Kuehnert
- 29-Holly Baumann
- 29-James Holt



# MINISTRY OF MUSIC FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

FALL 2024

Providing music education & opportunities for the students of CTR

## Sunday Mornings

**AUG  
4**

Aug 18  
Sep 1  
Sep 15  
Sep 29  
Oct 20  
Nov 3  
Nov 17

### 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) Students will join Jacob and Craig for hand chimes and bell choir practice.

**AUG  
11**

Aug 25  
Sep 8  
Sep 22  
Oct 13  
Oct 27  
Nov 10  
Nov 24

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Join us 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)

RESUMES IN THE FALL with CTR-U on Sept 4

**Sept  
4**

Sept 18  
Oct 2  
Nov 6  
Nov 20

### 1st & 3rd ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Faith Friends students will join us after class time from 6:00-6:30 PM on these two weeks each month to learn vocal music.



**Sept  
11**

Sept 25  
Oct 9  
Oct 23  
Nov 13

### 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.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [CTRTULSA.ORG](http://CTRTULSA.ORG) OR SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS  
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# MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

BY JACOB DREGLER

Last month, I wrote the first in a series of articles dealing with the history and practice of sacred music in the Lutheran Church. In the October newsletter, my article centered on the 500th anniversary of the publication of the first Lutheran hymnals. This month, I will briefly examine the historic foundation of the Divine Service (*Gottesdienst*), the principal Eucharistic service of the Lutheran Church, with a particular emphasis on its roots in the Mass. I will also discuss the role that Martin Luther played in restoring active congregational participation in the liturgy and music of the Church.

Luther, the German monk who gave rise to the Protestant Reformation through a series of disputes with the Roman Catholic Church over doctrines and practices that he felt conflicted with the clear teaching of Scripture was, in contrast to some of his more iconoclastic contemporaries in the Radical Reformation and Reformed tradition, a relatively conservative reformer. Luther sought to reform the practices of the Roman Catholic Church from within, rather than start an entirely new church body. Even after his excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church in 1521, Luther retained much of the liturgy and music of the Western Mass for use in the Divine Service, excising only those components that he interpreted as being a hindrance to the scriptural, clear, and winsome proclamation of the Gospel. Indeed, Luther's *Formula missae* (1523), which provided guidelines for reforming the Latin Mass for use in the nascent Lutheran Church, and his *Deutsche Messe* (1526), which presented a German language liturgy for use by the people, resemble, in most respects, the Western rite long in use within the Roman Catholic Church.

Central to Luther's efforts to reform the Mass was the notion that the entire congregation should be able to participate fully in worship. To that end, the Scripture readings and sermons spoken by the priest were to be presented in the vernacular, in contrast to the prevailing practice within the Catholic Church of using Latin, which, by the time of the Reformation, was understood by few priests and even fewer members of the laity. In addition, vernacular hymns, Psalms, and musical settings of the liturgy, both newly composed and adapted from earlier sources, featured prominently in the Divine Service. This vernacular repertoire of sacred music was conceived to allow the congregation to regain their role as active participants in the liturgy, reinvigorating and reclaiming the legacy of congregational song that had gradually been silenced throughout the Middle Ages due to an ever-increasing emphasis on the role of the priest and the choir in the liturgy at the expense of the participation of the laity.

In next month's article, we will delve into the topic of psalmody in the Lutheran Church. It is my hope that this series of articles will give you a renewed appreciation for and deeper knowledge of the rich tradition of liturgy and song that we have inherited as Lutheran Christians. As we are gathered by the Holy Spirit around Word, font, and table, may the gifts that we receive from God in the Divine service shape and prepare us to go out into the world to live lives of love and service to God and our neighbors. *Soli Deo Gloria!* ("To God alone be the glory!").



## SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for this special annual event!



Christ the Redeemer Lutheran  
2250 East 71st Street  
Tulsa, OK, 74136



Sunday, December 8th, 2024  
3:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Let us know you are coming!

