

Christ Lutheran church is a fellowship of Christians, who have accepted God's call to make disciples of all nations. We have committed ourselves to the ministry of worship, witness, teaching, service and fellowship which involves each of us in boldly sharing God's Word with one another.

September 2008



CHURCH & SCHOOL MISSOURI SYNOD

Compartmentalized Lives?

The other day as I frantically searched the refrigerator for something good to eat, it hit me. No, it wasn't my wife telling me to shut the refrigerator door to save energy. I noticed all the plastic containers filled with a little bit of this and some of that. As I was searching for that perfect container filled with just the right morsel for my taste buds, I realized how our lives are also compartmentalized. We might not realize it, but we shift from work, to play, to home, to meals, to bedtime, to church as easily as many moved from the standard transmission to the automatic.

We have become so good at separating this part of our life from that part. What do I mean? Well, a good example is what you wear. You wear one thing to work, something different to play softball, golf, or bowl, still something different when you go to church and when you work in the yard. Now clothes are meant to be interchangeable, but do our words and actions also show separate sides of our lives. I had a friend that was so courteous and faithful that he prayed almost everywhere, but when he got on the softball field, his mouth betrayed him. He was so disappointed in himself. It seemed that no matter what he did, he couldn't control his mouth. He felt like it destroyed his Christian witness.

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5 about how *if anyone is in Christ, he is a new*

creation; the old has gone, the new has come! We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. As ambassadors of Christ our lives should be saturated-overflowing with God's Word in our actions and our words. We shouldn't be hot in one area and luke warm in another. Often however we allow God's Word to work in certain areas of our lives, but not in all. At church everyone (I hope and pray) is on their best behavior, but when we drive out of the parking lot is our driving a witness. If it is, is it good or bad? A Christian radio announcer I know said Satan could work mightily by putting fish symbols on cars of uncourteous drivers. How our witness to Christ would suffer if on the way out of church we recklessly pulled out in front of someone. How about in those restaurants we quickly drive off to after church. Are we open with our prayers and thanksgiving to God, or do we try to be a quiet as a church mouse.

How about when we get home, do we spend more time watching any old football game or a movie rather than spending

time in God's Word. And not to pry too deeply... what is our selection of shows we watch? Would we be embarrassed if everyone knew what we watched? I know this hurts, it hurts all of us, but a Christian allows Jesus into every part of their life. No part is exempt. We are new creations; we don't carry a backpack filled with the old for those times. Every part, yes every part of our lives should show our allegiance and commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus who gave all of His life just for you and me.

We are Christians and our lives should show our total commitment. Our lives should not look like the inside of my refrigerator with different colors here and there. This type of following takes discipline; and isn't that what a disciple does-he or she disciplines themselves.

This is too difficult for us so I encourage you to pray for extra strength so that all, yes all of your life is like a giant neon sign pointing to Jesus. That is who we are and how followers of Jesus are to live.

Pastor Dave

Church Mouse



**Greetings Dear
Christ Courier
Readers,**

Hidy ho fellow parishioners! I figure I had better get on my horse to keep up with the happenings, cause these short little legs aren't going to get me there fast enough.

School has begun and this year they are staying all day, well some are staying all day, well most of the day. I'm so confused, so let me begin again. This year we have an all-day kindergarten class. Yippee! I got a preview of a lot of the little ones during the open house. The teachers and their aides and Mrs. Mabel always spice things up around here on those special nights. They put out balloons, and there are always lots of cookies brought in by them and the ladies of the congregation. I do have to say a big thank you for that, I mean a BIG thank you. The children have been learning about creation this first month. It is definitely a God-thing that these little ones are getting a head start on big kid school, where un-Godly things get taught. Those scientific minds can come up with just about anything. Too bad they just won't give God the credit for giving them brains and be done with it.

The LWML women are again planning their big shindig next door, and a beautiful quilt has been on display. I don't think I'll be purchasing tickets this year; that thing is big enough to cover me and all my relatives, and then some. All I need is a little 4 x 4 inch patch of it, and I wouldn't ask them to cut into it just for me. Maybe next year someone could make a little one to raffle off? I've got lots of friends who would be interested in that. Just a thought.

