



# CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**CHRIST THE REDEEMER  
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# Advent & Christmas WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES**

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT WORSHIP  
5:30 PM DINNER  
6:30 PM WORSHIP

DECEMBER 4- HANGING OF THE GREENS  
DECEMBER 11- CHILDREN & YOUTH LED SERVICE  
DECEMBER 18- SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES- DECEMBER 24  
5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM  
NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE AT 5:00 & 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE- DECEMBER 25  
10:00 AM WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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# CORNERSTONE

DECEMBER 2024



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

BY PASTOR BURMEISTER

Fellow Redeemed,

As the Christmas celebration approaches, our hearts are drawn once again to the wonder of Christ's birth. Amid the twinkling lights, festive gatherings, and cherished traditions, it's easy to lose sight of the profound truth that makes this season so meaningful: the joy of Christmas is rooted not in what we do, but in what has been done for us through Jesus Christ.

The heart of Christmas is a message of Grace. Over 2,000 years ago, God sent His Son into the world, not because of anything we had earned, but because of His boundless love for us. Jesus, born of a virgin in humble Bethlehem, came to reconcile us to God—a gift of salvation given freely to those who believe.

This reminds us that our celebration of Christmas is not about our works or efforts, but about receiving by faith what God has already accomplished. Just as the shepherds received the good news from the angel and the wise men journeyed in faith to worship the newborn King, so too are we invited to approach the manger with hearts of faith, trusting in God's promise of redemption.

In a world that often ties happiness to material things or accomplishments, the joy of Christmas stands apart. True joy comes from knowing that we are loved by a Savior who came to dwell among us, to bear our burdens, and to offer us eternal life. This joy cannot be bought or earned—it is the fruit of faith alone in Christ Jesus.

This Christmas, we embrace the simplicity of that faith. As we sing carols, exchange gifts, and spend time with loved ones, may we remember that our joy is not found in the outward trappings of the season but in the unshakable truth that "unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (Isaiah 9:6).

Let us rejoice in the gift of God's grace, freely given, and let that joy spill over into our lives as a witness to others. In a world longing for hope, may we reflect the light of Christ, sharing the good news of salvation with everyone we meet.

Merry Christmas to you and your family! May your celebration be filled with the true joy of Christmas—a joy that comes through faith alone. Amen!

*Strengthening the saved, saving the lost.*

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**The PSALMS of DAVID**  
 PRAYERS OF A SHEPHERD KING, SINNER SAINT  
 Sign up to go with CTR on Church Center.  
 Talk to Shaun James about more details.  
 APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
 #HWSSNWA  
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**CTR LADIES BUNCO**  
 THURSDAY, DEC 5  
 1PM  
 IN FELLOWSHIP WEST  
 RSVP TO CHERRY VOLBERDING

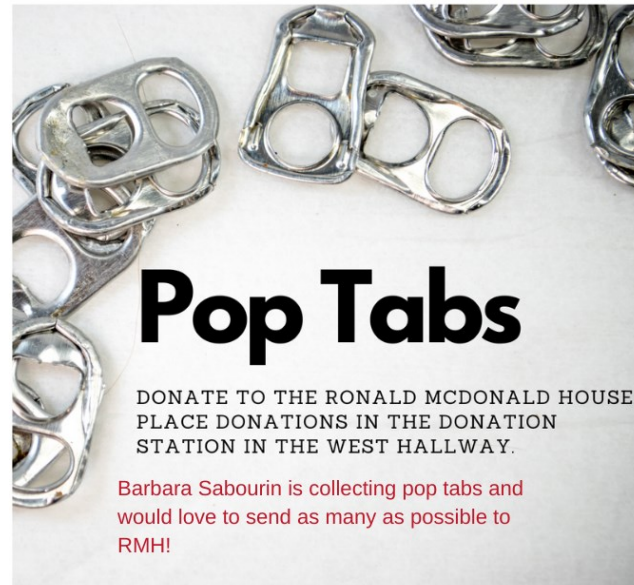
**DECORATE the church**  
 December 2 6:00 pm  
 Pizza will be served!

