



Welcome New Members

*Allies with God's mission to the world
through Christ the King Lutheran Church*

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Kate Paxton

Stephan and Christie Roth

with son Matthew

See inside for more information.

Two Opportunities to hear Michael Schelde - Scandinavian Creation Theology

The Creation Care Team invites you to a presentation by Michael Schelde, director of the Grundtvig Center in Denmark. Michael will address *Scandinavian Creation Theology* on **Sunday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m.** in a web meeting/webinar format. He will also speak in person at the University of St. Thomas, Robertson Hall Room 116 on **Monday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.** (refreshments at 6:30 p.m.). To attend either presentation, contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com.

Last Weekend of Salt and Light

Today we reaffirm our membership in the mission of Christ the King Church and offer our pledges of financial support. The Salt and Light Stewardship Team will follow-up by phone and/or personal visits those members who could neither be present today nor otherwise submit their intentions. All members received a final campaign letter, brochure and pledge cards in the mail this week. Extras are available in the pews, narthex, and church office. Thank you for all you do in the name of Christ and please pray that the Holy Spirit blesses this campaign!

Christ the King Festival

**Sunday, November 20, 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.
Rededication to Christ the King Church**

During worship on November 19 and 20, the conclusion of our festival weekend, we all will have the opportunity to offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions once again. It will be a new and different time to rededicate ourselves as members of Christ the King Lutheran Church. We will sing "We are marching in the light of God" as we come forward to offer our pledge cards.

Festival Fair in the Courtyard, 9:45 a.m.

Join us in the **courtyard after both services** to celebrate Christ the King Sunday. There will be snacks and coffee as always. Additionally, there will be opportunities to sign-up for Sociables (social gatherings hosted by members of the congregation and whose proceeds support our outreach ministries), learn about ministry **volunteer opportunities, advocate** on behalf of social justice issues, and grant wishes from our various ministry partners off of the **Wishing Wall**. Join us in celebrating our congregation's 71 years of ministry being "Salt and Light."

Thanksgiving Day Service of the Word

Thursday, November 24, 10:00 a.m.

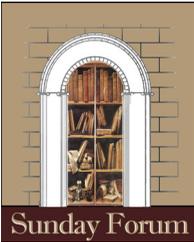
The service will include traditional Thanksgiving hymns, a sermon, and a Litany of Thanksgiving.

All are welcome.

Casual attire is encouraged.

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Sunday Forum

9:45 a.m. in the basement classroom

Special November Schedule

November 20: Coffee and Festival Fair at 9:45 a.m.

November 27: Advent Wreath Workshop at 9:30 a.m. First Sunday of Advent

December 4 and December 11: Connections Between People and the Rest of Creation: Scripture and Science

The Creation Care Team invites you to Sunday Forum for Connections Between People and the Rest of Creation: Scripture and Science. Lisa Brenskelle, Creation Care Team lead and a chemical engineer who manages research and development projects for her employer, will address the connections between people and the rest of creation from the perspectives of both scripture and science. Her talks will investigate the relationships and similarities between people and the rest of creation highlighted in scripture and then give examples of how these relationships and similarities have been observed by science. Learn some exciting newer science of which you may not be aware, and marvel at the connections between people and the rest of creation!

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Quentin Adams and Lindsay Vaughan, engaged to be married, join by Reaffirmation of Faith. Quentin likes CTK's openness to questions about faith and world affairs. Lindsay, too, appreciates the sense of community here. Both moved here from Kansas five years ago.

David and Lorraine Frazier are familiar friends to CTK, having returned here from Arkansas. Lorraine is Dean of the School of Nursing at the UT Medical Center. David works with IT security at Halliburton. They love CTK's practice of community.

Mary Belle Glaze grew up in Houston, graduated from Texas A&M, moved back here recently after a while in Louisiana. Mary works as a veterinary ophthalmologist. Mary joins us by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Vivian Ho with Alex Boylar join by Reaffirmation of Faith. Vivian is a professor of Economics at Rice University and, after much searching, was attracted to CTK because "members here really walk with Christ during the week." Alex loves Godly Play and reading the Children's Bible.

Kate Paxton returns to Christ the King Church after several decades away. Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith, Kate is a teacher, composer, playwright, and focuses on visual art.

Stephan and Christie Roth with son Matthew, come to us by Transfer from First English Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Stephan owns a research and development firm in Robotics. Christine is a medical doctor with specialization in Hematic Pathology at Baylor College of Medicine and St. Luke's Hospital.

Advent Wreath Workshop

November 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Altar Guild will set up for wreath making in the cloister and courtyard. The supplies provided include two different styles of wire wreaths, blue and purple advent candle sets, ribbon, bows and greenery. A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the Altar Guild's cost of supplies. All ages are invited to join in this communal craft activity to start the Advent season in your homes. If you have a purchased wreath that you would like to decorate, please bring it and join the fun. Altar Guild will also have cookies and hot cider to add to the festive spirit.

Fill a Shoebox and Delight a Seafarer

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers' ecumenical ministry. Check out the mobile bulletin board for a list of suggested items. Please bring your filled shoebox to church by **Sunday, December 4.**

Donate New Toys and Books

Please donate new, unwrapped toys and books (avoiding items violent in nature) for children ages 0 – 15 to the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC).