[tulsamessiah.org/rsvp](https://tulsamessiah.org/rsvp)



Chorus members and soloists are welcome. Please visit  
[tulsamessiah.org/musicians](https://tulsamessiah.org/musicians) to register or for more information

Soloists Auditions (at Christ the Redeemer in Tulsa):

- AUDITIONS: Arranged individually
- Rehearsals: TBD as required
- DRESS REHEARSAL: Friday, Dec 6, 6:00-9:00 pm

Chorus Rehearsals (at Christ the Redeemer in Tulsa):

- November 3: 2:00-3:30 pm
- November 10: 2:00-3:30 pm
- November 17: 2:00-3:30 pm
- November 24: 2:00-3:30 pm
- DRESS REHEARSAL: Friday, Dec 6, 6:00-9:00 pm

Please contact John Meinders at  
[jhmeinders@cox.net](mailto:jhmeinders@cox.net)  
with any questions.

Musicians Register at:

[tulsamessiah.org/musicians](https://tulsamessiah.org/musicians)



# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



"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

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



## Fall Force Ages 8-12

**When?** November 22-24  
**Where?** Camp Lutherhoma  
**Who?** Youth ages 8-12  
**What?**

This weekend retreat allows younger kids an opportunity to

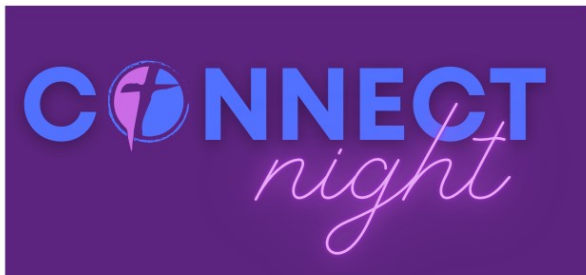
explore camp for the first time or return to camp and see friends from summer. Adults are allowed to attend free of charge and will also experience Bible studies, camp activities, and all the fun things of camp. Invite friends!

**How much?** \$80 per person (discounted from camp cost as subsidized by CTR) Additional financial assistance available, if necessary. Contact DCE Nikki with questions.



*register here*

or go to Signups on the Church Center app



**NOVEMBER 9th**  
**6-8 PM**  
**@ CTR**

## Potluck and Trivia Night

We'll provide the meat. You bring a side dish, or dessert, and a friend or 2. Please sign up on the Church Center app so we can have enough meat  
Childcare available upon request.

Please sign up no later than **November 6th!**



*Connect Night+  
registration*



**ABOVE:** A quilt blessing at Immanuel Lutheran in Independence, Iowa.

**W**e are thrilled to share the news with you that the LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry is expanding to reach neighbors in need in the United States. This means that quilts and kits will now comfort families here in the U.S. — and abroad, as they always have.

This expansion is possible entirely because of **faithful people like you**, who contribute your time and talents to make and assemble quilts and kits.

In fact, LWR Quilts and Kits are already on the way to partners in the U.S., with the first distributions expected to happen later this year.

The Quilt & Kit Ministry is our longest running program, born in 1945 — the same year as Lutheran World Relief. Over these last 80 years, the ministry has grown considerably, which means we can now expand our reach to comfort and care for more of our neighbors, both near and far.

**Together, we serve a God of incredible abundance! Thank you.**

You'll be happy to know that our U.S. partners are thankful, too. Humanitarian and social services organizations —

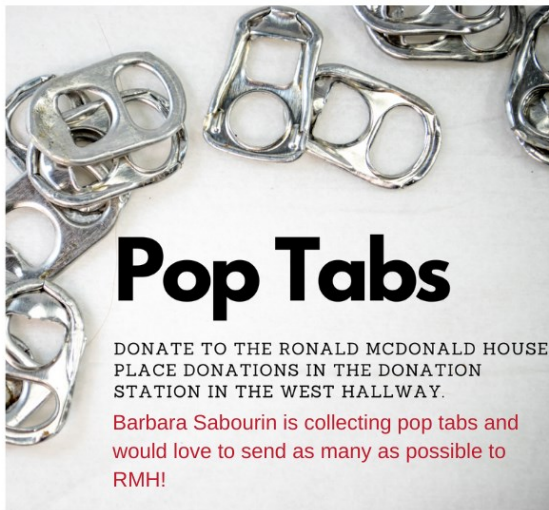
including our newest partners **Lutheran Services of the Carolinas** and **Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains** — are eager to share your gifts of care and comfort with children, women and men in their communities. These organizations reach people who are affected by disasters, coping with crises or struggling in poverty.