You know, Angel Food Saturdays are usually full of activity, but this past month there was a whirlwind that came through. There was one little volunteer that had more energy than a round up of lightning bolts. Whoa, slow down, little pardner. (Can you guess that I'm getting worked up about Western Days coming up soon?)

Western Days, that's another subject. I had a friend ask me if we were going to be in the parade this year, now what does that mean? Does it mean I get to ride my horse? Actually, I don't have one; they scare me and I scare them. Go figure. I would like to ride on one of those floats someday. Come on people, you make it, I'll ride it; sounds fair to me. "Christ Lutheran church mouse says, 'Come on down! Let's talk eternity, let's learn about salvation, let's do some praising and worshipping to God.'" Pastor Dave has been preaching about spreading the Good News about Jesus. We could plaster it on a float and hit lots of people at one time.

I sure was sorry to hear about the break-in out back. If they knew what kind of guard-mouse I was they would have stayed away, but fortunately for them, I must have been out visiting that day.

Well, I can't ever say enough about that women's Bible study on Saturday. Mrs. Means has some really good topics to discuss. This past month her lesson was on being bold as brass buttons before the Lord. Go boldly and ask Him for help, knowing that He loves you deeply and will always do what is best for you. Paul writes in 2 Timothy 1:7, *For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.* If you have a job to do, ask for His help and get it done right. Matthew 19:26 says, "*Jesus*

said. 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'" When we truly believe this how easy it is to go before the Lord with our petitions. How easy it is to go before the Lord singing His praises. How easy it is to let all who know you know who you belong to. Wow, say that three times real fast.

Well, I am going to end this with a prayer of thanksgiving. Dear Lord, thank you for the beautiful weather during this year's camp-out. I certainly hope they had fun, and maybe I'll get to hear about it at the men's breakfast Bible study. Looking forward to it. Gotta go for now.

**Respectively Submitted
C.M.**

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**Where to find Lutheran
Hour Ministries**

**The Lutheran Hour
Sundays**

Tulsa, KRMG 740, 7 a.m.

OKC, KQCV 800, 9 a.m.

Dear Ladies of Christ Lutheran Church,

What do a Recipe and The Lord's Prayer have in common? Give up? Both of them are plans for completion of a task. The recipe, we hope, gives us something good to eat. But The Lord's Prayer, Oh my! It gives us connection to our loving and faithful Father in heaven.

As you may expect, this is an invitation to our next Women's Bible Study. We are not only learning to say the Lord's Prayer (which, unfortunately, many say by rote) we are learning to praise, confess and ask for our own needs in any circumstance or place. After all, how many of you like me, find the need to ask for forgiveness while behind the wheel of your car? Please raise your hands!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The new book we are using is called Adventurous Prayer. Won't you join us and see what it can do for you.

Our next Bible Study is on Sat., Sept. 20th. at 9 a.m. Bring yourself (maybe a friend), your bible and a breakfast snack and join with us in praise and prayer to Him who loves us.

God's Blessings to you all,
Pam Means.

Angel Food Order Dates September

Wednesday,
September 10,
5-6:30 p.m.

Friday,
September 12,
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.,
5-6:30 p.m.

Saturday,
September 13
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday,
September 14,
Noon – 1

Distribution Date:

Saturday,
September 27,
9 – 11 a.m.

The Squirrels Have it Right!

They're already laying up acorns and nuts for the long cold winter without being told, or even looking at a calendar! We humans are not as fortunate. We have to be reminded to lay up money for the winter of our own lives...like, for example, opening a Lutheran Individual Retirement Account (LIRA) from Church Extension! Competitive interest rates based on a Bank rate Monitor index) will help you lay up funds for a comfortable retirement, while your savings dollars help "Spread the Word" through mission planting and low cost loans to congregations for expanded ministry to their communities. So why not get it right...by calling 1 800 843-5233 for an Offering Circular and LIRA application form?

Did You Know?

- Garrison Brown is in his first play...The Emperor Has No Clothes, Let's support him on his acting debut either the weekend of Sept 5th, 12th or 19th. Fri and Sat. performances are at 7 p.m. and Sunday is at 2 p.m.

