

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.

## "Seasons of Change"

October 2008



CHURCH & SCHOOL MISSOURI SYNOD

# The Christ Courier

With October we typically start seeing some subtle changes that remind us of the larger ones to come. The weather at night begins to cool down, the trees and shrubs adorn themselves with fall colors, and the stores are also changing from Harvest and Thanksgiving festivals to the season of Christmas. There are many changes in our lives that we have grown accustomed to, even to the point of them no longer being considered change, but a normal part of our life. So change for us in some arenas is quite readily acceptable, but change in other areas can send us reeling.

This past week while making hospital calls and visits, I saw some of those changes. Infants beginning to crawl and walk-look out mom. Teenagers with bumps, bruises and brakes from football, soccer or other sports. But there were also those who are having surgeries for this and that along with those who silently departed this world. Those changes brought on by aging we don't look forward to. Aging shows us our frailty; a frailty caused by our sin. That is a change we don't like to even consider.

In our world today, as in the world Jesus lived, there is resistance to change. In Matthew 21 the religious leaders came asking Jesus about His authority to do this or that. These

men did not like change. Jesus preached of a God that was accessible to everyone, a God who loved them, and a God who offered forgiveness of their sins by means His Messiah-Jesus. Jesus demonstrated again and again He was that Messiah through miracles, healings and even raising some from the dead. That kind of change undermined all

they believed in and stood for. That was too much to ask.

Today there are also those who resist change or more specifically resist Jesus and the changes He brings. They want Jesus. A Jesus that always forgives, always protects, and always gives them exactly what they want. They want a one sided relationship with a Jesus of their own making. Isn't that the same sin that occurred in the

Garden of Eden? Adam and Eve wanted to be like God, to have it their way.

God's Word says we must be changed. As sinners we cannot initiate that change-only God can. Through the Holy Spirit working through the Words of Jesus we are given the gift of faith. But even for Christians bad habits die hard. In Matthew 21 Jesus says to those leaders, even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe. I pray that those who read this will not consider the change Jesus brings too much to ask. For that is what we are called to do-turn from our ways to God's ways.

To change no matter how much that might infringe upon our comfort or style. So as you go through those changes from growing old, consider the change Jesus offers to all those who die as a faithful follower. He promises an eternal home with no more tears only joy.

*Pastor Dave*



# Church Mouse



## Greetings Dear Christ Courier Readers, This

month has been busy. School is in full swing, the midweek classes have resumed, rally day sent the children to the next class, both men and women prepared and worked the craft affair next door, and sign ups are already posted for the upcoming community picnic and youth activities next month. Whew! I am going to have to upgrade my calendar style to hold more notes.

Although the men skipped out on their Bible breakfast last month, the women had another good one. Notice to the ladies in this congregation: the ladies put on whopping Bible studies, ones that you would most definitely not want to miss. But unfortunately what we don't hear about doesn't get missed, so I'm telling you to make a point of finding out the when and where each month. Sorry men, I'm the only male allowed, and that's because they can't see me and I don't ask questions or make comments. But I rarely need to; there is enough discussion that usually answers that I would ask. This month was devoted to the Lord's prayer taught by Jesus to His disciples and us. One excellent comment made by Mrs. Means was that our church doesn't put enough into it; we just say it like it is one more thing to mark off the to-do list for the day. My suggestion is, Pastor, are you listening? You know how we pause at certain times to ponder on our sins at confession, we could pause after every petition and reflect on *What does this mean?* Yes this would take time, so maybe do one petition a week to let us review what does that mean. You see, I have never found

the comment box around here, so I am using the newsletter to get my suggestions across; hey, but I better not get a pink slip.

And another thing, how come the pastor's sermons always seem to be focused in my direction. How did he know I was grumbling? Mind you, I was not grumbling about someone else, everybody else gets paid more than me. Do you know why? Because I make up for it in crumbs, and I do have to admit, I do like the Kindergartners eating lunch here every day. Yes, life is good.

Speaking of grumbling, the Sunday school classes have been studying the Israelites and all their grumbling. Ten of the twelve men sent to spy on the Canaanites grumbled, caused everyone else to grumble, and, bam! 40 more years in the desert, AND death to all those over 20, except Joshua and Caleb. Ouch! Don't you think the kids would have learned something from that? But nooooo. Forty years later, they were still grumbling about the food, that detestable food, so, bam! out came the poisonous snakes. But through all this the Lord said to look to Him, look up. So my comment is, the squeaky mouse, I mean wheel, gets the oil sometimes, but sometimes it gets bit.

