



# CORNERSTONE

MAY 2025

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

**BY PASTOR BURMEISTER**

Fellow Redeemed,

Recently, I have been brushing up on my systematic theology, using Francis Pieper's Christian Dogmatics. It is the text we used at Seminary for all of our Systematic Theology classes.

You might ask, what is theology? Is it the domain of professors, pastors, and dusty books? Or is it something much more alive, essential, and deeply connected to our life of faith? Reflecting on Dr. Francis Pieper's work in Christian Dogmatics, especially Chapter 8 on "Christian Theology," we are reminded that theology is not an academic luxury but the very lifeblood of the Church's confession.

Pieper reminds us that Christian theology is the knowledge of God drawn from God's own self-revelation—His Word. In a world that often tries to reason its way to God through human philosophy, feelings, or speculation, Pieper firmly anchors theology in Holy Scripture alone. True Christian theology receives, it does not invent. It listens humbly, rather than constructing its own ideas about who God is.

Thus, theology is not first and foremost a human search for God; it is a reception of God's gracious self-giving in Christ. Pieper makes it clear: the purpose of theology is not to entertain curiosities, but to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. True theology always serves the ministry of Word and Sacrament, where Christ Himself forgives, strengthens, and gathers His Church.

Moreover, Pieper insists that theology is for faith. It is not just a collection of correct statements (although right doctrine is crucial), but a living, saving knowledge that clings to Christ. Theology exists so that sinners may know their Savior and find their confidence, not in themselves, but entirely in God's mercy revealed through Christ crucified and risen.

This has profound implications for us at CTR. It means that every sermon, Bible study, Catechism class, and hymn is not merely "religious information," but the living theology that delivers Christ to us. It also means that each one of us, not just pastors or teachers, is called to be a theologian in the truest sense—one who hears God's Word, trusts in it, and confesses it before the world.

Pieper's reflections ultimately call us back to the heart of our faith: Christ for us. Theology is for the comfort of troubled consciences, for the building up of the Church, and for the glory of God. May we, as a congregation, treasure this rich gift of Christian theology, not as a cold set of doctrines, but as the living truth of the Gospel that gives life to the world.

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16).

Amen

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Pastor B is teaching Lutheranism 101  
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact him for more info!



May 26  
 CTR Offices Closed





## Sunday Worship Schedule at Christ the Redeemer

8:15 AM

### Divine Service



In the Divine Service, God comes to us in His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Following the order of service found in *Lutheran Service Book*, we are gathered by the Holy Spirit to hear God's Word, sing His praise, and receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in the waters of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Holy Communion on 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. A Nursery is available for children 0-4 yrs.

Participate in worship by serving as an usher, greeter, or lay reader or by joining the Sanctuary Choir or Agapè Ringer handbell ensemble.

9:30 AM

### Sunday School



Join us weekly all year long for Christian Education opportunities for all ages. Children, Youth, Young Adults and Adults all have classes open to them.

Join us for Sunday School Opening in Fellowship West as we will have an acoustic style music beginning at 9:20AM. All ages welcome.

10:45 AM

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Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays. A Nursery is available for children 0-4 yrs.

Participate in worship by serving as an usher, greeter, or lay reader or by joining the Sanctuary Choir or Agapè Ringer handbell ensemble.

10:45 AM

### Fellowship45



Starting at 10:45 AM each Sunday, meet us in Fellowship East for a new time of fellowship with different opportunities each week. All ages are invited to attend this new purposeful time of fellowship.

Each month will have a theme with different opportunities to build upon it each week.

1st Sunday- Topical Bible Study  
2nd Sunday- Service  
3rd Sunday- Family Activity  
4th Sunday- Potluck

11:45 AM

### Modern Worship Service



Our Modern Worship Service has a new time with the New Year. The beauty of Scripture and the reliable truth found in God's wisdom is central to our worship. Pastor B leads our Modern Service alongside our house band as we strive to provide worship saturated in singing God's praise, hearing His Word, and receiving His gifts every week.

Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays



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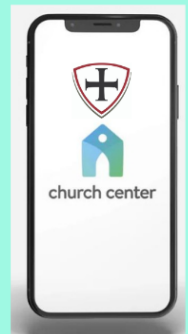


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# MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

BY JACOB DRENGLER

Many readers of these monthly newsletter articles are likely aware that since the fall of 2021, I have been working toward the completion of the Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) degree in Organ Performance at the University of Oklahoma. But what exactly is a DMA? What sorts of things does one have to do in order to earn a DMA? How close is the author of this article to completing the requirements for the DMA? In this month's article, I shall endeavor to answer all of these questions.

The DMA is a terminal academic degree in the field of music. The DMA is, along with the Doctor of Music Education (DME) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), the highest-level academic degree awarded in music. While the DME and PhD tend to emphasize the fields of musicology, music theory, ethnomusicology, music therapy, and music education, the DMA centers on an applied area of specialization, such as music performance, composition, or conducting. Although all three degree types generally culminate in a written dissertation or thesis, the PhD and DME are more research-oriented, while the DMA includes a more rigorous performance component.

The DMA requires a minimum of 90 credit hours of academic work beyond the bachelor's degree. Typically, approximately 32 of those hours are completed during the master's degree. The DMA in Organ Performance at OU includes coursework that is required of all doctoral students in music, as well as several courses unique to the organ degree program. In terms of organ-specific course work, I have taken History and Fundamentals of Pipe Organ Construction and Design and three semesters of Organ Literature, covering the full gamut of pipe organ repertoire from the Renaissance to the present day. In addition, I took six semesters of applied doctoral organ lessons. The organ performance aspect of the degree culminated in the performance of three required hour-long solo organ degree recitals, which were presented in the Spring 2022, 2023, and 2024 semesters.

Other coursework required for the DMA includes studies in music theory, musicology, and music literature. While the required number of credit hours is the same for each student, the actual coursework taken varies from student to student and is dependent on their particular areas of research, study, and interest. For my music theory coursework, I took Analysis of Tonal Music, Theorizing Global Musics, and Analysis of 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Music. My musicology and music literature studies included Hymnody, World Organs in the Last 350 Years, Early Modernist Opera, Music and European Courts, and Bibliography and Research. I completed all of the required coursework for the degree with the completion of my final degree recital in Spring 2024.

In addition to the required preliminary exams, coursework, and recitals, DMA students are also required to complete the General Examination before beginning work on their doctoral thesis. The General Exam is a comprehensive series of written and oral tests that are designed to determine that a doctoral student has acquired expertise in their major area and possesses a thorough general knowledge of music. Further, the General Exam requires the student to express this specialized knowledge clearly in both writing and extemporaneous speaking and to synthesize information from various areas of musical study. The General Exam consists of six separate written tests in musicology, music theory, research design and analysis, musical styles, and two tests drawing from topics germane to the student's major area of study. The written exams are followed by an oral examination administered by the student's doctoral advisory committee, which consists of four faculty members from the School of Music and a fifth faculty member from another academic unit within the university. I finished the General Exam in November 2024, establishing my candidacy for the DMA, meaning that the proposal, writing, and defense of my doctoral thesis is the lone degree requirement remaining for me to complete.



## MUSIC MINISTRY CONTINUED...

Prior to completing and defending the doctoral thesis document, DMA students are required to submit a proposal document to their advisory committee. This proposal is meant to provide an outline of the subject matter that the student intends to explore in their dissertation. The proposal also should establish that the proposed topic of the study represents scholarship that makes an original contribution to the doctoral candidate's field of study. In addition to outlining the purpose of the proposed research, the methodology and parameters of the study, and a review of existing scholarly literature related to the topic of the study, the proposal must also include sample chapters of the proposed thesis document. Upon completion of the document proposal, it must be submitted to and approved by the members of the student's doctoral committee. Following approval of the proposal, the student proceeds to complete the document before submitting a final draft to their committee. The final step in the process is an oral defense of the thesis document before the candidate's advisory committee. I am currently working on my document proposal, which I hope to have completed and prepared to defend by sometime early in the Fall 2025 semester. In next month's article, I will offer a brief introduction to the German composer Johanna Senfter (1879-1961), whose life and organ music will be the subject of my dissertation.



