



## 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.

## Church Photo Directory

**Photo dates are: January 4-7, 17-21**

We are excited to prepare 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 sign up electronically by using the link on our homepage, [ctkelc.org](http://ctkelc.org). Please plan now to participate. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!

## Wednesday Night Alive! Resumes January 18

Eating, learning, singing, playing instruments, studying, praying, and so much more.

## Festival of the Epiphany January 5

Join us on the Eve of Epiphany, **Thursday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m.** to celebrate the festival of the Epiphany of Our Lord and the culmination of the season of Christmas. Following the service will be a time of fellowship with king's cake.

## Blessing of Homes at Epiphany

The festival of the Epiphany offers an occasion to bless our homes where God dwells with us in our daily living. A printed rite of blessing and chalk will be supplied to all who wish to bless their home and inscribe their entrance door with 20+CBM+17. When the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother." (Matthew 2:10-11)

## Taizé Service to Include Prayer Around the Cross on January 7

The Prayer Around the Cross at Christ the King Church is held at the 6:00 p.m. Taizé Eucharist on the first Saturday of each month. A wooden cross on the floor of the altar sanctuary confronts worshipers with the suffering of Christ on behalf of humanity. In its presence the suffering of the world and our own burdens come to light. Christ gave salvation to all on the tree of the cross. It is the tree where life might be restored. Worshipers may choose to meditate on the cross from the pew or may enter the altar sanctuary and kneel at the cross.

## Annual Reports

The 2016 Annual Reports are due on **Monday, January 16**. Samples of last year's report can be found online at [ctkelc.org/about-us/how-we-work](http://ctkelc.org/about-us/how-we-work). Please email your report to [michaelshelton@ctkelc.org](mailto:michaelshelton@ctkelc.org).

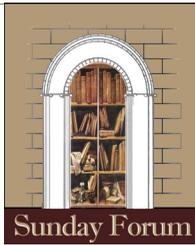


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**New Year's Day  
Organ Concert  
with Paul Tegels  
January 1, 6:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the New Year with Dutch organist Paul Tegels as he presents the organ masterpieces of Bach and those from his homeland. Prosecco and cake reception following.

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## **Sunday Forum**

*9:45 a.m. in the basement classroom*

**January 1:**

**Coffee and Fellowship**

**January 8:**

**A Demonstration of Christ the King Church's Organ**

*presented by Christ the King Church Music Associate, Chris Holman*

**January 15:**

**What Happens When the Cross Goes By?**

– a conversation on liturgical observance

*presented by Christ the King Church Cantor, Rick Erickson*

**The Psalms of the Old Testament**

*Sundays, January 22, 20, and February 5*

*presented by Professor Matthias Henze*

## **Rick Erikson and Ben R Emmert are now Deacons!**

Beginning January 1, 2017, associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers of the ELCA will be a single, unified roster of Ministry of Word and Service (deacon). The accompanying constitutional amendments related to the roster were considered and approved at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly which met in New Orleans this past August. What this will mean is new and creative possibilities for pastors (Ministry of Word and Sacrament) and deacons to working and leading side by side, each with their own particular gifts and call to address the missional needs of the church as we walk together into God's unfolding future.

## **Luther League Bowling January 8, 3:00 p.m.**

A great afternoon of fellowship and bowling as we welcome in the New Year. We will meet at church and carpool over to Bowlmor Houston Lanes located at 925 Bunker Hill Rd, Houston at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 which covers rentals and food. Please RSVP to Ben R Emmert by January 7. Friends are welcome to attend.

## **The Milestone of Language January 8**

In the transition from infant to toddler language plays a crucial role. Language also is a main factor in shaping the Christian faith which proclaims God to be the Word made flesh who was born first a word-less infant. We therefore recognize the Milestone of Language, which children reach somewhere between their second and third years, on the Sunday of The Baptism of Our Lord, January 8, at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services. Families with three-year-old children (and siblings) may approach the altar rail during the liturgy to receive a copy of Luther's Small Catechism. The Catechism is a guidebook for parents to help their child learn the beginnings of formed language such as the Lord's Prayer, table grace, and prayers for morning and evening.

Martin Luther wrote in the language of his day: "Every father of a family is a bishop in his house and the wife is a bishopess. Therefore remember that you in your homes are to help us carry on the ministry as we do in the church." When Luther wrote this in 1528, he and Katie were still new in their roles as bishop and bishopess of their household with their oldest son being only two years old. The members of Christ the King Lutheran Church take this annual opportunity to express their support for the important work that parents do at home and at church in the formation of their children's faith.

## **Sign up for 2017 Sunday Flowers**

Members and friends of Christ the King Church are invited to donate the Sunday flowers throughout the year. The 2017 Flower Chart is on the mobile bulletin board in the cloister or the foyer (during the week). The Sunday flowers are a significant part of the Altar Guild ministry as its members deliver them after services to families and individuals to express the congregation's support in times of joy, sadness or concern. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up. Checks and cash can be dropped in the offering baskets (made out to Christ the King Church, memo line "Altar Flowers"). For online giving please use the Donate link on the church home page.

