

Sunday, April 1 Easter Day

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
- 9:45 a.m. Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Flowering of the Cross
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
- 2:00 p.m. German-language service, nave
- 3:00 p.m. Reception and Egg Hunt, parish hall and courtyard

Monday, April 2

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

Tuesday, April 3

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

Wednesday, April 4

- 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. 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, April 5

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor

Friday, April 6

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, narthex
- 6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night, parish hall

Saturday, April 7

- 1:00 p.m. Yoga
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship

Sunday, April 8

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
- 9:45 a.m. Lutherhill Rally Day
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 5:00 p.m. Hymn Fest, nave

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

Marilyn Edwards	Mirabelle Krynak
Anita Bryant	Kim Jacobson
Kelly DeVany	Scott Swanson
Colin Eddington	Chloe Henningsen
Larry Hamm	Tristyn Henningsen
John Lund	Julie Giam
Kate Paxton	Malcolm Waddell

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
 Brian Gilkes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
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Mission Offering

Christian Community Service Center

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

The Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is a coalition of churches working to reduce the effects of poverty in the local community. The mission of Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is to serve the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic, or cultural differences. CCSC was created out of faith and founded in the belief that we are called to help all of God's children heart to heart and hand in hand.

In 2017, Christ the King Church contributed \$11,177 to CCSC including gifts designated for CCSC's Back to School program and Jingle Bell Express. Several of our members volunteer with CCSC on a regular basis.

CCSC serves as our congregation's Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, and Emergency Services to our members and neighbors in need.

Lutherhill Elementary Summer Camp July 15-20

Those completed 1st-5th grade will spend a whole week at Lutherhill discovering all of the joys camp has to offer with Deacon Ben Remmert! Alpha Campers (1st Graders) are at camp from July 15-18 and Youngin's (2nd-3rd Graders) and Yearling's (4th-6th Graders) are at camp from July 15-20. Enjoy fun bible studies, camp-wide worships, afternoon activities and daily All Camp activities. Spend an evening around the campfire making s'mores. Sign up and Register by asap at www.lutherhill.org.

Jr. High Beach Camp July 22-27

Those that have completed 6th-8th grade can experience a week at Lutherhill as a confirmation group with Deacon Ben Remmert! Beach camp is located at the new Zion Retreat Center, Galveston Island. Campers will experience the love of Christ both inside and outside the walls of Zion by taking advantage of the beach and surrounding attractions by diving into Bible studies, enjoy worships on the beaches, experience service opportunities, and explore the island of Galveston. Sign up and register at www.lutherhill.org.



Saturday, March 31 & Sunday, April 1, 2018

This Week and The King's Banner, our monthly newsletter, are available at ctkelc.org



Welcome to Worship

We welcome you to worship today. Please sign the guest book and enjoy a cup of coffee and snacks after the service. Donations at the snack table benefit the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. The pastors and worship servers look forward to meeting guests after worship and answer questions about Christ the King Church.

Family Movie Night

Friday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

The CTK Creation Care Team invites families to enjoy a screening of *Fern Gully - The Last Rainforest* during Earth Month. Before the screening, there will be live animals for the kids to meet. Popcorn & drinks provided during the screening in the parish hall. Please contact Cindi Scruggs at cindi@waytolead.org for details.

Lutherhill Visits Christ the King

All parents and children in 1st-6th grade get a sneak preview of summer camp and day camp right here at church, with Lutherhill staff on Sunday, April 8! They will lead Sunday school children in camp songs and games in the courtyard at 9:45 a.m. Toddler and pre-k/kinder Sunday school classes meet as usual. Parents are welcome to attend or can talk to Deacon Ben Remmert about summer camp, day camp, and other camping opportunities this throughout the year.

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 8, 9:45 a.m., parish hall

A special congregational meeting will consider the recommendation by the Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church Foundation to provide a special grant for funding of the basement restoration.

EASTER DAY

- 8:30 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist
- 9:45 a.m. Potluck Breakfast, Flowering of the Cross
Easter Egg Hunt for Children
- 10:50 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist
- 2:00 p.m. German-language Easter Eucharist followed by a Reception and Egg Hunt

Easter Morning Potluck Breakfast, Flowering of the Cross and Egg Hunt

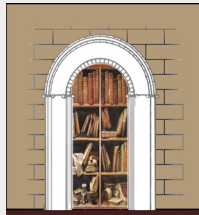
Easter at Christ the King Church is always an exciting time for children! Little ones help celebrate the Resurrection of Christ by participating in the *Flowering of the Cross* and hunting for Easter eggs.

The festivities begin with a potluck Easter Breakfast at 9:45 a.m. and Flowering of the Cross. There will be several egg hunts beginning at 10:00 a.m., with special designated areas for the little ones. Age groups will be split 0-2, 2-4, and 5 and up.

Creation Hymn Fest Sunday, April 8, 5:00 p.m.

