

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

Kristine Bliss	Matthew Thompson
Janice Stuff	Sophie Santana
Clara Haymon	Allegra Johnson
David Roschke	Preston Weatherly
	Joseph Winston IV

**Sunday, May 6**

8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 4, nave  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 4, nave  
 6:00 p.m. Luther League

**Monday, May 7** Church Office Closed

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
 6:30 p.m. Community of Hope  
 Blessing of the Hands

**Tuesday, May 8**

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

**Wednesday, May 9**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
 5:45 p.m. Love your Neighbour  
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, parish hall  
 7:30 p.m. Church Choir, nave  
 7:30 p.m. Chorus, parish hall

**Thursday, May 10 Ascension Day**

8:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion, narthex  
 10:00 a.m. Peccemakers, 3rd floor

**Friday, May 11**

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

**Saturday, May 12**

7:30 a.m. Trip to the Houston Food Bank  
 9:00 a.m. Luther League/freewheels project  
 1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall  
 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave  
 6:00 p.m. Sr High Café, offsite

**Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day**

8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 4, nave  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. Bread for the World Offering of Letters  
 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 4, nave  
 12:15 a.m. Bread for the World Offering of Letters



**Mission Offering**

**Missionary in Mexico**  
**Pr. David Brondos**

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

**Mexico**

Pr. David Brondos serves as professor at the Theological Community of Mexico, an ecumenical consortium of seminaries in Mexico City which includes Augsburg Lutheran Seminary. His work involves training pastors and leaders for churches throughout Mexico and also coordinating the Seminary's online course program that has students from all over Latin America.

**A message from Missionary David Brondos**

**“Preparing Leaders in Mexico**

In some ways, teaching in a seminary setting here in Mexico City is a lot like teaching in a seminary in the United States. In other ways, however, it is very different. What is particularly unique is the school where I teach, the Theological Community of Mexico. Our students come from many different backgrounds. We have students and professors from a wide variety of churches, including not only Lutherans but Roman Catholics, mainline Protestants, and people from Pentecostal and independent churches. We also have students from different socio-economic backgrounds, including some who come from rural and indigenous settings.”

**Have Faith. End Hunger.** **HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.**

By the 21st day of the month, many people have exhausted 90 percent of their SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) benefits. This makes the last week of each month the hungriest week in the United States for many families. By the time rent, utilities, and transportation costs are covered, families have little money left for food. For many low-wage workers, retirees, people with disabilities, and their families, even careful planning cannot stretch their SNAP benefits a full month.

We continue to lift up these families in our prayers on the 21st day of each month, as well as fast and take action, so Congress will address the causes that lead to hunger and poverty in our nation and around the world.

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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**Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6, 2018**

This Week and The King's Banner, our monthly newsletter, are available at [ctkelc.org](http://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.



**Useful information**

**When:** 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Houston Food Bank Warehouse, 535 Portwall St.  
**Attire:** Closed-toe shoes, pants, sleeved shirt (short or long sleeves)  
**Carpool:** The group (aged 8 and up) leaves the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and returns about noon.

**For information and to RSVP, contact Justin and Yuricel at [ctkhfb@gmail.com](mailto:ctkhfb@gmail.com).**

**Ascension Day**

**Thursday, May 10 8:15 a.m. Holy Communion**  
 Join us for the celebration of Ascension Day in the narthex. This worship service will include a devotion and Holy Communion.

**Recognition of 2018 Graduates May 13**

If you are receiving a degree from high school, undergraduate, technical or graduate programs, we would like to know! Email the church office with details about your graduation date and any plans you have for your future ([ctk@ctkelc.org](mailto:ctk@ctkelc.org)).

Graduates of all degrees will be invited to participate in a short rite of recognition on **May 13 at the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services followed by cake in the courtyard.** High school seniors will receive a gift from the Prayer Shawl Knitters.



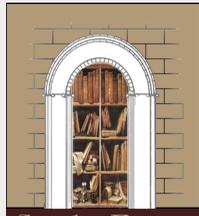
**MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING OF LETTERS MAY 13**

**GATHER IN THE COURTYARD AND WRITE LETTERS**  
 Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters campaign engages churches, campuses, and other faith communities in writing letters to Congress. Each year, for the focus of the campaign, BFW chooses specific legislation or a legislative emphasis that can make a real difference to people struggling with hunger and poverty. This year's emphasis urges Congress to invest in and protect vital policies and safety-net programs — including WIC, SNAP, and global nutrition.

Christ the King Church members are invited to gather in the courtyard and write letters on Mother's Day, May 13. Sample letters and writing materials will be available. Supported with prayer, our letters become a bold witness to God's justice and mercy. They have had, and continue to have, a significant impact on the decisions made in Congress.

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## SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

May 6 and 13:

**What is Moral Injury?**

Pastor Larson leads a two week series on Moral Injury,

introducing his book “Care for the Sorrowing Soul,” co-authored with Jeff Zust, published in 2017. Moral Injury (MI) is damage to conscience, with profound implications for religious faith. It happens when one must act counter to one’s foundational convictions or when one is betrayed by a higher trusted authority. While the book is focused on MI in military culture, it has consequences for all of us, as MI is growing into a pandemic in our society and is showing up also as “spiritual trauma” for people abused by religion. The book is available for discounted purchase in the church office for \$25.00 or is available on Amazon for \$34.00.

