



## Welcome to Our Guest Musician

We welcome Mario Aschauer as our guest musician. Originally from Austria, Dr. Aschauer is Assistant Professor of Musicology and Director of the Center for Early Music Research and Performance (CEMRAP) at Sam Houston State University.

## 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 Immega. 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## Organ Repairs

The Bach Organ in the nave was damaged during Bach Vespers on June 4 by an electric fire when a transformer on Chaucer Street blew out. The blower box of the organ was destroyed by the power surge. The builder of our organ, Noack Organ Company, will repair the instrument within the next few weeks. In the meantime worship will be supported and hymns accompanied on the Blüthner grand piano.

## Iftar Dinner: Register Now Friday, June 16, 7:45 p.m.

The Islamic Institute and Blue Mosque is hosting a free and educational Iftar Dinner here at Christ the King Church, on **Friday, June 16, 7:45 p.m.** in the parish hall. "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 Iftar's religious meaning, as well as more about Islam in general.

**The meal will be limited to 35 Christ the King Church participants; 35 participants from the Turkish Shia background of the Islamic Institute and Mosque will join us. Please call or email the church office to reserve your place by Tuesday, June 13.**

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!

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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 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

## Luther League Beach Trip June 17

Come and join us as the Luther League goes to the beach in Galveston! This is a great time to reconnect with friends and celebrate the summer. We will meet at church at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to Galveston Sea Wall and return back to church at 5:00 p.m. Cost will be \$10.00 which covers lunch. Friends are welcome to come!

## 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.

Washing in cold water greatly reduces the energy used to clean clothes, because heating the water uses most of the energy. Use an appropriate detergent and pre-treat stains when using cold water wash."



## 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!

Freewheels Houston, a ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church that provides bicycles to refugees so they can get to work and school, is recruiting volunteers to help raise awareness and promote upcoming activities. Please email [info@freewheelshouston.org](mailto:info@freewheelshouston.org) if you want to help.

The Houston Refugee Consortium is recruiting volunteers as well to help make the event a success. Please visit [worldrefugeedayhouston.org](http://worldrefugeedayhouston.org) for details.

## 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, June 21 and July 19, 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).

## Thomas Jefferson biography book signing by John Boles

Many of you will remember classes that Christ the King Church member **Professor John Boles** of Rice University offered at Sunday Forum on the life and work of Thomas Jefferson. This spring John has published his comprehensive biography of Jefferson with Basic Books, available via Amazon and at Barnes and Noble. River Oaks Bookstore will hold a book signing on **Saturday, June 17, 3-5 p.m.** at 3270 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77098. All are invited.

Jonathan Yardley, book critic of The Washington Post, writes: *Boles, a professor of history at Rice University, has spent many years studying Jefferson's native American South in all its mysteries, contradictions, follies and outrages, as well as its unique contributions to the national culture and literature. This biography is the culmination of a long, distinguished career. I admire it so passionately that, almost 2 1/2 years into a happy retirement, I had no choice except to violate my pledge never again to write another book review.*

## CTK "House Church" June 23

A new program has begun and it is growing well. Christ the King neighborhood "House Church" is a new—still "experimental" effort to host fellowship in neighborhoods around the outer loop. The evenings include food, wine and other beverages, great fellowship, a brief Bible Study and prayer.

House Church is a wonderful way for people to be in touch with their beloved congregation and each other. We've been organizing this first extended test by inviting people from given zip codes to attend, but want also to open it up to others "in the neighborhood."

**The next House Church evening will be June 23** at the home of Church and Linda Alexander, 2927 Kismet Ln, Houston, 77043. If you are "in the zip" or in the neighborhood and would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office, [ctk@ctkelc.org](mailto:ctk@ctkelc.org) or to the Alexanders at 713-939-7116.

## 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.

### 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

### Monday, June 12

Church Office Closed

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

### Tuesday, June 13

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 7:15 p.m. Congregation Council, council room

### Wednesday, June 14

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

### Thursday, June 15

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

### Friday, June 16

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
- 7:45 p.m. Iftar Dinner, parish hall

### Saturday, June 17

- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom
- 4:00 p.m. World Refugee Day Celebration, offsite
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

### Sunday, June 18

- 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. Luther League, youth room
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Summer Setting, nave
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adults Potluck BBQ, parsonage



## LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

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

### 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:

Joanne Ashland  
Bridget Jensen  
Barbara Doty  
Eric Linberg

Rebecca Nikonowicz  
Melissa Santana  
Connor Scaff  
Eric Swindell

Doris Hanneman  
Brannon Lloyd  
August Triantaphyllis

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  
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Summer Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.