The Preschoolers and Kindergartners went to the zoo again and I heard all about the big animals, the snakes and the alligators. And I heard about the dolphin show and how he found trash and put it in the trashcan. I heard they had a really good time. But entirely too much about snakes. Mice and snakes definitely don't mix.

In regards to the annual community picnic this month, I have invited all my family and all my friends from the field next door and behind us. We are going to have fun that

day; we have already picked our spots to watch the greased pig races. We really missed those last year. I can already taste the bar-b-q and those apple pies. It's going to be a long, long wait.

Angel Food distribution was this past weekend. I have a comment to you, Mrs. Joetta. You do such an excellent job in the kitchen, fixing the goodies up on the platters and cleaning up so that it's spotless. But that is my comment; it is so spotless. Come on, have a heart. There are so many volunteers grazing during Angel Food that I can't get in there. So, please, leave me something, just a little crumb. Please! You're such a good sport; looking forward to the treasure hunt. Gotta go for now.

Respectively Submitted  
C.M.

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Deadline for the November 2008 Courier: **October 29th**

**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,  
**Let's Find Out.**

Dear Ladies of Christ Lutheran,

As you can see this is your invitation for Bible Study, Fellowship and Good Food; if you can join us on Sat. Oct. 18th at 9 A.M. This will be the fourth chapter of our study, and it is titled "Prayer Closets". Do you have one? Do you need one? Let's find out.

You have your own way of doing things. Soooooo!!!!!! When do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray for? Who do you pray for? Do you have to have absolute silence? Let's find out.

Come and join us. Find out your needs in this most important area.

Remember, Oct. 18th at 9 a.m.

*God's Blessings to you all,  
Pam Means.*

**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.

**Dairy Delicious Dip:** 1 package cream cheese..softened, 1/2 cup sour cream, 1/4 sugar, 1/4 cup packed brown sugar, 1 to 2 TB maple syrup , fresh fruit. In small mixing bowl, combine cream, cheese, sour cream, sugars and syrup to taste; beat until smooth. Chill until service. Serve with fruit Yield: 2 cups.

*Submitted by Bess Wessler*

**October  
A Sad or Glad Time?**

Fall can be a sad time, with shorter days reminding us of the passage of time. But, fall can be a glad time, too, as God recreates His autumn rainbow of blazing fall foliage.

That beauty can remind us of the beauty of our final coronation and the promise of eternal life with Him!

We can share that glorious promise with others this month -- and year-round -- through an investment in the Church Extension Fund.

Our savings help "Spread the Word" by planting new churches or providing low-cost loans to congregations and schools.

Call 1-800-843-5233 or go online to [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org) to ask for an Offering Circular and application form ... before the days get any shorter!

**Angel Food  
Order Dates  
October**

Wednesday,  
October 8,  
5-6:30 p.m.

Friday,  
October 10,  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.,  
5-6:30 p.m.

Saturday,  
October 11  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday,  
October 12,  
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**Distribution  
Date:**

Saturday,  
October 25,  
9 – 10:30 a.m.

## Did You Know?

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*- Anne Jarvis & Susie Brewster volunteer at the Welcome desk at Integris Hospital in Yukon?*

*- Eldon Wessler is an amazing wood carver? He has a few birds and fish from his collection on display at the Mustang Public Library this month.*

*- Dorothy Prophet is retiring? What will she do with all that free time?*

*- Jene Machinski works for the Dell Corp.?*

***Please let the church office know of anything...absolutely anything...in your life so we can let the rest of the congregation be "in the know."***

### Christ Lutheran Church Minutes for Elder's Meeting: 08/10/08

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

**In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, Amen!**

**Present:** Ed Means, Darryl Poole, Jerry Coghill, Craig Clifton, Pastor Owens, Frank Stegall, Matt Fairchild, Curtis Hedrick, Carl Miedich & Stanley Witt

**I. Opening** – Pastor opened with a prayer.

#### **II. Old Business**

**A.** Matt read the minutes of the June elder's meeting. There was no discussion about the minutes. Carl made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Jerry. After a vote, the minutes were approved and will be posted in the congregational folder.

