



**Christ the King
Festival**

Celebrating the 500th
Anniversary of the
Reformation

Benefitting our
Outreach Ministries

500

REFORMATION 1517-2017

Festival Fair

November 19 9:45 a.m.

in the Courtyard

Join us in the courtyard after both services to celebrate our annual Festival Sunday. There will be opportunities to sign up for Sociables (social gatherings hosted by members of the congregation and whose proceeds support our outreach ministries), learn about ministry volunteer opportunities, and grant wishes from our various ministry partners off of the Wishing Wall. Snacks will be provided by Thrivent Financial. Join us in celebrating our congregation's 72 years of ministry and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Worship Schedule Change for Sunday, November 26

One Sunday morning service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Forum at 9:00 a.m.

Installation service for
Pr. Duane Larson 4:00 p.m.
Followed by mission fair and reception

"Nail It" to the Reformation Door

Christ the King Church has its own Reformation door in the narthex. All are invited to come to the Reformation door and post answers to, "What are your hopes for the Church in 5 years, 50 years, and 500 years." No need to come up with 95 theses, but ideas, wishes, hopes, dreams are all welcome! In lieu of nails, Post-It notes are provided at the door. The door will be up through Festival Sunday, November 19.

Please join the congregation of
Christ the King Lutheran Church
as we give thanks for and rededicate ourselves
to God's mission in Christ with

the Installation of
The Rev. Duane H. Larson
as Senior Pastor

The Sunday of Christ the King
November 26, 2017 4:00 p.m.

Installing Pastor
The Rev. Tracey Breashears Schultz
Dean of the Metro Houston Conference, ELCA

Homilist
The Rev. Michael Rinehart
Bishop of the Texas-Louisiana
Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA

Clergy are invited to robe and process.

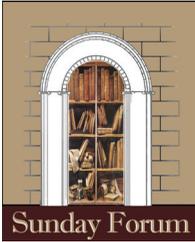
Gathering time is 3:15 p.m.

The color of the day is white.

Mission fair and reception follow
in the parish hall.

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SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

November 19 —

Festival Sunday

Join us in the courtyard for our Service and Care Fair and Sociable sign-ups. Grant a wish for one of our outreach partners on the Wishing Wall or sign up to volunteer for one of our ministries during 2018. Thrivent Financial will provide refreshments. All are invited to have a cup of coffee and a snack while we learn about the many ways that our congregation *Lives and Learns Love of God and Neighbor*.

November 26 (meets at 9:00 a.m.)

— **Mind the Gap**, presented by Matthias Henze
Reading the Old Testament is not enough to understand Jesus of Nazareth, the apostles, and the rise of early Christianity. To understand the Jews of the Second Temple period, it's essential to read what they wrote—and what Jesus and his followers might have read—beyond the Hebrew scriptures. Matthias Henze, member of Christ the King Church, introduces his 2017 book *Mind the Gap*, and will speak about key ideas found in specific New Testament texts that simply can't be understood without the early Jewish "intertestamental" writings—the Messiah, angels and demons, the law, and the resurrection of the dead. *Mind the Gap* broadens curious students' perspectives on early Judaism and early Christianity and welcomes them to deeper study. The book is available at its publisher Fortress Press and amazon.

December 3 — Advent Wreath Workshop

on First Sunday of Advent

The Altar Guild will set up for wreath making in the cloister and courtyard. The supplies provided include two different styles of wire wreaths, blue and purple advent candle sets, ribbon, bows and greenery. A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the Altar Guild's cost of supplies. All ages are invited to join in this communal craft activity to start the Advent season in your homes. If you have a purchased wreath that you would like to decorate, please bring it and join the fun.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. we celebrate the Advent season with Advent Lessons and Carols. This beautiful annual event includes readings, hymns, anthems, and prayers that mark events in the story of Redemption. Join our Church Choir, Chorus, Choristers and Jr. Choristers as we fill our nave in sound! A potluck Open House will immediately follow Lessons and Carols in the parish hall. All are invited to bring a savory or sweet finger food to share. (Please bring food items already plated and ready to share, so that there will be a minimum of set-up and clean-up).

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23

Service of the Word

10:30 a.m.

The service will include traditional Thanksgiving hymns, a sermon, and a Litany of Thanksgiving. All are welcome. Casual attire is encouraged.

Dinner at Christ the King Church

11:40 a.m.

Grandma comes to the parish hall – and you don't even have to drive "over the river and through the woods"– for Thanksgiving Dinner! Paul and Marie Monroe have graciously volunteered to prepare turkey & dressing for a family-style Thanksgiving Day dinner in the parish hall. Any students who aren't going home, young adults without plans, and all adults without family in town are invited to join them. If you would like, you may bring a covered dish to share (salad, vegetable, bread, dessert, fancy drinks, etc.). **For an accurate count, please notify Beverly Davis (beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).** However, if you don't sign up, you are still welcome: everyone will eat their fill and we'll have baskets of food left over. Thanksgiving dinner will begin around 11:40 a.m. and run until the turkey tryptophan kicks in.