- The Winter family race car did very well at the Fairgrounds Speedway recently. Ask Alan, he'll gladly tell you all about it.

Christ Lutheran Church Minutes for Elder's Meeting: 06/03/08

Old Business

- A. Matt read the minutes of the May elder's meeting. There was no discussion about the minutes. Stan made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Ed. After a vote, the minutes were approved and will be posted in the congregational folder.
 - B. The elders discussed the May voter's meeting. Pastor told the elder's he was closing on his new home June 13th. It was decided Pastor's housing expense would be made bi-monthly. Craig told the elder's he would be finding a new realtor to sell the parsonage.
- #### New Business
- C. Pastor gave his report and he informed the board of his activity for the previous month, including hospital visits, home visits, etc. Pastor also informed the board of congregation's member and visitors in need of prayer and visitation. (See attached)
 - D. The elder's discussed and decided upon the new zone assignments, which were finalized. (See attached)
 - E. The elder's discussed and reviewed the church membership concerning delinquent members. Those considered delinquent were added to the "Missing in Action" list and plans of action were discussed.
 - F. Matt told the elder's transfers were received for David and Norma Tice, the Schneithorst family, and for John and Tammy Place. Danny made a motion to accept the transfer in of all listed families and the motion was seconded by Jerry. After a vote, each transfer in was accepted.
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Choir Opportunities for Fall & Christmas 2008

"Let's just praise the Lord!" What is a good way to do that? Join the choir at Christ Lutheran Church. The adult choir will begin Fall practices on Wednesday September 10th at 7:00 PM. Please come by and experience a fun and spiritually lifting experience singing for our wonderful God. The youth choir for kids 4th to 8th grade will also be on Wednesday around 6:40 after Mid-week class is ended. This won't be until later in the month, more information coming about that. If singing is not your forte how about hand bell choir? Check the church bulletin board for a sign up sheet so we can make plans to start up bell choir again. Tentatively we will meet on Thursday evenings but the start date is yet to be decided upon. If you have any questions about the choirs, please call me at 376-4366 or catch me at church.

Ivy Douglas
Choir Director

Preschool Post

Fantastic Fours

Wow! Our room is full. We have 15 four year olds at the writing to this article. Our first week of school, we are learning how to get along with each other as well as learn to follow instructions. The first month of school we will learn about God's creation story and Noah's Ark. We will explore the shapes circle and square along with the colors yellow, black and green. We will be introducing numbers 1-4 also. When chapel starts with Pastor Dave, we plan to recite our first memory verse. We will learn 6 to 8 verses before Christmas vacation. In late September, we are planning a trip to the OKC Zoo, It will be a fun, exciting field trip. It is sure to be an adventure. I appreciate all your prayers.

*Your servant,
Mrs. Robin Wilkerson, Preschool 4 Teacher*

The Three Tree

We have had two days of school at this writing and I feel we are set for a great year to come! We have four boys and four girls enrolled so far. We are learning how to share and interact with each other. We have started with the color yellow, letter A, number 1 and God's creations. Our goal is to have our primary colors, numbers 1-10, shape recognition and Christ's love and forgiveness learned by the end of the year. Chapel with Pastor Dave and music with Mrs. Mabel is set to begin in mid-September. We look forward to that time with them. I love to hear small voices sing His praise!! Thank you for including us in your prayers. Our children are tomorrow's church and the future is nothing without prayer. Thank you again.

In last month's newsletter, we welcomed back the former students of CLS who attend Christ. This month we welcome first time student...member Kassidy Hesser to the 3 year old class.

*In His Service,
Mrs. Marion Hodge, Preschool 3s Teacher*

Kindergarten Korner

Christ Lutheran School Kindergarten is full of firsts in the first month of school. We are having a fun time learning and doing new things for the first time. We have learned our first letter and sound, "Aa", by singing our first letter songbook, "Apple Annie". We will continue learning our vowels this month. We have heard our first bible story, "Fluffy Tail." We learned that we need to be instantly obedient. We also learned our first bible memory verse.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right," Ephesians 6:1

We have had our first fundraiser, our first book orders, our first Show-n-Tell and we've filled our first "Caught Being Good" cards. Our first Kindergarten performance will be on Sept. 5 for Grandparents Day! We will be singing our favorite songs and saying our Bible verses we've learned. Our first Chapel will be Wed., Sept. 3. Our first field trip will be on Fri., Sept. 19 at the OKC Zoo with the preschool classes and our first picture day is, Thurs., Sept. 25.

