



## **Honor Pastor Larson on his 40th Anniversary of Ordained Ministry**

We invite members and friends of the congregation to join in the celebration of Pastor Duane's 40th anniversary of ordained ministry this Sunday, September 15.

We will celebrate with cake, punch and champagne **after the late service**. In worship, Pastor Duane will re-affirm his ordination vows.

## **Scriptural Reasoning Wednesday, September 25 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall**

Pastor Larson and Fatih Ozcan of Houston's Blue Mosque will give an orientation to the Scriptural Reasoning program. Interested participants will register for the monthly program. Scriptural reasoning was developed at Cambridge University, UK, and has gone global as a wonderful and practical way of sharing our scriptures in small groups. In a group no larger than 14, half Christian and half-Muslim, we read similar texts from the Bible and the Qur'an side by side and share what they mean to us. Light food and good fellowship accent the experience of growing together as Abrahamic cousins in faith and friendship. You can register for the monthly small group programs—hosted in homes or elsewhere—after the orientation on September 25.

## **Information/Listening Session with Council**

**Sunday, September 22 12:15 p.m.** in the parish hall  
The congregation council offers this Information and Listening Session as we discern the request by Memorial Drive Lutheran Church to help maintain a viable Lutheran presence in the Memorial area of Houston.

## **Friday Morning Bible Study**

All are invited to Friday Morning Bible Study. **Join us for a cup of coffee at 10:00 a.m. in the council room** Bible Study and prayer begin at 10:30, and we finish approximately 11:40 a.m.

## **New Member Orientation**

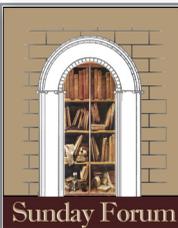
On **September 29 at 12:30 p.m.** all who are interested in learning more about Christ the King Church's ministries and community are invited to a luncheon with the pastors. On October 6, we will receive all who would like to join themselves to the mission of Christ the King Church as new members.

## **Blues, Brews, and Good News Returns September 27, 7:00 p.m.**

It's back. After the summer break, Blues, Brews, and Good News returns to its every fourth Friday slot with great music by The Healers and provocative topical discussions. Oh, and outstanding craft beer choices! Our topic this month syncs up with the ELCA's resolution as a denomination that we are a "Sanctuary" Church. **We'll discuss what "sanctuary" means** from theological, historical, and legal perspectives. AND, with a "semi-open mike" format, we'll ask what YOU think it means and should mean.

"Sanctuary" as a "safe place" will mark our discussion in the safe place of "BB&GN." It's a big church topic that even caught the eyes, ears, and mouths of the national news media. Invite your friends. With brews in hand and courageous prayers on lips, we enjoy safe and serious conversation about the future of God for all through and

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## SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

### September 15: House Churches

The house church launching team will lead the Sunday Forum participants in a demonstration of an actual house church meeting. We will split in a several smalls groups, each led by a sponsor.

### September 22: Reflections from the Summer Youth Trips

Deacon Ben Remmert and the youth group share impressions and reflections from the trips to Leipzig and Saxony in Germany, and to Wilmington, North Carolina. Youth and adults experienced first hand Reformation sites throughout Saxony, and also visited the concentration camp Buchenwald. In Wilmington, NC, our youth engaged in hands on hurricane relief work, with gratitude for the help Houston received after Harvey in 2017.

### September 29: What in the world is Ammparo?

#### A new outreach ministry of Christ the King Church

The newly forming Ammparo group at Christ the King Church will introduce its scope in this new (and not so new) area of justice advocacy ministry. Our congregation and synod are participating members of the ELCA's AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities) network. Ammparo intends to engage as a church body with affiliates and partners to respond to the migration situation and its causes and to advocate for migrant children and their families.

## Small group book study: Shameless, A Sexual Reformation

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
through October 16

If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Karin Liebster, [karinliebster@ctkelc.org](mailto:karinliebster@ctkelc.org) to RSVP.

## Science and Religion Group Why we Are Probably the Only Intelligent Life in the Galaxy

*presented by Nicholas Cornor*

The Houston Science and Religion Discussion Group (HSRDG) will conduct its regular monthly meeting on **Monday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.** in the 3rd floor.

## Caring and Carrying On through Cancer

**Saturday, September 28, 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

*presented by CanCare in the parish hall*

We are all touched by cancer, either through a loved one's diagnosis or certainly within our friendship circles and our congregation. Come hear from two fabulous speakers about cancer's effect on body, mind and spirit, and learn ways we can better support our loved ones through the cancer experience. This free workshop is sponsored by our Community of Hope lay chaplains and Cancare, Inc., and is **open to ALL interested persons**. Please RSVP to [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).

### Presenters:

Pat Hogan, Director of Training for CanCare, Inc., Psychologist, cancer survivor, and formerly on the faculty of the Texas Institute of Family Psychiatry.

Rev. Tommy Thompson, Program Director of Hospital Missions at Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital, and former COO and Vice President of CanCare, Inc.

# Oktoberfest Konzert



**Sunday, September 29, 5:00 p.m.**

Houston Brass Band celebrates Oktoberfest with a free concert of German music in the courtyard

## **SEARCH Cards and Coffee Ministry**

Please join us in hosting our monthly coffee hour for SEARCH Homeless Services clients at the Perry St. Apartments, 4415 Perry, a New Hope Housing project in the Third Ward on **Wednesday, September 18, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For information, contact [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).