## My Muslim Neighbor

At churchwide assembly this past August, a proposal entitled My Muslim Neighbor was approved. This proposal had three components: to commend ELCA educational resources on Christian-Muslim relations for use across the church, to encourage ELCA members to oppose, prevent and eliminate Islamophobia, and to further encourage ELCA members to engage in dialogue, friendship and cooperative endeavors with Muslim neighbors. You can stand with the ELCA on this topic by pledging to reject hate-filled violence against anyone based upon race, ethnicity, religion or gender. See the December 13, 2016 post on [www.facebook.com/HumanRightsWatch](http://www.facebook.com/HumanRightsWatch).

## Access to Church for Early Service January 15

The **Chevron Houston Marathon** will be held Sunday, January 15, beginning at 7:00 a.m. The event results in numerous street closures including Bissonnet and Kirby. The disruption affects mainly 8:30 a.m. and Sunday Church School participants. The best route to church is from U.S. 59 to Buffalo Speedway then turning left on Rice Blvd. For a map of the course go to <http://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com/participants/course-info/>.

## Are You a Marathon Runner?

We encourage all friends and members of the congregation who will run in the Chevron Houston Marathon to let us know so we can include you in our prayers. Eat and rest well during the last weeks, and “Godspeed” to all!

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**food bank**  **Saturday January 14**  
Leave the church at 7:30  
Return at noon

For information, contact [ctkhfb@gmail.com](mailto:ctkhfb@gmail.com)

Please put the following 2017 dates on your calendar.

**Second Saturdays of Odd Months**  
**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**2017 DATES**

January 14	July 8
March 11	September 9
May 13	November 11

## Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is said at Christ the King Church each day **Monday through Friday at 8:15 a.m.** in room 314 (visitor's room) on the third floor for the 15-20 minute service. Everyone is welcome to participate as your schedule allows. We can especially use help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please join us as we pray for the needs of body, mind, spirit, the Church and the world.

# The HighPatheticals

The Reunion Tour Continues

**Friday, January 13**  
**7:00 pm**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
**Parish Hall**

And for your further satisfaction:  
Beer, Food, Tees, Swag, Who knows what at else?!



**\$20 at the door**  
Proceeds benefit



***The HighPatheticals! The Best Kick-Ass Lutheran Rock n Roll Band since Luther Nailed It!***

## Sunday, January 1

- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6:00 p.m. Organ Concert with Paul Tegels

## Monday, January 2

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

## Tuesday, January 3

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

## Wednesday, January 4

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

## Thursday, January 5

- Church Directory Photos  
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
6:00 p.m. Eve of Epiphany service, nave

## Friday, January 6

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor  
Congregation Council Retreat, offsite

## Saturday, January 7

- Church Directory Photos  
6:00 p.m. Taizé service and  
Prayer Around the Cross, nave  
Congregation Council Retreat, offsite

## Sunday, January 8

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 5, nave  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement classroom  
10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave  
3:00 p.m. Luther League Bowling, offsite

Who can hide in secret  
places so that I cannot see  
them? says the LORD. Do  
I not fill heaven and earth?  
says the LORD. *Jeremiah 23:24 24*



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

Rob Douglass	Andrew Winston	Kleta Gerhart
Angela Edelmann	Jessica Breitbeil	Cheryl Howard
Mary Neberman	Blanchard Nelson	Kurt Johnson
Mary Reinhardt	Elizabeth Eklof	Bob Petner
Terence Vinson	Stephanie Eklof	Robert Stone
		Lily Lenz

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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**Mission Offering**

# SEARCH

## Homeless Services

The mission offering is collected at the church doors at the end of worship.

SEARCH is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping homeless men, women and children get off the streets and into jobs and affordable housing. SEARCH serves more than 10,000 homeless individuals annually throughout the greater Houston metropolitan area by providing them with the tools to work and achieve self sufficiency. SEARCH's core focus is employment, education and job training.

SEARCH seeks to eliminate homelessness by enabling its clients to achieve self-sufficiency. To reach this goal, SEARCH principally provides employment counseling, job training, and adult continuing education programs. SEARCH also offers necessary support services, such as a full-scale medical clinic, community-based housing, mental-health treatment, and a day shelter with showers, meals, and laundry facilities. Finally, SEARCH operates the House of Tiny Treasures (HTT), Houston's first accredited childcare center dedicated exclusively to homeless children. HTT provides exemplary early childhood education for children ages six weeks to six years whose parents are clients of SEARCH.

For more information about SEARCH, contact Beverly Davis at 713-400-0517 or [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org). You may also visit SEARCH's headquarters at 2505 Fannin, Houston, during regular business hours. Visit [www.searchhomeless.org](http://www.searchhomeless.org).

### SEARCH Cards and Coffee Ministry

Please join us in hosting our monthly coffee hour for SEARCH Homeless Services clients at the Perry St. Apartments, 4415 Perry, a New Hope Housing project in the Third Ward on **Wednesday, January 18, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** This collaboration with SEARCH takes place every third Wednesday of the month. **If you have any 2017 calendars** or Christmas cards you'd like to contribute you may drop them off in the donation basket on Sundays or in the church office. For more information, contact Beverly at [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).