**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.

**CTR CHRISTMAS Party**  
 Sunday  
**15 December 2024**  
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
 Ugly Sweater Contest!  
 Games!  
 Prizes!  
 Signup at the NW door. Adults only but nursery available upon request!  
 Cost: \$25 per person  
 Signups & payments due Dec. 1  
 Pay in advance by cash/check or VANCE

**TULSA AREA LUTHERAN MESSIAH**  
 102ND PRESENTATION AT CTR  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
 3:00 PM & 5:30 PM

**CTR holiday office closures**  
 Thursday, Nov. 28  
 Friday, Nov. 29  
 Wednesday, Dec. 25  
 Thursday, Dec. 26  
 Wednesday, Jan. 1



# Pop Tabs

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

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



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.

## DECEMBER Anniversaries

Dec 2	Michael & Shirley Bird	46 yrs
Dec 3	James & Ann Holt	19 yrs
Dec 4	Stuart & Leigh Graham	9 yrs
Dec 7	Kelley & Tony Goodrum	33 yrs
Dec 16	Susan & Steven Low	37 yrs
Dec 17	Brad & Jennifer Teegarden	8 yrs
Dec 17	Etim & Sifon Udoetok	8 yrs
Dec 18	Steve & Johnna Short	42 yrs
Dec 19	Scott & Tessa Chesher	26 yrs
Dec 22	Sid & Beverly McVey	55 yrs
Dec 23	Rob & Nikki Boyd	35 yrs
Dec 27	Dennis & Kathy Stephen	49 yrs
Dec 29	John & Mary Gant	40 yrs
Dec 29	Mark & Jane Holt	34 yrs
Dec 30	Chris & Amber Carson	29 yrs
Dec 30	Chris & Brenda Flasch	35 yrs
Dec 31	Paul & Alyssa Whaley	15 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.

# 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!

## CTR Friends

December 8 - 12:30 pm  
Rib Crib  
8040 S Yale

All adults welcome.  
Sign up by Friday, Dec 6

## Retiring the Debt UPDATE...

	2024 YTD	October, 2024
Church Debt Balance		
Mortgage Balance, beginning of period	1,581,804.00	1,273,223.60
"Retire the Debt" Payments	(296,111.45)	(10,402.19)
Regular CTR Budgeted Payments	(25,068.99)	(2,197.85)
Mortgage Balance, end of period	1,260,623.56	1,260,623.56



- 1-Scott Gesell
- 1-Jennifer Wilcox
- 2-Jude Kuehnert
- 5-Victoria Bradshaw
- 5-Scott Merrill
- 7-Jamie Michaels-Johnson
- 10-Janice McQueen
- 11-Deb Drain
- 13-Lynn Moeller
- 14-Rachel Meinders
- 15-Ryan Sharpe
- 15-Angela Tipton
- 16-Brad Teegarden
- 17-Jackie Brown
- 17-Dianabasi Udoetok
- 18-Kim Pierce
- 20-Jocelyn Bentley
- 20-Collette Davis
- 20-Cameron Newman
- 21-Drew Mabrey
- 22-Brady Mann
- 23-Justin Kollock
- 24-Iris Wilson
- 25-Scott Chesher
- 26-Ann Holt
- 26-Beckett Kaplinski
- 26-Riley Muesse
- 26-Rob Newton
- 26-Ryan Park
- 28-Tasha Bury
- 28-Parker Wagner
- 28-Claire Whaley
- 29-Maximus Baumann
- 29-Jennie Gard-Haws



# COMMUNICATIONS @ CTR



**NEED TO SIGN UP?**

Download the Church Center app today on your phone.



Register for Events & See Upcoming Events

Update Contact & Medical Info only once a year!

Complete Student Forms

## SIGN UP FOR THE E-BLAST

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

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Search "Scott Burmeister" and click on the CTR logo

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Leading people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

## SERMON PREP PODCAST



SCAN ME

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

- Events
- Retreats for Students and Adults
- Volunteer Opportunities
- And more!