Join the CTK Creation Care Team and Music Ministry in a musical celebration of renewal during the season of Easter (and Earth month). We will celebrate and give thanks for God's good creation in hymns and songs from various lands and traditions and hear anew the call to care for the creation. Attendees will sing well known and loved hymns as well as be introduced to some new musical friends! Light refreshments served afterward. Contact Lisa Brenskelle for more information at brenskelle@aol.com.

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SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

April 1: Easter Day - No Sunday Forum

Easter Potluck Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt and Flow-ering of the Cross

April 8: A special congregational meeting will consider the recommendation by the Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church Foundation to provide a special grant for funding of the basement restoration. The special grant of up to \$310,000 will be funded over a two-year period. In addition, the Foundation board will briefly discuss the history and purpose of the Foundation and opportunities to support the Foundation through planned gifts.

The Foundation was established in 1988 as a separate 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It includes a general endowment fund to make grants solely in support of the life and work of the congregation, and it is authorized to accept and manage special endowment funds for designated purposes. Regular grants from the general endowment fund may not be made in support of the regular operational expenses of the congregation; special grants from principal, which are subject to strict approval procedures, may be recommended to the congregation for any purpose. A special grant from principal requires approval at two congregational meetings within a period of 60 days; preliminary approval was given at the Part II meeting, and final approval will be requested at the special congregational meeting on April 8.

April 15: Give Now, Give Later, Give and Receive: Estate Strategy Essentials

We're Putting Faithful Imagination to work for the Future of Christ the King Church

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.

The first phase of our general "listening sessions" is still happening and many wonderful ideas are bubbling to help create the vision for the next five years and more at Christ the King Lutheran Church! All are welcome to the next sessions in the parish hall on **Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 21, at 10:00 a.m.**

Education Strategic Planning April 18

Pr. Larson will lead a strategic planning session particularly focused on the future of adult education at Christ the King Church. Put your *faithful imagination* to work at 5:45 p.m. on April 18 in the parish hall.

Christ the King Young Adults



Sunday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Anyone "young at heart" is invited on the third Sunday of the month to the Volcano Pub and Grill, corner of Morning-side and Bissonet on **Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.** Meet new friends, enjoy beer, and discuss anything about living the faith. Newcomers welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Duane at duanelarson@ctkelc.org.

Yoga is Back Beginning April 7

1:00 p.m. every Saturday in the parish hall

All welcome: novice or experienced. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat.

WINE & CHOCOLATE

This year Christ the King Church will once again donate a basket for the silent auction at the fundraising dinner of the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). Our basket theme will be *Wine and Chocolate*. Contributions can be made by everyone – the greater the variety, the greater the basket! **Items will be collected in the narthex through Sunday, April 15.** Contact Wendy Wiker at wendy@wikernet.com. Thank you for supporting CCSC!

Ashes to Ashes

Your chance to have the last word!

Thursday, April 12, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 13, 12:00 noon

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 on Thursday, April 12.

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

Kindred Collecting Clear Plastic Bottles for Youth Gathering

KINDRED is one of the service sites for the Youth Gathering this summer and participants are going to make a beautiful piece of public art! Only thing is....they need the raw materials about 7,000 plastic bottles. Kindred is collecting every clear plastic bottles. You may drop them off here at church in the narthex or the church office. Drop offs are welcome at the Kindred Church located at 2515 Waugh Dr on Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Drawdown EcoChallenge

April 4 – April 25

The CTK Creation Care Team invites you to participate in the Drawdown EcoChallenge. During the challenge, you form new habits that act to counter climate change. Choose from many different options. Join the Lutherans Restoring Creation – Gulf Coast team and make a positive impact! To sign up or to learn more, go to drawdown.ecochallenge.org. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Delivers Easter Message

In her Easter message, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), said, "It all started with such promise – the angel announcing to Mary that the child she would bear would be called Son of the Most High; the conviction of Mary that this child would be the embodiment of God's promised justice, that the hungry would be filled with good things and the rich sent away empty; angels announcing his birth; thousands being fed; the sick healed; the dead raised.

And then, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It was over..." View the video message on elca.org.

Who is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)?

wikipedia.org

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is a mainline Protestant denomination headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. The ELCA officially came into existence on January 1, 1988, by the merging of three Lutheran church bodies. As of 2016, it has approximately 3.6 million baptized members in just over 9,200 congregations. In 2015, Pew Research estimated that 2.1% of the U.S. population self-identifies with the ELCA and mainline Lutheranism. It is the seventh-largest religious body and the largest Lutheran denomination in the United States. The next two largest Lutheran denominations are the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) (with approximately 2.1 million members) and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) (with approximately 370,000 members). There are also many smaller Lutheran church bodies in the United States, some of which came into being composed of dissidents following the major 1988 merger. The ELCA belongs to the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. The ELCA is in full communion with the Episcopal Church, Moravian Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church.

