



Christ the King Young Adults

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@ckelc.org. Larsons are providing a main dish. Attendees are welcome to bring anything else they like or nothing.

Transformations:

A Recital of

Art Songs and Arias

Friday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.

Be transformed during a recital of art songs and arias featuring soprano, Jessica Moss, and pianist, Megan Glikes. Detailed background of the works and characters will be discussed in spoken program notes. Although the music will be presented in recital format, audience questions are welcome and encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided. A donation of \$10 is encouraged to benefit our January mission offering for SEARCH Homeless Services.

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.

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.**

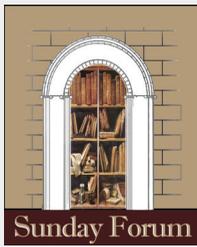
The meeting has three purposes.

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. 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. in the parish hall

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.

Friday Morning Bible Study

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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 13

Volunteers and Revelers Needed

The annual Pancake Supper will be February 13 in the parish hall. Come and eat all the pancakes and sausage you can and enjoy music and pancake races. Traditionally, this is the day people eat up all the foods they can't have during Lent - butter, meat, eggs, and wine - and have the last big party until Easter. There will be projects for the kids beginning at 5:30 p.m., with dancing for everyone, followed by singing our last "Alleluia." Supper will be served from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. **If you can help shop, cook or clean up at the supper**, please contact Marie Monroe at marie4118@gmail.com or 832-488-7696. Come and have the most fun you'll have until Easter.

Ash Wednesday February 14

Imposition of Ashes

7:10 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

Sandwiches served after the 12:15 p.m. service.

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.ncgchouston.com or call 713-775-9222.

Assisting Minister and Server Training

Training for Assisting Ministers and Servers will be conducted in the nave on **January 27 at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, whether you have experience or are a novice, attendance at one of the trainings is required. If the church parking lot is full, please park on the Rice Stadium lot (\$2.00 paid by credit card).

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Pasanky classes will meet at 6:00 p.m. **starting on Thursday, February 8** and continuing February 15 and 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, in a Pasanky Workshop led by Marie Monroe. The cost is \$10 for new students and \$5 for returning students. Everyone learns and works at their own speed, and you are invited to enjoy this relaxing, meditative art. You too can make beautiful eggs.

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!



Concerti for Three and Four Harpsichords Friday, January 26, 7:30 p.m.

Bach Society Houston presents four concerti for multiple harpsichords and strings. This very unusual program, featuring harpsichordists Brian Glikes, Mario Aschauer, Kirk Rich and Michael Ging, promises to bring these seldom heard masterpieces to life. If you've ever been curious to hear what four harpsichords sound like together—this is your chance! (Tickets required.)

Wednesday Nights

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, January 24, 31, and February 7 6:15 p.m., 3rd floor

Kristine Wallace begins a brief study of some Greek tragedies: 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.

Reducing Waste Generation in Houses of Worship Sunday, February 4, 2:00 p.m.

The Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston, a Houston affiliate of the Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy, invites you to learn how you can reduce waste generated from building operations, events, grounds maintenance, worship services & more. Many tips can also be applied to reducing waste generated in the home. This talk will be given by Lisa Brenskelle, our Creation Care Team lead. This talk will be given online, via web meeting. Please register on www.eventbrite.com and you will receive an invitation to the web meeting. For more information about this talk, contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com.

Sunday Evening Conversations on Creation Continue...

The Creation Care Team invites you to a monthly environmental education web meeting series whose theme in 2018 is Stewardship.

Caring for the Plants that Care for Us Sunday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m.

At the January web meeting, we welcome Jaime Gonzalez, Community Conservation Director, Katy Prairie Conservancy, who will discuss the importance of native plants for biodiversity, water absorption, carbon sequestration, the economy, and creating a sense of place. He will link the well-being of eco-systems to human well-being and will discuss the work of Katy Prairie Conservancy. Jaime will give details on using native plantings on your property, will provide resources and outlets for getting native plants, and will even delve into the ethics of saving wild-life by providing native plant habitat. Please register on www.eventbrite.com for this talk. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week: Philipp Winston Donna Vass
Sidney Johnston Rodney Koenig
Jessica Locheed Thomas Swindell



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
- 12:30 p.m. Membership luncheon, 3rd floor
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adults, offsite

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 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 25

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Unity Prayer Service, offsite

Friday, January 26

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Recital, parish hall

Saturday, January 27

- 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild, nave
- 2:00 p.m. AM/Server training, nave
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship

Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School (children and youth)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Luther League
- 6:00 p.m. Creation Care webtalk, online

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Senior 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
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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.

Jr. High Human Dignity Retreat February 2-3

All youth 6th – 8th grade are invited to attend the Human Dignity Retreat conducted by the Youth Directors of the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod and hosted at Living Word Lutheran in Katy. The retreat is designed to help pre-teen/ early teen youth learn about building and navigating healthy relationships. Parents are welcome to be part of the retreat. The cost is \$20 per youth, and adults are free. Registration deadline is January 28.