High school students & parents can join our GroupMe for text updates about upcoming events and reminders.

CTR High School Youth



Scan the QR code to join the group

Middle school students & parents can join our GroupMe for text updates about upcoming events and reminders.

CTR Middle School Youth



Scan the QR code to join the group

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## STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

### For the Month of October

	2023	2024
October Giving	\$85,341	\$67,175
Monthly Income Budget	\$96,226	\$71,000
Year to Date Actual Giving	\$822,984	\$825,959
Year to Date Expense Budget	\$987,314	\$840,418
Actual YTD Expenses	\$878,719	\$803,322

### 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.**





Sarah Wendelbo gave a presentation to the OWLS on November 21st 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.



For more information on rEcess visit:  
<https://99balloons.org>

OWLS will not meet in December. See you in January!



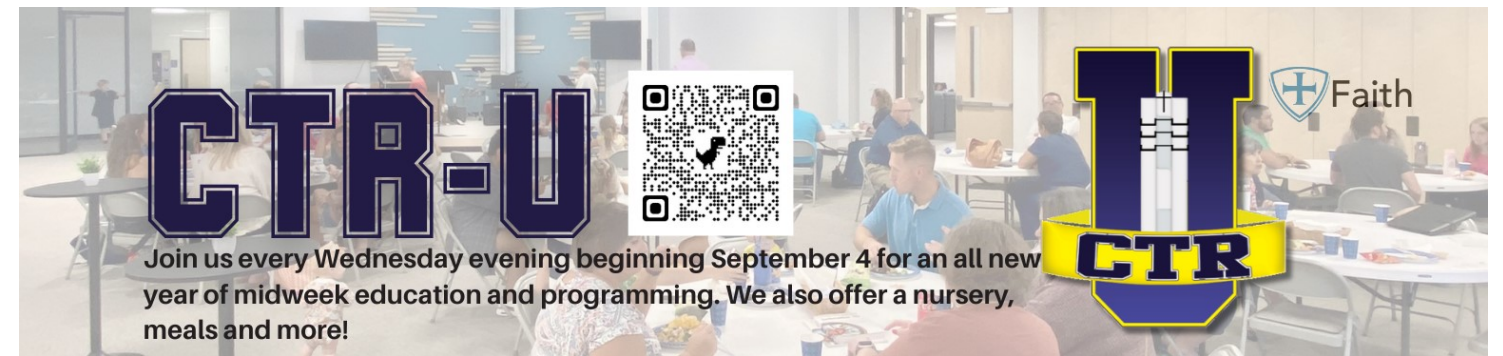
The Stewardship Committee has concluded the 2025 Stewardship Campaign. The Stewardship Committee kicked off Stewardship Sunday on September 29, hosting a fruit and pastry reception between the first and second services. To communicate the campaign, a letter was mailed to all members from Pastor, with a follow-up letter from Shaun James, President, to members who pledged in 2024 that had not yet submitted a pledge. To date, we have received 87 pledges for an annualized total of \$722,924. Shaun James and I met on October 17 and prepared an offering estimate using the results of the 2025 Stewardship Campaign and 2024 YTD financial contributions. Deva will order offering envelopes and distribute them to members who requested them. The Stewardship Committee has written thank you notes to all members who have pledged for the 2025 campaign. I appreciate the support of Deva and the Stewardship Committee throughout this year's campaign.

After Jan. 1, the Stewardship Committee will begin discussing the Talent Show.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Flasch

Stewardship Committee:

Debby Brauer, Connie Thomas, Hailee Goossen, Judy Cook, Angela Lemons and Terry Brown  
 Staff Liaisons: Deva Beebe, Suzanne Watt  
 Board Liaison: John Campbell



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.

