



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.

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, 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@ckelc.org.

For Such A Time As This June 21

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.

Sending of Chris Holman July 23

We will celebrate Chris Holman's ministry among us with cake in the courtyard between services on July 23.

Kids' Summer Nature Education

Sunday, July 16 at 9:45 a.m.

The Creation Care Team summer nature education series for kids on Sunday, July 16 will feature pollinators, taught by Irmi Willcockson. Kids meet at 9:45 a.m. on the second floor in the library and will take a 'field trip' to our butterfly garden to observe the awesome cycle of butterfly life in God's world. Parents are welcome to join in.

Creation – Focused Book Review

Sunday, July 16, 9:45 a.m.

On Sunday, July 16, Creation Care Team member Elmer Ledesma will review *How Culture Shapes the Climate Change Debate* by Andrew J. Hoffman. This book examines what causes people to reject or accept the scientific consensus on climate change, by laying bare the opposing cultural lenses through which science is interpreted. *How Culture Shapes the Climate Change Debate* makes a powerful case for a more scientifically literate public, a more socially engaged scientific community, and a more thoughtful mode of public discourse.

A Summer Discussion Group 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.

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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.

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

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

Altar Flowers

We still have open Sundays for flower dedications. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up with Cheryl at cherlgaspard@ctkelc.org. For online giving use the Donate link on the church home page (ctkelc.org). Checks to Christ the King Lutheran Church or cash in an envelope should say "Altar Flowers." The open dates are: **August 27, October 15, October 22, December 17, and December 31.**

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.

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. Registration deadline is August 18.

Pictorial Directories Available

Our new pictorial directories are available in the narthex 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.

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

Max Leshner Priscilla Breitbeil Rebecca Matheny
Steven Stewart Fred Haman

Justice Advocacy Opportunity – Y'all Means All

All ELCA synods in Texas have the following statement in their 2017 platform for justice advocacy: “We urge legislators to affirm the dignity of all people and resist divisive legislation that marginalizes people on the basis of gender identity.” There is currently such marginalizing legislation before the Texas legislature, the “bathroom bill”. Texas Impact, an interfaith justice advocacy organization of which the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast synod is a member, has a letter you can sign to oppose this legislation (<https://texasimpact.org/Interfaith-Letter-Discrimination>) and they are organizing a **lobby day on August 1 in Austin**. For details on the lobby day, see Texas Impact’s Facebook page.

Sunday Evening Conversations on Creation Web Meetings Continue...

Sunday, July 30, 6:00 p.m.:

Entering Cadillac Desert

Whether through its abundance in oceans and rivers, its magnificence in rain, or its stark absence in deserts, water has been worshipped and considered sacred by different religions and cultures for millennia. It is fundamental to life but is also a finite resource, often taken for granted in our world. As climate change redistributes it unpredictably through droughts and floods, new tragedies of water inequities are taking shape, as documented in environmental historian Marc Reisner's classic, *Cadillac Desert*. As we enter new cadillac deserts, Andy Hartley, Ph.D., will examine the importance of reawakening a reverence for water that pours into new laws, policies, and acts of kindness. After Andy’s talk, there will be 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. For more information, contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com.

**Creation Care Fest –
Environmental Extravaganza**
Saturday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

 CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER



Since 1986 the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) has helped deserving and under-resourced students through its Back To School program. In 2016, 6,603 children received grade-appropriate school supplies, a voucher for new uniforms/shoes, and a hygiene kit.

Sponsor A Student!

\$45.00 will provide the necessary tools for one child to arrive at school on the first day of class – feeling well prepared and ready to learn!

Sponsoring A Child Is Easy!

There are two convenient ways to make a donation:

- Donate on-line: www.ccschouston.org
- Submit a check made out to Christ the King Church and earmarked “CCSC Back to School Project” in the offering on **Sundays now through August 14**.

Donate!

Gently used or new clothing can be delivered to CCSC, 3434 Branard, 77027, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. weekdays or 9:00 a.m. - noon on Saturdays.

Volunteer!

It takes 700 volunteers to make Back To School a success ! You can contribute your time and energy to this worthy cause or help inspire others to volunteer. Location: **Faith Lutheran Church**, 4600 Bellaire Blvd

Sort and Set Up: **Saturday, July 29, 7:30 to 12:30 a.m.**

Help prepare and organize supplies!

Distribution: **Friday, August 4, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Saturday, August 5, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0517 for more information about how you can help with this important program.

Sunday, July 16

- 8:00 a.m. Bike Ride at Bayland Park
- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Summer Setting, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, basement classroom
- 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, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

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

Wednesday, July 19

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. SEARCH Cards & Coffee, offsite
- 6:00 p.m. Love Your Neighbour discussion group, parsonage
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite

Thursday, July 20

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

Friday, July 21

- Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Advocacy
- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor

Saturday, July 22

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

Sunday, July 23

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Summer Setting, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, basement classroom
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. No Luther League
- 9:45 a.m. Sending for Chris Holman, 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 Rimmert, 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.



HOSPITALITY APARTMENTS

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

The Hospitality Apartments provide FREE temporary housing (up to three months) and a safe, welcome, comfortable, supportive environment for families in need who must come to Houston for treatment of life-threatening illnesses in the Texas Medical Center hospitals. Since 1968, this 100% volunteer ministry has served over 7,000 families from all over the world. In 2007, they designed, constructed, funded, maintained, and staffed a new ADA-compliant, energy-efficient, 4-story campus.

The Hospitality Apartments started in 1968 in a small rented four-plex Army barracks building. Not only has the Hospitality Apartments never had direct government support in its history, but never has any money been spent for professional management or fundraising help. All decisions are made and operations provided by volunteers. There is no paid staff. The Resident Managers are compensated by getting extra time over the three months maximum. Need is the only criterion for eligibility besides living over 50 miles from the Medical Center. Selection is based on chronological order of application.

All apartments are completely furnished, including linens with laundry rooms available at no charge. Occupancy has always been 99.9% of the available apartments. When someone leaves, the apartment is cleaned and families from the waiting list are called. Christ the King Lutheran Church has been one of this ministry's supporting 23 churches for more than 30 years. You are welcome to visit the Hospitality apartments at 7300 Bertner.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Giam at 713-443-4196 or juliegiam005@gmail.com.

hospitalityapartments.org

Letter from a Guest *from The Volunteer, June 2017, the monthly newsletter of Hospitality Apartments*

To all the volunteers of Hospitality Apartments, I just want to say thank you for everything you do! This has provided me a place to recoup from my kidney transplant in a safe and clean apartment so that I can go home and be a mom to my two small children. God has blessed me with the gift of life renewed and a better way to live. The staff here played a huge part. God bless you all. To God be the glory and I will continue to pray for the other patients still here. Organ donation saves lives!!! - Jessica