## **Young Adults – Professionals**

Our CTK-YA group is growing and exciting. We usually meet every 3rd Sunday evening. This month, **September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** we “regroup” in a big way with our annual fall BBQ at the Larson Parsonage, 2423 Wroxton Rd. Bring your own main course to grill and a side or dessert to share. Beverages will be supplied, but further contributions are welcome for that, too.

Also good to know: every other first Saturday morning of the month, starting 9:00 a.m., we volunteer at the Christian Community Service Center. Our next time is **October 5**. YAs also are the key production team for *Blues, Brews, and Good News* and may be particularly interested in signing up to study Bible texts alongside parallel texts from the Qur’an with our young adult Muslim friends from the Blue Mosque (see accompanying article on front page).

## **Voter Registration at CTK**

**Sunday, September 22, 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

If you are not registered to vote, or if you have moved & need to update your registration, you can do so at CTK on September 22. Bring your TX driver’s license, or state-issued i.d. to register. Or, if you don’t have these forms of identification, you can register using the last 4 digits of your social security number. Get ready to vote in September! For more information, contact Lisa Brenskelle at [brenskelle@aol.com](mailto:brenskelle@aol.com).

## **The Border in Crisis and Houston Responds: Art Exhibit and Educational Forum**

**September 20 & 21**

**Opening Reception: Friday, September 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Aurora Art Gallery 129 Aurora, in the Heights**

“The Power of Hope: Refugee Art Reflections,” a traveling art exhibit, will be presented at the Aurora Art Gallery. The Rev. Dr. Helen Boursier of San Antonio worked with mothers and children held at the Karnes Family Detention Center in 2015 -2016 and helped them explore—through art—the trauma that they suffered while in detention. Rev. Boursier will speak, and there will be a silent auction of donated works by local artists in support of Team Brownsville and the Interfaith Welcome Coalition (IWC) in San Antonio. Wine and cheese will be served.

### **Educational Forum:**

**Saturday, September 21, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire.**

Keynote speaker: Hope Frye, immigration attorney from San Francisco and co-founder of Project Lifeline, will share what she has witnessed at detention centers, including Tornillo and Homestead, and her work seeking to implement the Flores Agreement which governs children being held in detention.

A light lunch will be provided. **For information, contact [rshields63@gmail.com](mailto:rshields63@gmail.com).**

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## **Pastor Britta Taddiken of St Thomas Church, Leipzig at Christ the King Church October 1-7**

We welcome Senior Pastor Britta Taddiken of St Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany at Christ the King Church during the first week of October. Pastor Taddiken will preach at the morning services on October 6 and give the homily at Bach Vespers at 6 p.m. We will also meet congregation council member Dr. Matthias Schwarz who will lead Sunday Forum at 9:45 a.m. with a Q&A on the particular challenges of congregational life at St Thomas. St Thomas in Leipzig is an international pilgrimage site for admirers of JS Bach who served as its cantor and director of the famous boy choir. We are thrilled for this opportunity to deepen the covenant relationship between the two congregations.

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

Paul Thomas	John Robertson	Rustin Buck
Frank Goodoff	Evan Harper	Lisa Jensen
Victoria Allen	Bert Hungerford	

### Sunday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 9  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation class  
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 9  
12:15 p.m. Reception for Pr. Larson, courtyard  
12:30 p.m. Youth and Family Lunch

### Monday, September 16

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

### Tuesday, September 17

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

### Wednesday, September 18

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
10:00 a.m. SEARCH Coffee Hour, offsite  
6:00 p.m. Book Study  
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, 001  
7:30 p.m. Church Choir, 001  
7:30 p.m. Chorus, 011

### Thursday, September 19

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

### Friday, September 20

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave  
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor  
10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, council room

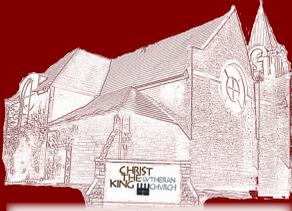
### Saturday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Border Crisis forum, Faith Lutheran Church  
1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall  
2:00 p.m. Altar Guild, narthex  
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

### Sunday, September 22

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 9  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Voter Registration, courtyard  
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 9  
12:15 p.m. Information/Listening Session, parish hall  
12:45 p.m. Voter Registration, courtyard  
7:00 p.m. Young Adults BBQ, 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  
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# Mission offering

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

A Healing Place



## Bright Stars of Bethlehem

Bright Stars of Bethlehem promotes peace and justice in Palestine through Dar al-Kalima University of Arts & Culture and its initiatives for youth, families and older adults, as well as public advocacy for basic human rights. Bright Stars of Bethlehem is dedicated to educating the next generation of creative leaders in Palestine.

Their key initiatives include:

- Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture
- Outreach for Children and Youth (Diyar)
- Outreach to Older Adults (Ajyal)



## BRIGHTSTARS BETHLEHEM.ORG

### Confirmation Fall Retreat: September 20-21

Our confirmation grade students are invited for an overnight at Zion Retreat Center for our fall retreat. Our students will have a great opportunity for fellowship, swimming, fun, and growing in their faith with caring conversations on the sacraments. This is a wonderful opportunity to start the year off well. Cost is only \$50 for housing, food, and activities. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, September 19.