



Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

Monday, January 15

The "Love Thy Neighbor" Group of Christ the King Church joins the MLK Grande Parade. The parade starts at the corner of Elgin and San Jacinto at 10:00 a.m., but all groups gather for registration by 9:00 a.m. at the SE corner of Holman and San Jacinto. Please contact Rebecca Shields at rshields63@gmail.com.

Friday Morning Bible Study Resumes January 19

All are invited to Friday Morning Bible Study. 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.

SEARCH Cards and Coffee Ministry

Wednesday, January 17, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Perry St. Apartments, 4415 Perry, Contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

Congregational Meeting January 21 10:00 a.m.

Congregation Council has called for a special Congregational Meeting to be held on January 21, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. All confirmed members are invited and encouraged to attend and vote. Associate members may not vote. Our Constitution, normed by the Constitution of the ELCA, does not allow for absentee, mail-in, or proxy voting.

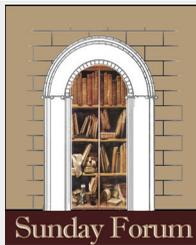
The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a vote by the congregation on whether to sell the parsonage and purchase a new parsonage at a lower cost. In July 2017, the Congregation Council recommended to sell the current parsonage and that proceeds of the sale be put towards acquiring a new suitable parsonage. Under our Constitution, the authority to sell or acquire real property rests with the congregation. The vote is decided by the congregation with a simple majority at the special meeting. As we all together pray to discern God's will for Christ the King Lutheran Church on this matter, we are helped by Peter Steinke's words from the Epilogue in his book *A Door Set Open*.

***Prayer** - O God who has made us the creatures of time, so that every tomorrow is unknown country and every decision a venture of faith, grant us frail children of the day who are blind to the future, to move toward it with a sure confidence in your love, from which neither life nor death can separate us.

Verse - "See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut" (Rev. 3:8).

Reflection - Every now and then, we in the church need to step back and take a long view. God's kingdom is beyond our efforts, even our vision. In a lifetime, we participate in only a fraction of God's work. While we cannot do everything, we can do something. Incomplete as it may be, it is a step along the way, a beginning, and something for God to bless. God's grace does the rest. End results? We may never see them but only hold them trusting in God's future promises. We are servants, not saviors. We are ministers, not messianic figures. We are prophets of a future not of our own making but for which we hope and for which we make a defense in our life. We believe God will create a new heart in us and a new world out of the old." (*A Door Set Open*, p.133f)

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SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m.
in the parish hall

We and Hurricanes

In part two of this two week series, Professor Christian Eberhart will address the subject of “We and Hurricanes.” Christian is a member of Christ the King Church and a Professor of Religious Studies and Chair of the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies at the University of Houston.

January 14: After Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey

After Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey rebuilding efforts and coping with trauma after major natural disasters.

January 21: A special congregation meeting at 10:00 a.m.

January 28: Going Solar!

Presented by representatives of the Houston Renewable Energy Group, a local non-profit dedicated to promote renewable energy solutions and businesses. They are the Houston chapter of the Texas Solar Energy Society. They will explain the details of rooftop solar power generation, how you may benefit, and how you can go solar.

Christ the King Young Adults Sunday, January 21 7:00 p.m.

Anyone “young at heart” is invited on the third Sunday of the month to Pastor Duane and Joen’s residence at 2402 Wroxton Rd. Meet new friends, enjoy ample refreshments, and discuss anything related to questions of faithful living and lively faith. Newcomers welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Duane at duanelarson@ctkelc.org.

Are You Interested in Membership with Christ the King Church?

Friends who are new (or not so new!) to Christ the King Church are warmly invited to a luncheon and orientation on Sunday, **January 21 at 12:30 p.m., in the 3rd floor conference room.**

Membership
at Christ the King Lutheran Church

The meeting has three purposes.

1. Establish new friendship with each other and the pastoral staff.
2. Learn about this community of faith – who we are, our traditions, our commitments, our place in global Lutheranism, why we do things the way we do.
3. Express whether one wants to demonstrate public commitment to God's mission to the world through the ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

New members will be received in worship on Sunday, January 28. Please contact the church office (ctk@ctkelc.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.

God Among the “Least of These”: Navigating Spiritual Waters with People Experiencing Homelessness

presented by Lisa Levy, M.Div.,

Spiritual Support Coordinator for SEARCH Homeless Services

Thursday, January 18, 6:00 p.m. parish hall

Join our Community of Hope lay chaplains for an informative evening with Lisa Levy. In her book *Just Hospitality*, the late theologian Letty Russell wrote, “I understand hospitality as the practice of God’s welcome, embodied in our actions as we reach across difference to participate with God in bringing justice and healing to our world in crisis.” For people experiencing homelessness, what does “God’s welcome” look like? How do we respond to the spiritual needs of people who dwell in perpetual crisis? How might we embody a space of radical hospitality for those who exist on the margins? Is healing possible, and what does healing mean in this context? We will discuss what a Christian pastoral response to people experiencing homelessness might be.

Wednesday Nights Resume January 17

The following programs will be offered this semester: Adult classes, Choristers, Chorus and Choir, and Confirmation class. Wednesday night dinners will resume with our annual Lenten Soup Suppers beginning February 21. Pizza will be offered 15 minutes before all programs for children and youth at \$2.00 a slice. (see calendar on back page for classes and times).

Love Your Neighbor Discussion Group Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., in the narthex

Edited by famed theologian Emilie Townes, in *A Troubling in My Soul* well-known womanist theologians explore the persistent question of evil and suffering in compelling new ways. Committed to an integrated analysis of race, gender, and class, they also address the shortcomings of traditional, feminist, and Black theologies in dealing with evil. Vigorous and forthright, *A Troubling in My Soul* is must-reading for everyone interested in African-American, women's, and contemporary religious studies as a resource for addressing racism.

