



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.

Kids' Summer Nature Education

Sunday, June 11 at 9:45 a.m.

The Creation Care Team organizes a summer nature education series for children during the Sunday School hour on one Sunday/month in June, July & August. The June session will feature Fossils Through Time, taught by Neal Immege. Kids will get to touch real fossils that range from two billion years old to ones that lived only ten thousand years ago during the last ice age. Everyone will receive a twenty two million year old shark tooth to take home. Kids meet at 9:45 a.m. on the second floor in the library area for the Kids' Summer Nature Education Series. Parents are welcome to join in.

Pictorial Directories Available

Our new pictorial directories are available in the narthex and are arranged in alphabetical order for members who participated by either having their photo taken or by submitting a photo.

If you did not participate, you are still invited to pick up a directory from the box without name labels. Please place \$10.00 in the offering basket.

Pentecost Picnic June 4

Come and join together for a good ol' time at our 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.

Come dressed in your casual picnic attire and choose the color **RED** for Pentecost Sunday.



Capital Campaign Phase II Culminates June 4

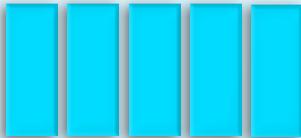
The steering committee for Phase II of the campaign engages the congregation in a conversation about what has been accomplished thus far and what this means for our future.

Bach Vespers: On to Leipzig!

On **Sunday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m.** Bach Society presents Bach Cantata 16 "Herr Gott, dich loben wir" in Vespers with the Bach Choir, soloists, and Orchestra. This event marks both the conclusion of the Season, but also the sending of our Bach Choir to the Leipzig BachFest, where they will be the first professional American choir invited to perform as part of this international festival. Our Bach forces are honored to represent Christ the King, Houston, and indeed, the U.S., as we head to Germany. The choir, accompanied by over 30 supporters!, will sing in Leipzig, Dresden, Berlin, Wittenburg, and Weimar, among others. Bishop Mike Rinehart will also be our guest homilist at Vespers, so, please, join us for this joyous celebration!

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SUMMER BOOK REVIEWS

Summer Book Reviews

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
in the basement classroom

The summer book reviews are a beloved tradition as an educational offering on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. during the summer months.

June 4: Tony Settles, *Night*, by Elie Wiesel

June 11: Kristine Wallace, *Bach & God*, by Michael Marissen

June 18: Federico Salas-Isnardi, *Delta Doctor*, by Dr. Peter Boelens

June 25: Michelle Shonbeck, *A Hope in the Unseen*, by Ron Suskind

July 2: Terri Bourne, *Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life* by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

July 9: Bill Pelham, *Burke and Demaret – The Wit and Wisdom of Golf’s Most Colorful Duo*, by Bill Pelham

July 16: Elmer Ledesma, *How Culture Shapes the Climate Change Debate*, by Andrew Hoffman

July 23: Lisa Brenskelle, *Dream of the Earth*, by Thomas Berry

July 30: Carolyn Jacobs, *Making Sense of the Central African Republic*, a collection of essays edited by Carayannis and Lombard

August 6: Rabbi Kenny Weiss, a presentation on Jewish humor and MAD Magazine

August 13: Pastor Karin Liebster, presentation and discussion on the Barmen Theological Declaration

August 20: Logan Faron, *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, by Robert Putnam

Summer Luther League

All middle school and high school students are invited to join us for Summer Luther League meetings every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. **beginning on June 11.** This summer, we will focus on bible stories that are not mentioned in the Common Lectionary. This will be a great time for Sabbath, conversation, food, and fun for youth during the summer months!

Pub Theologians - Young Adults Potluck BBQ on the Parsonage Patio Sunday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.



Make it a summer kick-off gathering. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share.

Beverages will be provided. All young at heart are welcome. We’ll add some song and guided conversation to make it a deepening soul-care evening. And invite friends! RSVP to Pastor Duane, duanelarson@ctkelc.org, by Friday, June 16.

Science and Religion Discussion Group

The Houston Science and Religion Discussion Group (HSRDG) will have its June 2017 meeting in the CTK 2nd Floor Conference Room on **Monday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m.** The speaker for this meeting will be Susan Giesecke. She will discuss the topic “Genetics, what does it mean to be human?” The HSRDG meets monthly (excluding July and August) at CTK to discuss subjects of interest at the interface between science and religion. Topics of recent meetings included points of conflict between science and religion from an atheistic perspective, creation from the perspective of scientists who are advocates of biblical inerrancy, Luther’s influence on modern science, modern interpretation of human evolution, and climate change. The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in such discussions.

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

Start your summer off with a splash! 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 one of Christ the King's outreach ministries, House of Tiny Treasures (SEARCH Homeless Service Daycare Center). Children may accompany parents for free, but **space is limited. Please RSVP to** beverlydavis@ctkelc.org **by June 5.**

A Gift from Our Muslim Neighbors— An Iftar Dinner: Register Now Friday, June 16, 7:45 p.m.

