



Willkommen! Welcome!

Welcome to our friends from St. Thomas Church and the city of Leipzig to Christ the King Church. The two congregations have enjoyed mutual relations for close to 20 years. The Houston Leipzig Sister Association celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The group will visit sites in and around Houston, meet with officials of the city of Houston, enjoy a Rockets game and get acquainted with the work of the Houston Coalition for the Homeless. After Hurricane Harvey Leipzig collected funds to benefit the most vulnerable victims of the flooding.

Annual Meeting Part II

Part II of the annual congregational meeting will be held on **February 18 at 12:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. On the agenda are the 2017 annual reports and the adoption of the 2018 budget and the 2018 Missional Emphases. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served.

CTK Young Adults in February

Reserve **Sunday afternoon, February 18** for *A Movie and Dinner!* We plan to gather at the church early to mid-afternoon to head for a theater matinee of one of the current Academy Award nominee movies. The time and theater are yet to be determined. After the movie we'll head for a restaurant to dine together and talk "theologically" about the movie. Please RSVP to Pastor Duane (duanelarson@ckelc.org) by noon, Friday, February 16, so we can reserve restaurant space.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 13

Supper served from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Come and eat all the pancakes and sausage you can and enjoy our fabulous Brass Band and fun pancake races. Projects for the kids begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by supper served 6:00-7:00 p.m. Music and dancing will follow and we'll end by singing our last "Alleluia" until Easter.

More volunteers are welcome to come help for a while and then enjoy the eating, talking, and carrying-on that we do at Mardi Gras. Please let Marie (marie4118@gmail.com) know if you can help.

**Ash
Wednesday
February 14**

Imposition of Ashes

7:10 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

(with sandwiches served after the service)

7:30 p.m.

(with homily and choir)

Luther's Café Saturday, February 17

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 February 17, we will meet at Boomtown Coffee in the Heights at 5:30 p.m.! For more information please contact Ben Remmert at benremmert@ckelc.org

**No Wednesday night activities
on Ash Wednesday, February 14**

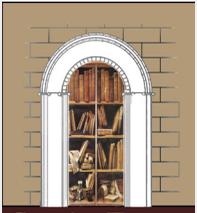
Classes resume on February 21

Soup Suppers will be served on
Wednesday nights during Lent

February 21-March 21 5:30 - 6:40 p.m.

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SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

Prayer across Faiths

Sunday Forum

In prayer we humans orient toward God: we direct praise, lament, questions, petitions and thanksgiving to God who made us, redeemed us and sustains us. In prayer we are in conversation with God and open for God to be in conversation with us, in personal prayer as well as in group and worship settings. In February Sunday Forum will learn about prayer practices in four faith traditions, Christian, Buddhist, Muslim and Jewish. The presenters will share practices and content, and discuss how prayer shapes and supports daily living and ethical decision making.

February 11: Prayer in Christian life

Members of Christ the King Church share their experiences of engaging in contemplative prayer with a panel conversation facilitated by Anne Singley, an oblate with the World Community for Christian Meditation. Prayer is a primary pathway to forming and shaping our spiritual health. Sixteen centuries ago St. Augustine taught that the whole purpose of life is to restore to health the eye of the heart through which we see God. Christian meditation, or contemplative prayer, can provide each of us with a practice of silence, stillness, and simplicity through which we may grow spiritually.

February 18: Prayer in Muslim life

Shariq Ghani

February 25: Prayer in Jewish life

Rabbi Joshua Fixler

March 4: Prayer in Buddhist life

Tim Schorre

Mind the Gap

Wednesdays, 6:10 p.m. 3rd floor February 21 - March 21

The world of Jesus and of the New Testament authors was the world of Early Judaism as it evolved in the time period of the Second Temple, ca 400 BCE – 70/100 CE. The Judaism of Jesus is not any longer the religion of the Old Testament. The worldview and theological concepts of the New Testament are part and parcel of a lively continued Jewish debate on topics such as the Messiah, demons, the understanding of Torah/the law, resurrection, and expectations of the end. Dr. Matthias Henze's book *Mind the Gap* puts four major themes of the New Testament in the context of Early Judaism's debates and texts.

Pastor Liebster will lead a study of *Mind the Gap* on five Wednesdays during Lent, 6:00- 6:50 p.m. The book is available from Fortress Press and on Amazon. The first session on February 21 will open with introductory questions on when the Bible was written and the literature of Early Judaism. Participants may read Part I of the book (introduction and chapters 1 and 2).

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Pasanky (Ukrainian egg decorating) classes meet on the 3rd floor at **6:00 p.m. on Thursdays** through March 22, 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.

Ashes to Ashes

Your chance to have the last word!

Saturday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

What will your funeral/memorial service look like? Do you wish loved ones would share thoughts about their own funerals?

Well, here's your chance. All are welcome to Ashes to Ashes, an evening of conversation and funeral planning. Table discussion among family and friends can clarify what you would like your funeral to communicate. Planning forms, hymnals, Bibles and examples of funeral/memorial services will be available. A light sandwich supper provided.

Please sign up by contacting Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse at lschoene91@att.net or 713-416-9075.

Friday, February 16 7:30 p.m.