#### **III. New Business**

**A.** Pastor gave his report and he informed the board of his activity for the previous two months, including hospital visits, home visits, etc. Pastor also informed the board of congregation's member and visitors in need of prayer and visitation.

**B.** Matt passed out the elder's schedule for Sept-December. Some changes were made and the schedule will be amended as necessary.

**C.** The elder's discussed the happenings of the August Voter's meeting and commended Craig for his hard work in handling the sale of the parsonage.

**D.** The elder's again discussed the possibility of having a Saturday evening service. Further discussion was tabled and the point was made, if and when the elder's decide they would like to consider having a Saturday evening service, it will be presented to the voter's for approval or disapproval.

**E.** The elder's discussed having a traditional order of worship on occasion during the late service. Pastor agreed this is a good idea and he said the order of worship would be printed from the hymnal onto a bulletin for these services.

**F.** Jerry made a motion to accept the transfer in of Christine Tannahill. Stan seconded the motion. After a vote the transfer was accepted. Christine was added to Carl's elder zone.

**G.** Matt informed the elders midweek will start back up Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**H.** Matt informed the elders the parent's confirmation meeting will be held Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**I.** Matt informed the elders Rally Sunday is Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> with a pot luck to follow.

**J.** Matt informed the elders the next meeting will be Tues. Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

#### **IV. Closing Prayer – Pastor Owens**

## Preschool Post

### Fantastic Fours

Wow! Already a month has whizzed by. My, time does fly when you are having fun.

In September, we explored the zoo and had a marvelous time exploring the animals as well as my favorite, the flowers. Obadiah and Abigail were fortunate to see the baby snow leopards. It was awesome! The weather was perfect. The Lord truly blessed our day.

October is the month when we start our Book It reading program. Our goal is for every child in the 4's to read with their parents one book a day. Each child achieving this goal will receive a certificate for a one topping personal pan pizza. Wow! Let's start reading.

We will be learning our telephone numbers and addresses. We will learn to Stop Drop and Roll. Fireman Darrel from the Union City volunteer Fire Dept. will come on Friday the 10th to teach the children about fire safety. We will also practice our first fire drill of the year.

We will also learn about farm life and animals in October. On Tues., the 14th, all the Lutheran School classes will be attending T.G. Farms. We will learn the difference between pumpkins and gourds. We will see common farm animals, weave our way through a corn maze and then get to pick out our own pumpkin. We pray the Lord will bless our day like He did while we were at the OKC Zoo. We will also learn about triangles and rectangles and the colors: orange, green and red. We will try our hand at making 8's and learn the letters and sounds of E, F and G.

Fall is an excellent time to do outdoor "fun." Fall Break is Oct. 15-17. I hope your family can plan some fun outdoor activities like: throw frisbees in the park, hike some trails or fill a vase with beautiful fall flowers. Whatever you decide to do, I hope the Lord will bless your family time.

*His servant,*

*.- Mrs. Robin Wilkerson Preschool 4 Teacher,*

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### The Three Tree

It has been an exciting month in our classroom. We are off to a great start! We had our first field trip to the Zoo and had a wonderful time. It tied nicely into our lesson about Noah and his obedience to the Lord. We have started Chapel with Pastor Dave and music with Mrs. Mailand. The children are really enjoying music and there is nothing sweeter than hearing their small but powerful voices.

Our theme for October is Fire Safety, Farm life and animals. We will be having Fireman Darrel coming to visit us for a lesson on fire safety. To emphasize farm life and animals, we will be taking a field trip to T.G. Farms. This month we will start the number 4, letter D and the square shape. Our goal for this month is to get us to number 7, the letter F, the triangle shape and the colors red, orange and brown. It will be a busy month!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. The importance of prayer is one of the many things we are teaching students and there is no greater teaching tool than example. Thank you again.

*In His Service,*

*Mrs. Marion Hodge, Preschool 3s Teacher*

## **Redeemer Lutheran Academy – Full Speed Ahead!**

We continue to move at a good clip with many initiatives at Redeemer. Here are just a few things that are happening.

The PTO has begun meetings again. The Cross Country Team competed in its first meet in Kingfisher. Architectural proposals are in for our upcoming building project and are being reviewed. Work on the 5 year plan is progressing.

Accreditation materials are being updated and created. Plans are being made for a Building Campaign Kickoff Event at the beginning of December. And of course, students are growing in spirit, mind and body.

