

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

Gail Schubot	Tom Wilson
Vicki Gorman	Daphne Simpson
Martina Longoria	Kathy Collins
Rose Anderson	Kat Sommer
Samuel Vollmers	Elizabeth Lloyd
LeAnn Watson	David Stouter
	Kathryn Nash



Mission Offering

LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

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

Sunday, June 24

- Blood Pressure Screening after services
- 8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, parish hall
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Time Creation Education, room 212
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Luther League, youth room
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, nave
- 6:00 p.m. Young Adults BBQ at the parsonage

Monday, June 25 Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, June 26

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 7:15 p.m. Congregation Council, council room

Wednesday, June 27

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, parish hall
- 6:30 p.m. Love your Neighbor, offsite

Thursday, June 28

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

Friday, June 29

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor

Saturday, June 30

- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, July 1

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, parish hall
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School, room 212
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, nave

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Senior Pastor
 The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor
 Deacon Ben Rimmert, 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 Glikes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
 Noelle Jung, Church Business Administrator

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Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS): Standing with and advocating for refugees and migrants

Reflecting American Lutherans' immigrant roots and commitment to welcoming strangers, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services has been a strong voice and champion for migrants and refugees around the world for nearly 80 years.

LIRS will receive the proceeds of our congregation's mission offering in June. At a time when some seek to undermine our nation's commitment to welcoming strangers, LIRS's advocacy and compassionate services are even more essential.

Around the world, nearly 65 million people have been forced to flee their homes because of war, violence and persecution—the greatest number since the end of World War II. More than 20 million are refugees who had to abandon their home country for life in camps in neighboring countries.

LIRS works with four groups of people:

Refugees: In 2016, LIRS resettled more than 13,000 refugees.

Children: Since 2011, the United States has seen a growing number of children flee to the U.S. without any parent accompanying them. These children, primarily from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, are often fleeing gang violence, trafficking, threats, and extortion, as well as abuse, domestic violence, and poverty. Many are seeking to be reunified with family in the United States. In 2016, LIRS partners served more than 26,000 children and their families

Migrants: LIRS advocates on behalf of migrant and asylum-seeking men, women, and families impacted by immigration enforcement. They believe a person should never be locked up simply because of his or her immigration status or separated from their family members.

Travel Loan Expenses: When refugees are admitted to the United States, their travel is arranged under a loan program. Refugees agree to repay the loans. LIRS oversees the repayment process for the refugees they resettle.



Saturday, June 23 & Sunday, June 24, 2018

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



Festival of John the Baptist June 24

John the Baptist is a unique figure in Christian memory, a hinge between the prophets of Israel and the first Christians. In the gospel stories he recognizes Jesus as one greater than himself, one for whose coming he prepares the way. But still from his prison he asks if Jesus is truly the Expected One. He is a figure of perpetual Advent and in that way stands for all of us who may be Christian believers but still wait and wonder, discern and doubt.

The color of the day is white as a reminder of our baptism in the name of the triune God. We thank Bob Walp for festive music on this Sunday.

Blessing of all Volunteers and Youth Participants at Youth Gathering

The ELCA Youth Gathering is on, right here in Houston at The NRG stadium! All youth and all volunteers who participate in this exciting five day gathering of 30 thousand youth plus an army of volunteers, June 27-July 1, will be blessed at worship on June 24 at either service. Please pray for our youth and the church at large during this week.

Youth Gathering Live Streaming

Would you like to see the ELCA Youth Gathering speakers and musicians with 32,000 youth? Everyone is invited to watch the live stream at each of the Mass Gatherings during the Gathering each night from Wednesday, June 27 through Saturday, June 30 beginning at 7:30 p.m. More information can be found at www.elca.org/youthgathering

Children's Time - Creation Education Sunday, June 24, 9:45 a.m.

The Wonders of the Human Body
 The Creation Care Team will feature *The Wonders of the Human Body*, taught by Steve Long. Kids will learn some basic anatomy as well as fun facts about the human body. Kids meet at 9:45 a.m. in room 212 for the Kids' Summer Creation Education Series. Parents, and other interested adults, are welcome to join in the fun.

Summer Book Review June 24

This Sunday, Michelle Shonbeck, Executive Director of Christian Community Service Center, will review *Reading with Patrick*, by Michelle Kuo. Michelle has been offering stimulating book reviews as part of our summer series for a number of years. Come and meet one of our congregation's long-time community outreach partners.

Summer Luther League

All middle school and high school students are invited to join us for Summer Luther League meetings every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. This summer, we will focus on *Cartoon Theology*. This series digs deep into the theological messages of popular cartoons such as *The Simpsons*, *Family Guy*, *Bob's Burgers* and *American Dad*. This will be a great time for Sabbath, conversation, food, and fun for youth during the summer months!
Luther League will not meet on Sunday, July 1.

Christ The King Lutheran Young Adults

The Young Adult Group meets on **Sunday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Pastor Duane and Joen for a BBQ. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish for sharing. All theological questions welcomed! Contact Pr Larson at duanelarson@ctkelc.org.

