



## Sunday, May 14 Celebrations

### 8:30 a.m. Confirmation

Seven youth will affirm their baptism during worship service. The congregation has supported them with prayer and accompaniment during two years of confirmation class when they studied Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible. Affirmation of Baptism makes these youth full members of the congregation with the right to vote at congregational meetings. We welcome Zachary Bryant, Hannah Longoria, Henry Thweatt, Christina van Hal, Eric van Hal, Michael Vollmers, and Eric Vuong.

### 10:50 a.m. Worship

Britten *Rejoice in the Lamb*

During the late service, the Church Choir will sing Benjamin Britten's epic cantata *Rejoice in the Lamb, Op. 30*. The poetry, written by Christopher Smart during his time in an asylum, considers how all living things (lions, mice, tigers, cats, and more) are loved by God, and in return love God in their own way.

### 10:50 a.m. Recognition of Graduates

If you are receiving a degree from high school, undergraduate, or graduate programs, we would like to know! Email the church office with details about your graduation date and any plans you have for your future ([ctk@ctkelc.org](mailto:ctk@ctkelc.org)). Graduates of all degrees will be invited to participate in a short rite of recognition at the 10:50 a.m. service. High school seniors will receive a gift from the Piecemakers.



## Guest Preacher May 21 Kirstin Springmeyer

We welcome as guest preacher on May 21 our own member Rev. Kirstin Springmeyer. She has been a member since 2012 when she moved to Houston to serve as chaplain at Texas Children's Hospital in the neonatal ICU. For four years Kirstin served as interim minister at St. John Lutheran in Wallis, TX. She is currently building the new chaplaincy program at Texas Children's for pediatric palliative care.

## Christ the King Young Adults Sunday, May 14, 7:00 p.m.

Anyone "young at heart" is invited to the Ginger Man pub, at 5607 Morningside Dr.. On **Sunday, May 14, 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! For more information, contact Pastor Duane at [duanelarson@ctkelc.org](mailto:duanelarson@ctkelc.org).

## Wedding

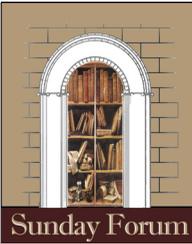
Christ the King Church members Sandy Troff and Todd Balsley will celebrate their wedding on Saturday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the nave.

## 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. You may leave contact information or write a note on the worship card in the pew. 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.

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Sunday Forum

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9:45 a.m. basement classroom

**May 14: No Sunday Forum Presentation**

**Bread for the World Offering of Letters, Justice Fair and Confirmation Celebration**

*in the courtyard*

Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters campaign engages churches, campuses, and other faith communities in writing letters to Congress. Each year, for the focus of the campaign, BFW chooses specific legislation or a legislative emphasis that can make a real difference to people struggling with hunger and poverty. This year's emphasis urges Congress to invest in and protect vital policies and safety-net programs — including WIC, global nutrition, SNAP, and refundable tax credits.

Christ the King Church members are invited to gather in the courtyard and write letters. Sample letters and writing materials will be available. Supported with prayer, our letters become a bold witness to God's justice and mercy. They have had, and continue to have, a significant impact on the decisions made in Congress.

**May 21: The Life of the Faithful and the Faithful Use of Possessions**

*presented by Pastor Janelle Hooper.*

Ever wanted an easy answer to whether or not you are using your time and money the way God wants you to? Join us Sunday May 21 for small and large group discussion using Luke Timothy Johnson's "The Life of Faith and The Faithful Use of Possessions" as a guide. And be ready to share from your own life story! Class taught by Pastor Janelle Rozek Hooper, Houston Lutheran Campus Ministry Pastor and Program Director for Ministry with Children for the ELCA.

**May 28: Beginning of the Summer Book Reviews**

## Summer Book Reviews



The summer book reviews are a beloved tradition as an educational offering on Sundays during the summer months. All interested in presenting a book on a Sunday

morning at 9:45 a.m. during the summer are invited to contact Chris Bryant at [CTKsummerbooks2017@outlook.com](mailto:CTKsummerbooks2017@outlook.com) with title, author and your Sunday availability.

If you have recently read a good book you'd love to discuss or need an excuse to read a good book, then sign up and share your reading pleasures with our members and friends. As much as we enjoy the wide variety of books that we usually hear reviewed, we particularly welcome books that explore religious, moral, or ethical concerns of our society and the world.

## Ascension Day

**Thursday, May 25 8:15 a.m.  
Holy Communion**

Join us for the celebration of Ascension Day in the meditation garden

(weather permitting) on Thursday, May 25 at 8:15 a.m. This worship service around the fountain will include a devotion and Holy Communion.

## Pentecost Picnic June 4

Come and join together for a good ol' time at our annual Pentecost Picnic on **Sunday, June 4 at 12:15 p.m.** in the courtyard. All are invited to bring sides to complement the entrée of fried chicken, like salads (potato, pasta, rice, green salads), vegetables, fruit and dessert. Vegetarian options are welcome! We ask that individuals help with \$5 and families of four and more \$20.

