



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.

Souper Bowl of Caring February 5

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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.

New Members Welcomed

Anyone interested in making their alliance with God's cause "public and official" as a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church is welcome to attend a luncheon/orientation at **12:15 p.m., Sunday, February 19.** The lunch is free. We'll have an opportunity to learn more about Christ the King Church, our traditions, our commitments, and our place in global Lutheranism. New Members will be formally received on the following **Sunday, February 26.** Please call the church office to sign-up for the lunch meeting, or speak with one of the pastors if you have further questions. Wherever and whoever you have been, you are welcome here as one of God's children and Christ's disciples in our mission to advance and amplify God's love in the world.

Annual Meeting Part II

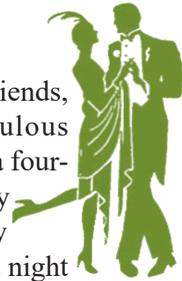
Part II of the annual congregational meeting will be held on **February 5 at 12:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. On the agenda are the 2016 annual reports and the adoption of the 2017 budget and the 2017 Missional Emphases. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served.

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 Wednesday 8:00 a.m. February 8.



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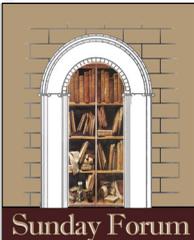
**Make-Up
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Dates**

**Thursday and Friday
February 9 - 10**

Sign up online by using the link on our homepage, ctkelc.org or call Beverly 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

BYOB (bring your own Bible)

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.

This series will introduce the scope of the study Faith, Sexism and Justice, including documentation on gender and gender-based violence, and more closely examine three of the seven chapters. The study is available at elca.org under Faith and Society. The search command brings up links to the study and also to the social message and documentation on gender based violence. Hard copies will be available for the class participants.

In Social Statements, Social Messages and Social Policy Resolutions, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America expresses its interpretation of social issues of our times, rooted in Lutheran theology, using Christian ethics based on scriptural study and systematic theology.

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

After WNA dinner and classes, join us in prayer for a moment to slow down our pace. This midweek prayer service offers a preview to Sunday readings, poetry, silence and shared intercessions.

Life Stories Workshop

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m., council room

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. Co-facilitators are Sharon Ostwald and Anna Fay Williams. For information contact Anna Fay Williams, texaslion11@yahoo.com.

The Cross and the Lynching Tree

Wednesdays, 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.

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

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?

Boy Scout Sunday February 5

The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was started to make congregations aware of Scouting. We recognize all families who actively engage in Scouts, and especially today Will Burgess who completed the "God and Me" Boy Scout course.

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.

Monopoly Party

Take a ride on the Reading Railroad!

Saturday, February 25, 5:30-9:00 p.m., parish hall
Enjoy a fun filled evening for families, couples, and singles - ages 12 and up. Join us for a Monopoly board game party. We will use a fast-paced version of the rules to complete two one-hour rounds of play and determine a winner based on the results. A meal will be served between rounds with hot cocoa provided to send you off into the night. This event is hosted by Anita and Chris Bryant. **The \$20 entrance fee will benefit the Christian Community Service Center**, one of our foundational ministry partners. Themed costumes encouraged!

Activities begin at 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., with a 6:00 p.m. start time for the first round of play.

Space is limited - so sign up with Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org and show off your inner real estate tycoon!

Sr. High Retreat at Lutherhill February 17-19

Students in 9-12th grade are invited to grow in their faith during an awesome, fun-filled weekend of inspiring worships, small group discussions, and fellowship. This is a weekend you don't want to miss as all our high school students from around the synod are invited to attend. Cost is \$65 which covers food, transportation, housing, and activities. Spots are limited so RSVP to Ben Remmert by February 12.

Lutheran Legislative Event

You are invited to the annual Lutheran Legislative Event in Austin on Feb. 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. Register at <http://www.swtsynod.org/synodevents>.



Houston's Original Organic Co-Op!

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Pick up in the Narthex of Christ the King Church
Order online at centralcityco-op.com

Central City Co-Op is Houston's oldest organic co-op. Each Wednesday, they have preordered shares of fresh fruits and vegetables available for members to pick up. They also have a small open market featuring a selection of sustainably produced farm-fresh produce, free range eggs, local dairy, local meat, bread, and other locally produced delicacies.

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

Monday, February 6

Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, February 7

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, 3rd floor

Wednesday, February 8

- 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*
- 6:15 p.m. *Resilient Reformer*
- 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 9

Church Photos

2:30 - 8:30 p.m., parish hall

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, second floor
- 6:00 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating workshop, 2nd floor

Friday, February 10

Church Photos

2:30 - 8:30 p.m., parish hall

- 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 11

- 6:00 p.m. Taizé service and Healing Blessing, nave
- 7:00 p.m. Great Gatsby dinner, parish hall

Sunday, February 12

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Global Setting, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School
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- 10:50 a.m. Worship Global Setting, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor

The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation

Deacon Ben Rimmert, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Beverly Davis, Director of Congregational Care

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Mission
Offering

CCSC
Christian Community
Service Center

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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

FEBRUARY 5

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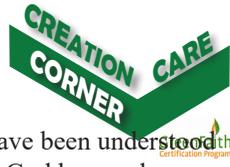


Mission Offering

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Romans 1:20

Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things God has made.



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

Dewey Letness	Valerie Lloyd	Angie Mattern
Rosa Oechslein	Federico Salas-	Sara Harlan
Whitney Vaughn	Isnardi	Sebastian Reyes