



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



Sunday, September 24

9:45 a.m., parish hall

12:30 p.m., parish hall with a sandwich lunch

Dr. Timothy Wengert talks about one of the secret gems of Luther's thought in his approach to the Christian life. Luther sent believers 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!

## JS Bach's Mass in B Minor

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

Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby.

Tickets: General \$50, \$40; Seniors \$45, \$36; Students \$5

10% of ticket sales go to Mayor Turner's fund to support victims of Hurricane Harvey.

## Aaron Copland's "At the River"

We welcome bass soloist Joe Damon Chappel to the 10:50 a.m. service on Sunday singing "At the River" by Aaron Copland during the communion. Joe appears this evening at 6 p.m. with the Bach Society in the B Minor Mass. Welcome and thank you, Joe! Tickets for the concert at Zilkha Hall may be purchased at the door!

## Reformation Bookstore

Stop by the narthex on Sundays, September 24 and October 1 for our very own reformation bookfair. Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping. The books include biographies, an atlas of the European Reformations, a picture novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

## Reformation Market

Opening on September 24, we will have a booth set up in the narthex selling all kinds of Lutheran merchandise. We have "Here I Stand" socks, t-shirts, travel coffee mugs, and bags. All proceeds go to help the synod's hunger appeal to raise \$500,000 by October 31.

## New Member Orientation Luncheon

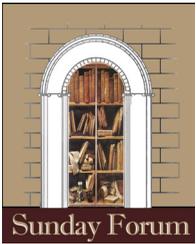
The new member orientation on **October 1 at 12:30 p.m.** invites those new and maybe not so new anymore to Christ the King Church to gather for lunch.

It has two purposes:

1. Learning more about this community of faith – who we are, our traditions, our commitments, our place in global Lutheranism.
2. Expressing whether one wants to connect one's alliance with God's cause to this congregation by becoming a "public and official" member of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

New members will be received in worship on Sunday, October 8. Please contact the church office ([ctlc@ctlc.org](mailto:ctlc@ctlc.org) or 713-528-2864) to sign-up for the lunch meeting, or speak with one of the pastors if you have further questions. Wherever and whoever you have been, you are welcome here as one of God's children and Christ's disciples in our mission to amplify God's love in the world.

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## Sunday Forum

9:45 a.m.

### October 1: From Martin Luther to Martin Luther King, Jr.

*presented by Professor Dr. Michael Haspel, Director of the Evangelical Academy of Thuringia and Professor for Systematic Theology at the Friedrich Schiller University.*

Martin Luther King, Jr. did not bear his name from the beginning. It was not until his father had visited Berlin in 1934 for the conference of the Baptist World Alliance that he renamed himself and his eldest son from *Michael* to *Martin*. When Martin Luther King, Jr. visited Berlin himself, in 1964, he told his audiences: “*I am happy that my parents decided to name me after the great Reformer.*” And he argued that the motivation of the activists in the civil rights struggle is the same as Martin Luther’s objection to recalling his teachings in 1521 at the Imperial Diet: “*Our only explanation can be that we were gripped by God in His holy kairos; our only response could be that of Martin Luther: ‘Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God.’*” This lecture will explore how Martin Luther King, Jr. drew on insights of Martin Luther and the Reformation for his motivation and concept in his struggle for freedom, justice and equality. Sponsored in part by the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Houston.

## Liturgical Sunday Walk through Time

Throughout the Reformation 500 Celebration this fall the liturgical setting is based on ELW 4 with interchanging pieces from our Lutheran liturgical history since Luther’s Deutsche Messe in 1523. This Sunday several new pieces have been added. They are from of the 1917 Common Service Book of the United Lutheran Church. The book represents a significant move toward Lutheran unity in the United States.

## 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. To date we have made it to Erfurt. Sign up with Linda Schoene, at [lschoene91@att.net](mailto:lschoene91@att.net). Individuals who would like Mi Fit tracking device may contact Linda.

## Friday Morning Bible Study

All are invited. We gather after 10:00 a.m. for snacks and fellowship in the narthex. 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.

## 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting

**September 24, 9:45 a.m., council room**

Youth in 6th-12th grade and parents are invited to our Youth and Family Breakfast. In this first meeting, we will discuss fundraising, itinerary of the trip, and other preparations for 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. If you plan on bringing a breakfast item to share, please contact Ben Remmert.

## Sunday Evening Conversations on Creation

**Connections between People & Nature: Biodiversity**

**Sunday, September 24, 6:00 p.m.** presented by Prof. Kerri Crawford. Register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) to join this online conversation. For more information, contact Lisa Brenskelle at [brenskelle@aol.com](mailto:brenskelle@aol.com).