1-Ken Ede  
 1-Betty Gesell  
 4-Linda Schultz  
 5-Kaden Hulse  
 5-Zoe Losacco  
 7-Jade Jackman  
 8-Ava Johnson  
 8-Hannah Wendelbo  
 8-Rachael Wendelbo  
 11-Rocco Losacco  
 12-Aimee Wilson  
 13-Angela Piantanida  
 14-Morgan Russell  
 16-Emma Lemons  
 17-Alyssa Whaley  
 18-Sandy Cooper  
 19-Amelia Stamm  
 20-Mia Kirk  
 20-Gregory Speer  
 23-Eric Speer  
 25-Simon Abela  
 25-Wanda Bennett  
 26-Thomas Abela  
 26-Emily Walter  
 28-Jon Weber  
 29-Lindsay Flasch  
 29-Olivia Patrick  
 29-Henry Rosenthal



UPDATE



Church Debt Balance	April, 2025	2025 YTD
Mortgage Balance, beginning of period	1,145,839.44	\$1,214,148.08
"Retire the Debt" Payments	(5,148.00)	(65,446.22)
Regular CTR Budgeted Payments	(2,844.61)	(10,855.03)
Mortgage Balance, end of period	\$1,137,846.83	\$1,137,846.83





May 2	Brad Jackson & Michelle Na'ayem	20 yrs
May 5	Robert & Johana Fitzgerald	24 yrs
May 6	Rhoda & Charlie Transue	24 yrs
May 9	Jerry & Diane Morlock	55 yrs
May 11	Mark & Sherry Volberding	13 yrs
May 18	Scott & Betty Gesell	41 yrs
May 20	Barry & Daphnee Brian	49 yrs
May 24	Kevin & Sarah Drain	13 yrs
May 25	Carson & Sarah Brian	6 yrs
May 26	Russ & Carole Hansen	58 yrs
May 26	David & Teresa Nightingale	52 yrs
May 29	Frank & Connie Thomas	43 yrs
May 31	Eric & Kara Kaplinski	17 yrs
May 31	Scott & Julee Mabrey	28 yrs

### *Filling Easter Eggs!*



Corene Cline, Patti Ross, Lynne Kollock



Iris Wilson, Suzie Beauchamp, Lanece Young



## **O.W.L.S. is retiring!**

After a successful run of about 15 years, the program is ending. In its heyday, the group would often have 30+ attendees, however the number of people in attendance has dwindled to 15-20 each month with only 10 people attending two of the programs this year. We have lost many of the original supporters of the group and those who are "coming of age" (🥰) haven't demonstrated an interest in participation. While there are ones among us who would love to see the program continue, it does not seem sustainable in its present form. Let Deva know if you are willing to step up to the plate and infuse the program with new ideas, and perhaps a new format. Otherwise, it is time to say goodbye to the program.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES



SPRING 2025

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 finish their unit about Psalm 23 and begin learning Bible stories that help us understand Psalm 119. Psalm 119 is the longest



Psalm in the book of Psalms. It's also the longest chapter in the Bible. It is an acrostic poem in which every section of 8 verses begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, however, in the English translation it doesn't work out that way. Our memory verse for this unit is:

"Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

### As a family :

- read or pray one section or stanza every day as you sit down for a meal, get ready for bed or get ready for school.
- try to memorize you favorite verses.
- illustrate the stanza for the day.
- Talk about the stanzas throughout the day/week.
- Ask the kids on Sunday what Bible lesson they learned about and discuss how it relates to the Psalm and to your life as a Christian family.

Talking about this Psalm while the kids are learning about it in Sunday school can really reinforce what they are learning. Learning the faith begins at home.

