



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.

Global Setting during Epiphany Season

The liturgical musical settings during Epiphany season are drawn from around the world. Included are musical expressions from South Africa, United States, Zimbabwe, Germany, Sweden, Asia, South America, as well as some historic plainsong. During this time of Epiphany, as we consider the manifestation of Christ in the world, the Word become flesh, we also recall that the church responds in song from throughout the world.

Christ the King Young Adults Gathering

Anyone "young at heart" is invited this Sunday to the Ginger Man pub, located at 5607 Morningside Dr. On Sunday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. meet new friends, enjoy beer, and discuss faith, religion, worship, life, and anything concerning how to live faith. Newcomers welcome! One point of interest for our conversation will be the ELCA social message and proposed social statement on gender based violence and sexism, respectively. For more information, contact Pastor Duane.

Pastor Janelle Rozek Hooper Guest Preacher on January 15



Pastor Janelle Rozek Hooper serves as Program Director for Ministry with Children for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as well as Interim Campus Pastor for Houston Lutheran Campus Ministry. She is author of "Heaven on Earth: Studies in Matthew"

published by Augsburg Fortress Press. Hooper got a B.A. in African-American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin and a M.Div from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Hooper is married to elementary educator Brad and mother to Sophia and Soren, all members of Christ the King Church.

Memorial Service for Lise Winterroth Tuttle

A memorial service for Lise Winterroth Tuttle will be held on **Friday, January 20, at 10:30 a.m.** at Christ the King Church with reception immediately following. If you would like to bring a food for the reception, please contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

Church Photo Directory Photo dates are January 17-21

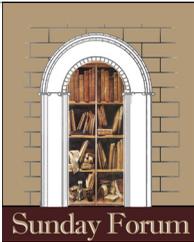
Our new pictorial church directory won't be complete without you! January 17-21 is the last week for photography appointments. You may make your appointment electronically by using the link on our homepage, ctkelc.org; or you may contact Re:Member directly at 866-557-2253.

Not available for an appointment next week? You may submit a photo (professional or quality snapshot) to the church office for inclusion in the directory. (Each "outside" photo costs the congregation \$10, so we appreciate our members contributing to that cost if possible.)

**Friday Morning Bible Study
will not meet on January 20**

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Sunday Forum

9:45 a.m.

basement classroom

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

January 22, 29, and February 5
presented by Professor Matthias Henze

The Psalms have constituted a book of study, devotion, and prayer for Jews and Christians for two millennia. They infuse the basic patterns of Jewish and Christian worship, give character and essence to our liturgies, and govern the life of hymns and prayers of the individual and the community. In this course, CTK member Matthias Henze will focus on a select number of Psalms. We will pay close attention to the psalms' poetic composition, their literary expressions, and theology. BYOB (Bring your own Bible!)

January 22: Psalm 2

Psalm 2 is considered a "royal psalm," that was composed for the coronation ceremony of the new king in Jerusalem. Early Christians read it as a psalm that describes the Messiah. We begin with a close reading of Psalm 2 and then trace its history of reading in the New Testament.

January 29: Psalms 120-134

February 5: Psalm 139

Wednesday Night Alive! Resumes January 18

Eating, learning, singing, playing instruments, studying, praying

Evening Vespers at 7:05 p.m. in the Nave

After WNA dinner and classes, join us for a moment of centering prayer either to conclude the night or before choir rehearsals. This midweek prayer service offers a preview to Sunday readings, poetry, silence and shared intercessions.

Book Reading Group *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* *Wednesdays beginning January 18, 6:00 p.m., 3rd floor*

This is a new year with many religious and ethical questions claiming space in the "public square." 2017 is, of course, the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. As with 1517, there are global dynamics that are shaping our faith-life questions more than we recognize. It is certainly important that we rehearse the central themes of our Lutheran witness. It is also surely important, as many are doing, to read, if not for the first time, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's witness to our Lutheran roots in his cultural-political situation that required clear Christian witness.

This reading group led by Pastor Duane will consider all the issues just noted. But we will do so by paying focused attention to theology written recently in the American context and attending to one of the most important ongoing and troubling questions facing our society. That question is racism. And the book we will read is the most important and challenging exercise in Black Theology written in the last decade, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, by James Cone. The book is available on Amazon.

Follow Luther's Footsteps from Eisleben to that Church door in Wittenberg and Beyond

Wednesdays beginning January 18, 6:15 p.m., council room

This year, 2017, will bring the 500th anniversary of an academic action in Wittenberg which had many consequences, including Christ the King Church. Now is the time to study the professor himself, Martin Luther. Kristine Wallace will lead a class in reading and reflecting on Timothy F. Lull and Derek R. Nelson's book, *Resilient Reformer: The Life and Thought of Martin Luther* (Fortress Press 2015). As the authors ask: How did the grandson of a peasant and son of a miner become so important? What could he have taught to generate both such loyalty and such hostility? How did he survive the powerful forces of church government that were against him?

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class resumes this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in room 204. The semester the group will study the Old Testament.

Marathon 2017

Best wishes to all runners marathon, especially from our congregation – for the run and for a speedy recovery. These members were known to participate: **Vicki Gorman, Matthias Henze, Pastor Karin Liebster, and Andy Winesett.** Way to run; congratulations!