## WINTER 2025

CTR-U Dinner Schedule	MENU
	Salad Bar and Dessert every week
January 8	Raising Cane's, Mac & Cheese
January 15	Tacos, Chips & Queso
January 22	Baked Potato Bar & Chili
January 29	Italian Night, Green Beans
February 5	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

### 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

## 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.

### MORE INFORMATION

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

# MINISTRY OF MUSIC FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

## WINTER 2024 - 2025

Providing music education & opportunities for the students of CTR

### Sunday Mornings

**NOV 17**

Dec 1  
Dec 22  
Jan 5  
Jan 19  
Feb 2  
Feb 16  
Mar 2

#### 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.

**NOV 24**

Dec 8  
Dec 29  
Jan 12  
Jan 26  
Feb 9  
Feb 23

#### 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

**Nov 20**

Jan 15  
Jan 29  
Feb 5  
Feb 19

#### 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.



**Nov 13**

Jan 8  
Jan 22  
Feb 12  
Feb 26

#### 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.



**CTR Women's Christmas Celebration**  
Tuesday December 17th  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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".

All young women over 12 are invited to join us. The theme is Red and White - think Candy Canes! We have fun activities planned. If you can bring an appetizer, we will supply the drinks and desserts.

**SHOE drive**

LWML shoe drive will run through January 31! 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.

Collection location will be on shelved area behind name tags. Shoes with laces can be tied together and others can be rubber band together.



This year's Angel Giving Tree will be for the Fostering Connections program. Specifically, their Foster Family Resource Center FFRC which is designed to meet the immediate and ongoing needs of children in foster care. The children often enter foster care with no prior notice due to child safety concerns. These children often arrive without appropriate clothing, footwear, and personal items. The FFRC is there to provide these necessary items right away. What a blessing for these innocent children.

Our tree will be filled with Angels that supply us with what the Center most needs. Don't be surprised to see underwear, pajamas, and basic shirt and pants in all sizes. These are gifts truly that reflect Christ's love.

The tree will be up the Sunday after Thanksgiving, December 1st.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [CTRtulsa.org](http://CTRtulsa.org) OR SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS  
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*Join us!*



# MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR & HANDBELLS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

BY JACOB DREGLER

Last month, we examined the historic foundation of the Divine Service, the chief Eucharistic service of the Lutheran Church. This month, we will continue our exploration of music and worship in the Lutheran Church by delving into the topic of psalmody. The Book of Psalms is central to the worship practices of Jewish and Christian communities of faith throughout the world. From their beginnings in the Jewish tradition, to the practices of the early and medieval Christian Church, to the congregational songs of the Protestant Reformation, to the worship services of the present day, the Psalms have most often been characterized by sung, rather than spoken forms. While the musical forms associated with psalmody have changed throughout the centuries, shaped and molded by theological, cultural, and practical considerations, the treatment of the Psalms as a normatively sung form intrinsic to corporate worship has remained remarkably consistent.

For Martin Luther, the Psalms were of critical importance to congregational worship, both in daily prayer services and in the Divine Service. In his "Preface to the Psalter" (1528), Luther writes,

The Psalter ought to be a precious and beloved book, if for no other reason than this: it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly...that it might well be called a little Bible...anyone who could not read the whole Bible would here have anyway almost an entire summary of it comprised in one little book.

Given Luther's high view of the importance of psalmody to corporate worship, it is hardly surprising that, in his efforts to craft a body of vernacular hymnody suitable for congregational singing, he placed a particular emphasis on the Psalter. Beginning in the 1520s, Luther proposed to "make German Psalms for the people." These German Psalms were cast in the form of free metrical paraphrases, the meanings of which were to be "as close as possible" to the original language of the Psalms. While Luther called upon other hymnwriters and composers, whom he considered to be more able than himself, to participate in the work of creating a body of German psalmody, he did leave several examples of the genre, crafting hymnic versions of Psalms 12 ("Look down, O Lord, from heaven behold"), 14 ("The mouth of fools doth God confess"), 46 ("A mighty fortress is our God"), 67 ("May God bestow on us His grace"), 124 ("If God were not beside us now"), 128 ("Happy the one who feareth God"), and 130 ("From depths of woe I cry to Thee"). In addition to Luther's congregational chorales that draw from the Psalter for textual inspiration, his sole polyphonic choral composition, *Non Moriar, Sed Vivam*, a brief Latin motet for four voices, is based on a verse from Psalm 118: "I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord" (Ps. 118:17 ESV).