## Easter Egg Hunt fun!





# STUDENT MINISTRY



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

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"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 1:8



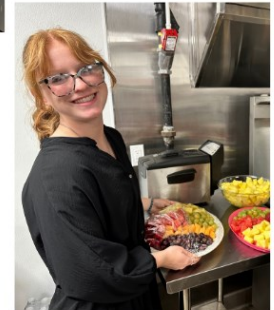
PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR ANNUAL 2025 MEDICAL AND LIABILITY PACKET ON THE CHURCH CENTER APP BEFORE ATTENDING YOUR FIRST YOUTH EVENT OF THE YEAR.

## Easter Breakfast

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER  
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025



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## PRE-GATHERING Meeting SCHEDULE

Adult Leaders going to the Gathering and Youth

Participants going to the Gathering—everyone committed to going to New Orleans in 2025 should attend all 4 meetings! Parents are only required to attend Meeting #4.

### When is the Gathering?

Gathering dates are July 19-23, 2025. We will be leaving Tulsa on July 18 and returning on July 24.



**June 1 @ 5PM**

Meeting & dinner for all Students/Chaperones going on the Gathering & Parents of students. Please attend!!!

At our January meeting we went through our second Bible Study together, discussed a group covenant, group t-shirts and went over existing reservations.

We next met on April 27 and completed a third Bible study and reviewed fundraising details, t-shirts and our itinerary.

We received our hotel assignment in mid-March 2025 at the Marriott Convention Center/Warehouse Arts. We were also notified that we were chosen for an on site servant project during the gathering.

We will have one last fundraiser this summer before we leave for the Gathering. The Commissioning for all students and chaperones going will be Sunday, July 13 at all services.

Hannah Haddad Morgan Merrill Brenden Cline Addie Ross Cora Davis Derek Stein Arden James Maggie Merrill Aiden Harwood

Logan Cline Andrew King William Butler Liam Bellmard

Lance Bellmard Jude Kuehnert Lucas Horn Ava Johnson Charlotte Ross Addison Harwood

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2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING CTR YOUTH MINISTRY



# ADULT MINISTRY AT CTR

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

## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### Sundays at 9:40 am

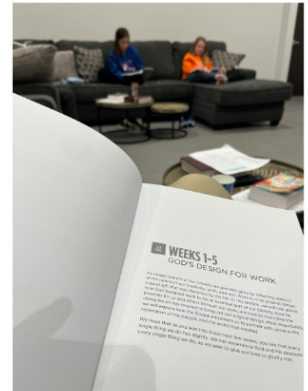
Come to the fishbowl  
and join the  
conversation about  
relevant topics each  
Sunday morning.



### Wednesdays

We're taking a break  
for the summer on  
Wednesday nights.

Join the  
conversation!

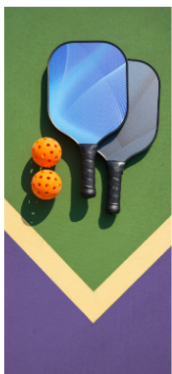


## TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY

The Tuesday morning women's group is currently studying the book of Philippians. We meet from 10-11:30 each week during the school year. Our last meeting this Spring will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have a "Celebration of Learning" Breakfast.

If you are looking for a way to connect with other women,  
and connect with God through His Word, join us!

If you have any questions, contact DCE Nikki.



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the QR code  
and it will take  
you straight  
there!

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – MAY 4

WELCOME!

Rod & Dessa Soper  
Tracy Huff  
Genie Rollings  
Ruby Rollings  
Simon Abela (Natalie & Thomas)



# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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## THIRD SUNDAY *Family Funday*

**MAY** the 4th  
*be with you!*

*Join us for a Star Wars themed Family Funday!*  
-Games, Food, Legos, God's Word  
-Fun for all ages

**3-5 PM**

*and*  
**LASER tag**

## THANK YOU!!

To everyone who donated to the Easter Egg Hunt, thank you! And to the ladies of LWML who stuffed eggs, and the ladies from the Tuesday morning Bible study who made the goodie bags, thank you. And to those who helped hide eggs and supervise, thank you!!! It couldn't have happened without your support!