### May 20: Sunday School For All – The Pentecost Story

Adults and kids join together to hear and wonder about the story of Pentecost. This is a great opportunity for all adults to get back in touch with Sunday School and see how it has become a place of spiritual practice.

### May 27: Christ the King Book Fair

All authors and composers from among Christ the King Church will present their published books/works at a fair in the parish hall. Books will be available for autographing, or you may bring your own copies to be signed. Come drop by this fun fair and let’s celebrate our authors and composers.

This will be the kick off for the summer book review sessions starting June 3. If you would like to present a good read, please contact Chris Bryant at [cbryant0036@outlook.com](mailto:cbryant0036@outlook.com).

## Calling all Christ the King Authors and Composers May 27

We will kick off our Summer Book Reviews with a **Book Presentation and Signing Party** on Sunday, May 27, at 9:45 a.m. As a special treat, we will also include our resident composers.

All composers and members who have authored books of any genre (personal memoirs, historical, academic, children’s, etc.) are invited to join the party! We want to celebrate all authors in our midst, so please let Beverly Davis, [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org), know if you (and your book) can join us!

### Summer Book Reviews

During the summer months members and friends lead book reviews on various topics. All interested in presenting a book on a Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. are invited to contact Chris Bryant at [cbryant0036@outlook.com](mailto:cbryant0036@outlook.com) with title, author and your Sunday availability.

If you have recently read a good book you’d love to discuss or need an excuse to read a good book, then sign up and share your reading pleasures with our members and friends. As much as we enjoy the wide variety of books that we usually hear reviewed, we particularly welcome books that explore religious, moral, or ethical concerns of our society and the world.

### Making Houston a Resilient City – How Houses of Worship Can Help Sunday, May 6, 4:00 p.m. Online & at Congregation Emanu El

The Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston invites you to consider the challenges and opportunities that lie before Houston, a key city in the global response to changing weather patterns, emerging economies and changing consumer preferences and needs. In this presentation, Professor Jim Blackburn of Rice University will discuss the scope of current problems, some ideas to bring resilience to our community in the future, and the role of houses of worship could play in realizing this future. Congregation Emanu el is located at 1500 Sunset Blvd. For information, please contact Lisa Brenskelle at [brenskelle@aol.com](mailto:brenskelle@aol.com).



### Pentecost Picnic May 20

Come and join together for a good ol’ time at our annual Pentecost Picnic on **Sunday, May 20 at 12:15 p.m.** in the courtyard. All are invited to bring sides to complement the entrée of fried chicken, like salads (potato, pasta, rice, green salads), vegetables, fruit and dessert. Vegetarian options are welcome! We ask that individuals help with \$5 and families of four and more \$20.

Don your casual picnic attire and choose the color **RED** for Pentecost Sunday.

### Do You Speak a Foreign Language?

Each year on Pentecost Sunday (May 20), we invite those who speak or read a language other than English to participate in the reading from the book of Acts. We encourage wide participation from all who worship with us. The readings will be done from the seats, taking place simultaneously with the languages filling the nave. Please contact Cheryl Gaspard in the church office (713-400-0519 or [ctk@ctkelc.org](mailto:ctk@ctkelc.org)) for more information or a copy of the reading in your language.

### Youth Gathering Project Supervisors Urgently Needed

The ELCA Youth Gathering urgently needs 50 more Project Supervisors for the three days of service-learning projects in the Houston area. A Project Supervisor is the liaison between the Gathering and a partner organization hosting the projects. There will be 10K participants out doing service projects each of three days, June 28-30 (Thursday-Saturday). Training will be provided. Don’t miss this opportunity to share Houston with approximately 30,000 youth and adults and experience the energy of the Youth Gathering.

Christ the King member David Roschke is a member of the Project Management Team, lining up some 180 projects around the city. For more information, contact David at 713-981-6390 or [david.roschke@ecunet.org](mailto:david.roschke@ecunet.org).

### VBS on Location June 11-15 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This summer experience sacred stories on location with your loved ones. That’s right! We are taking Vacation Bible School on the road with our children and their parents/grandparents. Every day we will meet in a new place, participate in a Godly Play sacred story, eat lunch together and enjoy our surroundings. Then a take home activity will be given for families to continue the holy conversation. Cost is \$20 a family. Join us at the park, the zoo, the arboretum, on a bike or in a pool as we enter into stories such as “creation” while amidst...you got it, creation at the Houston Arboretum. Get the idea? Ask more questions and/or RSVP to Janelle Hooper [3hoops@gmail.com](mailto:3hoops@gmail.com) 281-726-7634 or Ben Remmert at [benremmert@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmert@ctkelc.org).

### Lutherhill Day Camp at Christ the King Lutheran Church August 6-10

Can’t come to camp in La Grange or Galveston? Lutherhill will be coming to Christ the King Church to have summer camp in Houston. The Lutherhill staff will come and lead a full day camp from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 and this week is for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Campers this summer will explore the theme of “Be Someone” and learn 5 bible stories where throughout the day will have different games, crafts, service projects, and God focused celebration at the end of the day. Register by email to [benremmert@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmert@ctkelc.org) or call 713-400-0521.