Don your casual picnic attire and choose the color **RED** for Pentecost Sunday.

**Pentecost Picnic  
Sunday, June 4 12:15 p.m.**



## 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, May 17, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** This collaboration with SEARCH takes place every third Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Beverly at [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).

## Capital Campaign Phase II Culminates June 4

The steering committee for Phase II of the campaign engages the congregation in a conversation about what has been accomplished thus far and what this means for our future. Reflections are scheduled for each Sunday.



## Do You Speak a Foreign Language? Use it on Pentecost!

Each year on Pentecost Sunday (June 4), we invite those who speak or read a language other than English to participate in the reading from the book of Acts. We encourage wide participation from all who worship with us. The readings will be done from the seats, taking place simultaneously with the languages filling the nave. Please contact the church office (713-400-0519 or [ctk@ctkelc.org](mailto:ctk@ctkelc.org)) for more information or a copy of the reading in your language.

## Backyard BBQ and Pool Party June 10, 5:30 p.m.

Start your summer off with a splash! Join Christ the King outreach ministry and enjoy a casual evening of barbecue, swimming, or just plain relaxing in the beautiful backyard of Jessica and Kenneth Breitbeil. Your donation of \$25/adult for the evening will benefit the House of Tiny Treasures (SEARCH Homeless Service Day-care Center). Children may accompany parents for free, but space is limited. Please RSVP to [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org) by **May 25**.

## 2018 Youth Gathering Volunteers Needed

Do you want to be involved with the National Youth Gathering next summer? Sign up to be a volunteer. Volunteers serve in a wide variety of roles; there are jobs for all ages and abilities. Applicants must be 19 years old and have graduated high school in 2017. Application opens in May 15; more information can be found online at: <http://elca.org/YouthGathering/registration/volunteer-opportunities>.

## Interfaith Environmental Stewardship Event

**Sunday, May 21,  
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

The Creation Care Team invites you to join with people of other faiths to care for creation. We will engage in hands-on environmental stewardship by mulching around plantings and trimming trees at the Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Meet at The Gathering Place, 5310 South Willow Dr., Houston 77035 to sign in. This event is organized by CTK, Congregation Brith Shalom, and The Blue Mosque, in partnership with the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. Please register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Contact Lisa Brenskelle at [brenskelle@aol.com](mailto:brenskelle@aol.com) for more information.

## Sunday Conversations on Creation - Endocrine Disrupters May 21, 6:00 p.m.

The monthly environmental education web meeting series continues. Sr. Damien Marie Savino, Dean of Sciences & Sustainability at Aquinas College in Michigan will explore endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs), which are industrial chemicals widely used in pharmaceuticals, foods, packaging, plastics and other consumer products. After her talk, there will be time for Q&A. If you would like to join this online conversation, please register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact Lisa Brenskelle at [brenskelle@aol.com](mailto:brenskelle@aol.com).

## Sunday, May 14

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 4, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Offering of Letters and Justice Fair, courtyard
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 4, Britten *Rejoice in the Lamb*, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adults at Ginger Man Pub

## Monday, May 15

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

## Tuesday, May 16

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

## Wednesday, May 17

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. SEARCH Coffee and Cards, offsite
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite
- 7:30 p.m. Church Choir, music suite
- 7:30 p.m. Chorus, rehearsal room

## Thursday, May 18

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

## Friday, May 19

- 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, May 20

- 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild, narthex
- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom
- 1:30 p.m. Wedding Balsley-Troff, nave
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

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- 8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 4, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement classroom
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 4, nave
- 1:30 p.m. Willow Water Hole project, offsite
- 6:00 p.m. Luther League, youth room
- 6:00 p.m. Creation Care webtalk, online



## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TRUJILLO, PERU

*The ELCA uses an accompaniment model for connecting the global church. Christ the King Church has been a companion congregation with the Lutheran Churches in Trujillo, Peru since 2010.*

In March, more than 450,000 people had to grapple with severe flooding in northern Peru. The flooding was the result of record downpours that engorged rivers, triggered landslides and washed away people, crops and buildings. More than 70,000 households were affected and more than 70 people were killed in the worst flooding to hit Peru in decades. The flooding led to mudslides and power-outages around the country and caused severe damage to infrastructure. More than 700 miles of road was destroyed, more than 200 bridges collapsed, and more than 12,000 homes were damaged or destroyed.

Both the city of and the province of Trujillo where our companion churches reside were affected. The city continues its clean up efforts, as does the congregation of San Andrés (where we always stay on our mission trips to Peru).

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

Anne Clutterbuck Linda Kuisk Johanna Dorn Bailey Boles  
Thomas DeVany Velma Rice Maximilian Dorn Anthony Lloyd

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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### 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.



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