We are tremendously grateful to you and the entire Quilt & Kit Ministry community for making this significant and historic expansion possible. Please continue to make quilts and kits for neighbors in need around the world, including at home in the U.S.

**Thank you and God bless you!**

We know you may have questions — we have answers! For example, you may be wondering if there are changes to the quilt and kit guidelines. The answer is no, there are no changes. All guidelines will remain in place to allow maximum flexibility for reaching our neighbors in need at any given time and in any country.

**Please visit [lwr.org/expansion](http://lwr.org/expansion) for more information and for answers to frequently asked questions.**



*Please turn in your 2025  
pledge card to the CTR  
office if you have not  
already done so.*

# THANK YOU!



**Daylight Savings  
Time Ends  
November 3**

*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 15.*





Nov 3	Scott & Denise Burmeister	34 yrs
Nov 5	Ed & Anja Johnson	35 yrs
Nov 11	David & Stacie Edwards	24 yrs
Nov 17	Brad & Janice Young	45 yrs
Nov 24	Jim & Rosmary Holt	45 yrs
Nov 29	Timothy & Katie Michaels-Johnson	16 yrs



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

After you've enjoyed your bouquet at home, please return the white container to keep the cost low.



CTR Offices will be closed:  
Thursday, Nov. 28  
& Friday, Nov. 29



**MEN**

**SWEATS**  
**PANTS/JEANS**  
**SHORTS**  
**SHOES**  
**PULLOVERS**  
**SHIRTS/T-SHIRTS**

**ONGOING NEEDS:**

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS  
BACKPACKS/RE-USABLE BAGS  
MEN'S POLO/CASUAL BUTTON DOWNS  
MEN'S UNDERWEAR/socks  
WOMEN'S XS,S,M,L PANTIES/BRAS/socks

**UPCOMING NEEDS:**

SWEATSHIRTS  
JACKETS & COATS  
HATS/GLOVES/SCARVES

**WOMEN**

**JEANS**  
**LEGGINGS**  
**SWEATS**  
**FOOTWEAR**  
**CASUAL TOPS**  
**T-SHIRTS**

# O.W.L.S.



## SIGN UP FOR THE E-BLAST

November OWLS will be on Thursday, November 21st at 1:00 pm—*please note the change from the fourth Thursday to the third Thursday due to Thanksgiving.*

The speaker will be CTR's own Sarah Wendelbo who is a speech-language pathologist. She will speak about the impact of families experiencing the disability of a child and their need for occasional respite care—  
a need that is fulfilled by CTR's rEcess program.

Remember that all ages are welcome to attend and that you are welcome to bring guests as well!

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



At the September 26th OWLS meeting, members of the Tulsa Bomb Squad presented the program. Pictured with Tulsa police officers Jeremy Lawson & Scott Sepanski is CTR member Don Vavra who presented them with OWLS mugs as a token of appreciation for their informative program.

Sid McVey gave a presentation on his Army artillery Vietnam experience to OWLS on October 24th and received a standing ovation from the audience. Teresa Nightingale presented Sid with a special OWL gift.



CTR member, Deb Drain (Community Relations Coordinator with the Coffee Bunker), was also in attendance and presented Sid McVey, Don Vavra and Jerry Morlock with Vietnam era military pins.



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Youtube:

Search "Scott Burmeister" and click on the CTR logo



Twitter:

@PastorBe\_CTR



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

FALL 2024



**Students (PK-12th)**  
**Sundays weekly at 9:20 AM**  
**& Beginning Sept 4**  
**Wednesdays weekly at 5:30 PM**

## PreK- 5th Grade Elementary Students

Sundays following Opening



This month, kids in PreK-5th grade will continue to learn about the Lord's Prayer. We hope that your family will continue to pray this prayer that Jesus taught together at home, at meals, at bedtime, when you are worried or anytime. Once this unit wraps up in a couple of weeks we will spend a lot of time on the 10 Commandments. Even though the 10 Commandments are given to us as Law, they were given to us out of God's grace! In fact, at the beginning of Exodus 20, as God is giving Moses the 10 Commandments, He reminds him (and us) about His grace in verse 2, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." God reminds us that He has already saved us, then from slavery to Egypt and now from slavery to sin and death. The commandments are then given to give the people boundaries and tell us about how to love God and love others. Talk about the 10 Commandments and what they mean. Every first grade student at CTR is given "My First Catechism" on Education Sunday in August. Use this as a teaching tool for your kids. Hopefully, the Sunday school teachers are just reinforcing what you are already doing at home. If your child has never received "My First Catechism", please see DCE Nikki.