A Brief Study of Greek Tragedy Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m., 3rd floor

Kristine Wallace will lead a four week study of some Greek tragedies: Aeschylus Oresteia (458 BC) and Sophocles' Theban plays (Antigone 442 BC, Oedipus the King c. 427 BC, Oedipus at Colonus 408 BC), which are contemporary with Second Temple Judaism (515 BC-70 AD). We will look at how Greek polytheistic thinkers dealt with issues of justice, sin and redemption, in contrast to the monotheistic Hebrew writers who confronted these same questions. Paperback translations of the plays are available at reasonable prices.

January 17: Aeschylus Oresteia

(Agamemnon, Libation Bearers, Eumenides)

January 24, 31, February 7: three Sophoclean tragedies

Sr. High Coffee Hour January 20 6:00 p.m.

A new ministry for our high school students and friends. Come for an afternoon of fellowship and play the latest board games with Deacon Ben Remmert at local coffee houses in Houston. On January 20, we will meet at Siphon Coffee located at 701 W Alabama St at 6:00 p.m. This first meeting will determine the rest of the spring 2018 semester with locations.

CTK Kids Bowling January 20, 2:00 p.m.

A great afternoon of fellowship and bowling as we welcome in the New Year, all parents and elementary students (grades 1st-5th). Are invited for an afternoon with the Deacon. We will meet at church and carpool over to Bowlmor Houston Lanes located at 925 Bunker Hill Rd, at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 which covers rental and food. Please RSVP to Ben Remmert by January 19. Friends are welcome to attend.

Rockin' 50s Dinner Fundraiser February 10 7:00 p.m.

Friends and members of Christ the King Church are invited to a fabulous evening of music, fun, and a four course meal cooked by chef Nathan Winston! We will set the scene for a rockin' night making you feel like your back in the 1950s. Seating is available for individuals, pairs, and small and large groups. Tickets are \$50 or \$90 for two. Table is \$300 (seating of 7). Free childcare is available. Email Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org to RSVP. Proceeds will benefit the youth group at Christ the King Church and Messiah Lutheran Church in going to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Hurry space is limited!

Join Us on an Ecumenical Justice Journey!

Join with other Christians for an Ecumenical Justice Journey in 2018, using the ecumenical resource, Living Justice: A Gospel Response to Poverty. The group will meet once or twice/month for either study or outreach during spring and fall. Specific dates/times are TBD, but we plan to begin near the end of January. See <http://www.cpj.ca/books> for more information on the text. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com if you might like to participate.

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

this week: David Padgett Sandy Troff
Sam Petner Miles Burton Rita Carlson
Nathan Wiker Raymond Beyer Amari Oechslin

Sunday, January 14

Chevron Houston Marathon
8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship, nave

Monday, January 15

Church Office Closed
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
9:00 a.m. CTK group marching
in MLK parade, downtown

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

10:00 a.m. SEARCH Coffee and Cards, offsite
5:45 p.m. Music Explorers
5:45 p.m. Love Your Neighbour, narthex
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, council room
6:00 p.m. Choristers, narthex
6:15 p.m. Jr. Choristers
6:15 p.m. Greek Tragedy, 3rd floor
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, parish hall
7:05 p.m. Evening Vespers, nave
7:30 p.m. Church Choir, nave
7:30 p.m. Chorus, parish hall

Thursday, January 18

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor
6:00 p.m. Circle of Care, Experiencing
Homelessness, council room

Friday, January 19

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, January 20

10:00 a.m. Altar Guild, nave
10:00 a.m. AM/Server training, nave
2:00 p.m. Kids Bowling, offsite
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Coffee Hour, offsite
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
9:45 a.m. Sunday School (children and youth)
10:00 a.m. Congregational meeting, parish hall
10:50 a.m. Worship, nave
7:00 p.m. Young Adults, offsite



Mission Offering

SEARCH

Homeless Services

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

SEARCH is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping homeless men, women and children get off the streets and into jobs and affordable housing. SEARCH serves more than 10,000 homeless individuals annually throughout the greater Houston metropolitan area by providing them with the tools to work and achieve self sufficiency. SEARCH's core focus is employment, education and job training.

SEARCH seeks to eliminate homelessness by enabling its clients to achieve self-sufficiency. To reach this goal, SEARCH principally provides employment counseling, job training, and adult continuing education programs. SEARCH also offers necessary support services, such as a full-scale medical clinic, community-based housing, mental-health treatment, and a day shelter with showers, meals, and laundry facilities. Finally, SEARCH operates the House of Tiny Treasures (HTT), Houston's first accredited childcare center dedicated exclusively to homeless children. HTT provides exemplary early childhood education for children ages six weeks to six years whose parents are clients of SEARCH.

For more information about SEARCH, contact Beverly Davis at 713-400-0517 or beverlydavis@ctkelc.org. You may also visit SEARCH's headquarters at 2015 Congress St., Houston, during regular business hours. Visit www.search-homeless.org.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service

Thursday, January 25 7:00 p.m. hosted by St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 Main St. Houston. Denominational leaders from across the city invite all Christians to join them for an evening of music, worship and prayer as ecumenical groups gather to pray for Christian Unity in Houston and around the world.

There is also an opportunity to be part of an interdenominational choir for the worship service. For more information about the choir and rehearsals, please visit www.ncgcchouston.com or call 713-775-9222.

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The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor

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Beverly Davis, Director of Congregational Care

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