I am so thankful for this Kindergarten class. I am looking forward to an exciting year as we learn about God and the wonderful things He created for us.

Tamara Whitaker, Kindergarten Teacher

Redeemer Lutheran Academy – Full Speed Ahead!

Greetings in the Strong Name of Jesus!

School is off and running and we are having a great start to our year at Redeemer. We currently have 20 students enrolled and have a few other prospects that could enroll in the next couple of days!

Which brings me to point #1: If you know of anyone (or if this applies to YOU) who is still looking for a school in grades 7-11 or who is dissatisfied with their current school situation, why not let them know about Redeemer? Enrollment is open year round!

People often ask about how they can help at Redeemer. First and foremost, continue to pray for us. Christ is the center of all we do here, we know he blesses us daily and blesses us because of your prayers. Also if you know of any offices that are donating or selling at a reduced rate office furniture (desks, tables, chairs, etc) or office machines (Computers, printers, copiers, etc), please let our office know so we can look into those items. Finally, if you know of a place that would offer reduced price full-color printing services to the school so we can duplicate quality materials, please let us know. The easiest ways to contact us are by Phone: 405.603.8567 or by email: schooloffice@rlkoc.org.

Joshua D. Sommermeyer
Headmaster

THE HUMAN CARE PANTRY

is in need of EVERYTHING.

We have been feeding many families in the community and our shelves are getting bare. We need canned meat, pasta, soups, vegetables, beans, etc. Please bring to the kitchen and mark "Human Care." Thank you for your contributions.

LWML ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW SEPTEMBER 27

Mark your calendar for a fun-filled day of shopping craft booths and eating the great lunch provided by the Men's Club. If you are interested in having a booth, please see Debbie Phipps.

If you are interested in helping LWML host this annual event, please see LWML President, Barbara Coghill. The group will need help on Friday night, the 26th, setting up tables and chairs for the crafters as well as the lunch patrons.

Help is also needed for baked goods to be sold (you may be receiving a phone call) at the LWML table, where the quilt made by Marcella Wiedemann will be on display and given away during the drawing at the end of the day. Raffle tickets are available each Sunday from an LWML member for \$1 a piece.

And last but not least, much help is needed after 4 p.m. on Saturday for take down and clean up. Please consider helping in any way you can. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Rally Sunday set for Sunday, Sept. 7. Come see who your new SS teacher is and stay for the New Member potluck.

Calling All Artists

The Fellowship committee is having a T-shirt design contest open to all members of Christ Lutheran Church. The winning design, along with the LCMS cross and our church/school name, will be made into the t-shirts that will be sold in commemoration of this year's picnic. The date of the picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 26, in conjunction with Reformation Sunday.

All entries must be to the office by Tuesday, September 15. A prize will be awarded (yet decided) to the winner.

Make it colorful!
Make it exciting!

Details of picnic:

5th Annual Community Picnic
Best Apple Pie in Mustang contest
Greased Pig Chase
BBQ lunch
Games for kids of all ages
Sunday, Oct. 26 after late service
Reformation Sunday
Held on church grounds
Everyone's invited

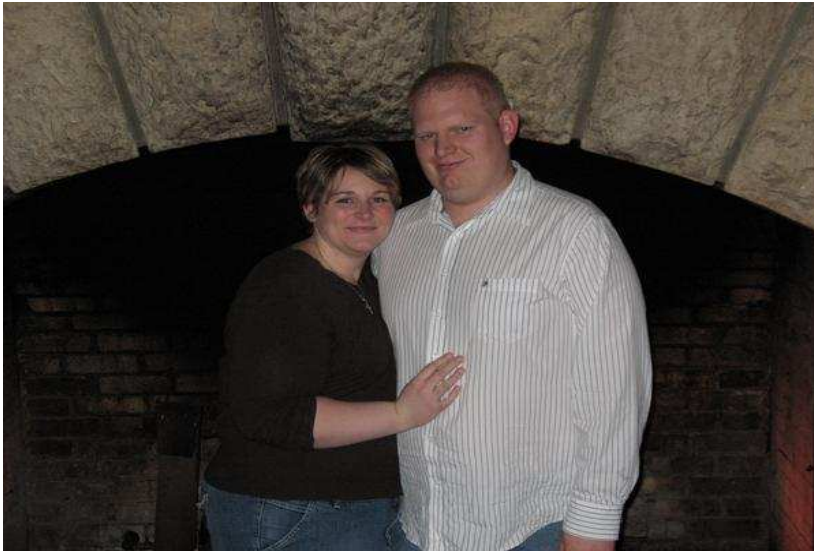
The PR committee has been busy working on promotional items for the picnic. A banner, inviting everyone to the picnic, has been ordered to place in front of the church for a week prior to the event.

