



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.

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.

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 contact Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse at lschoene91@att.net or 713-416-9075.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing every Sunday in Lent

Throughout Lent we will offer a Healing Prayer and Anointing for all who desire during the Sunday services. Stations for healing prayers will be available in the rear of the nave after communing.

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, the world, and us.

Daily Devotional Guide

"you are the way"

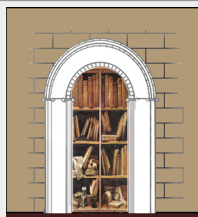
A devotional book *you are the way* for lent with daily readings, reflections and prayers is available for a small donation of \$2 or can be purchased electronically at Augsburg Fortress.

Large Print Bulletins

Large Print copies of our Sunday worship folders are available from the ushers. Please feel free to make use of these copies.

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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 18: Prayer in Muslim life

Shariq Abdul Ghani is a Muslim interfaith activist with the Minaret Foundation. He enjoys building relationships by speaking about differences through laughter, coffee, and dodgeballs. He speaks regularly at churches, synagogues, schools, and conferences, and has a 4-year-old who would prefer him to be a dinosaur and a bulldozer... at the same time.

February 25: Prayer in Jewish life

Rabbi Joshua Fixler serves as assistant rabbi at Congregation Emanu El where he was called in 2017 after his ordination at Hebrew Union College. Rabbi Fixler has a B.A. in Organizational Development and Community Leadership, and has pursued his interests in social justice and interfaith work. He has served as youth director, educator and student rabbi in numerous settings.

March 4: Prayer in Buddhist life

Tim Schorre

CTK Young Adults February 18

Reserve Sunday afternoon, February 18 for A Movie and Dinner! We will gather at church at 3:00 to carpool to the River Oaks Theatre to see multi-Oscar-nominated *The Shape of Water*. Showtime is at 3:55. After the movie we'll head to The Hobbit restaurant for a casual dinner and conversation. *The Shape of Water* is a deeply original "romantic fairy tale for grownups," inspired by director Guillermo del Toro's fascination when he was seven with the famous B-Movie classic *Creature from the Black Lagoon*. Yes, there's much to "theologize" about in this acclaimed movie, including themes of otherness, intimacy, tolerance, and a good dose of espionage. This will be a great time out. For all who are young adults "for real" or at heart. Join us! Please RSVP to Pastor Duane (duanelarson@ctkelc.org) ASAP, so we can reserve restaurant space.

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).

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 (Ukaranian 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.

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.

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

Contact Linda Schoene lschoene91@att.net

Creation Care

Sunday Evening Conversations

Stewardship of Water

Sunday, February 25 6:00 p.m.

At the February web meeting, we welcome Bruce Bodson, President/Executive Director of Lower Brazos Riverwatch, who will address Stewardship of Water. Water is a uniquely versatile medium, functioning as a vital resource, a habitat, a recreation venue, and a waste conveyance. As we have often seen in Houston, it is also a destructive force of nature. Please register on www.eventbrite.com for this talk, and you will receive an invitation to the web meeting. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

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)

Justice Advocacy Workshop

Sunday, March 4, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Justice Advocacy Ministry Team, and the Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston, a Houston affiliate of the Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy, invite you to attend a Justice Advocacy Workshop taught by experts from TX Impact, an Austin-based interfaith justice advocacy organization. The Justice Advocacy Workshop is free, and will take place on Sunday, March 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., at Christ the King, as well as online, via a simultaneous web meeting. Learn how to effectively raise your voice for the voiceless! Please register for this event on www.eventbrite.com and you will receive an invitation to the web meeting via email. The training will be recorded, so if you can't make it, you can still get a copy of the training recording to review later. For more information, please contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com.

We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:
 Cordelia Bryant Henry Trahan
 Sara Harlan Peggy Simon
 Andrea Preisinger Eric Vuong

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
- 3:00 p.m. Young Adults *Movie and Dinner*
- 6:00 p.m. Luther League

Monday, February 19

- Church Office Closed
- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 5:00 p.m. Community of Hope, council room

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. SEARCH Coffee and Cards, offsite
- 5:45p.m. Music Explorers
- 5:45p.m. Love Your Neighbour, narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Soup Suppers begin serving, parish hall
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, council room
- 6:00 p.m. Choristers, narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Mind the Gap, 3rd floor
- 6:15 p.m. Jr. Choristers
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, parish hall
- 7:05 p.m. Lenten Vespers, nave
- 7:30 p.m. Church Choir, nave
- 7:30 p.m. Chorus, parish hall

Thursday, February 22

- 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 23

- 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, February 24

- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Ashes to Ashes conversation

Sunday, February 25

- Blood Pressure Screening after services
- 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. Luther League
- 6:00 p.m. Creation Care web talk

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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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 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.

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.

For Such A Time As This February 21

Fast and pray for an end to hunger In 2018, we remain inspired by Esther of the Hebrew scriptures, and find ourselves still called "For Such a Time as This." Our ELCA bishop, Bread for the World, and our many ecumenical partners continue their invitation to prayer, fasting, and advocacy on the 21st of each month in solidarity with those living with hunger or in poverty. The 21st day of each month has been designated because it is the day most families run out of SNAP benefits — signaling the beginning of the hungriest week in America. the fasting guide on the literature rack in the narthex.