



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.

Photography during Worship

We welcome David Joel at both Sunday morning services who will photograph the congregation at worship for an article by the Mission Investment Fund in their newsletter Mustard Seed. The Mission Investment Fund finances Christ the King Church's construction and other loans, and likes to feature the projects they support with pictures and stories in the Mustard Seed. The article will talk about our outreach work in service, caring for creation, supporting campus ministry and more.

Assisting Minister and Server Training Make-Up Session

Training for Assisting Ministers and Servers will be conducted in the nave on **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).

Check your Blood Pressure January 29

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

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.

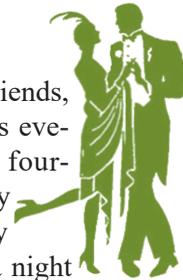
The Great Gatsby Dinner February 11

Register Now!

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@ctkelc.org to RSVP by February 5.



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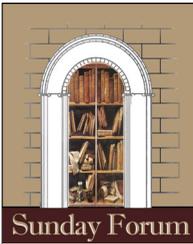


Make-Up Photo Dates Available
Thursday and Friday
February 9 - 10

Sign up online by using
the link on our homepage, ctkelc.org
or call Beverly Davis at 713-400-0517.

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Sunday Forum

9:45 a.m.

basement classroom

The Psalms of the Old Testament

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, CTM 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 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

This is a psalm about God's omnipresence, or, in less flattering terms, about God's "inescapable presence." We will first describe the psalm's intricate composition and its use of language. Then we will wonder whether the psalm is, in fact, comforting or threatening.

Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations toward a Social Statement

February 12, 19 and 26

Pastor Karin Liebster will lead a three week series reading and discussing the study Faith, Sexism, Justice put forth by the ELCA Taskforce Women and Justice.

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.

The Cross and the Lynching Tree

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., 3rd floor

Class in recess this week (Wednesday, February 1).

Class will resume the following week.

Books are available in the church office for \$25.

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.

This reading group **led by Pastor Duane** considers all the issues just noted. But we 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.

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

Wednesdays, 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** leads 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 Workshop Resumes

The Life Stories Workshop will resume with sessions during February and March from **4:00-5:30 p.m.** **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.

Lutheran Legislative Event

You are invited to the annual Lutheran Legislative Event in Austin on February 12-14. All three ELCA synods in Texas gather at this event to formulate advocacy priorities for 2017 and to train as advocates for justice. We then we visit our lawmakers to advocate on the justice issues deemed high priority for Texas Lutherans in 2017. In crafting the priorities, we will be guided by the 2017 priorities set by the ELCA for justice advocacy: Caring for God's Creation, Providing Hospitality to Our Neighbors, Concern for Brothers & Sisters Living in Poverty & Struggling with Hunger, and Seeking Justice and Peace for All People, while being mindful of specific justice issues in the state of Texas. Early registration ends February 1, so sign up now at <http://www.swtsynod.org/synodevents>.

Souper Bowl of Caring February 5

Over 25 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "O Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, millions of dollars have been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. Please give generously as you leave worship on Super Bowl Sunday. **Every dollar donated goes to the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) Emergency Services.** Additionally, you are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to drop in our collection basket.

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Pasanky classes will meet at **6:00 p.m. starting on Thursday, February 9**, 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.

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.

Other upcoming speakers include:

Sunday, February 26, 6:00 p.m.,
Professor Scott Solomon, Rice University, Biosciences
Sunday, March 26, 6:00 p.m.,
Professor Hyun-Min Hwang, Texas Southern University,
Environmental Sciences
Sunday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.,
Professor Cymene Howe, Rice University, Anthropology

Sunday, January 29

- Blood Presser screenings after services
- 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

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 1

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 4:00 p.m. Life Stories, council room
- 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*, in recess this week
- 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, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

- 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, February 4

- 1:00 p.m. Assisting Minister/Server training, nave
- 6:00 p.m. Taizé service, nave

Sunday, February 5

- 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. Annual Meeting, Part II, parish hall



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.

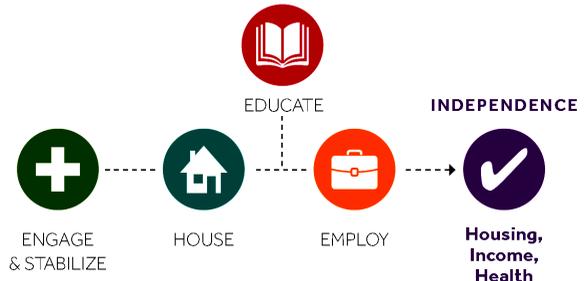
SEARCH'S MODEL

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
Noelle Jung, Church Business Administrator

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We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:
Joachim Beek Bob Solberg Karl Lothmann
Bill Burgess Virginia Swindell Heidi Blankenburg-Coulter
George Jennifer Wood Salazar