Our congregational representatives have gotten together for our first Quarterly meeting (A special note about this: If your church does not currently have congregational representatives assigned to Redeemer, please consider filling this important role at your church. )

The Redeemer PTO would like to inform you of several programs they are participating to raise funds for the students at Redeemer. We are collecting Campbell's Soup Labels, Box-Tops from various dry goods, and Buy-for-Less receipts. All of these programs earn points or real dollars for the PTO to use to benefit the school. The final program is Scrip orders. This program allows you to purchase gift certificates or gift cards from any number of vendors and a percentage of the purchase price goes directly to Redeemer. For example, if you spend money at Wal-Mart, you would purchase a \$100 gift card from Redeemer, for \$100 and Scrip would then give Redeemer \$2. If you have questions or want details on any of these programs please visit our website @ [www.rlokc.org](http://www.rlokc.org) and look for the PTO link on the main page.

As you can see, there are many initiatives being worked on or started. Please continue to keep Redeemer in your prayers as we continue to build a school with excellent academics while providing a meaningful ministry to the young people entrusted to us!

*In HIS Service,  
Joshua D. Sommermeyer,*

## **5th Annual Community Picnic & Reformation Day Celebration, Sunday, October 26, 3 p.m.**

- old fashioned games for the kids
- greased pig chase
- BBQ dinner
- musical entertainment
- door prizes
- Best Apple Pie contest

**If you haven't already, please check out the sign up sheets for food and help (everything from tent set up, landscaping, decorating and food prep) that we could use getting ready for this event.**

**Also, please take a look at the Tshirt designs for the shirts we are having made. The cost is ONLY \$10. If you would like to order one, please put your name and size under the color of shirt you would like.**

**We expect a huge turnout this year, for an ad about the picnic went home with 10,000 elementary students and we have approximately 600 invites going out to the community as part of Mustang's first Fall Fest this month. Like always, we will also be inviting city officials, students of CLS and those attending the daycare next door.**

**Thank you for any and all help you can give in making this event a picnic that the community will want to come to year after year.**

## **KINDERGARTEN KORNER**

The Christ Lutheran School Kindergartners are enjoying many fun learning activities this fall. We went to the OKC Zoo and learned about all the wonderful animals God created.

We had an awesome Grandparents's Day. We sang songs for them about the letters and colors we've learned. We also celebrated Johnny Appleseeds' birthday by eating different types of apples.

In October, we will be learning about how God used Columbus to discover America. We will learn about fire safety rules with Fireman Darrel coming to speak to us on Friday, Oct. 10. We will have our Kindergarten fall party on Friday, Oct. 10. And, on Tues., Oct. 14, we will be going to the TG Farms Pumpkin Patch for pumpkin picking, a hay ride and farm fun.

Christ Lutheran School will not be in session Wednesday – Friday, October 15-17 for Fall Break. The Kindergarten will have Parent/Teacher conferences after school the week of October 20-24.

May the Lord bless you all this fall.

**Mrs. Tammy Whitaker**

## Meet Our Newest Members

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*Have you met our newest members? If not, please introduce yourself to Sharon Martin, left, and the Schneithorst family below (from left) Ursula, Molly, Megan, Craig and Marin in front.*

*Sharon joined CLC in September through Affirmation of Faith. She moved here from San Diego, CA, where she attended Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Sharon resides in Yukon*

*The Schneithorsts transferred to CLC from Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park, KS this summer. They reside in Mustang.*



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*We will continue to feature new members in the November edition of the Courier.*

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### **FALL FUNDRAISERS CONTINUE @ CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*A big thank you to those who purchased something from the school's first fundraiser (various food items). The delivery is scheduled for Oct. 8-9. The next fundraiser is the sale of various fresh wreaths and sprays. Members of the school board and members attending the school will soon be selling these items and they will be delivered before TG weekend, just in time to start your Christmas decorating. Thank you for your continued support of Christ Lutheran School.*

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The title of this article sounds like an advertising slogan for a telephone company or a fast food restaurant. This really stands for one of God's small requests... The tithe. Most people think of tithing as only the gifts that you put into the collection plate each Sunday. The tithe actually addresses time, talent and treasures for which you and I have been blessed.