THIS WEEK



Summer Book Reviews

June 24: Michelle Shonbeck, *Reading with Patrick*, by

Michelle Kuo *See front page*

July 1: Ann Gebuhr, *Hildegard!*

A brief introduction to St. Hildegard of Bingen by Ann Gebuhr and a performance of five Contemplations on her Texts by flutist Teresa Grawunder with light percussion

July 8: Federico Salas-Isnardi, *Undocumented: How immigration became illegal*, by Aviva Chomsky

July 15: Andrea Albright, *Interactive World, Interactive God: The Basic Reality of Creative Interaction*, by Carol Rausch Albright, John R. Albright, and Mladen Turk

July 22: Elmer Ledesma, *The War on Science: Who's waging it, why it matters, what we can do about it*, by Shawn Otto

July 29: Adrienne Winston, *Martyrdom and Terrorism: Pre-modern to Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Dominic Janes and Alex Houen

August 5: Lisa Brenskelle, *Dream of the Earth*, by Fr. Thomas Berry

August 12: Chuck Alexander, *Immortal Diamond*, by Fr. Richard Rhor

August 19: Linda Schoene, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Richard Rohr

Check your Blood Pressure Today

Monthly blood pressure screenings will be held in the narthex after each morning service on **June 24**, the last Sunday of the month.

Youth Gathering Project Supervisors Needed June 27-July 1

We are still in the need for project supervisors for the Youth Gathering for the three days of service-learning projects in the Houston area. If you are 21 or over and want to be involved in helping put on an amazing Youth Gathering, please contact David at 713-981-6390 or david.roschke@ecunet.org.

Love Your Neighbor ... during the Summer

CTK's *Love Your Neighbor* group continues during the summer with a more leisurely pace. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. around food and fellowship. Bring a snack to share as well as a favorite beverage (Yes, wine works). We are reading *The Definitive History of Racist Ideas*, by Ibram X. Kendi. Call Rebecca at 281-389-3616 to find out this week's location and if you've any questions.

Justice Advocacy Ministry: Summer Book Review July 8, 9:45 a.m.

Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal by Aviva Chomsky, reviewed by Federico Salas-Isnardi

At a time of renewed hate speech and incendiary anti-immigrant rhetoric starting from the highest office of the land and repeated passionately by ethnocentric vociferous minorities, it is important to review the facts about immigration. One way to reclaim the immigrant story and offer a counter-narrative to the negative rhetoric is to try to understand the immigration system. On July 8, during the summer book review series, Federico Salas-Isnardi, a regular speaker on issues of immigration, citizenship, and social justice, will review Aviva Chomsky's 2014 book "*Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal*," which presents a comprehensive look at the history of our immigration system. Chomsky reviews milestones of the immigration story and points out that the concept of illegal immigration only came into existence 50 years ago. Chomsky presents a fascinating history of the immigration system and the social, economic, and moral implications of the current situation while creating a sympathetic view of immigrants and their plight. While she offers few solutions, she asks questions that must be answered. Join Federico on July 8 for a review of this book and a lively discussion.

The HighPatheticals **too much fun to stop now tour**
in concert
August 4 7:00 pm \$25
Christ the King Parish Hall

Proceeds benefit the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC)

Come and Party with The HighPatheticals on their return to Houston, raising funds for the Christian Community Service Center. Cover charge \$25. People of all ages will have great fun dancing and grooving to the sounds of The HighPatheticals!

The HighPatheticals—who with tongue-in-rocking-cheek claim the slogan of “The Best Lutheran Rock’n Roll Party Band Since Luther Nailed It!”—was founded at Wartburg Seminary twelve years ago. All the members are in Lutheran ministry and hail from Minneapolis, Chicago, Rockford, San Antonio, and Houston. They play hits from the sixties up to 2000. They don’t do Manilow or Hip Hop (!), but you will hear lots of hard driving Blues, Beatles, Journey, Tom Petty, some Bruno Mars, ZZ Top, Grateful Dead, even boot-kickin country, and original work by the wonderful Deb Lutes Vanicek. Spread the word! Bring your friends. Kick up your heels in a fun benefit for the fabulous ministry of Christian Community Service Center.

Toilet Tissue Collection for SEARCH



The Way Home (Houston's collaborative, multi-agency effort to end homelessness) has helped decrease Houston's homeless population by half since 2011. However, even as more people are being moved into housing, they still have real needs for food and household items. When asked recently

by one of our CTK volunteers at the Perry St. Apartments (New Hope Housing), SEARCH Homeless Services social worker Bill Taube noted that toilet paper the most frequently requested household item.

A recent study out of the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business found that poor people spend more on toilet paper than rich people do. But the reasons behind the trend extend to other household items, and further demonstrate how it's actually expensive to be poor.

Keeping Connected to Christ the King Church



Christ the King Church has many opportunities to stay connected to life in and outside the church through facebook and our **weekly MailChimp email service**. Keep an eye out for these great opportunities to participate and keep in touch with the life of Christ the King Church. Please let us know if you are not getting out weekly emails, and for extra assistance, please contact the church office at ctk@ctkelc.org.

Like Us On Facebook—Christ the King Lutheran Church—and stay connected.

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\$45.00 will provide the necessary tools for one child to arrive at school on the first day of class – feeling well prepared and ready to learn!

Sponsoring A Child Is Easy!

There are two convenient ways to make a donation:

- Donate on-line: www.ccschouston.org
- Submit a check made out to Christ the King Church and earmarked “CCSC Back to School Project” in the offering on Sundays now through August 12.

Donate!

Gently used or new clothing can be delivered to CCSC, 3434 Branard, 77027, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. weekdays or 9:00 a.m. - noon on Saturdays.

Yoga on Saturdays

Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall

All welcome: novice or experienced. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. The cost is \$7.00.