



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.

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.

Assisting Minister and Server Training

Training for Assisting Ministers and Servers will be conducted in the nave on **January 28 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and February 4 at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the nave.** If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, whether you have experience or are a novice, attendance at one of the trainings is required. If the church parking lot is full, please park on the Rice Stadium lot (\$2.00 paid by credit card).



Bach and the Psalms

BACH SOCIETY Sunday, January 22, 6:00 p.m.

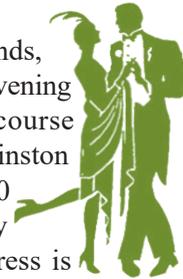
An intimate evening of Bach's early cantatas based on psalm texts featuring the Bach HOUSTON Orchestra principal players and four singers. At Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood Blvd. Tickets: \$30 General/\$25 Senior/\$5 Student BACHSOCIETYHOUSTON.ORG

Effective Strategies for Communicating with Persons with Dementia January 26

Gitzell Perez from the Alzheimer's Association will present "Effective Strategies for Communicating with Persons with Dementia" at Christ the King on **Thursday, January 26, from 7-8:30 p.m.** in the council room. All are welcome to join Community of Hope's Circle of Care to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's. Learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.

The Great Gatsby Dinner February 11

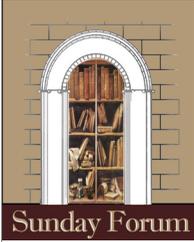
Together with family and friends, you are invited to a fabulous evening of music, fun, and a four-course meal presented by Nathan Winston on February 11. Come at 7:00 p.m. for a night of luxury reminiscent to the 1920s. Dress is festive - you may give it a 20's flair!



This special, fun and fine night is hosted by the Luther League youth group as an outreach to the congregation and to raise funds in support of their summer programs such as Faith Camp and the trip to Wittenberg, Germany. Tickets for the evening are \$50 for one or \$90 for two. Free childcare is available and Vegetarian dishes available. Email Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctlcelc.org to RSVP by February 5.

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Sunday Forum

9:45 a.m.

basement classroom

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

This group of 15 psalms is like a little Psalter within the Psalter. These psalms of mixed genre are connected by their common title, "A Song of Ascent." Was this collection originally a little hymn book, used by pilgrims in ancient Israel who ascended Jerusalem to pray at the temple?

February 5: Psalm 139

Wednesday Night Alive! Resumes January 25

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.

Confirmation Class

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

Book Reading Group *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* Wednesdays beginning January 25, 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 25, 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?

Life Stories Resumes with February-March Sessions

The Life Stories Workshop will resume with sessions during February and March from **4:00-5:30 p.m.** as part of the *Wednesday Night Live!* program. **The first session on February 1** will be an organizational session to determine the interests of those in the group.

Co-facilitators for the sessions will be Sharon Ostwald and Anna Fay Williams. For more information contact Anna Fay Williams, texaslion11@yahoo.com. Please note: The new meeting time is earlier to provide more time for the meals that are part of the *Wednesday Night Alive!* program and the other classes that begin at 6:00 p.m.

Participation does not require any prior writing experience. We welcome newcomers and their many different life stories that can be shared in memoirs, photo books, genealogical research, family histories, and autobiographical book projects.

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.

Annual Meeting Part II

Part II of the annual congregational meeting will be held on **February 5 at 12:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. On the agenda are the 2016 annual reports and the adoption of the 2017 budget and the 2017 Missional Emphases. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend.

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.

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.

Luther Packs Now Available

The Luther League at the Winter Lock-In created kits for congregational members and friends to give to people in need of a reminder of God's love. Each pack has food, water, lotion, hand wipes, and an information sheet. These "Luther Packs" are located in the narthex for anyone to take and give to anyone in need of a helping hand.

Check your Blood Pressure January 29

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

Psalm 50:1

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.



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
 12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

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 26

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
 7:00 p.m. Effective Strategies for Communicating
 with Persons with Dementia,
 council room

Friday, January 27

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
 Mother/Daughter retreat, offsite
 Jr. High Human Dignity retreat, offsite

Saturday, January 28

Mother/Daughter retreat, offsite
 Jr. High Human Dignity retreat, offsite
 6:00 p.m. Taizé service, nave

Sunday, January 29

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
 1:00 p.m. Youth Dodge Ball, offsite

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
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 Deacon Rick Erickson, Cantor, Director of Bach Society Houston
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SEARCH Homeless Services

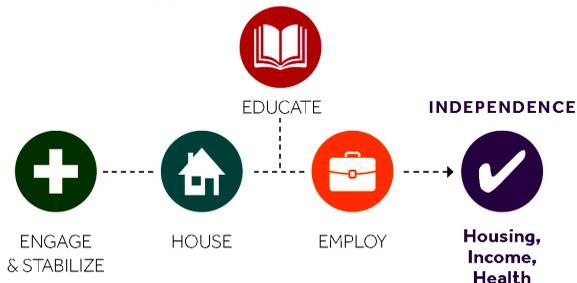
For a Houston without Homelessness

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



We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:
 Paul Monroe Philipp Winston Donna Vass
 Jessica Locheed Rodney Koenig Christopher Karohl
 Thomas Swindell Ben Remmert