



Altar Guild Open House
September 10, 9:45-10:30
in the narthex

Do you know what a pulpit antependium is? You don't? Well join the Altar Guild for a morning of discovery on September 10. During Sunday Forum time the Altar Guild and Pastors will discuss duties and various items that are used during Services. We will also discover the meanings behind some of the symbols you see every Sunday. Members of the Altar Guild will treat those who have not seen the new sacristy to a personal tour. Hope to see you there.

Friday Morning
Bible Study Resumes
September 15

All are invited to Friday Morning Bible Study. We gather after 10:00 a.m. for snacks and fellowship in the 2nd floor council room. Bible Study and prayer begin at 10:30, and we finish approximately 11:40 a.m.

Friday Morning Bible Study is an opportunity to enrich life in preparation for the Sunday assemblies. We read the texts assigned for the Sunday liturgy and prepare ourselves for the encounter with the living Lord who promises to be with us in word and sacrament.

Special Congregational Meeting
to Call Senior Pastor
September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

A special meeting of the congregation has been set for **September 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the nave** to vote on the council's recommendation to call Pastor Duane Larson as senior pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church. Voting will be by paper balloting open to all members.

Informational Meeting September 10

This **Sunday at 12:15 p.m.** the call committee invites all to an informational meeting regarding the call of Pastor Larson as senior pastor, immediately after the late service in the nave. The meeting will be led by the Call Committee and Pastor Lundborg from the Synod Office. You will learn about the call process leading to the nomination of The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson for senior pastor. There will be a time for Q&A with Pastor Larson. A reception with Pastor Duane and Joen will follow in the courtyard or narthex depending on the weather.

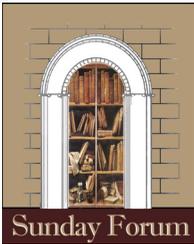
Wednesday Nights at Church this Fall
Starting September 13

The following programs resume this fall semester: Adult classes, choristers, chorus and choir, and Confirmation class. The Music Explorer classes for babies and toddlers will be in recess until January. Due to the space limitations caused by the flooding of the basement the Wednesday Night dinners have been suspended until we can resume full programming.

Pizza will be offered 15 minutes before all programs for children and youth at \$2.00 a slice. Adults are invited to bring a snack or your own dinner.

- Music Explorers (4-5 years) 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.
- Jr. Choristers (K-second grade) 6:15 - 6:55 p.m.
- Choristers (third-sixth grade) 6:00 - 6:50 p.m.
- Love Your Neighbour 5:45 p.m.
- Resilient Reformer 6:15 p.m. (resumes September 27)
- Evening Prayer 7:05 p.m.
- Choir and Chorus 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Forum

9:45 a.m.

**September 10:
Altar Guild Open House
in the courtyard and sacristy**

September 17:

10:00 a.m. in the parish hall

Special Congregational Meeting

With gratitude and a sense of wonder at the work of the Holy Spirit, the Congregation Council is pleased to call a special congregational meeting in the parish hall. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on issuing a call to the Reverend Dr. Duane H. Larson as Senior Pastor.

September 24: Luther on Vocation: Changing Diapers and Hauling Manure to the Glory of God” presented by Timothy Wengert

See opposite page under Reformation 500 Celebration

Young Adult September Gathering Luther-fest

It’s finally ‘weizen season’, and what better way to enjoy it than with cold beer, brats, and a Luther-inspired table talk? We’ll gather at the parsonage (2342 Rice Blvd) on **September 17 at 6:00 p.m.** for dinner and discussion on the intersection of modern life and Lutheran theology. For questions, call Meaghan Wheeler at 713-816-2188. Brats and beer provided, but sides and desserts are always welcome.

This weekend is designated by the ELCA as “God’s Work. Our Hands” weekend. Our deepest gratitude is extended to all our members and friends that assisted with the flooding aftermath here at Christ the King and in our Houston community. It is obvious that we celebrate “God’s Work. Our Hands” everyday by serving neighbor and stranger, congregation and community. No matter where you’ve been able to help someone in need, you are extending God’s love. Thank you!

Love Your Neighbour

Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., nave

This group will continue an ongoing discussion about racism in American society. The group is committed to caring, honest, and safe conversation on issues of race, seeking how we 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*.

Resilient Reformer

**Resumes Wednesday, September 27, 6:15 p.m.,
3rd floor**

In our reading and study last spring of T. F. Lull and D.R. Nelson’s *Resilient Reformer: The Life and Thought of Martin Luther*, we left Luther holed up in Wartburg Castle. What next? We had followed Martin from school in Eisenach to the university in Erfurt. It was those 95 Theses the Augustinian monk and Bible Professor put up in Wittenberg that led him into confrontation with the powerful Roman Church. At the Imperial Diet in Worms he declared: “I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me. Amen.” This was 1522, but Luther’s life, though always endangered, was far from over. This fall Kristine Wallace will lead a class through the rest of Lull and Nelson’s book: the Peasants’ War, marriage and fatherhood, conflicts with Erasmus and Zwingli, and more. Newcomers are welcome to join the class as we explore the meaning of those decisive events 500 years ago.

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting September 24, 9:45 a.m.