**REGISTER today**



**Drillers**  
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## CTR FAMILY NIGHT

WED, JUNE 4TH @ 7 PM

TICKETS \$7/PERSON  
PLEASE SIGN UP BY  
MAY 25

FOR RESERVED SEATS BEHIND THE  
1ST BASE DUGOUT,  
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## rEcess

Last rEcess  
this Spring: **May 2**

To volunteer, contact:  
Sarah.wendelbo@gmail.com  
or  
JHMeinders@cox.net



**rEcess**

We want to give thanks to God for all of our volunteers this school year! We have had 29 people volunteer, with an average of 16 each month and over 472 volunteer hours (not including May)! That has enabled us to serve 12 different families throughout this year with 26 kids, including those with disabilities and their siblings. The parents are so thankful for this ministry and we are so blessed!





## Lutheran Women in Mission

We are involved



### LWML National Convention!

The **Bi-annual National Convention** will be held in **Omaha Nebraska** this June, and because of the closeness more CTR women will be able to attend. The theme of the convention is '**Growing in God's Grace**'. This 3-day event involves travel and hotel costs. The Ash Wednesday fundraiser earned \$328 so thank you for your participation! With 2 months to go we are hopeful we can grow this amount since we blessed to have 6+ women who want to attend!

### Spring Fling 2025

We had a very good turnout for the annual **Tri-Zone Spring Fling** with the Miami and Ponca City zones on March 29<sup>th</sup> in Ponca City. The theme was **Be Strong and Courageous and Full of Hope!** (Joshua 1:9) This is a message that all Christians need to hold close to our hearts! Spending time with our sisters in Christ is always encouraging!

### The Might Mites

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month you are encouraged to round up all your loose change or write out a check to support **LWML Missions!** This is your monthly chance to participate in outreach missions. We have been able to fully fund all 19 project grants for \$135,000 with those "mites". They fund big and diverse projects in God's name!! Let's make May a stellar giving month!

To see all the organizations that are being helped go to [www.oklwml.org](http://www.oklwml.org)

## Lutheran Women in Mission

### LWR Health Kit

At our May meeting we will be putting together the **LWR Health Kits!** Our congregation has been so generous and provided so many of the items for the kits that we are able to put them together now. Our goal is to make 100 kits!! We would love to have you join us so see you in the West Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30pm.



*CTR women who attended Spring Fling Saturday in Ponca City with women from Miami, Ponca City and Tulsa LWML zones*





## Convention Offerings

Lutheran Women in Mission have announced the convention offering recipients for the upcoming 41st Biennial Convention, to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, June 26–29, 2025. Checks (*payable to LWML*) or cash can be placed in the offering baskets at the entrances to the convention hall. QR code specific to each offering and the Text to Give numbers will be available in June.

### Convention Offering #1

#### **LWML Mission Goal 2025–2027**

The Standing Rules of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League state: The offering received at the convention Communion Service shall be designated as a contribution to the mission goal of LWML.

### Convention Offering #2

#### **Camp Linn Haven/Mountainside Lutheran Church, Newland, North Carolina**

Support Camp Linn Haven/Mountainside Lutheran Church and provide funds to help them with repairs to recover from the catastrophic damage inflicted by Hurricane Helene. Camp infrastructure damage estimated at over \$2 million.

### Convention Offering #3

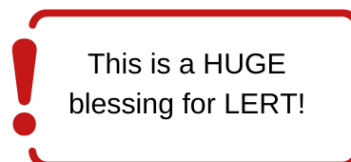
#### **Grace Point Institute for Relational Help, Lincoln, Omaha and Columbus, Nebraska**

Support Grace Point Institute for Relational Help to provide pastoral care and counseling for pastors and church workers.

### Convention Offering #4

#### **Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT), Oklahoma District**

Support Lutheran Early Response Team, Oklahoma District in their disaster relief efforts throughout Oklahoma and the nation by funding the purchase of large equipment for debris removal to reduce the manual work of the volunteers.





## Eden Village

### Spring has Sprung!

### And with it a 4<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood!

May 2025



Spring is here at Eden Village, with signs of new growth in the landscaping and new residents moving in off the streets. Our first 3 neighborhoods are filling up with about 21 folks living here now.