Bach Society teams up with Ars Lyrica for a performance of *Jonah* and *Esther*, two oratorios, at Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. *Jonah* was the first and only oratorio written in the Americas in the 18th century. *Esther* was Handel's first attempt to write an oratorio in English. Both fascinating and important events! Join Bach Society for this most unusual evening. Tickets are available through the Zilkha website.

Lenten Vespers

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Jesus' I AM-statements

The Wednesday Lenten Vespers service will be at 7:00 p.m. in the nave, February 21 and 28, and March 7, 14, and 21. Join us for meditations on the "I am" statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John. Harkening back to the revelation of God's name to Moses at the site of the burning bush as "I am who I am" – or, "I will be who I am" (Exodus 3:14), Jesus uses a series of "I AM" statements to describe himself. The images he uses invite us to reflect who Jesus is for the church and individually. Join us on Wednesdays as we follow Jesus, who is the way, through the days of Lent to the empty tomb.

Daily Devotional Guide

"you are the way"

The congregation is invited to make Jesus' sayings in the Gospel of John "I am the bread of life, the light of the world, the gate, the good shepherd" and so on the theme for this year's Lenten devotions. A devotional book *you are the way* with daily readings, reflections and prayers is available at church for a small donation of \$2 or can be purchased electronically at Augsburg Fortress.

Soup Makers and Servers Needed

Wednesdays February 21 - March 21

All members and friends are invited to come and sample a delicious variety of soups each **Wednesday evening during Lent, 5:30-6:40 p.m.** And of course, additional soup makers and servers are most welcome. Proceeds from our soup suppers benefit our missionaries in Mexico, Pastor David and Alicia Brandos.

If you would like to help with one of our Wednesday Lenten soup suppers, please contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0517.

Project Promise: Building Personal Care Kits for People Around the World

During Lent, we again join Lutheran World Relief's Project Promise appeal. Each week, we collect a different item that will be used to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Our goal is to assemble at least 100 LWR Care Kits during Lent. Here's our collection schedule:

Drop items off in the narthex or church office.

February 18: Bars of Soap

(4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)

February 25: Bath towels

(new, light-weight, maximum 52"x27", dark color recommended)

March 4: Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

March 11: Combs

(sturdy, please! No picks or fine toothed combs)

March 18: Nail Clippers

(metal, attached file optional)

March 25: Bars of Soap

(each kit includes 2 bars of soap)

SEARCH Cards and Coffee Ministry

Please join us in hosting our monthly coffee hour for SEARCH Homeless Services clients at the Perry St. Apartments, 4415 Perry, a New Hope Housing project in the Third Ward on **Wednesday, February 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** This collaboration with SEARCH takes place every third Wednesday of the month. If you have any 2018 calendars you'd like to contribute you may drop them off in the donation basket on Sundays or in the church office. For more information, contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:
 Rosa Oechslein Federico
 Sterling Paulsen Whitney Adams Salas-Isnardi
 Dewey Letness Valerie Lloyd Angie Mattern



Sunday, February 11

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW setting 4, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch with Leipzig visitors, parish hall
- 12:30 p.m. Luther League

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13 Shrove Tuesday

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 5:30 p.m. Childrens Activities begin, parish hall
- 6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper, parish hall

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

- 7:10 a.m. Imposition of Ashes, nave
- 12:15 p.m. Imposition of Ashes, nave
Sandwiches served after service
- 7:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes, nave
- 7:30 p.m. Church Choir, music suite
- 7:30 p.m. Chorus, rehearsal room

Thursday, February 15

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor
- 6:00 p.m. Egg Decorating workshop, 3rd floor

Friday, February 16

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Bach Performance, Zilkha Hall

Saturday, February 17

- 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild, 3rd floor
- 5:30 p.m. Luther's Café, offsite
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship

Sunday, February 18

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW setting 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting, parish hall
- Afternoon Young Adults *Movie and Dinner, offsite*

Freewheels Houston had a breakthrough year in 2017, providing reliable bikes to approximately 200 refugees, engaging volunteers in bike repairs at our Southwest Houston warehouse space and strengthening partnerships that will enable this ministry to grow.

The congregation's mission offerings on February 11, 18, and 25 will support Freewheels Houston's exciting plans for 2018 and help meet the Christ the King Lutheran Church Foundation's generous challenge grant of \$5,000.

Transportation is one of the biggest challenges facing refugees as they start their new lives in Houston. Without a bike, refugees must rely on walking or public transportation to get to work, school and other destinations. People who received Freewheels bikes can be seen riding the streets near the Freewheels warehouse in Gulfton.

We provide helmets, locks, lights, pumps and flat kits with each bike. We recently calculated that the retail cost of the equipment we provide is about \$135 for each recipient, plus the cost of replacement parts.

Do you know how to fix a bike? Do you want to learn? Freewheels volunteers work at our warehouse almost every Saturday and they are eager to share their knowledge with others who want to help Houston's refugee community. Contact Bill Mintz at billmintz51@att.net for more information.

CPR/AED/First Aid Class

Facilitated by National Safety Council Instructor

When: Saturday, March 3, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: CTK Room TBD Cost: \$50

To register contact Linda Schoene lschoene91@att.net

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
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