



Bach Organ Returns to our Sunday Services

The Bach Organ will be part of our worship services again! The organ was damaged during Bach Vespers on June 4 by an electric fire.

Sending of Christopher Holman

To celebrate Christopher Holman's last day as Music Associate at Christ the King Church, he will present a musical gift — a short organ concert this Sunday at 9:45 between worship services. A cake reception will follow the 20 minute concert.

Creation Sunday, July 30

Summer is the perfect time to reflect on the beauty of nature and gift of creation. As a congregation committed to the care of creation we continually learn how to make meaningful changes in our daily lives to use earth's resources responsibly and with a view to future generations. On July 30 worship will include hymns, prayers and reflections giving thanks and praise to God the creator of heaven and earth.

Check your Blood Pressure

Blood pressure screenings will be held in the narthex after each Sunday morning service on July 30.

Creation Care Fest – Environmental Extravaganza: Stewardship

Saturday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The CTK Creation Care Team invites you to the 2017 Creation Care Fest – Environmental Extravaganza on Saturday, August 12. This year's theme is Stewardship. This free environmental educational offering has activities for all ages. Adults can attend interactive lectures addressing the theme by a variety of experts, considering everything from air to water to plants & animals. Kids (or kids & accompanying adults) can enjoy fun & educational environmental activities. Nursery care for kids under 5 will be provided. Exhibits by local environmental nonprofits will offer more opportunities to learn and engage. For more information, or to register, see www.eventbrite.com. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

Family Entertainment

Luther Leaguer Hannah Longoria invites our members to come see her in “Once Upon a Mattress” at C.A. Nelson Auditorium in Pearland on **July 28-30**. See the poster on the bulletin board or call the Longoria's for tickets: 409-201-4028.

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@ckelc.org or Anna Fay Williams at 713-621-2868.

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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

July 23: Chris Holman's goodbye "musical gift" on the organ followed by a reception in the courtyard

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

August 27: Lisa Brenskelle, *Dream of the Earth*, by Thomas Berry (date change from July 23)

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.

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 continues discussion about racism in American society. 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 is Michael Eric Dyson's, *Tears We Cannot Stop, A Sermon to White America*. 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. Registration deadline is August 18.

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 (texasimpact.org/Interfaith-Letter-Discrimination) and they are organizing a **lobby day on August 1 in Austin**. For details, see Texas Impact's Facebook page.

Sunday Evening Conversations on Creation 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.

Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston: Becoming Carbon Neutral Sunday, August 6, 4 – 5:30 p.m., University of St. Thomas or online, via web meeting

The Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston invites you to attend a free lecture on Becoming Carbon Neutral. Many in the faith community are concerned about climate change and our individual and institutional contribution to its cause. To address our role in climate change, we all need to understand and then implement carbon neutral design. Jim Blackburn, an environmental lawyer & planner and Professor in the Practice in Environmental Law in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at Rice University, will help us understand what carbon neutral design is. Please register at www.eventbrite.com. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

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

Robin Russell	Hannah Longoria	Seren Winston
Kirk Hansen	Flora Roeder	Helga Aurisch

CCSC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER



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 “Back to School” 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, 7:30-12:30 a.m.**
Help prepare and organize supplies!

Distribution: **Friday, August 4, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**
Saturday, August 5, 7:30 a.m.-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.

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.

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. Farewell Organ Concert with Chris Holman, nave
10:50 a.m. Worship Summer Setting, nave

Monday, July 24

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

Tuesday, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 26

- 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
7:15 p.m. Congregation Council, council room

Thursday, July 27

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

Friday, July 28

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

Saturday, July 29

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

Sunday, July 30

- Blood Pressure Screenings after services
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. 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
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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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