Christ the King Young Adults

Sunday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.

Anyone “young at heart” is invited on the third Sunday of the month to the Ginger Man pub, located at 5607 Morningside Dr. On **Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.** meet new friends, enjoy beer, and explore “What’s God up to these days?” New-comers welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Duane at duanelarson@ctkelc.org.

For Such A Time As This November 21

Fast and pray for an
end to hunger

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.

Sunday Evening Conversations on Creation November 26, 6:00 p.m.

**Connections between People & Nature:
Scripture & Science II**

Lisa Brenskelle will address this theme from the perspectives of both scripture and science. Her talk will discuss concepts in scripture about the creation and recent scientific discoveries about the natural world that relate to these concepts. Learn some exciting science of which you may not be aware, and marvel at the connections between people and nature! Please register at www.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com.

Donate New Toys and Books

Please donate new, unwrapped toys and books (avoiding items violent in nature) for children ages 0 – 15 to the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). **You may place donations in the box in the foyer or in the church office during the month of November. Deadline for toys and gifts is December 3.**

Fill a Shoebox and Delight a Seafarer

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers’ ecumenical ministry. Check out the mobile bulletin board for a list of suggested items. Please bring your filled shoebox to church by **Sunday, December 3.**

Mexico Spring Break Trip: March 9-14, 2018 - \$500 deposit due asap, Balance due February 1

The Combined Choir and Chorus of Christ the King Church is travelling south to Mexico City for Spring Break 2018. Members and friends of CTK are welcome to join the choir and chorus for this trip! We will carry the spirit of the Reformation forward as we join in songs and service with sister congregations (Spanish and German Speaking) and with the Lutheran Seminary. We will engage in a day of service through Amextra after preparing prayerfully for this adventure as part of our Lenten Worship. There will be plenty of time for organized cultural and touristic adventures too. Tour Packets are available in the Narthex or via email. **Dates:** March 9-14 with an option to add on two days until March 16.

Price for Singers and Youth: \$1,750 for 5 day and \$2000 includes airfare, most meals, lodging (4 star), and activities. \$500 deposit due immediately Balance due February 1.

Travel will be arranged on Southwest Airlines and through Amextra for group travel.

Contact Rick Erickson, Alicia Goodrow or Anna Vanbuskirk for more info.

**The Annual Meeting
of the
Congregation Part 1**

**December 3, 12:30 p.m.
parish hall**



Bright Stars of Bethlehem

November 19 and 26

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

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

Alan Petner	Nancy Boles	Maria Edna Campos
Jacob Eddington	Alp Gener	Eric van Hal
Kennedy Wolf	Carolyn Phillips	Carolyn Jacobs
Ulf Henningsen	Zonorah Buckalew	Mark Prendergast
Christine Wagener		Mary Glaze

Sunday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave
9:45 a.m. Service and Care Fair and Sociables Sign-ups
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave
6:00 p.m. Luther League
7:00 p.m. Young Adults, offsite

Monday, November 20 Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, November 21

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
7:30 p.m. Congregation Council, council room

Wednesday, November 22 Church Office Closed

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

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service, nave
11:40 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner, parish hall

Friday, November 24 Church Office Closed

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

Saturday, November 25

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, November 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday Forum
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave
4:00 p.m. Installation of Sr. Pastor Duane Larson, nave
6:00 p.m. Creation Care Web Talk, online

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor

The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor

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

Brian Glikes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director

Noelle Jung, Church Business Administrator

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Dear Friends,

In a context of despair, we believe in creating room for hope. In spite of the adversities imposed by military occupation, the Palestinian people are determined to work for a better life for their community.

Through Bright Stars of Bethlehem, you are moving people from a stance of reactivity to one of pro-activity, from being victims to becoming visionaries, from waiting to creating, and from surviving to thriving.

There has long been an innovative and entrepreneurial spirit among Palestinian people. They still maintain their rich creative culture and continue to be strong in business, manufacturing and agriculture, and more recently a Palestinian tech sector has also developed.

One recent report notes both the challenge of a "youth bulge in our population" but also counters with "the opportunities provided by a growing, educated, motivated, young work force". Thanks to your support, we see many of these gifted people coming out of Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem.

The good news is that in spite of the high levels of youth unemployment (averaging over 40%) many recent university graduates in Palestine are finding ways to use their education and skills.

You are a vital component to that hope. Your gifts and partnership create a platform where hope can survive and thrive in the Holy land.

Please join us in creating a future filled with hope. With your help, the positive spirit of the Palestinian people can persevere.

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb
CEO & President

Beth Nelson Chase
Executive Director