## Brass Band Oktoberfest

**Sunday, October 1, 5:00 p.m.** in the courtyard

The Houston Brass Band and Saengerbund present an Oktoberfest Konzert which will include a variety of polkas, marches, and German drinking songs, followed by brats and beer. Admission is free; donations will benefit our Luther League.

## **Acolyte Training September 30**

A make up session will be held on September 30 at 10:00 a.m. for all acolytes who are currently serving or are newly training will meet with Ben Remmert and Pastor Liebster in the nave. 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](mailto:karinliebster@ctkelc.org) or 713-400-0516.

## **Crucifer Training October 7**

A Crucifer Training will be held on **October 7 at 1:00 p.m.** in nave. All youth and adults who currently serve as crucifers and those wishing to become crucifers are invited to attend. Contact or Ben Remmert at [benremmer@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmer@ctkelc.org) with questions.

## **Blessing of the Animals October 7**

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals service in the courtyard of Christ the King Church on **Saturday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m.**

The service, which was first offered by Christ the King Church in 1995, lasts about 45 minutes. In the past it has drawn pet owners both from the congregation and from the community at large. A diversity of pets have been presented, including ferrets, crabs, and gold fish, as well as the more typical cats and dogs. Pet treats and human snacks will be available following the service.

## **Wednesday Nights at Church this Fall**

The following programs are offered 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.

## **Love Your Neighbour Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., nave**

This group continues 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.

## **Wednesday Evening Vespers 7:05 p.m. in the nave**

After WNA dinner and classes, join us for a moment of centering prayer either to conclude the night or before choir rehearsals. This midweek prayer service offers a preview to Sunday readings, poetry, silence and shared intercessions.

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

Kerstin Blankenburg Elena Longoria Lisa Jensen  
Brian Ritter Andrew Trites

**Sunday, September 24**

- Reformation Bookstore and Market  
Blood Pressure Screening after services  
8:30 a.m. Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave  
9:45 a.m. Prof. Timothy Wengert, parish hall  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Youth Gathering breakfast  
10:50 a.m. Worship Reformation 500 Setting, nave  
12:30 p.m. Luther League  
12:45 p.m. Prof. Timothy Wengert, parish hall  
6:00 p.m. Bach Society "Mass in B Minor" Hobby Center  
6:00 p.m. Creation Care web talk, online

**Monday, September 25**

- Church Office Closed  
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
5:00 p.m. Mourner's Path

**Tuesday, September 26**

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

**Wednesday, September 27**

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
5:45 p.m. Music Explorers  
5:45 p.m. Love Your Neighbour, nave  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, council room  
6:00 p.m. Choristers, narthex  
6:15 p.m. Jr. Choristers  
6:15 p.m. Resilient Reformer, 3rd floor  
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, parish hall  
7:00 p.m. Evening Vespers, nave  
7:30 p.m. Church Choir, nave  
7:30 p.m. Chorus, parish hall

**Thursday, September 28**

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

**Friday, September 29**

- 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, narthex

**Saturday, September 30**

- 10:00 a.m. Acolyte training, nave  
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

**Sunday, October 1**

- Reformation Bookstore and Market  
8:30 a.m. Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. Worship Reformation 500 Setting, nave  
5:00 p.m. Brass Band Oktoberfest, courtyard

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The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation

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## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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

The synod's CAR team allocates funds from our offerings for the following projects of our companion synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic:

**Church Roofs** – The congregations build the building but funds for the roof come from the national church. Many buildings are waiting for roofs. A typical cost for a roof is \$8,000.

**Emmanuel Health Center at Gallo** – The clinic/small hospital treats injuries and illnesses and delivers babies. It is also the center for a community health program that takes vaccinations and hygiene education out into villages.

**Evangelism Program** – Spreads the Good News by working to build social cohesion.

**PASE** – water resource development, especially by building spring boxes to filter the water bubbling from natural springs and maintaining water equipment.

**Sunday School Translation** – The project pays for translation of an English language curriculum and materials from the Southern African Communion into French and Sango. It provides much needed teaching materials for Sunday School teachers in Cameroon and in the Central African Republic.

**University Scholarships** – Helps Lutheran students who must move to the capital Bangui to attend the country's only university to pay for living expenses and course materials.

**Veterinary Project** – Purchases goats and promotes animal health to improve food sources.

**Village Permanent School Fund** – Three permanent school buildings are now under construction. Permanent buildings replace the thatched-roof schools that the parents must be repair each year.

**Village Savings and Loan** – Villagers put in their own funds, obtain loans to start small business projects and pay the loans back. The project also provides a kind of insurance fund. Villagers have learned that they can save money!

**Visits and Communications** – This fund pays for expenses for visitors from and to CAR, such as Bishop Ndanga-Toué who came to our synod last August. The synod CAR team hopes to bring two Central African youth to next summer's Youth Gathering.