



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:

Rose Anderson	Gail Schubot	Kat Sommer	LeAnn Watson
Samuel Vollmers	Daphne Simpson	Elizabeth Lloyd	David Stouter
Jan Herrmann	Kathy Collins	Tom Wilson	Brad Hooper

Sunday, June 25

- Blood Pressure Screening after services
- 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

Monday, June 26

- Church Office Closed
- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 6:00 p.m. Creation Care Web talk, online

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 6:00 p.m. Love Your Neighbour discussion group, parsonage
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite

Thursday, June 29

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

Friday, June 30

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

Saturday, July 1

- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, July 2

- 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
- 9:45 a.m. Baby Shower for the Ortega family, courtyard
- 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
 Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse
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Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25, 2017

This Week and The King's Banner, our monthly newsletter, are available at www.ctkelc.org



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.

Organ Repairs

The Bach Organ in the nave was damaged during Bach Vespers on June 4 by an electric fire that destroyed the blower box of the 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.

Baby Shower for the Ortega Family July 2

Christ the King Church nursery attendant Myrna Diaz and her husband, our custodian Arturo Ortega will welcome an new addition to their family in July. We will celebrate with cake between services on **Sunday, July 2**. In addition we will shower them with diapers (all sizes), baby wipes and gift cards. Gifts may be placed in the basket in the narthex on the next three Sundays or delivered to the church office.

Summer Book Review June 25

This Sunday, **Michelle Shonbeck**, Executive Director of Christian Community Service Center, will review *A Hope in the Unseen* by Robert Suskind. Michelle has been offering stimulating book reviews as part of our summer series for a number of years. Come and meet one of our congregation's long-time community outreach partners.

Check your Blood Pressure

Monthly blood pressure screenings will be held in the narthex after each Sunday morning service on June 25.

Evening Conversations on Creation Monday, June 26, 6:00 p.m.

Putting a Price on Nature – Should We?

Over the last decade intellectual energy has focused on building an acceptable methodology to quantify the value of nature. Dr. Gregory R. Biddinger, Managing Director of Natural Land Management, will explore the pros and cons in general and more specifically for life in Houston. The interactive web meeting will allow time for Q&A. If you would like to join this online conversation, please register at www.eventbrite.com and you will receive an invitation to the web meeting.

CCSC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER



The Back to School program helps 6,500 students by providing school supplies and a new school uniform/shoes for grades PreK - 8.

Submit a check made out to Christ the King Church and earmarked “CCSC Back to School” in the offering on Sundays now through August 14 or donate on-line at ccschouston.org. Contributions in any amount are welcomed!

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SUMMER BOOK REVIEWS

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

Summer Book Reviews

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

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

July 2: Bill Pelham, *Burke and De-maret – The Wit and Wisdom of Golf’s Most Colorful Duo*, by Bill Pelham

July 9: Carolyn Jacobs, *Making Sense of the Central African Republic*, a collection of essays edited by Carayannis and Lombard

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

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

A Summer Discussion Group has Begun and All are Welcome!

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., at the parsonage

The “Love Your Neighbour” discussion group invites you! The group who read James Cones’ *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* with Pastor Larson wants to continue discussion about racism in American society. All are welcome. The group is committed to caring, honest, and safe conversation on issues of race, seeking how more faithfully we as Christian individuals and as church can bring our part to God’s intended rule of reconciling love to neighbor and world. The book basis for our conversations over the summer is Michael Eric Dyson’s, *Tears We Cannot Stop, A Sermon to White America*. It is available on Amazon in softback and Kindle format. All is casual; snacks and beverages to share are welcomed.

Walking the Mourner’s Path – A Grief Support Program

We all experience the grief that comes with losing someone we love and with that grief comes the journey of mourning. Christ the King Church will offer an eight week support program **Monday, September 18 - November 6** facilitated by Beverly Davis and Linda Schoene. The sessions will be held on eight consecutive Mondays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. Participants will have the opportunity to share their journey with others and discover that while their pain is unique, they are not alone. Christ is present with those who mourn and there are tools for moving forward while honoring our loved ones. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Beverly, beverlydavis@ctkelc.org, or Linda, lindaschoene@ctkelc.org, to determine if this group will meet your needs.

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.



Houston Food Bank July 8

Time to step up to the plate (all puns intended here) and join Christ the King Church in volunteering at the Houston Food Bank on July 8. Come and make a difference for all those suffering from “food insecurity” during these hot summer months. Members and friends of all ages (including children as young as 8 years old accompanied by an adult) are invited to join this enthusiastic group that leaves the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and returns about noon. For more information and to RSVP, contact Justin at ctkhfb@gmail.com.

Luther League Drive Inn Movie Trip July 15

Come and join us as we watch two movies on the big silver screen under the stars. We will meet at church at 5:00 p.m. to carpool to Showboat Drive Inn located at 22422 Farm to Market 2920, Hockley, TX 77447. We will return back to church after our movie is done (9ish). Cost will be \$20.00 which covers movies and snacks. Friends are welcome to come!

2018 Youth Gathering Volunteers Needed

The 2018 Youth Gathering needs more volunteers to help serve next summer. There are a variety of roles and jobs for all ages and abilities. Applicants must be 19 years old and have graduated and been out of high school for one year by the time of the Gathering. There is a \$25 application fee. **Applications are due July 15;** more information can be found online at: <http://elca.org/YouthGathering/registration/volunteer-opportunities>.



ship under which we take shelter.

Justice Advocacy Workshop

Sunday, July 9, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston invites you to attend a Justice Advocacy Workshop taught by experts from TX Impact, an Austin-based interfaith justice advocacy organization. The Justice Advocacy Workshop is free, and will take place on Sunday, July 9 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the University of St. Thomas, Robertson Hall, as well as online, via web meeting. Learn how to effectively raise your voice for the voiceless! Please register for this event at www.eventbrite.com, for planning purposes. For more information, please contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com.

Fifth Sunday Musical Matinee

Sunday, July 30 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy a cool Sunday afternoon musical matinee with moments and songs from “The Jury’s Out!,” a musical by **member Anna Fay Williams** and collaborator Diana Howie, a Houston playwright. The comedy/drama presents a group of scurrilous jurors who’d do anything to dump their jury summons. Any wanna-be Broadway actors (those attending) may be invited to read a part. Versions of this show have been performed in Houston and Minneapolis. It’s show time from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday July 30 at Briar Place near the Galleria. Mid-afternoon bon-bons and drinks to keep you satisfied. Excellent front row seats, \$25 each. Proceeds benefit the Hospitality Apartments. RSVP to beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or Anna Fay Williams at 713-621-2868.

Why is There a Ship Hanging from the Ceiling in the Nave?

The Church Ship - *The Superb*

St. Gregory the Great (540-604) wrote that the Church is a ship in which God takes us safely through life from one shore, birth, to the other, death. The image of a boat is found throughout the Bible, for example in the stories of Noah’s ark, Jonah, and Christ sleeping in the disciples’ fishing boat during a storm. It is not surprising that the ship became the universally accepted symbol for the Church. Even the word for our house of worship, our nave, is derived from the Latin word “navis,” meaning “ship or vessel.” Our nave, like others, gives the appearance of an inverted wooden