1st-2nd grade learned about Fruit of the Spirit last month

## K- 5th Grade Elementary Students



5:30 pm every  
Wednesday



K-5 students are learning what it means to be connected with God through prayer, service, and studying God's Word. We are learning what it means to be connected with others by playing together as well.

# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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## THIRD SUNDAY *Family Funday*

### Fall Festival Fun!!!



Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make Fall Festival happen!! This event couldn't happen without you!



# 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 CENTER & ONLINE PAYMENT IS AVAILABLE.



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**PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR ANNUAL 2024 MEDICAL AND LIABILITY PACKET ON THE CHURCH CENTER APP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.**

**JOURNEY IN JANUARY**  
CAMP LUTHERHOMA  
FRIDAY JANUARY 17 - SUNDAY JANUARY 19

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT FOR 9TH-12TH GRADE  
**\$155 EACH FOR YOUTH & FRIENDS**  
SIGN UP BETWEEN 10/13/24 AND 11/8/24 AND RECEIVE A **DISCOUNT PRICE OF \$110!**  
USE CODE **EARLY**.  
**\$105 EACH FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
SIGN UP BETWEEN 10/13/24 AND 11/8/24 & USE CODE **LEADER** FOR A REDUCED PRICE.  
SIGN UP ON CHURCH CENTER.  
PLEASE REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 25, 2024.

*Register Now*

## Journey in January High School retreat at Camp Lutherhoma, planned and led by high school students.

Open to youth and their friends age 14-18 in high school. Registration cost is \$155 each (\$158 online) for retreat cabins (those serving on the committee pay \$105 or \$107 online). Retreat cabins include bedding and towels.

Full price registration is \$155 per student/ \$105 committee member if you registered with camp outside CTR.

CTR will offer 2 discounts:

- 1) For committee members, please talk to Suzanne for a discount code to save \$45 off your registration price.
- 2) For regular student registrations, sign up between 10/13/24 and 11/8/24 and receive \$45 off your registration fee! This will make your total price \$110! Use the special registration code **EARLY** to receive this discount when you check out online.

## Join us January 31-February 2, 2025 at Camp Lutherhoma! Club 345, Jr High and High School Winter Retreat

Open to youth and their friends, grades 3-8 & 9-12 as participants. HS students may come and serve as small group leaders for the younger youth.

Registration cost for 3rd-8th graders or HS attendees is \$100 each or \$103 online.

Retreat cabins include bedding and towels.

An **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT** is available between 10/13/24 and 11/15/24 of \$25 bringing your price to only \$75. Please enter the discount code of **WINTER** when checking out.

You should be at church no later than 6:00 PM on the 31st. Please eat dinner prior or bring a sack meal with you! We will return on the 2nd at approximately 2:30 PM.

**WINTER RETREAT**  
CLUB 345, JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

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

An **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT** is available between 10/13/24 and 11/15/24 of \$25 bringing your price to only \$75. Please enter the discount code of **WINTER** when checking out.

**JAN 31-FEB 2** | **Camp Lutherhoma** Tahlequah, OK | **\$100 PRICE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** | Contact: nbaydgcctrulsa.org | suzanne.watt@ctrulsa.org

# 2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING REGISTRATION



**ENDURE**  
JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA

**SCAN ME**



**When is it?**  
Gathering dates are July 19-23, 2025. Please keep open July 17-24 at this time as we make travel and special event arrangements. Once the dates are firm, we will update that information.

## SAVE THE DATE

October 27, 2024-  
Fall Festival

November 22-24, 2024  
Fall Force Retreat @ Camp  
Lutherhoma

December 20-21, 2024-  
High School Christmas  
Party & Lock-In @ Immanuel

December 22, 2024-  
Club 345  
Middle School  
Christmas Parties

January 17-19, 2025-  
Journey in January High  
School Retreat @ Camp  
Lutherhoma

January 31-February 2,  
2025-  
Winter Retreat @ Camp  
Lutherhoma

February 16, 2025-  
Incredible Paintball Event

June 23-27, 2025  
VBS

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



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

### Early Registration Pay Schedule:

A \$175 non-refundable deposit per person is due by August 25 or you may pay the full \$395.