**Time** – We have 24 hours in each day which equates to 168 hours a week, 672 hours a month and 8,760 hours per year. When you compute the numbers, we have an abundant of time in our lives to serve the Lord. Sometimes we find our lives are too busy raising a family, putting in long hours at work or simply finding other activities to fill our days. It is important to put in perspective how we use our time and what we receive for it. Are you sitting on the sideline watching your life go by without obtaining the joy of serving the Lord? There are many opportunities given to us to fulfill his command. Don't worry, we will get more out of it than the Lord. Ephesians 5:15-17 *"Be very careful, then, how you may live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand that the Lord's will is."*

**Talents** – What talent do you have that serve the Lord? When we do a self examination of our skills or talents, it is very easy to discount the abilities that we're blessed with. It's easy to say I am not talented or

I can't do that. Some people have the gift of talk. Others are skilled at cooking or manicuring our church grounds. Some of us are not blessed with plumbing or building maintenance skills or playing a musical instrument... but in other ways. Take a look at our congregation. We have many members who step up and use their talents willingly. It's very exciting to witness so many blessed brothers and sisters of Christ using their talents for the Lord. Are you tithing your talents? God has blessed each of us with many talents and skills. Let's continue to use them in His name.

Romans 12:6-7 *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."*

**Treasures** – We are very blessed to have all the gifts and treasures provided by the Lord. We must remember, we are only managers. This is a tough concept to grasp since we are quick to say it is our stuff. We really do not own our possessions or even ourselves. 10% of all our treasures amount to morsels. Many believe there's no way that I could give that much each week since I have bills or other commitments.

This is where we need to refer to scripture regarding first fruits. Nehemiah 10:35: *"We also assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the LORD each year the firstfruits of our crops and of every fruit tree."*

I look back and think about how much money I have wasted in my life due to making poor decisions, listening to bad advice or just plain selfishness. The treasures are long gone and God has forgiven me for being such a poor steward. When we sit back and look at the gifts and possessions we have received, we must remember how blessed we are. Are you being a steward of His treasures?

I encourage each of you to pray to our Lord a prayer of thankfulness. Also, pray for guidance on how you can serve our Lord. We have such a loving God who has blessed each of us tremendously.

**Barry Anderson**  
*Stewardship Chair*



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

**October Youth News:  
KICS TO ATTEND OK DISTRICT  
JUBILEE**

The CLC junior youth (grades 6-8), KICS, will be at Camp Lutheroma in Tahlequah, Oct. 10-12, for the OK District Jubilee, 2008 Jr. High Gathering. The gathering is titled, Your Way/Yahweh. God's Blessings on your weekend. See Pam Owens or Cynthia Witt if you are interested in attending.

**Sr: Youth Schedule Lock In**

The Sr. Youth group, grades 9-12, will be having a lock-in from Friday, October 17 @ 8 p.m. until Saturday, October 18 @ 8 a.m. See Regina Clifton or Jane Eckert for details.

**ALL YOUTH & PARENTS ARE INVITED TO A COME & GO, FRIDAY, OCT. 31, 6 – 10 P.M. @ PASTOR'S. ADDRESS: 301 N. AMETHYST WAY**

**OKC LUTHERANS**

The Lutheran Churches of the Oklahoma City Area are partnering to assure that the broadcast of the **Lutheran Hour** continues. The current station in the OKC area that was carrying the Lutheran hour was broadcasting on a station out of Norman but that station is dropping the broadcast.

The OKC Lutheran churches are going to pool our resources to sponsor the program on AM 800 KQCV-AM.

The broadcasts will cost \$145 dollars each and we would like to ask you to consider personally sponsoring a broadcast.

We will establish a special fund at Messiah to gather the funds from the various churches to be used to pay for the program. If you want to make a donation to sponsor one or more broadcasts or partially support a broadcast, (we will accept any size donation) please send a check to Messiah and indicate "**Lutheran Hour Broadcast**" on the memo line of your check. Send to: Messiah Lutheran Church, 3600 NW Expressway, OKC OK 73112

Yes, I would be interested in sponsoring a **LU-THERAN HOUR BROADCAST. Broadcast cost: \$145.00;**

**Donation of any size also accepted.**

I wish to sponsor this broadcast in honor of the anniversary of \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to sponsor this broadcast in celebration of the birthday of \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to sponsor this broadcast in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note below when you wish to sponsor the Lutheran Hour Broadcast**

**Sunday,** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Month / Day)**

**Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church. Please mark on the memo line "Lutheran Hour Broadcast"**