In next month's article, we will focus on Lutheran psalmody in greater detail, exploring the musical genres employed by Luther and his contemporaries and examining the role that psalmody played in the liturgical renewal of the Lutheran Church in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. I hope that this series of articles will serve to deepen your knowledge of and appreciation for the rich musical heritage of the Lutheran Church. *Soli Deo Gloria!* ("To God alone be the glory!").

MEN	ONGOING NEEDS:	WOMEN
SWEATS	PERSONAL CARE ITEMS	JEANS
PANTS/JEANS	BACKPACKS/RE-USABLE BAGS	LEGGINGS
SHORTS	MEN'S POLO/CASUAL BUTTON DOWNS	SWEATS
SHOES	MEN'S UNDERWEAR/socks	FOOTWEAR
PULLOVERS	WOMEN'S XS,S,M,L PANTIES/BRAS/socks	CASUAL TOPS
SHIRTS/T-SHIRTS	UPCOMING NEEDS:	T-SHIRTS
	SWEATSHIRTS	
	JACKETS & COATS	
	HATS/GLOVES/SCARVES	

# 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 10 Commandments. Remember to use "My First Catechism" with your kids to talk about what the commandments mean. Using the Small Catechism can also be a useful tool for all ages to explore the Commandments. If you need a copy of either of these resources, please see DCE Nikki or DCE Suzanne.

## K- 5th Grade Elementary Students



Coming soon  
on Jan 8th



We are taking a break in December for Advent Services. We will resume Faith Friends again on January 8th at 5:30. Join us on December 11th for the Children and Youth led Advent Service.



### 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!



# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## Christmas celebration- December 18th @7:15



All young adults are invited to come and join us for a little Christmas celebration. Bring a holiday treat to share and a friend. We will have a cookie decorating contest, listen to some Christmas music, play some games, and just relax and have fun. Any college students who are home from school should definitely plan to join in! Questions? Contact DCE Nikki 918-859-8575

## 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

## rEcess

We always need volunteers!! Whether it is one time or monthly, please consider helping with this respite care ministry. You can work with children or just be an extra hand. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, contact: Sarah.Wendelbo@gmail.com, Jhmeinders@cox.net or NBoyd@CTRtulsa.org

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



2024

Dec 13

2025

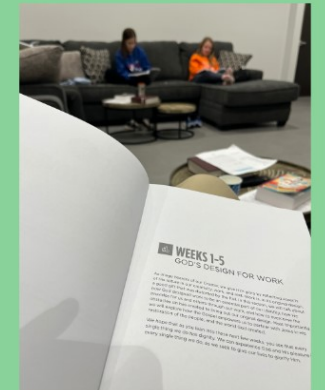
Feb 7

Mar 7

Apr 4

May 2

## 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



## College/military Care packages are being sent!!

If you want your son/daughter to receive a care package, we need their current address ASAP! Send current addresses to nboyd@ctrtulsa.org



**UPDATE...**  
**ENDURE**  
 2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING  
 HEBREWS 12:1-3

**When is it?**

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

**Early Registration Pay Schedule:**

A \$175 non-refundable deposit per person is due by 10/15 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. The full registration payment by CTR was made 11/1/24, all current registrants now owe a minimum of \$395.

**Late Registration Pay Schedule: SEE SUZANNE**

*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.*

**PRE-GATHERING**  
**Meeting**  
**SCHEDULE**

- November 17 @ 12PM**
- January 5 @ 5PM**
- April 27 @ 12 PM**
- June 1 @ 5PM**

We will share more details over the first three meetings about the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering and build greater community and teamwork among the group attending. At the fourth meeting we will ask parents, youth and adult leaders to all attend together. 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. At our November meeting we selected restaurants for dinner, discussed an outing to the Aquarium after the Gathering ends and decided to do a group swamp tour prior to the Gathering starting.