You may place donations in the box in the foyer or in the church office during the month of November. Deadline for toys and gifts is December 4.

When shopping for toys, remember the toy each child receives through Jingle Bell Express may be his/her only Christmas present. Consider purchasing one or two "primary gifts" rather than several small "stocking stuffers" or donate money and pick up a Gift of Hope card in the foyer to give to a loved one for Christmas. **Checks can be made out to Christ the King Church with Jingle Bell Express in the memo line.**

Jingle Bell Express involves hundreds of volunteers. Help is needed with organizing toys, setting up the 'store', and even helping parents select toys.

Special Request for Volunteers:

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 5 - 7
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Sort & Set-up

(Prepare toys and food for distribution)

**Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Distribution

(Assist clients as they gather toys, books & food)

Location: Bellaire United Methodist Church, 4417 Bellaire Blvd.

Contact 713-961-3993 ext. 215 or seasonal@ccschouston.org.

Advent Retreat at Lutherhill December 2-3

Awaken to the Advent season as we await for the coming of Christ. Campers in 1st through 6th grade are invited to spend a packed 24 hours worshipping, learning in Bible study, and experiencing fun camp activities like the giant swing, archery, and arts and crafts with Ben Remmert. This retreat will begin on Friday evening with welcoming games, activities, and a devotion. On Saturday, we will have an action packed day including learning more about our theme, experiencing fun camp activities, and being sent out to go in peace and serve the Lord through closing worship. Cost is \$55 per person. RSVP to Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org

Ten Thousand Village Shopping Night December 1

All Christ the King Church members and friends are invited to Ten Thousand Villages located in Rice Village at 2424 Rice Boulevard on Thursday, December 1 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for shopping! 15% of net sales will be donated to the Luther League. Beverages (alcoholic and nonalcoholic) and snacks will be served throughout the evening. Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit, fair trade gift store that works with over 130 artisan groups in more than 38 countries to bring you fair trade jewelry, home decor, gifts and more. Find a gift for everyone this Christmas!

Christ the King Foundation Accepts Grant Requests

The Board of Directors of the Christ the King Foundation is now accepting grant requests for projects meeting foundation criteria. Individuals or groups may request grants to further special projects and needs of the congregation or its mission to the community. The Foundation makes grants based on the income from its investments. Past grants have been awarded for seminary scholarships, special educational programs, and outreach projects. Application forms may be requested from the church office. **Deadline is December 5, 2016.**

Bright Stars of Bethlehem

November 20 and 27

Bright Stars of Bethlehem, a program of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine, promotes the many outreach ministries that serve the educational, medical, professional and spiritual development needs of people living in Palestine.

From the first breath of life to the last, Bright Stars of Bethlehem partners to grow hope in



Palestine by connecting people in the United States through awareness-raising and fund-raising, to these ministry efforts in the Holy Land:

- Diyar Academy for Children and Youth
 - Dar al-Kalima College
 - Azwaj Young Families Program
 - Ajyal Senior Care Program
- More information at brightstarsbethlehem.org.

As we celebrate the anniversary of Christ the King Lutheran Church on November 20 and we begin our Advent journey toward Bethlehem on November 27, we have this opportunity to partner with Christians in the Holy Land. Make a donation to Bright Stars and pick up a “gift of hope” card in the narthex to give to your loved ones for Christmas.

Sunday, November 20

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 4, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Festival Fair, the courtyard
- 9:45 a.m. Luther League, youth room
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 6:00 p.m. Luther League meeting, youth room
- 6:00 p.m. Creation Care Web Conversation, online

Monday, November 21

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor

Tuesday, November 22

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 5:00 p.m. Community of Hope, council room

Wednesday, November 23

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- No Wednesday Night Alive!*

Thursday, November 24

- Church Office Closed
- 10:00 a.m. Worship service, nave

Friday, November 25

- Church Office Closed
- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor

Saturday, November 26

- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom
- 6:00 p.m. Taizé, nave

Sunday, November 27

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Advent Wreath workshop
- 9:45 a.m. Luther League, youth room
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave

We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:

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| Ulf Henningsen | Carolyn Phillips | Eric van Hal |
| Christine Wagener | Zonora Buckalew | Carolyn Jacobs |
| Nancy Boles | Maria Edna Campos | Kevin Simpson |
| Alp Gener | | Luke Winston |

Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh God – Creator, Savior, Helper

We thank you

for red soil, and black soil, and sandy soil and loamy soil

GOOD EARTH

for rice, and corn, and wheat and cassava

GOOD BREAD

for apples, and dates, and grapes and lychee

GOOD FRUIT

for salmon, and catfish, and walnuts and soy

GOOD MEAT

For red, and yellow, and blue and green

GOOD COLORS

You show your perfection not in one perfect thing

but in the unending diversity of your creation.

And so we gather

with all our languages and customs, all our heights and

weights, all our genders and eye colors

at one table – made perfect in its almost infinite diversity
to sing to you our songs of PRAISE and THANKSGIVING.

Amen.

- The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor
- The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation
- Ben Remmert, Director of Youth and Family Ministry
- Beverly Davis, Director of Congregational Care
- Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse
- Rick Erickson, Cantor, Director of Bach Society Houston
- Chris Holman, Music Associate
- Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
- Noelle Jung, Church Business Administrator

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