



## Advent Wreath Workshop

On First Sunday of Advent  
December 2, 9:45 a.m.

The Altar Guild will set up for wreath making in the cloister and courtyard. The supplies provided include two different styles of wire wreaths, blue and purple advent candle sets, ribbon, bows and greenery. A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the Altar Guild's cost of supplies. All ages are invited to join in this communal craft activity to start the Advent season in your homes. If you have a purchased wreath that you would like to decorate, please bring it and join the fun.

## Lessons and Carols December 2 Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.

We celebrate the Advent season with Advent Lessons and Carols. This beautiful annual event includes readings, hymns, anthems, and prayers that mark events in the story of Redemption. Join our Church Choir, Chorus, Choristers and Jr. Choristers as we fill our nave in sound! A potluck Open House will immediately follow Lessons and Carols in the parish hall. All are invited to bring a savory or sweet finger food to share. (Please bring food items already plated and ready to share, so that there will be a minimum of set-up and clean-up).

## Readers for Lessons and Carols

Volunteer readers for Lessons and Carols on December 2 at 6:00 p.m. are invited to contact Pator Liebster at [karenliebster@ctkelc.org](mailto:karenliebster@ctkelc.org). The Advent readings from the prophets instill a sense of hope and expectation.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Part 1

December 2, 12:30 p.m., parish hall

Part 1 of the Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, December 2, immediately following the 10:50 a.m. service. The agenda will include presentation of preliminary budget(s) for 2019 and council member elections. Your presence and voice in the planning and administration of our congregational life together is vital. Thank you for your presence and support.

## Donate New Toys and Books

Please donate new, unwrapped toys and books (avoiding items violent in nature) for children ages 0 – 15 to the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). **You may place donations in the box in the foyer. Deadline for toys and gifts is December 2.**

## Pledge Cards 2019 *Into a Faithful Future*

All non-members and friends are welcome to participate in our *Faithful Future*. Pledging starts on the first weekend in Advent, December 1-2, and continues through December.

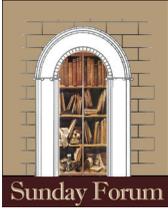
## Family Friday on November 30

Join us for "Family Friday" on November 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Christ the King. Make church your place for Friday dinner together with other families. Bring the kids, a bottle of wine or beer to share and let's "crash together" after the work week. We will eat, enjoy fellowship, and play. We close with a good night story and prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Invited are all young families with babies, toddlers and Kindergarten children and their older siblings. Dinner, water and lemonade will be provided. Family Fridays take place every first Friday of the month (mostly).

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## SUNDAY FORUM



9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

### **All Earth is Waiting – An Advent Study**

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.,  
November 25 - December 16

The CTK Creation Care Team invites you to get ready for the coming of Christ by exploring familiar Advent themes: hope, preparation, joy and peace, with the reconciliation of heaven and earth in mind. Consider how all creation longs for the coming of Christ, and how we are called to witness the Incarnation in our care of all God's created world and all God's creatures. The book used for this study is available for purchase online. For more information, contact Lisa Brenskelle at [brenskelle@aol.com](mailto:brenskelle@aol.com).

## Flowers for the Nave

The 2019 Altar Guild Flower Chart will soon be on the mobile bulletin board. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up. Checks can be made out to Christ the King Lutheran Church with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line and placed in the offering.

## Toilet Tissue, Non-perishable Foods, and Pet Food

Next time you're at the grocery, think about picking up an extra roll or two of toilet tissue for residents at SEARCH's Perry St. Apartments. Or consider "tithing" a **roll of tissue** for every jumbo pack you buy. We also collect **non-perishable food items** for Emergency Services of Christian Community Service Center (which serves as our food pantry) and **pet food** for the AniMeals program of Meals on Wheels of Interfaith Ministries. **You can drop off all donated items in the collection basket in the narthex any Sunday. Volunteers will then deliver them to our ministry partner sites.**

## Check your Blood Pressure

Blood pressure screenings are held on the last Sunday of each month in the narthex after each Sunday morning service. The next screening will be on **November 25**.

## Science or Science Fiction: How to Tell the Difference

**Sunday, November 25, at 6:00 p.m.**

In November, Elmer Ledesma, Chemistry professor at the University of St. Thomas, will speak on distinguishing real science from "fake news". Science is how we understand the world we live in, so good science is of paramount importance. But, often real science is debased in favor of science fiction to support a particular agenda. Learn the various propaganda techniques leveraged by influence peddlers hawking fake science. Examples from past and current propaganda campaigns will be given, from the tobacco industry to climate change. And, learn where to go for credible science information. Please register for this talk on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Contact Elmer Ledesma at [ledesme@stthom.edu](mailto:ledesme@stthom.edu) with any questions about this talk.

## Maximizing your Support

Your retirement plan has allowed you to save for your future, and now it may offer a tax-efficient way for you to give back to others.

With an IRA Charitable Rollover, individuals 70½ years and older can give up to \$100,000 per year directly from an IRA to Christ the King Lutheran Church without counting it as taxable income. With the new tax law in effect in 2018, this type of gift may be even more appealing to you, as it offers tax benefits regardless of whether you itemize your deductions.

To initiate such a gift, simply contact your IRA administrator and have them send your gift, including your name as the donor, directly to the church. Your gift will support a priority that is important to you and our community. To complete an IRA Charitable Rollover during the 2018 calendar year, contact your IRA administrator today.