A very special gift has been offered to Christ the King Church by our spiritual cousins of the Islamic Institute: a free and educational Iftar Dinner, here at Christ the King Church, on **Friday, June 16, 7:45 p.m.**

“Iftar” means “breaking of the fast” during Islam’s high holy days of Ramadan. We are invited to break the fast with our Muslim neighbors and, while so doing, learn more about an Iftar’s religious meaning, as well as more about Islam in general.

The meal will be limited to 35 Christ the King members; 35 participants from the Turkish Shia background of the Islamic Institute and Mosque will join us. The meal will be catered and free, hosted in the parish hall. **Please call or email the church office to reserve your place by Friday, June 9.**

Because during Ramadan Muslims must fast from sunup to sunset, the program begins at 7:45 p.m. and the meal will be served around 8:30. If you are able, show your spiritual neighborliness to our hosts by fasting that day with them until the evening festivities begin. We are grateful indeed to The Islamic Institute for their great generosity!

Justice Advocacy Opportunity – Life for Palestinian Children Under Occupation

On **Thursday, June 8**, the 50th anniversary of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, there will be a briefing for Congress on life for Palestinian children under occupation. The ELCA asks you to contact your Congresspersons via e-mail to urge that they attend the briefing to understand the struggles of kids growing up in a militarized environment. Go to www.elca.org/advocacy, click on the Take Action Now link, and then the Peace Not Walls – May 2017 link.

Welcoming Neighbors Old and New: Houston to Mark World Refugee Day, Saturday, June 17

For several years, Houston has welcomed more refugees than any other city in the United States, with thousands of men, women and children from all over the world resettling in the greater Houston area, rebuilding their lives and contributing to the community in many ways.

For that reason, we honor and celebrate their strength and perseverance on **World Refugee Day, which will be celebrated on Saturday, June 17, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Levy Park, 3801 Eastside**—in the Upper Kirby District, south of Richmond between Kirby and Buffalo Speedway.

The event will feature musicians, dancers, a resource/artisan fair, and Houstonians will have the opportunity to taste food from refugee and immigrant owned restaurants. **Bring the whole family to this fun, free, and educational event!**

For Such A Time As This

The bishop of the ELCA issued an invitation to prayer, fasting, and advocacy throughout 2017 on the **21st of each month** in solidarity with those living with hunger or in poverty. See www.elca.org for resources or pick up a Fasting Guide on the literature rack in the narthex.



LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

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

Sunday, June 4

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, basement classroom
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 12:15 p.m. Pentecost Picnic, courtyard
- 6:00 p.m. Bach Vespers, nave

Monday, June 5

Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 7

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite

Thursday, June 8

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, second floor
Dinner at Montrose Grace Place

Friday, June 9

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor

Saturday, June 10

- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom
- 5:30 p.m. Backyard BBQ/Pool party, offsite
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, June 11

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Summer Setting, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, basement classroom
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Kids Summer Nature Education, 2nd floor, Children's Library
- 9:45 a.m. Luther League, youth room
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Summer Setting, nave

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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Standing with and advocating for refugees and migrants

Reflecting American Lutherans' immigrant roots and commitment to welcoming strangers, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services has been a strong voice and champion for migrants and refugees around the world for nearly 80 years.

LIRS will receive the proceeds of our congregation's mission offering in June. At a time when some seek to undermine our nation's commitment to welcoming strangers, LIRS's advocacy and compassionate services are even more essential.

Today LIRS is a leader among the agencies that help refugees and advocate for policies that better serve and protect refugees.

Around the world, more than 60 million people have been forced to flee their homes because of war, violence and persecution—the greatest number since the end of World War II. More than 20 million are refugees who had to abandon their home country for life in camps in neighboring countries.

LIRS recently announced a new fundraising campaign, #WelcomeOurNeighbors, with the goal of raising \$5 million to support the urgent needs of refugee families—mostly women and children—resettling in the United States.

“We all benefit from welcoming refugees in to our lives, our communities and our nation. As the world faces a vast humanitarian crisis that has forced millions from their homes—like the Syrian families and children brutalized by their own government—we have the opportunity to invest in our new neighbors and transform the lives of refugees and their communities,” said Linda Hartke, president and CEO of LIRS.

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

Isabel Karohl	Jody Winston	Sharon Ostwald	Elizabeth
Barbara	Chris Eklof	David Hollrah	Smith
Anderson-Thomas	Janelle Hooper	John Triantaphyllis	Judith Richey
David Thomas	Madeline Moore	Anneliese Williams	
Karli McGowen	Ralph Oeben	Nathaniel Allen	