**Christmas Quilt Raffle**  
 \$10 a ticket  
 Purchase from Parish Life Christmas Party Table  
 Proceeds benefit CTR Youth Ministry



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!

**Sign up to serve as an Acolyte or Crucifer**  
 USE THE SIGN UP GENIUS PLATFORM TO SELECT DATES AND TIMES OF SERVICES

**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 1:8

**CLUB 345 & MIDDLE SCHOOL Christmas PARTY!!!**  
 Sunday, December 22 @ 3:00PM @ Tulsa Starworld 20 Theatre  
 Join us for a private showing of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and a gift exchange.  
 3:00 Gift Exchanges for each group (Please bring a \$10 white elephant gift)  
 3:30 Movie Starts!  
 5:30 Pickup Time  
 RSVP ON CHURCH CENTER FRIENDS WELCOME!  
 sign up here!



~~Second~~ **THIRD SUNDAY Family Funday**

CTR Family Funday at the Oilers  
**JANUARY 12TH 3:05 PM**  
 Reserve your tickets by **December 21st!**  
 Cost is \$ 9/person. Invite your friends.  
 sign-up here

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



**Next Connect Night Feb 8**  
**Mark your calendars!**

**Potluck and Trivia Night**

In November, we had a potluck and trivia night. It was a small group of 11 but what fun was had! Lots of laughter, good food, and getting to know each other better was part of the evening, and the trivia was so much fun! The Caspersens were the overall winners! We hope to do this again sometime.

# STUDENT MINISTRY



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

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## CLUB 345

11/22/24-11/24/24  
Fall Force Retreat

12/22/24  
Christmas Party

4/26/25  
345 Event



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

11/22/24-11/24/24  
Fall Force Retreat

12/22/24  
Christmas Party

2/16/25  
Incredible Paintball Event



## HIGH SCHOOL

10/13/24

High School Event

12/20/24-12/21/24  
High School Christmas Party & Lock-In @ Immanuel

1/17/25-1/19/25  
Journey in January

2/16/25  
Incredible Paintball Event

### THESE EVENTS ARE FOR ALL STUDENTS & FAMILIES:

- January 12, 2025  
Oilers Game
- January 26, 2025  
CTR Chili Cookoff & Bingo
- January 31- February 2, 2025  
Winter Retreat at Camp Lutherhoma for Club 345, Middle School & High School
- March 9, 2025  
Service Project Day
- April 20, 2025  
Easter Breakfast Youth Fundraiser



## 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: nbaya@ctrmlsa.org suzanne.watt@ctrmlsa.org

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. 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.

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9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grade Students Register for your Christmas Party HERE!

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Students Register for your Christmas Party HERE!

9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grade Students You can register to come to the movie ONLY!

## HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY LOCK-IN

Friday, December 20 @10PM  
Saturday, December 21 @6AM

**YOU'RE INVITED!!**  
**WHO?** TULSA AREA HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH & FRIENDS  
**WHAT?** THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 10PM WITH COCOA AND A WALK TO SEE RHEMA'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, FOLLOWED BY PIZZA, WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE, CHRISTMAS GAMES AND LOADS OF FUN.  
**WHERE?** IMMANUEL LUTHERAN BROKEN ARROW

Bring snacks to share (Girls bring a sweet treat, Boys bring a salty snack) and an item or two for our service project: Birthday Boxes for the food pantry. We are collecting cake mixes, frosting, birthday candles, birthday party favors, etc. Don't forget your gift for the exchange!



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## JOURNEY IN JANUARY

CAMP LUTERHOMA

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.

You should be at church no later than 6:30 PM on the 17th. Please eat dinner prior or bring a sack meal with you! We will return on the 19th at approximately 2:00 PM and will eat lunch on the way home.