A second payment of \$120 is due by December 31.

A third and final payment of \$100 is due by March 1.

### Late Registration Pay Schedule:

A \$275 non-refundable deposit per person is due by upon registration or you may pay the full \$475.

A second payment of \$100 is due by December 31.

A third and final payment of \$100 is due by March 1.

*Once you commit to going you are responsible for any costs associated with you going on the trip that the church pays in your name. If you decide at a later date to not go, you must find someone to take your place or you will be responsible for reimbursing Christ the Redeemer for any funds paid in your name above your registration fee. This includes: hotel costs, transportation costs, special event tickets, t-shirts, etc.*

### Tentative Youth Gathering Budget for CTR Students

#### Family Pays:

Registration Fee Per Individual _____	\$395.00 (2024 paid)
Hotel Gratuity Per Individual _____	\$15.00 (bring cash)
Gathering Offering Per Individual _____	\$10.00 (bring cash)
CTR Event Per Individual _____	\$50.00

#### Fundraising Pays:

Transportation Cost Per Individual _____	\$190.00
Hotel Rooms Per Individual _____	\$350.00
District Event Per Individual _____	\$50.00 (2024 paid)

#### Church Budget Pays:

Group T-shirts Per Individual _____	\$100.00 (est.)
Food Cost Per Individual _____	\$300.00

<b>Total Cost Per Individual _____</b>	<b>\$470</b>
<b>Total Fundraising Per Individual _____</b>	<b>\$590</b>
<b>Total Church Budget* Per Individual _____</b>	<b>\$400</b>
• pending 2025 budget approval by congregation	

## Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, November 2024



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 2024

CTR-U Dinner Schedule Fall 2024	MENU Salad Bar and Dessert every week
October 2	Make your own Sub Sandwich, Chips
October 9	Baked Potato Bar & Chili
October 16	Fall Break NO CLASSES
October 23	Italian Night, Green Beans
October 30	Grilled Cheese & Soup

Weekly Schedule
5:00-5:30 PM Open for Games & Fellowship
5:30-6:30 PM Classes for All Ages Faith Friends Confirmation High School Women's Small Group Adult Small Group
6:15-7:15 PM Dinner in Fellowship West
7:15-8:30 PM Choir
7:15-8:30 PM Young Adult Group Adult Class

## 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 in a devotion and enjoying games & fellowship in the High School room.



### Youth Music Schedule



1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
6:00-6:30 PM  
Elementary Students  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
6:00-6:45 PM  
Jr High & High School Students

## MORE INFORMATION

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

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



### Sundays at 9:40 am

*The Wired Word*  
Join us for this discussion based Bible study based on current news events.

### Wednesdays at 7 pm

This month we are talking about the **rhythms of life** that help us **avoid burnout**, both at work or school, and also spiritual burnout.

All young adults are invited to come connect with other young adults in Bible study, discussion and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact DCE Nikki: 918-859-8575 or [NBoyd@ctrtulsa.org](mailto:NBoyd@ctrtulsa.org)

## rEcess

We need volunteers!!

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, contact:  
[Sarah.Wendelbo@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.Wendelbo@gmail.com),  
[Jhmeinders@cox.net](mailto:Jhmeinders@cox.net) or  
[NBoyd@CTRtulsa.org](mailto:NBoyd@CTRtulsa.org)

**rEcess** is our parents' night out for families who have children with special needs.

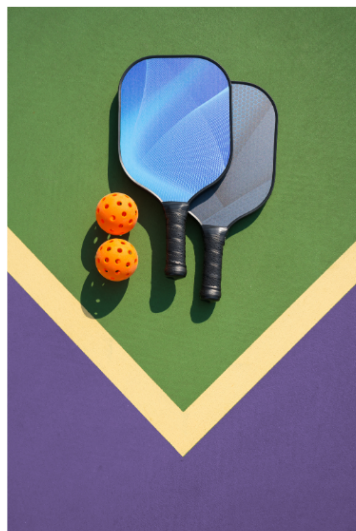
2024

Nov 1  
Dec 6



2025

Feb 7  
Mar 7  
Apr 4  
May 2



## Pickleball

Did you know? You can now reserve the church gym online for pickleball, or other events, by using the Church Center app. On the home screen tap the "Pickleball/Gym Request" button. Or you can use the QR code and it will take you straight there!



