



Welcome to Worship

We welcome you to worship today. Please sign the guest book and enjoy a cup of coffee and snacks after the service. Donations at the snack table benefit the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

The pastors and worship servers look forward to meeting guests after worship and answer questions about Christ the King Church.

Advent Star

During Advent through Epiphany a star appears at Christ the King Lutheran Church. This paper star from the Moravian tradition is a reminder of the light of creation, of the prophecy that a star would arise out of Jacob, of the Star of Bethlehem, and of the bright and Morning Star, Jesus Christ.

Advent Organ Meditations at 12:15 p.m.

The season of Advent is a time of contemplation and introspection. Our organists, Rick Erickson and Christopher Holman will present weekly organ music meditations as a counterpoint to the busy pre-Christmas time. The 30-minute organ recitals will be **Fridays at 12:15 p.m. December 3, 10, and 17.**

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. we celebrate the Advent season with Advent Lessons and Carols. This beautiful annual event includes readings, hymns, anthems, and prayers that mark events in the story of Redemption. Join our Church Choir, Chorus, Choristers and Jr. Choristers as we fill our nave in sound! A potluck Open House will immediately follow Lessons and Carols in the parish hall. All are invited to bring a savory or sweet finger food to share. (Please bring food items already plated and ready to share, so that there will be a minimum of set-up and clean-up).

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.

Check your Blood Pressure November 27

Monthly blood pressure screenings will be held after each Sunday morning service.

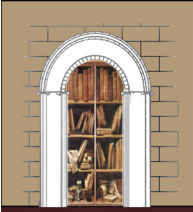
Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Part 1

December 4, 12:15 p.m., parish hall

Part 1 of the Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, December 4, immediately following the 10:50 a.m. service. The meeting will be brief, but consequential. A preliminary budget for 2017 will be presented, the "Salt and Light" stewardship campaign results to date will be shared, and council member elections will be held. There will be opportunity for other Q & A with council leadership, as well. Your presence and voice in the planning and administration of our congregational life together is vital. Thank you for your presence and support.

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Sunday Forum

9:45 a.m. in the
basement classroom

November 27:

Advent Wreath
Workshop at 9:30

Sunday Forum

a.m. First Sunday of Advent

December 4 and 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!

German Christmas Market Saturday, December 3 9:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the courtyard

The German Saturday School will hold its Christmas market with a program of traditional music, stories and songs in the nave, followed by a stroll through a typical village market with decorated booths offering unique and handcrafted Christmas gifts and activities for the children. German food and drinks invite you to sit down and enjoy the atmosphere. Bring your family and friends and have a good time. We wish all of you Fröhliche Weihnachten. For further information: www.deutschesamstagsschule.org

Flowers for the Nave

The 2017 Altar Guild Flower Chart will soon be on the mobile bulletin board. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up. Checks can be made out to Christ the King Lutheran Church with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line and placed in the offering. The flowers are a significant part of the Altar Guild ministry as its members deliver them after Sunday services to families and individuals to express the congregation's support in times of joy, sadness or concern.

Meet Lydia -The New Guild On The Block

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become a founding member of the new Lydia Guild. This group has been formed to care for the albs worn by assisting ministers, acolytes, and crucifers. It is an activity that involves about 1 1/2 to 2 hours of your time once every 6-8 weeks. Generally people do this while they're at church for another activity since it only requires putting the albs in the washing machine in the church laundry room, then into the dryer, and hanging the clean albs in the Robing Sacristy. It's a little "jobette", but a very helpful and valuable "behind the scenes" service. An experienced person will guide you through the process.

Note: Lydia, "a dealer in purple cloth," was an early convert of Paul who baptized her in the city of Phillippi.

Contact the church office at 713-523-2864 or ctk@ctkelc.org. Tell your friends. This is an Equal Opportunity Position.

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.**

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. 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.

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!

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 by November 30** to Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org

Church Photo Directory

Photo sessions: January 4-7, 17-21, 2017

We are excited to announce that we are creating a new pictorial directory of our church family. This new directory will serve as a valuable tool to help promote fellowship, showcase our congregation, and help us reach out to new members.

Photo sessions are January 4-7 and January 17-21. Sign-up in the narthex before and after worship during December or by using the link on our homepage, www.ctkelc.org. Please plan now to participate. Our new pictorial director just won't be complete without you!

Sunday, November 27

Blood Pressure Screening after services

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

Monday, November 28

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

Tuesday, November 29

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

Wednesday, November 30

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. SEARCH Coffee and Cards, offsite
- 5:30 p.m. Last Wednesday Night Alive!
- 5:45 p.m. Classes begin through 7:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation class
- 6:00 p.m. Declaration on the Way, 3rd floor
- 6:00 p.m. Food for Life, 3rd floor
- 6:15 p.m. Medieval Church, council room
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite
- 7:05 p.m. Vespers, nave
- 7:30 p.m. Church Choir, music suite
- 7:30 p.m. Chorus, rehearsal room

Thursday, December 1

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 2nd floor

Friday, December 2

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study

Saturday, December 3

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

Sunday, December 4

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement classroom
- 9:45 a.m. Luther League, youth room
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 12:15 p.m. Annual Meeting Part 1, parish hall
- 6:00 p.m. Luther League, youth room



Bright Stars of Bethlehem

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 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.

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

Rasmus Hoenen	Peter Boecher	Johnny Longoria
Cindy Scruggs	Hilda Boyce	Lori Stalheber
Patricia Barnard	Lisa Krueger	Wendy Wentland
Gerald Gibson	Nancy Letness	Jan Petner
Torsten Louis	Nicholas Lloyd	Andreas Fullaondo-Boker
Grace Sahualla		

Pageant Rehearsals

Pageant rehearsals will begin November 27 for children after the Advent Wreath workshop in the basement rehearsal room. Other rehearsals will be Wednesdays, December 7 and 14. The pageant will take place on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18.

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation
Ben Rimmert, 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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