



Festival of the Epiphany Sunday, January 6

Join us in closing the 12 days of Christmas with the celebration of Epiphany on January 6. Worship begins in the narthex to inscribe the lintel and bless the nave at the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services.

At 9:45 a.m. learn how to fold simple, beautiful paper stars for your windows during Epiphany. There will be plenty of king cake to go around! If you'd like to "chalk your door" at home, a printed prayer rite and chalk is available for everyone to inscribe and bless your house or door.

Family Friday Friday, January 11 at 5:00 p.m.

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 with their older siblings. Dinner, water and lemonade will be provided. Family Fridays take place monthly (mostly on the first Friday.)

Friday Morning Bible Study

Resumes January 11

Join us for Friday Morning Study at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex. It is an important time to gather for mutual care, prayer, and study. Usually we take a close look at the coming Sunday lessons, under the leadership of Pastor Larson or Pastor Liebster. Sometimes we might change the format. The Spirit is lively with us! There is always great, and sometimes provocative conversation; all about how the Lord stimulates us into deeper faith and reasoned, respectful growth in understanding. The sumptuous food is always wonderful, too. Everyone welcome!

Wednesdays@Church

Resumes January 16

Christ the King Church comes together every week of the school year for *Wednesdays@Church* or *W@C*. All activities are centered around dinner together. There is music for children and parents, singing for children, classes and music for adults. With dinner at the center there is ample time to make and meet friends. *See inside for adult class offerings.*

We Love a Parade! It Takes a Village!

On **Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21**, Christ the King Church members and friends will once again join the MLK Grande Parade. The parade starts at the corner of Elgin and San Jacinto at 10:00 a.m., but all groups gather for registration by 9:00 a.m. at the SE corner of Holman and San Jacinto. The theme of the parade is "It takes a Village."

We will have a banner, a convertible, and however many would like to walk the route of 1.5 miles with individual signs provided (or you can make your own). Please contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org if you are interested in joining the parade walkers, representing Christ the King Church's commitment to the Gospel-Faith-Justice-Welcome. Anyone who would like to participate but can not walk the route, please contact Beverly. **We need an accurate count of participants by January 14 so to ensure enough signs for all.**

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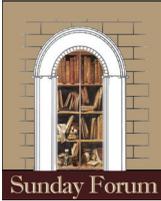
Saturday, January 12

Leave the church at 7:30

Return at noon

For information, contact ctkhfb@gmail.com

SUNDAY FORUM 9:45 a.m.



in the parish hall

January 6: Enjoy Epiphany star folding and king cake in the courtyard. All members and friends are welcome.

January 13

Parliament of the World's Religions

presented by Lisa Brenskelle

What is the Parliament of the World's Religions? What is their mission and history? What programs do they offer? Who is involved in the Parliament of the World's Religions? What happened at their 2018 conference in Toronto? What was it like to attend that gathering? Get answers to these questions and learn all about the Parliament of the World's Religions from Lisa Brenskelle, who attended and presented at the 2018 parliament.

January 20: Prescription Drug Costs

presented by Vivian Ho

Prescription drug expenditures were projected to reach \$360.2 billion in 2018. Are a handful of blockbuster drugs to blame, or are all patients being forced to pay rapidly rising prices? Vivian Ho, from Rice University's Baker Institute, will explore these questions and describe policy options to control drug price increases being recommended by policy makers and researchers.

January 27: Freestanding Emergency

Departments *presented by Vivian Ho*

Freestanding emergency departments (FrEDs) have spread throughout Houston and Texas. This growth has been accompanied by a rapid rise in out-of-pocket expenses for many unsuspecting patients. This talk will describe the rapid growth in utilization and costs of FrEDs. We will examine the overlap in services between FrEDs and urgent care centers and discuss policy options for achieving better outcomes for Texas consumers.

Houston Boy Choir will sing on January 13 at the 10:50 a.m. service. The Boy Choir rehearses at Christ the King Church and is grateful for the congregation's hospitality.

Lay Chaplain Training Begins January 28

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 28 and continuing through April 15. **Registration deadline is January 10.**

Art Tour of Rice University

Sunday, January 20 3:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a tour of some of the wonderful public art at Rice University, hosted by the Altar Guild. Starting with the main door at Jones Graduate School, Marie Monroe will lead a 1 1/2 hour walking tour of the main quads at Rice, which contain such beautiful pieces as Mirror, the Monumental Barn Owl, Endeavor and other pieces in the Library and the Rice Chapel. You will end at twilight at the Twilight Epiphany Skyspace and then venture back to Christ the King Church for wine and cheese and conversation. A donation of \$ 25 will benefit SEARCH Homeless Services.

New "Digitally Based" Adult Class *Suffering, Death, and Resurrection*

Registration for Pastor Larson's online class, "Sin, Suffering, Death, and Resurrection," closes Sunday, January 6. Email the church office or Pastor Larson to sign up. The orientation/reception for all participants is next Sunday, January 13, 4:00-5:30 (note time change) at the parsonage, 2423 Wroxtton Rd. Classes will be on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., starting January 24 and go through February. Participants need a computer with video/ audio. We'll use the free videoconferencing platform "Zoom."

