



## **Getting to Know More About Memorial Drive Lutheran Church**

As We Discern the Proposed Reception of Memorial Drive Lutheran Church into our Care, here are two great opportunities to learn more. On **Saturday, April 4**, from 10AM-Noon, all CTK members and friends are invited to drop by Memorial Drive Lutheran Church (at the intersection of Gessner and Memorial Drive) for an Open House. See the property, facilities, and enjoy some hospitality there as we become familiar with the physical assets that might join CTK ministry.

A week before, on **Sunday, March 29**, we welcome all MDLC members to CTK for the education hour and worship at 10:50am. We all will want to be sure to attend church then especially for worship and welcome of our MDLC sisters and brothers.

## **Bach's 315th Birthday Musical Bash**

**Saturday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m.**

On Johann Sebastian Bach's 315th Birthday March 21 organ students from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music will perform organ works on our wonderful Bach Organ. Come and join this celebration in sound! An offering will be received to support Thomaskirche following the vandalism of their windows. All welcome!!

## **Care for Soup? Service and Care Folk Dish it Up! Lenten Soup Dinner**

**Wednesdays through April 1 at 5:30 – 6:20 p.m.**

Join members of our Congregational Care Team next Wednesday as they do what they do best: serving and caring! Enjoy a hot bowl (or two) of homemade soup served up with love and care. Donations for the Lenten Soup Suppers benefit our missionaries in Mexico City, David and Alicia Brondos. Additional cooks and servers are welcome to join a team on any remaining Wednesdays throughout Lent. Contact Beverly at [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org) to volunteer.

## **Lenten Vespers — Living Light in Lent**

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. in the nave**

Weekly Vespers services on Wednesday nights support our Lenten discipline as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. We walk with the medieval mystic Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179 CE), singing her words, learning of her faith, hearing her music and meditating on her art. Even more, silence offers worshipers time to express one's own prayers by painting, or lighting candles and quiet meditation.

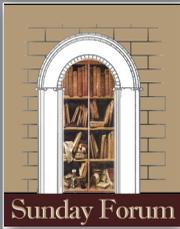
The services include incense. For respiratory sensitivity the best places are near the organ on the west side (bell tower). After worship, individual healing blessing and laying on of hands is offered near the organ in the nave.

## **Christ the King Young Adults**

**Sunday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.**

Our Young Adults-Young Professionals return to The Volcano, corner of Morningside and Bissonet, for their regular monthly conversation on Sunday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. The group welcomes all the young at heart, especially newcomers. For more info, contact Pastor Duane at [duanelarson@ctkelc.org](mailto:duanelarson@ctkelc.org).

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## SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the basement classroom

### March 15: The faith and life of Óscar Romero

We welcome the Executive Director of the Rothko Chapel David Leslie for a presentation on the life and faith of El Salvadorian Archbishop Óscar Romero. Romero who was canonized saint in 2018 by Pope Francis was killed in 1980 while presiding at the eucharist for his outspoken advocacy for people who were poor and without voice in a system of political violence and human rights violations. The Rothko Chapel sponsors a biennial Óscar Romero Award.

### March 22 and 29: Spirituality of Beads: The Spirit Led Lives of Millennials

March 22: Millennials: Who are we Exactly?

March 29 : Millennials: What do we stand for?

These two Sunday forums dispel the common myths about religion among the Millennial generation. Pastoral Intern Sergio Rodriguez will insight into the spirituality of those commonly seen as the very source of church decline in the United States.

## Houston Science and Religion Discussion Group

**Can Science Deal with Religion?** *presented by* Wilson Windle

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

## The Lutheran-Muslim “Scriptural Reasoning”

**Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 p.m.**

Come join this dynamic group of Lutherans and Muslims from the Blue Mosque here at CTK, in the council room, beginning with a wonderful Halal meal. We’ll read and discuss parallel texts from The Bible and the Qur’an while deepening understanding of our own and our neighbors’ faith. See Pastor Duane for further info.

## “BLUES, BREWS, AND REAL NEWS”

**Friday, March 27, 7:00 p.m.**

BB&RN presents another great themed evening, with beers and Mexican food! Donna Salas invites us to celebrate her big birthday with music by The Healers and a panel discussion led by experts on “Anxiety and our Mental and Spiritual Health.” All free (donations welcomed). Like our other great BB&RN nights, it will be a don’t miss event.

## Bible Study after Church

**Sundays in March**

**Council room 12:30 p.m.**

During March the preacher or preachers of the day offer bible study after the late service to discuss the day’s readings and draw connections between the sermon(s) and the texts. Join us for lunch and study in the council room after the second service. Donations toward the lunch costs are welcome.