*This information is not intended to be legal or tax advice. Please contact your tax or financial advisor regarding your specific circumstances.*

## **Fill a Shoebox by December 2 and Delight a Seafarer**

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers' ecumenical ministry. In 2017, chaplains placed almost 12,700 gifts on board 517 ships which had seafarers from 63 different countries!

## **Sea Farer Wrappers Needed**

Come and join us for a great evening of fellowship as we wrap all the collected SeaFarer Gifts on **Sunday, December 2 beginning at 5:00 p.m.** in the adult classroom. Volunteers will help in wrapping gifts. Everyone is then invited to attend the Lessons and Carols in the nave and afterwards have dinner. Donations of wrapping paper are always welcome.

## **Youth Summer 2019 Trips Meeting**

**November 25 at 9:45 a.m.**

All youth and parents are invited for a brief meeting between services on Sunday, November 25 to discuss the Germany and North Carolina trip this summer. We will go through trip itineraries, travel preparations, fundraising dates, and other details. Snacks will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

## **Advent Retreat at Lutherhill December 7-8**

Awaken to the Advent season as we await for the coming of Christ. Campers in 1st through 6th grade are invited to spend a packed 24 hours worshipping, learning in Bible study, and experiencing fun camp activities like the giant swing, archery, and arts and crafts with Ben Remmert. We will navigate the day largely as a community but we will break into small groups for age specific Bible studies. This retreat will begin on Friday evening with welcoming games, activities, and a devotion. On Saturday, we will have an action packed day including learning more about our theme, experiencing fun camp activities, and being sent out to go in peace and serve the Lord through closing worship. Cost is \$55 per person. RSVP to Ben Remmert at [benremmert@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmert@ctkelc.org) by Sunday, December 2.

# WEDNESDAYS@CHURCH



## **Love Your Neighbor**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

The Love Your Neighbor group convenes in the basement room 006. Share dinner, then join the discussion.

## **Lutheran Basics Course**

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

November 28: Vocation and Neighbor; Lutheranism's Liberation to Love

Everyone is welcome – Lutherans and non Lutherans of every alike. The class is taught by Duane Larson and Rick Erickson

## **Class for Parents: Raising Children to Thrive as Adults**

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.-7:20 p.m.**

In *How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kids for Success*, Julie Lythcott Haims explores how current parenting is not necessarily producing fully functioning, independent young adults. She offers analysis and ideas for building self-sufficiency in our kids. The book is relevant to parents of toddlers as well as twenty-somethings. The conversations will be led by Lucky Sahualla with an eye to practical application for each week between the meetings. Room 107, access from the courtyard cloister.

## **The Unknown Bible: Reading Proverbs**

**Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to join the ongoing reading of biblical books. We read a book at a time, in no particular order, share our observations and are enlightened by commentary where necessary. Pastor Liebster leads this class third floor conference room.

## Sunday, November 25

- Blood Pressure Screening after services.  
8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 3, nave  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Youth Summer Trips meeting  
10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 3, nave  
6:00 p.m. Luther League, youth room  
6:00 p.m. Creation Care webinar, online

## Monday, November 26 Church Office Closed

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

## Tuesday, November 27

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

## Wednesday, November 28

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
5:00 p.m. The 5 O'Clock, 3rd floor  
5:30 p.m. Dinner begins, through 6:40 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. PreK-K music, 011  
5:45 p.m. Infant music, 201  
6:00 p.m. Choristers, 001  
6:15 p.m. Confirmation class, 204  
6:15 p.m. Brass ensemble, narthex  
6:15 p.m. Jr Choristers, 011  
6:20 p.m. Toddler music, 201  
6:30 p.m. Love Your Neighbor, 006  
6:30 p.m. Raising Children, 107  
6:30 p.m. Lutheran Basics  
7:30 p.m. Chorus, 011  
7:30 p.m. Choir, 001

## Thursday, November 29

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

## Friday, November 30

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex

## Saturday, December 1

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

## Sunday, December 2

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 3, nave  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall  
9:45 a.m. Advent Wreath Workshop, courtyard  
10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 3, nave  
12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of the  
Congregation, parish hall  
5:00 p.m. Seafarer Gift Wrapping, youth room  
6:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, nave



## Lutheran Port Ministry November

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

The Houston International Seafarers' Center is a "home away from home" for seafarers visiting the Port of Houston. Chartered in the late 1960's, the Center has served over a million visiting seafarers. Recognizing that all human persons are a gift of God, the mission of the chaplains and Committee for Ministry to the Port of Houston is to carry out a ministry of presence, outreach, witness, worship, service, and advocacy to, with, and for seafarers and their families from around the world.

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

Carolyn Jacobs	Gerald Gibson	Lisa Krueger
Mark Prendergast	Andreas	Maureen Lamson
Kevin Simpson	Fullaondo-Boker	Nancy Letness
Luke Winston	Torsten Louis	Nicholas Lloyd
Rasmus Hoenen	Grace Sahualla	Johnny Longoria
Cindy Scruggs	Peter Boecher	Wendy Wentland
Patricia Barnard	Hilda Boyce	

## 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.

## 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.

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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"... recognize everywhere the wisdom of God; never cease to wonder, and, through every creature, to glorify the Creator"



(Basil of Caesarea, Greek Bishop, died 379)