DATE CHANGE! Youth in 6th-12th grade and parents are invited to our first Youth and Family Breakfast of the year. We will begin preparations for 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Our first planning meeting will be on September 10 where we will discuss about fundraising, itinerary of the trip, and other preparations for youth and families. We will meet in the council room at 9:45 a.m. If you plan on bringing a breakfast item to share, please let contact Ben Remmert.

REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION

A Weekend with Professor Timothy Wengert September 22-24

Friday, September 22

10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Christ the King Church

Law and Gospel: Rediscovering the Working Word of God

In American Christianity today there are a variety of approaches to the Scripture. Martin Luther viewed Scripture not just for what kinds of words were in it (commands and promises) but what these words do to the hearers. By recovering how God uses the law and the gospel, an entirely new face of Scripture reveals itself, where threats of what we must do are replaced with the merciful action of God, who puts to death the old creature and brings to life the new.

Sunday, September 24

9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. at Christ the King Church

Luther on Vocation: Changing Diapers and Hauling Manure to the Glory of God

One of the secret gems of Luther's thought comes in his approach to the Christian life. Having rejected any and all forms of monastic spirituality, which insisted that one had to escape daily life to serve God most fully, Luther rediscovered how God-pleasing daily life becomes when viewed through the eyes of faith (not works). Far from advising people to flee this world, Luther sent believers back into the world, where even the most mundane chores suddenly took on new meaning by faith alone. Let Luther help you discover how many truly "good works" you have been doing without knowing it!



**BACH
SOCIETY
HOUSTON**

Friday, September 15, 7:30 p.m.

"The Instrument of Kings"
(Christ the King Church)

Sunday, September 24, 6:00 p.m.

"Mass in B Minor"
(Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center)

Liturgical Sunday Walk through Time

Each Sunday throughout the fall pieces of the liturgy will be selected with a view to Lutheran liturgical history and global richness. In loosely chronological order we will progressively sing pieces from Martin Luther's *Deutsche Messe* (German Mass), from the American-Lutheran liturgical traditions and from the 20th century hymn books which we knew as the red book and the green book (LBW). The global Lutheran musical and liturgical traditions will enrich our liturgy throughout the fall. Cantor Rick Erickson will present a Sunday Forum on October 8 with a fascinating look into our Lutheran worship history.

Walk With Martin Luther

Calling all runners and walkers! Join the 600 mile trail as we follow Martin Luther from his birth in Eisleben to Erfurt, Wittenburg and beyond. We will track miles individually and as a group. To sign up contact Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse, at lschoene91@att.net. A kind vendor from Synod Assembly provided ten Mi Fit tracking devices. Individuals who would like one of the trackers may contact Linda.

Acolyte Training September 16 and 30

All acolytes who are currently serving or are newly training will meet with Ben Remmert and Pastor Liebster on September 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the nave. A make up session will be held on September 30 at 10:00 a.m. Generally, children who are in fourth grade are invited to become acolytes. We invite all children and youth to consider serving as worship leaders in these ways. For more information contact Pastor Liebster at karinliebster@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0516.

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

Sally Muma Diana Paulsen Meghann Walsdorf
Matthias Henze Frank Goodoff Jennifer Azure-Keller
Nancy Jones David Bastidas
Patricia Chapman Anna Graml

Sunday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave
9:45 a.m. Altar Guild Open House, narthex
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Reformation 500 Setting, nave
12:30 p.m. Call Committee Informational Meeting, parish hall

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
5:30 p.m. *Wednesday Night Alive!*
5:45 p.m. Classes begin through 6:55 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Confirmation class, council room
5:45 p.m. Love Your Neighbour, nave
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir
7:00 p.m. Evening Vespers, nave
7:30 p.m. Church Choir
7:30 p.m. Chorus

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, council room
Confirmation Retreat, offsite

Saturday, September 16

1:00 p.m. Acolyte training, nave
1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave
Confirmation Retreat, offsite

Sunday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave
10:00 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Reformation 500 Setting, nave
6:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering, offsite



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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

Country Update

A peace agreement facilitated by the Sant' Egidio community (an ecumenical community) has been signed in Rome between the warring factions and the government with all parties apparently resolving to settle their differences and work for lasting peace and the development of the country. However, violence continues in some areas and so this is just one step. Since disarmament attempts have not yet been effective, armed groups continue to be active, although the form and reasons vary from place to place. Unfortunately, with the value of mining, animal trafficking, arms trafficking, and such, there are those who benefit from the continuing instability. Some international support helps to carry out some work in the country, but the amounts needed have not been made available and although you see some signs of change, much of it seems superficial and not long-lasting. The western region where the EELRCA is most present is relatively calm along the main roads, but a lot of cattle theft and then retribution against local populations makes it difficult to live in or travel to some areas.

The EELRCA is involved with:

- **Village Education—World Hunger funds**
- **Health System (Kwatisoazo)—World Hunger funds**
- **Food Crop Production and Environmental Protection Project—World Hunger funds**
- **Water Resource Management—World Hunger funds**
- **Central African Women for Christ**
- **Baboua Bible School and Seminary**
- **Scholarships** There are presently two ELCA supported students (pastors) furthering their educations at the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon. There were three students in health programs.

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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