



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.

Advent Organ Recitals

Advent Organ recitals return in December! On **Fridays, December 14 and 21 at 12:15 p.m.** Brian and Rick will once again present a half hour Advent organ concert. Come and join these quiet reflective moments of beautiful music!

Vespers -

The Bach Choir Sings Advent Music

Sunday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.

Advent Vespers will be sung on Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. This joyous highlight of the season includes Bach's Cantata 61 "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland," performed by our Bach Choir and Orchestra. Other motets by Johann Michael Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, and Rick Erickson will be sung, as well as beloved hymns and organ music! This Vespers will be presented in loving memory of Mel Rosenbaum. At the conclusion of Vespers, a name plaque will be dedicated in memory of Dr. Albert LeDoux in the columbarium. Albert formerly served as Artistic Director of Bach Society Houston and Choir Director of Christ the King Lutheran Church. All are welcome!

Love Your Neighbor Guest Speaker

December 12, 6:30 p.m., basement classroom

On December 12 the Love Your Neighbor group will converse with Dr. John Boles as he talks about Thomas Jefferson and slaves. The group has discussed this topic reading *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi. All are welcome to join for this evening.

Pageant: *He Came Down*

December 16, 10:00 a.m.

The Christmas pageant once again tells the story of Jesus' birth, this year using a variety of seasonal carols from around the world. Join the children of the Sunday School and Wednesday music programs for this cherished event. All children will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall to get ready. Bring the whole family and enjoy waffles baked by the Luther League until the doors open at 10 a.m. The youth will make sure to have plenty of waffles for the cast after the show.

Waffle Café

December 16, 9:45 a.m.

All are invited to enjoy waffles and hot chocolate made by the Luther League youth before and after the Christmas Pageant. Proceeds go to support the youth going to our two summer 2019 trips.

Tamales! Tamales! Tamales!

December 16

Between services on Sunday, **December 16**, the members of Good Shepherd Church (El Buen Pastor) will be selling their delicious tamales again. The cost is \$12 per package. Proceeds go to support projects for their church. Remember, don't wait too long, they always go fast. Thank you to our friends at El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church.

Pledge Cards 2019

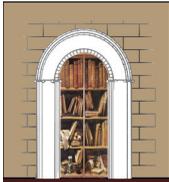
Into a Faithful Future

All non-members and friends are welcome to participate in our *Faithful Future*. Pledging continues through December.

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SUNDAY FORUM



9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

December 9 — Law Enforcement Practices and Realities presented by *Johnny Longoria*

Johnny Longoria will share insights from his life and career as a Texas Law Enforcement Officer. He will speak about significant events in law enforcement in the last decade; about training, outreach, perception, and relationship with the very community law enforcement serves. Johnny has a BS in Criminal Justice and an MA in Criminology and holds a Master Peace Officer certification with 22 years of service. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy session 268.

All Earth is Waiting **An Advent Study**

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., basement classroom through 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.

December 16 —

Children's Christmas Pageant in the parish hall.

December 23 — No Sunday Forum

Coffee in the Courtyard

December 30 — No Sunday Forum

Coffee in the Courtyard

Your Ministry Needs Your Generosity

It's not unusual that we need your generosity at the end of the year to balance the budget and to start the new year with a necessary reserve fund. We need \$402,000 by year's end to ensure our health going into 2019. Last year we came near this mark at year's end. Can we do it again? And better? Thank you so much for your prayerful and sacrificial support.

Lay Chaplain Training Begins January 27

Do you want to deepen your relationship with God? Do you want to strengthen your ability to handle difficult circumstances in your everyday life? Do you want to be a better listener—to God, to your own heart, to your neighbor? Then, the Community of Hope might be for you!

The Community of Hope training awakens participants to God's call on their lives through experiential discovery and understanding of their own spiritual gifts for ministry. Each student is encouraged to make a journey into wholeness. More than the absence of illness, a healthy person is one who has discovered meaning and purpose in life and understands the importance of mind, body, spirit balance. The program is rooted in Benedictine Spirituality and is based on the classic "clinical pastoral education" model used to train chaplains. It builds community and develops spiritually centered pastoral caregivers, equipped for ministry in multiple settings.

Contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0517 for more information and to register. Classes will be held on Monday evenings starting January 27 and continuing through April 15. Class size is limited. Registration deadline is January 10.

Resumes January 16



WEDNESDAYS@CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship

December 16

8:30 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
and Waffle Café

10:50 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Bach Vespers for Advent

Wednesday, December 19

6:30 p.m. "The Longest Night"
A Service of Hope and Comfort

Friday, December 21

12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Recital

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship

December 23

8:30 a.m. Worship

10:50 a.m. Worship



Christmas Eve

December 24

4:00 p.m. *Heiligabend*

German-language service

6:00 p.m. Holy Communion around the
Crèche with Carols and Candlelight

10:00 p.m. Holy Communion
with Carols and Candlelight (Incense)

Christmas Day

December 25

11:00 a.m. Carols and Communion

Christmas Goodies Coffee Hour Potluck on Sundays, December 23 and 30

Got extra Christmas treats? Share them with your church family! For the Sundays during the Christmas season, we are asking congregation members to kindly share some of your Christmas bounty and help provide after-church snacks on both Sunday, December 23 and again on Sunday, December 30. Any and all treats are welcome - sweet and savory. Just bring your plated treats with you on either Sunday and add them to the snack potluck.

If you would like to join the year-round snack provider group, your help is always needed. We have an especial need for providers for the 10:50 service. Want to learn more? Email Anita Bryant at awbintx@gmail.com for more information.

Luther League Christmas Party: December 16 at 12:30 p.m.

All 6th – 12th grade youth and their parents are invited to help decorate the church Christmas tree at 12:30 p.m. All attending should meet in the youth room at 12:30 p.m. for lunch, games, and a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a gift under \$10 (new or used) for the gift exchange. Gifts are typically something laying around the house that you don't want and that is funny, tacky, or "Gag Gift." The main entrée will be provided but side dishes and desserts are needed for our feast! Please contact Deacon Ben Remmert to volunteer or to sign up to bring a dish by Saturday, December 15!

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

Yanis Eberhart Peter Winston
Yonas Eberhart Dorothy Chesley
Aeron Hoogerwerf Ryan Morris

Music in December

Advent Organ Vespers December 14, 12:15 p.m.
Advent Organ Vespers December 21, 12:15 p.m.
Organ Concert January 1, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Advent Study
10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

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

Wednesday, December 12

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
5:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant rehearsal, parish hall
6:15 p.m. Brass ensemble, narthex
6:30 p.m. Love Your Neighbor, basement classroom
7:30 p.m. Chorus, 011
7:30 p.m. Choir, 001

Thursday, December 13

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

Friday, December 14

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
12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Recital, nave

Saturday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
9:45 a.m. Waffle Café,
10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant, parish hall
10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
12:30 p.m. Luther League Christmas Party, youth room
6:00 p.m. Bach Vespers, nave



ELCA World Hunger Appeal

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

The December Mission Offering is designated for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America World Hunger Appeal. The ELCA's commitment to supporting people who live with chronic hunger, disease, and poverty around the corner and around the world is carried out by ELCA World Hunger through relief, development, education, and advocacy. **Last year, we contributed over \$24,000** to the World Hunger Appeal and, historically, our congregation has regarded the World Hunger Appeal as one of our distinctive global mission priorities.

All money raised by the World Hunger Appeal comes through specially designated offerings and donations from ELCA members, congregations, and friends. ELCA World Hunger receives no benevolence (general budget money from general ELCA member offerings); the ELCA's world hunger ministry is based in congregations, where most of the fundraising takes place.

Palestinian Pictures

This Advent and Christmas, check out and enjoy the photographs done by young adult art students attending Dar Al-Kalima University in Bethlehem, Palestine. All the photographs are prize winners from throughout Palestine. They tell the story of life in Palestine/West Bank. The biographical summaries of the young artists also are inspiring. The exhibit is in the parish hall through the end of December.

Flowers for the Nave 2019

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.

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
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