## Join the conversation



If you know of a young adult who wants to have fun, fellowship, and meaningful faith conversations, please tell them about the Bible studies, or contact DCE Nikki



**Modern Worship SERVICE**

EVERY SUNDAY

12:15 PM IN FELLOWSHIP WEST

*Join us!*



## Lutheran Women in Mission

**LWML** November Meeting  
11/19/24 12:30 to 1:30

Our regular meeting will be held in the West Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting food items for the **Coffee Bunker** food pantry, so we encourage everyone to bring a donation whether you are attending or not. We have labeled boxes in the closets. This is a great organization that supports our veterans in many ways besides the



On November 16<sup>th</sup> three of our intrepid LWML women will be heading out on a **MOST Eyeglass Mission trip to Belize!** We will be helping to provide glasses to people in the town of Orange Walk and working with a local Lutheran Pastor and his church. This is the destination of all those glasses you've donated! We will give a full report when we get back!

And LWML just packed the eyeglasses CTR donated this year, we



sent 280 pairs!!  
Thank you  
everyone 😊



On September 28<sup>th</sup> CTR hosted the Fall Festival for the **Tulsa and Miami Zones** with 41 participants. At the meeting the new officers were selected. CTR's Suzanne Beauchamp was elected President, here being pinned by the outgoing president Daphnee Brian. Additionally, Debra Howell will be replacing Josie Neger as Vice President. A big thanks to both Daphnee and Josie for their dedicated service.

In case you didn't hear our LWML Zone just shipped to the **Lutheran World Relief** 450 handmade quilts, 173 Health Kit and 299 School Kits. And LWR has determined that all the relief items we sent will be staying in the **US** and going to the folks so badly hit by the **Hurricanes**. What a blessing for them. God's timing is perfect!

And on October 8<sup>th</sup> an 8 member **Oklahoma LERT** team deployed to GA to aid with repairs and cleanup after the Hurricanes. We bide them safe travels and God's blessings at Trinity Church in BA.



I'm sure this is just the first of many trips.



# Save The Date

CTR Women's **Christmas**  
Celebration

Tuesday December 17th

6:00pm to 7:30pm

The annual Women's Christmas celebration is just around the corner so be sure and put an X on your calendars now! In the busy holiday season, it's a must to take a few hours to relax, recharge and laugh with the "girls".

This year we are inviting all the young women over 12 to join us so bring your daughters. The theme is Red and White, think Candy Canes, and we have a fun activity or two planned. If you can bring an appetizer, we will supply the drinks and desserts.



Let me be the first to wish you a  
**Blessed Christmas!**  
Debra H.



## SHOE *Drive*

LWML shoe drive is back! Two years ago 125 pairs were collected by CTR. OK LWML District receives funds based on the number of pounds received. 25% goes to LWML Mites. Some of the shoes donated will be used in foreign countries where people are trained to become entrepreneurs and set up a shoe store. Funds generated from these stores can help those in extreme poverty such as a man who used funds from his shoe store to purchase a goat to provide milk for his family.

Shoe drive will begin November 1 and end January 31, 2025. Collection location will be on shelved area behind name tags. Shoes with laces can be tied together and others can be rubber band together.

## CTR LADIES BUNCO

THURSDAY, NOV 7  
1PM

IN FELLOWSHIP WEST

RSVP TO ANGELA LEMONS



# STEWARDSHIP & GIVING



## For the Month of September

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
September Giving	\$65,913	\$68,722
Monthly Income Budget	\$76,981	\$88,750
Year to Date Actual Giving	\$737,643	\$758,784
Year to Date Expense Budget	\$892,633	\$760,026
Actual YTD Expenses	\$784,625	\$711,357

## 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.**



1 John 3:17-18

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

## Tulsa Saints Foundation

10.14.2024

Michael W Bryan - Director

Jennifer Kimes - Communications

CTR Newsletter



Blessings to all at the Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Although the temperatures have been hotter than normal this time of year, it has been a blessing to those on the street. We have in mind our brothers and sisters who don't have an abundance of resources and a nice home to be in. Once winter hits, many will struggle to find warmth and shelter. We pray to be able to continue to help provide food, clothing, and supplies for the cold days ahead. It is a great joy being able to carry out this mission and serve our community in need here in the Tulsa area. Glory be to Heavenly Father who makes it possible.

