



Advent Wreath Workshop

On First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 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.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Part 1

December 8, 12:30 p.m., parish hall

Part 1 of the Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, December 8, immediately following the 10:50 a.m. service. The agenda will include presentation of preliminary budget for 2020 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.

Lessons and Carols in Sunday Worship

December 8, 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Festive music and Advent readings lead through the Story of Salvation of our God in anticipation of the advent of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, to be born in Bethlehem. Our Church Choir, Chorus, together with children and youth tell the story in song while the confirmation youth lead most of the liturgy. All are invited to the festive Advent reception in the courtyard between services. Donations for finger food breakfast items are welcome.

Advent Organ Meditations

Fridays, 12:15 p.m.

December 6, 13 and 20

Music and readings for Advent focus our hearts on expectant anticipation. Come and enjoy 30 minute meditations with music from the organ and scripture reading on December 6, 13 and 20, 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the nave.

Family Friday

December 6, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

in the parish hall

Families with babies and toddlers come together on the first Friday of the month (this month we will meet on the second Friday) when we share dinner, playtime and conversation! This is a fun, social time – the group is always open to new friends joining. Come join us! Pizza and salad provided. BYOB

Young Adults Volunteer

December 7, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

Join the Young Adults as we volunteer at CCSC's Emergency Services (3434 Branard) on **Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**. All are welcome to join us on the first Saturday every other month. For questions or to RSVP, please contact nathan@wikernet.com.

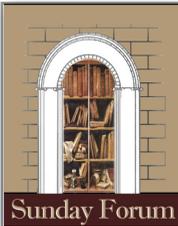
SeaFarer Gift Wrappers Needed

Deadline December 1

Come and join us for a great time of fellowship as we wrap all the collected SeaFarer Gifts on Sunday, December 1 beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the adult classroom. Volunteers will help in wrapping gifts that we have been collecting to give to sailors that stay in the Port of Houston over the holidays.

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SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

December 1: Advent Wreath Workshop in the courtyard

December 8: Festive Advent Reception in the courtyard between Lessons and Carols service.

December 15: Children's Christmas Pageant in the parish hall. Waffle Café by Luther League.

December 22: The Magnificat is an ancient song of the church, and has been inspiration for music and art. Join Rick and Mary Joy as they explore some musical settings from a wide variety of sources.

December 29: Christmas Goodies in the courtyard

Foundation Invites Grant Applications

The Board of Directors for the Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church New Foundation invites grant applications. Regular grants may be made solely in support of the life and work of the Church and other qualified organizations whose purposes are aligned with the strategic emphases of the Church. Regular grants generally support special projects and special needs of the Church, and may not be approved to support the regular operating expenses of the Church. Strong preference will be given to grant applications that, in the judgment of the Board, advance the Church's mission as "A Healing Place." Grant applications should describe how the proposal will benefit the Church and its mission, and may be **submitted by December 31, 2019** to the Church office or to any member of the Foundation board (Russell Post, Kathy Collins, Bob Solberg, Wendy Wiker, and Jerry Zamzow). Grant decisions will be announced at the Part II Annual Meeting in February 2020.

Pageant: *Christmas Around the World*

December 15, 10:00 a.m.

We celebrate Christmas (a bit early) with the pageant *Christmas Around the World*. All children join to sing and play the story of Jesus' birth. On December 15, 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. Rehearsal times are in the schedule below, dress rehearsal will be on December 14.

Music Practice for Children and Youth

We invite all children and youth to join rehearsals in the parish hall for the Christmas Pageant, Advent 2 and Christmas Eve.

Rehearsal work:

December 7, 10-11:30 a.m. (Saturday)

December 14, 10-11:30 a.m. (Saturday)

Worship, Christmas pageant, Christmas Eve:

December 8, Sunday morning, Advent 2

December 15, Christmas Pageant, Advent 3, between services

December 24, 6:00 p.m. service

Houston's Annual Shape Note Singing

Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

in the nave

Shape Note Music, also called Sacred Harp Music, is Christian a cappella music which developed in England and early America. This vibrant, heart thumping music is also called White Spirituals. The Sacred Harp is the human voice. Shape Note Music continues to be sung in America and Europe.

Come listen or join in singing. If you are going to sing, please let Linda Siemers know so there will be plenty of hymn books. And we always bring extra hymn books anyway. This is not performance; it's praise. To learn how to sing this music, come at 9:00 a.m. for the Singing School. Pot luck lunch at noon in the narthex. To hear the music or see a schedule of sacred harp singings in Texas, go to texasfasola.org.