Neighborhood #4 foundations are done, with 9 new tiny homes being delivered next week, bringing us up to 36 homes. We've selected 36 people, from the over 600 applications so far, to become residents at Eden Village, so we expect to be full by late April. Prime Craftsmen Builders out of Skiatook are constructing our final 27 homes as we speak, set to be done by this fall.



It's a testament to the hard work and support of many in our community to take this 17 acres of weeds, trash, and an abandoned homeless camp into what it is becoming now. You just need to come and see what has been created with God's blessings. We are open for tours on Wednesdays and Fridays around noon.

We're not going to solve our homeless problem in Tulsa just with our 63 tiny homes, but we will solve it for our 63 formerly homeless friends. That's a good start.



## We're Having a Barn Raising!



We're making some progress on raising funds for the barn on our 7-acre working farm on the south part of our land. It's been zoned AG (probably the first-time land in Tulsa has gone from a residential to AG zoning) and ready to go. The total project will take about \$400k to develop. Right now we have a wonderful opportunity to get matching funds for the Barn itself. A local foundation has provided a \$70K matching grant to help build the barn, so we need to raise \$70K

this spring in order to receive this and start construction on the barn. And, we're seeking more support to finish out this farm project so that we'll at least have the infrastructure and the start of what will be a thriving agriculture application soon. This is just some of the great news that's coming out of the Eden Village Tulsa. Be sure and check out their website, Facebook page and on Instagram! This monthly newsletter will also be available on the CTR Facebook page with a link. So many opportunities to volunteer and get involved! You'll be glad you did.

(information is from the latest Eden Village newsletter).

[Tulsa OK Homeless Shelter | Permanent housing for chronically homeless](#)



## Home Team is Your Team

Relationships are at the heart of what we do, so consider volunteering at **Eden Village. Home Teams** are needed now, as every resident needs a small group of dedicated volunteers to befriend them. It's not hard, they just need your time and friendship to help them navigate their new lives.

CTR Home Team. We've established a **Home Team** for the resident who is living in the house CTR donated! We are delighted to be able to support this person as they move through this experience and back into society. The Team has had several planning meetings as well as a resident meet and greet. Please consider joining us. This ministry is very satisfying and while we are looking for a year commitment it isn't heavy on the time commitment. As they say many hands make light the work 😊 Contact/Text: Ed or Diane Fager with questions @ 918-810-1543 or 1557.



Join us for **FELLOWSHIP45** at CTR

STARTING AT 10:45 AM EACH SUNDAY, MEET US IN FELLOWSHIP EAST FOR A NEW TIME OF FELLOWSHIP WITH DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES EACH WEEK. ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS NEW PURPOSEFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.

FIRST SUNDAY- TOPICAL BIBLE STUDY  
SECOND SUNDAY- SERVICE  
THIRD SUNDAY- FAMILY ACTIVITY  
FOURTH SUNDAY- POTLUCK





# STEWARDSHIP & GIVING



## For the Month of March

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
March Giving	\$101,547	\$104,868
Monthly Income Budget	\$80,750	\$91,066
Year to Date Actual Giving	\$260,717	\$255,560
Year to Date Expense Budget	\$250,300	\$270,021
Actual YTD Expenses	\$233,821	\$242,489

## 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 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/>

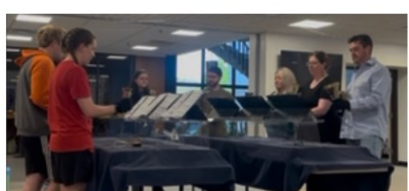


**When giving online, please consider making donations with your bank account instead of a debit/credit card as it saves CTR the additional credit card fees.**





# Stewardship Talent Show



Show your Talent



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# CHRIST THE REDEEMER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

2550 East 71st Street  
Tulsa, OK 74136

Sunday Divine Services  
8:15 & 10:45 AM

Modern Worship 11:45 AM

Sunday School/Bible Classes  
9:30 AM

PHONE: 918/492-6451

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