Calls have been made to request pricing for new t-shirts and additional Christ Lutheran hats will be ordered for members to wear.

Don't Miss It!

**CLC's 5th Annual
Community Picnic
Sunday, October 26
3 p.m.**

Meet Our Newest Members



Rebecca Newsham transferred to Christ Lutheran from Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church in St. Peters, MO near the end of 2007. In 2008, she married Adam Baker and the Bakers have been attending together ever since and make their home in Tuttle.

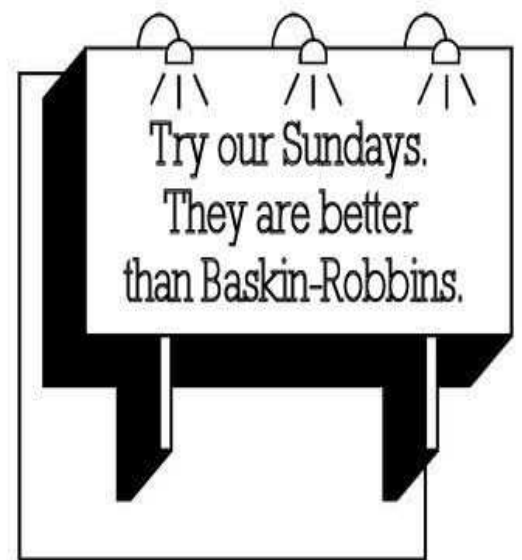


If you haven't already, please welcome the Bakers and Tice's next time you see them. Welcome to Christ Lutheran!!!



Norma and David Tice transferred to Christ Lutheran from Resurrection Lutheran in Yukon this past summer. The Tice's reside in Yukon.

At press time, photos of additional new members were not available. They will be featured in the October edition of the Courier.



We Want Your Recipes

Pull out those cookbooks you have on your shelf. Dig into your recipe card box. Rummage through your drawers for any loose recipes you've written down or printed off the computer. And, of course, the ones you have memorized that you've made over and over again and have never written down. Please bring these favorites to the office so we may share them with the congregation in future newsletters.

Evangelism & Greeters



"We've got a newcomer in Sector C. Blue blazer, plaid shirt. Falcon, that's your greeting area. Where are you?"

**.For Sept. LCEF
Investment rates, see
the bulletin in the
Narthex. Questions,
see Karen Fairchild,
our LCEF
representative.**

CHURCH ONE-LINERS

**If the church wants a better pastor,
it only needs to pray for the one it has.**

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**God Himself does not propose to judge
a man until he is dead. So why should you?**

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**Some minds are like concrete
thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.**

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Peace starts with a smile.

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**I don't know why some people
change churches; what difference does
it make which one you stay home from?**

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**A lot of church members who are singing
'Standing on the Promises'**

are just sitting on the premises.

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**We were called to be witnesses,
not lawyers or judges.**

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**Be ye fishers of men. You catch
them - He'll clean them.**

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**Coincidence is when God
chooses to remain anonymous.**

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**Annual Discover: Real Love Waits
Rally**

**Chastity- The choice of champions
(saving sex until marriage)**

**Sponsored by OK Chapter of
Lutherans for Life, Sat., Sept. 20, 9
a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in
Edmond**

**Free t-shirts, motivating speakers,
music, drama, free food, separate
sessions for adults, boys, girls, and
cash prize for highest attendance from
a Youth Group.**