United Nations Women: Standing Against Rape

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence *through December 10*

Dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women, the United Nations organization UN Women champions women and girls worldwide accelerating progress on meeting their needs. Beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence increases awareness, galvanizes advocacy efforts, and shares knowledge on this year's theme Standing Against Rape. To learn more and get involved, see www.unwomen.org/en.

Donate New Toys and Books

Deadline December 8

Please donate new, unwrapped toys and books (avoiding items violent in nature) for children ages 0 – 15 to the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). **Items for teenagers are particularly needed.** You may place donations in the basket in the narthex or in the church office. **Deadline for toys and gifts is December 8.** Of course, you can always donate money. **Checks can be made out to Christ the King Church with Jingle Bell Express in the memo line.**

Volunteers Needed: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 9 - 11 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Move, Sort & Set-up (Prepare toys and food for distribution) at Bellaire United Methodist Church, 4417 Bellaire Blvd. Contact 713-961-3993 ext. 215 or seasonal@ccschouston.org.

Justice Advocacy Event

Sunday, December 8, after each worship service

The Justice Advocacy Ministry Team invites you to advocate for justice after each worship service on Sunday, December 8. There will be several justice topics to choose from & different ways to advocate (including using your iphone!). Stop by the table after worship and raise your voice for justice!

***Living Undocumented*, a Documentary**

Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The Houston Migrant Outreach Coalition will meet on **Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.** in the council room.

The timely documentary, "Living Undocumented," which depicts the status of migrants in the US, will be shown and discussion will follow. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Rebecca Shields at rshields63@gmail.com

Flowers for the Nave

The 2020 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.

Year-End Tax Deductible Contributions from Any Asset

As you prayerfully consider your calendar year-end giving, remember: You can take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for any gifts given before December 31. Checks must be dated and postmarked in 2019. Of course any gifts placed in the offering plate through December will be credited to 2019.

Shop & Support our Fundraiser for Luther League!

It's never been easier to change a life for the better and support the Luther League this holiday season. You'll do a world of good by supporting this Serrv & Earn fundraiser. Dedicating to fighting poverty through fair trade since 1949, Serrv International works with nearly 8,000 artisans and farmers in 24 countries to bring you the world's most beautiful handcrafts. Until December 23, you can get your shopping done buying handmade gifts and home décor for your friends and family. Use the web link www.serrv.org?a=LutherLeague and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Luther League. Thank you so much for your support!

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

Peter Boecher	Nicholas Lloyd	Richard Oechslein
Hilda Boyce	Johnny Longoria	Franz Liebster
Lisa Krueger	Matthew Roth	Ron Brownlee
Maureen Lamson	Wendy Wentland	Charles Hooks
Nancy Letness	Jan Petner	Kellye Burke
		Karen Schulte

Sunday, December 1

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
9:45 a.m. Advent Wreath workshop, courtyard
9:45 a.m. Confirmation
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
12:30 p.m. Seafarer wrapping party, basement

Monday, December 2

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

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

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

Thursday, December 5

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

Friday, December 6

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
12:15 p.m. Advent organ meditation, nave
5:00 p.m. Family Friday, parish hall
Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Young Adults volunteer at CCSC
9:00 a.m. Shape Note Singing
10:00 a.m. Child/youth music
1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave
6:30 p.m. *Living Undocumented*, council room
Advent Retreat

Sunday, December 8

8:30 a.m. Worship/Lessons & Carols
9:45 a.m. Advent Reception, courtyard
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation
9:45 a.m. Justice Advocacy, courthard
10:50 a.m. Worship/Lessons & Carols
12:30 p.m. Congregation meeting, parish hall
12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room

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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ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

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 \$18,882** 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.

Advent Star

During Advent through Epiphany a star appears at Christ the King Lutheran Church. In the early nineteenth century special multi-pointed stars began to be used in the Moravian churches of Saxony. They are made from paper, perhaps originally as geometry projects. Soon the stars were very popular in the churches as reminders of the light of creation, of the prophecy that a star would arise out of Jacob, of the Star of Bethlehem, and of the bright and Morning Star, Jesus Christ. They also became popular in the Lutheran churches of Saxony and beyond. The star appears in Advent and remains until the Epiphany of Our Lord and sometimes even later.