SEARCH Cards & 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.** For more information, contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

***Asunder: A Novel Approach to Divorce Recovery* Book Signing**

Author: Kathryn Haueisen

Pastor Kathy Haueisen, former staff at Christ the King, kicks off the new year with a book signing event at River Oaks Book Store from **4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, January 19.** (3270 Westheimer Rd.) If you have a family member or friend who's struggling to make sense of a divorce or trying to recover and move on after one, her book, *Asunder*; will help them. It is a novel about life after the death of a long time marriage. It also contains a scripture study guide designed both for personal reflection and processing and for group study.

Great Gatsby Dinner

February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Friends and members of Christ the King Church are invited to a fabulous evening of music, fun, and a four course meal on February 11! We will set the scene for a night of luxury, reminiscent to the 1920s. Seating is available for individuals, pairs, and small and large groups. Tickets are \$50 or \$90 for two. Free childcare is available. Email Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org to RSVP. **Proceeds will benefit the youth group at Christ the King Church and Summer Germany Trip.**

Human Dignity Retreat

Youth are hungry for honest answers to challenging questions and parents need support from the church to help equip their children. Confirmation students are invited to a synod-wide gathering to discuss coming of age issues on **January 27 - 28** at Zion in Houston for the Human Dignity Retreat. The cost is \$25 per person. Please contact Michelle Mote should you have additional questions.

Luther League

Souper Bowl of Caring Challenge

In preparation for Souper Bowl Sunday, the Luther League is competing with other youth groups in our synod to collect the most non-perishable food items by the Synod's dodgeball tournament on Sunday, January 29. Please drop off canned goods January and help our youth win! All donations will go to the Emergency Service food pantry at Christian Community Service Center. For more information contact Ben Remmert.

Sunday Conversations on Creation

January 29, 6:00 p.m.: Connections between People and Nature – The Human Microbiome

Professor Melissa Anne Suter from Baylor College of Medicine, department of Obstetrics & Gynecology will speak on The Human Microbiome. Don't know what that is? Attend her talk to find out about this most intimate and vital of connections between people and micro-organisms. Professor Suter holds a PhD in Biomedical Sciences and has been actively engaged in understanding the molecular mechanisms behind the developmental origins of health and disease for the past 7 years. After her talk, there will be time for Q&A. If you would like to join this online conversation, contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com to receive an invitation to the talk.

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Pasanky classes will meet at **6:00 p.m. starting on Thursday, February 8**, and continuing through April 6, in a Pasanky Workshop led by Marie Monroe. The cost is \$10 for new students and \$5 for returning students. Everyone learns and works at their own speed, and you are invited to enjoy this relaxing, meditative art. You too can make beautiful eggs. Please call 832-488-7696 or marie4118@gmail.com.

Annual Reports Due January 16

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. Please email your report to michaelskelton@ctkelc.org.

Sunday, January 15

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Global setting, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement classroom
- 9:45 a.m. Youth and Family breakfast, parish hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Global Setting, nave
- 7:00 p.m. CTK Young Adults at the Gingerman

Monday, January 16

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

Tuesday, January 17

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 7:15 p.m. Congregation Council, council room

Wednesday, January 18

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 5:30 p.m. *Wednesday Night Alive!*
- 5:45 p.m. Classes begin through 7:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation class, room 204
- 6:00 p.m. *The Cross and the Lynching Tree, 3rd floor*
- 6:15 p.m. *Resilient Reformer*, 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, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

- 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, council room

Saturday, January 21

- 6:00 p.m. Taizé service, nave

Sunday, January 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Global setting, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement classroom
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Global Setting, nave



SEARCH Homeless Services

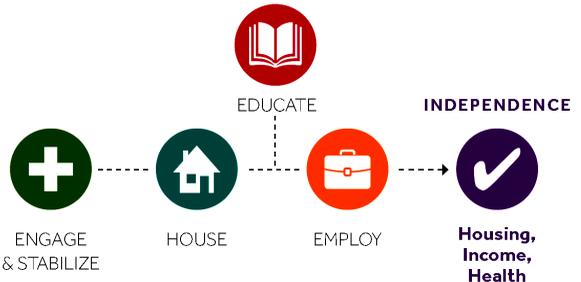
For a Houston without Homelessness

Since 1989, SEARCH Homeless Services has pursued a mission of providing hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives for the thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. They bring this mission to life every day by connecting men, women, and children not only with housing and employment, but with the targeted resources and wrap-around support they need to remain stably housed and regain self-sufficiency.

SEARCH'S MODEL

Their effectiveness lies in the way they treat their clients with dignity and respect and how they guide them in the direction of positive change by:

- **ENGAGEMENT AND STABILIZATION**
Engaging the Most Vulnerable
- **HOUSING**
Providing Hope Through Housing
- **THE HOUSE OF TINY TREASURES**
Transforming Lives through Education
- **EMPLOYMENT**
Creating Opportunity through Jobs



The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor
 The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation
 Deacon Ben Remmert, Director of Youth and Family Ministry
 Beverly Davis, Director of Congregational Care
 Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse
 Deacon Rick Erickson, Cantor, Director of Bach Society Houston
 Chris Holman, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
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We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:

Blanchard Nelson	Miles Burton	Rita Carlson
Sam Petner	Raymond Beyer	Amari Oechslin
Nathan Wiker	Peter Zage	Doris Johnston
David Padgett	Sandy Troff	Sidney Johnston