



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 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.

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.** Invite neighbors and friends with their critters and pets. Pet treats and human snacks will be available following the service.

Reformation 500 Hymn Fest

Lutherans LOVE to sing, and what better way to celebrate Reformation 500 than a hymn festival!

Join in the celebration of a history of song on Sunday, **October 15** as Rick Erickson leads in a joyous hymn sing! Hymns from around the world have grown from the time of the Reformation, creating a massive body of song that is used and loved by Christians throughout the world.

Music Students from Leipzig

We welcome to the 10:50 service today two students from the Hochschule fur Musik in Leipzig, Germany. They are in Houston for a week of exchange and growth with students and faculty at the University of Houston Moores School of Music. Welcome, friends!

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.

Reformation Bookstore

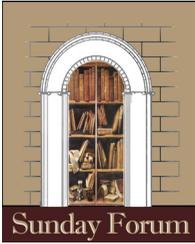
Stop by the narthex on Sunday, October 1 for our very own reformation bookfair. Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping. The books include biographies, an atlas of the European Reformations, a picture novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Reformation Market

We 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.

**No Wednesday Evening
Events
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SUNDAY FORUM OCTOBER

9:45 a.m.

October 1 — From Martin Luther to Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Michael Haspel 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. Dr. Haspel is Director of the Evangelical Academy of

Thuringia and Professor for Systematic Theology at the Friedrich Schiller University. Gratitude is extended to the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Houston for sponsoring the event.

October 8

500 Years of Lutheran Singing and Praying: Historical notes on the Liturgy

Cantor Rick Erickson will explain the historical walk through time in our Sunday liturgies this fall season. Lutheran liturgical history is rich and has a wide global span. Cantor Erickson will shed light on the “revolutionary” steps each new developmental stage represents. So far this fall we have sung pieces of Martin Luther’s Deutsche Messe (German Mass) and the American-Lutheran liturgical traditions. Yet to come are samples from the 20th century hymn books which we knew as the red book and the green book (LBW).

Welcoming the Stranger in Contemporary America: Recent Developments in US Refugee Policy October 15 and 22

October 15 — The Travel Ban Appeal

On October 10, the United States Supreme Court was scheduled to hear arguments in *Trump v. International Refugee Assistance Project*, the so-called “travel ban” appeal. But on September 24, the President announced a revised travel ban and the Supreme Court cancelled the arguments (for the time being), calling into question the ultimate resolution of one of the most contentious public questions of 2017. Russell Post, an appellate lawyer and Christ the King Church member, will review the arguments, explain the current status of the litigation, explore some aspects of the litigation that are not prominently featured in the mainstream media, and consider the implications of the Supreme Court’s decision.

October 22 — Refugee resettlement in Houston

Changes in U.S. resettlement policy have a significant impact on refugees both near their home countries and in Houston, which has welcomed more refugees than any other U.S. city for several years. Members of the staff of Refugee Services of Texas—the local affiliate of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services—will discuss the refugee experience and the resettlement process. Speakers will include Jacqueline Merciliott, RST’s Houston area director, and Bekhal Saeed, a refugee and RST support specialist. Christ the King Church member Bill Mintz, a member of the RST board, will moderate the discussion.

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 benremmert@ctkelc.org with questions.

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.

Wednesdays at Church

Music classes for children, 5:45, 6:00 and 6:15 p.m.
Confirmation class, 6 p.m., second floor
Love Your Neighbour discussion group, 5:45 p.m., nave
Resilient Reformer, book study, 6:15 p.m., third floor
Vespers, 7:05 p.m., nave

Dinner for Hospitality Apartment Residents Thursday, October 12

Give the gift of a couple of hours of your time and talents for our Annual Fall Dinner for the residents of the Hospitality Apartments! (hospitalityapartments.org) Mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m.** This is a great one-time volunteer opportunity for those looking for a meaningful way to serve others. Please join us to provide a pot-luck dish, help serve dinner, and enjoy fellowship with others. Invite friends and family to join in! We always welcome new faces and helping hands! The Hospitality Apartments are located at 7300 Bertner, 7 blocks south of MD Anderson, off of Holcombe. Meet us there, or carpool with us from the church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. We will arrive at 5:15 p.m. to set up. If you have questions, please contact Julie Giam at juliegiam005@gmail.com or 713-443-4196, or Janice Stuff at jestuff@pdq.net or 713-516-5748.

Reformation Fair

October 21, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Travel back five hundred years in one day. At the Christ the King Church Reformation Fair, you will experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of life during the time of Martin Luther. This special event is designed for people of all ages, so bring the whole family to take a step back in time. You may not live in sixteenth-century Germany, but on October 21 you can walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther through interactive booths. Your whole family will enjoy the games, activities, crafts, and food of the Reformation and learn how the world changed forever. We'll add a few contemporary seasonal activities like pumpkin carving as well. RSVP by Wednesday, October 18. For more information, please contact Ben Remmert, benremmert@ctkelc.org or Marie Monroe, marie4118@gmail.com.

“Prayer for Healing from the ‘Storms’” and Dinner

Saturday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.

Laying on of hands for healing will be part of Saturday and Sunday worship on the weekend of October 14-15. Six weeks after Hurricane Harvey we invite all who were affected by the floods to gather at the Contemplative Worship on Saturday for a Healing Liturgy and Blessing. After worship all are invited for dinner in the parish hall. Please rsvp with your number of attendees to ctk@ctkelc.org to help staff prepare.

Sheldon Lake State Park Outing

Sunday, October 8, 1:00 p.m.

Join Health Ministry and the Creation Care Team at nearby Sheldon Lake State Park on Sunday, Oct. 8 as a fitting way to commemorate Francis of Assisi. A carpool will depart from church at 1 p.m. (or meet us there). A park ranger will lead us on a guided nature hike. Enjoy the beauty and serenity of God's good creation. Contact Steve Long (long_stephen@att.net) for more information.

Family-Friendly Bike Ride

Saturday, October 7

Join the Creation Care Team for the Park to Port Ride on **Saturday, October 7**. This family-friendly 20-mile ride, appropriate for ages 10+, begins with a rolling start between 7 – 9:00 a.m. from Hermann Park, travels along Brays Bayou to the Port Authority, and then back to the park. Food/drink, music and activities are available at the finish and the turn-around point. All proceeds benefit Hermann Park. For details & registration, see the calendar at www.hermannpark.org.

October -

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

For more information see the October Banner. Pastor Larson, Pastor Liebster, Beverly Davis, Director of Congregational Care, Ben Remmert, Director Of Youth and Families and Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse are available for conversation if you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence.

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

Darden Bourne Tim Lenz Cecilia Bruns
Clara Bruns Judi Siff Christopher Bruns
Landon Burke Beatrice Welscher Pat Zimmerman
Cliff Helmcamp Donna Graham David Guarino
Terri Koehler Carson Sahualla

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
12:30 p.m. New Member Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Brass Band Oktoberfest, courtyard

Monday, October 2

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

Tuesday, October 3

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, 3rd floor

Wednesday, October 4

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
No Wednesday evening events

Thursday, October 5

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

Friday, October 6

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, October 7

11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals, courtyard
1:00 p.m. Crucifer training, nave
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

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10:50 a.m. Worship Reformation 500 Setting, nave



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.

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
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