Winter Luau* Dinner, Fundraiser for Luther League

Saturday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.
The youth group of Christ the King Church, Luther League, invites everyone to a fancy night out at church! Come together for a warm luau during the cold month of February with beach sunset scenery and a luau competition. Chef Nathaniel Winston will again pull out all the stops and create a four course meal. This fundraiser supports the 2019 summer trip to Germany for which 20 youth have signed up. Seating is available for individuals, pairs, and small and large groups. Individual tickets are \$50, \$90 for two. A table is \$300 (seven people). Free childcare is available. Email Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org to RSVP.
**luau: a Hawaiian feast*

Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism



**Wednesdays@Church
Resumes January 16**

The 5 O'Clock class, Wednesdays, January 16-February 27

Martin Luther's Small Catechism does not cease to enrich our faith and spiritual practices. Join this group to read together the beautiful annotated edition "by heart, Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism," published in 2017 during the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation. The volume was edited by Lutheran scholars and a bishop, and is a delightful read. Copies of the book are available as class set to all participants.

Isaiah

Wednesdays, January 16-February 27, 6:30 p.m.

Jesus read from the Isaiah scroll in the synagogue at Nazareth (Luke 4:16-20). Paul and the evangelists cite Isaiah more than any other book of the Hebrew Scriptures. The early Christian church fathers referred to Isaiah as their "fifth gospel". For seven sessions (January 16-February 27), Kristine Wallace will lead a study of the book of Isaiah, a complex text encompassing oracles from the 8th century to the 6th century BCE. Our lectionary contains more passages from Isaiah than from any other book of the Hebrew Bible; more prophetic readings are taken from it in the Jewish lectionary as well. Our study can give us a fuller and deeper understanding of this beloved text.

Best Friends are Made in the Kitchen

All members who enjoy good food and good fellowship are invited to join us by volunteering one Wednesday during the spring semester. Food service will be from 5:30-6:40 p.m. each Wednesday from January 16 through April 24. We have a full range of positions available from cooks to servers to dishwashers. Contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

QUE PASA in January?

Friday Morning Bible Study

Family Friday

Trip to the Houston Food Bank

SEARCH Cards and Coffee

Wednesdays@Church Resumes

Assisting Minister/Server Training

Young Adults

March in the MLK Jr. Parade

Bach Society Harpsichord Concert

Community of Hope class begins

Friday, January 11, 10:30

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Saturday, January 13, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 16, 10:00 a.m.

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Saturday, January 19, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 20, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 21, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 24, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 28, 6:00 p.m.

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

Asher Remmert	Jane Baehre	Terence Vinson
Elizabeth Eklof	Jessica Breitbeil	Allyson Hurt
Stephanie Eklof	Verena Brink	Charles Wilds
Robert Stone	Rob Douglass	Angela Edelmann
Zachary Morin	Mary Neberman	Heinz-Juergen Brink

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WEDNESDAYS@CHURCH

Sunday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 4, nave
9:45 a.m. Epiphany star folding and king cake in the Courtyard
10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 4, nave

Monday, January 7

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

Tuesday, January 8

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

Wednesday, January 9

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
6:15 p.m. Brass ensemble, narthex
7:30 p.m. Chorus, 011
7:30 p.m. Choir, 001

Thursday, January 10

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

Friday, January 11

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex
10:30 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, narthex
5:00 p.m. Family Friday, parish hall

Saturday, January 12

7:30 a.m. Trip to the Houston Food Bank
1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, January 13

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
5:00 p.m. Adult Class: Suffering, Death, and Resurrection, parsonage

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 Glikes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
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SEARCH Homeless Services

*For a Houston
without Homelessness*

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

Since 1989, SEARCH Homeless Services has pursued a mission of providing hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives for the thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. They bring this mission to life every day by connecting men, women, and children not only with housing and employment, but with the targeted resources and wrap-around support they need to remain stably housed and regain self-sufficiency.

Access to Church for Early Service January 20

The **Chevron Houston Marathon** will be held Sunday, January 20, beginning at 7:00 a.m. The event results in numerous street closures including Bissonnet and Kirby. The disruption affects mainly 8:30 a.m. and Sunday Church School participants. The best route to church is from U.S. 59 to Buffalo Speedway then turning left on Rice Blvd. For a map of the course go to chevronhoustonmarathon.com.

Are You a Marathon Runner?

We encourage all friends and members of the congregation who will run in the Chevron Houston Marathon to let us know so we can include you in our prayers. Eat and rest well during the last weeks, and "Godspeed" to all!

Adult Nursery Playmates Needed

Calling all members who are young at heart to enjoy a little "play therapy" with our littlest angels on an occasional Sunday morning. We are in need of nursery volunteers for both services, but particularly for 8:30 a.m. worship. For information, contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

Annual Reports

The 2018 Annual Reports are due on **January 22**. See last year's reports online as a reference at ctkelc.org/about-us/how-we-work. Please email your report to michaelskelton@ctkelc.org.