**Matthew 25:35-36** *'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'*



This past month we helped a frequent Friday night attendance, our brother Sonny in receiving the supplies he needed to furnish an apartment he recently got approved for. We interviewed him this past Friday and learned more about his story. It is one of not giving up in faith and continuing to trust in God to provide our needs. Through the loss and devastation, he's been through over the last several years of being on the streets. He persevered until he was able to find a safe shelter and a chance to start his life over. His advice to those suffering from being homeless is this, "It's a combination of finding the right support system, and working hard to change your situation that got me to where I am now.

You must be willing to put in the effort and fight the battle that is needed to get yourself in a better place." It is a joy being able to be a part of Sonny's transition story and we pray to continue to be an aid to him for his days ahead. We pray that through the adoption program, we will be able to assist many more brothers and sisters in receiving the support they need. **Deuteronomy 15:11** *'There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.'*

Here is the link to our Facebook page if you are interested in keeping up <https://m.facebook.com/TulsaSaints/>.

As fall begins and winter approaches, the homeless need more clothing. If led to give, we need sweatpants, hoodies, winter jackets and coats, gloves, hats, socks, undergarments, old boots, tents, sleeping bags, and blankets. Please drop off into the Tulsa Saints room on the table set aside for donations. God bless you and may His face shine upon you and grant you peace and pray for the Tulsa Homeless.

If you want to help with food, please contact Melissa James. For other inquiries contact Michael Bryan.

God Bless You and thank you Messiah for changing our hearts to help those who are most in need.

As always, if you wish to come out and [help](#) we meet at Fridays 5:15pm First Baptist Tulsa Caring Center at 3rd and Detroit. We hand out food and supplies until we run out.



## JOIN A Home Team

### The Backbone of Eden Village

Relationship and community are a key part of the solution to homelessness. We believe that we should know the name and story of the person we're trying to help. Each resident of Eden Village of Tulsa has a supportive Home Team consistent of **4-6 people** from the surrounding Tulsa, OK area that will promise to **meet monthly** and 'do life' with that resident. There is a short educational program required to clearly explain the process, which includes **no material gifts, rather** just a supportive relationship. Basically, we're asking for a dedicated, consistent group to become the family our new neighbors have not had.

## Make a Lasting Impact

### What is a Home Team?

Home teams are a long-term volunteer opportunity that allow you to make a personal connection with an Eden Village resident.

### How often do they meet?

Each resident is assigned a home team upon move in that will meet once a month during their first year living at Eden Village.

### Why are Home Teams important?

Transitioning from life on the streets to life in a home is not easy. The home team offers support and encouragement during this time.



If you are interested please let Suzanne Beauchamp know [smbeauchamp02@gmail.com](mailto:smbeauchamp02@gmail.com)

**Let's support "our" little home by being a CTR Home Team!**

# CTR CHRISTMAS Party

Sunday

**15 December 2024**

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Signup at the NW door.  
Adults only but nursery  
available upon request!

*Ugly Sweater  
Contest!*



*Games!*



*Prizes!*



Cost: \$25 per person  
Signups & payments  
due Dec. 1  
Pay in advance by cash/check  
or VANCO



# CHRIST THE REDEEMER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

2550 East 71st Street  
Tulsa, OK 74136

Sunday Worship:  
8:15 & 10:45 AM

Sunday School/Bible Classes  
9:30 AM

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THE CTR YOUTH ARE SELLING FALL & CHRISTMAS GREENERY THROUGH LYNCH CREEK FARM THIS SEASON AS A FUNDRAISER FOR SUMMER TRIPS, INCLUDING THE 2025 YOUTH GATHERING!  
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



CTR SERMON PREP  
PODCAST

TUNE IN WEEKLY!