## Ukrainian Egg Decorating

**Thursdays in March**

Pasanky (Ukrainian egg decorating) class meets on the council room at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays led by Marie Monroe. \$10 new students/\$5 returning students. Come enjoy this relaxing, meditative art. Contact Marie at [marie4118@gmail.com](mailto:marie4118@gmail.com).

## Animal Assisted Therapy

Christ the King members and friends are invited to join our Community of Hope lay chaplains and a few furry friends in the courtyard of Christ the King on Saturday, **March 28, at 11:00 a.m.** to learn about Animal Assisted Therapy. For more information, contact Beverly at [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).

## SEARCH Coffee Hour

**Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.**

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 **Wednesday, March 18, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For more information, contact Beverly at [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org). **We continue to collect toilet paper and laundry detergent (any size) throughout the year.** Drop off in the basket in the narthex.

## Weekly Smart Phone e-Advocacy

### begins this weekend

You are invited to advocate for justice each week using your smart phone. A sign in the narthex will highlight each week's smart phone e-advocacy topic. No app is needed. Just point your phone camera at the QR code on the sign, and tap on the web link that pops up.

## Youth Egging Fundraiser During Lent

You hear us right! Help us raise money for the Luther League summer trip to Peru by paying us to "Egg" homes with Easter Eggs during the season of Lent, March 1- April 5. You have the options for the Luther League to egg homes with a small batch of Easter Eggs (\$20) or a large batch of eggs (\$40). You are welcome to purchase Egg Insurance (\$20) which puts your name on a list of names that guarantees that you do not get eggs in your yard. This is a variation of the Pink Flamingo fundraiser. Booths will be set up to take orders and of course you can always contact Deacon Ben Remmert to schedule an egging, removal, or if you have any questions through email or visit our table on Sundays.

## Day Camp Registration is open!

Register your kids with Camp Hope for a week of fun right here at church!

Children ages 5-11 spend the day at camp to learn bible stories through worship, games, snacks, science experiments, drama, and crafts throughout the day. Camp Hope's weeklong summer camp takes place Monday-Friday, June 8-12. The core program runs 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., with an offer of added early morning and afternoon extensions (7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.). Cost for the core program is \$100.00 before May 1. Early morning and late afternoon add ons are \$25 each for the week.

Register online at [www.ctkelc.org](http://www.ctkelc.org) or pick up a paper registration form at church. For questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert or Camp Manager Valerie Lloyd.

## A Season of Hope

### Personal Care Kits for People Around the World

This season of Lent, we will walk with people around the world afflicted by war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

Each week, please bring in the featured Kit item so that we can reach out as Christ's healing hands in the world. Drop items off in the narthex or church office. See the bulletin board for a complete list. Here's our collection schedule:

**March 15: Toothbrushes** (adult size, in original packaging)

**March 22: Combs**

(sturdy, please! No picks or fine toothed combs)

**March 29: Nail Clippers** (metal, attached file optional)

**April 5 : Bars of Soap** (each kit includes 2 bars of soap)

## Good Public Health Manners

Staying home when you are sick is another way to keep viruses from spreading. However, fast-paced and demanding lifestyles can influence the decision to stay home from work, school or other commitments when illness strikes.

**Please consider staying at home and taking care of yourself if you experience:**

- Fever
- Frequent coughing and/or sneezing
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the previous 24 hour period

**So...**

- Wash your hands!
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face and eyes.
- Wipe down frequently touched surfaces like phones, door knobs, etc.
- Use hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.
- Getting enough rest, drinking water and eating a healthy diet can boost your immune system.
- Wash your hands!

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

Joyce Bradshaw	Kendra Cook	Rebecca Sommer
Caroline Friberg	Steven Dobbs	George Scheuch
Jennifer Roschke	Ali Antar	Katherine Willcockson
George Brookover	Sarah DeVany	
Emilia Nelson	Amy Scaff	

### Sunday, March 15

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 5  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 5  
12:30 p.m. Bible Study, council room  
7:00 p.m. Young Adults, offsite

### Monday, March 16

Church Office Closed  
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
7:00 p.m. Science and Religion, 3rd floor

### Tuesday, March 17

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
6:00 p.m. Scriptural Reasoning, council room

### Wednesday, March 18

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
10:00 a.m. SEARCH Coffee Hour, offsite  
5:30 p.m. Soup Supper, parish hall  
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, basement  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Vespers, nave  
7:30 p.m. Choir and Chorus, basement

### Thursday, March 19

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave  
10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor  
6:00 p.m. Egg Decorating workshop, council room

### Friday, March 20

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave  
9:00 a.m. Prayers Shawl ministry, 3rd floor  
10:30 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, council room

### Saturday, March 21

1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall  
4:00 p.m. Organ Concert, nave  
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship

### Sunday, March 22

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

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Senior Pastor    The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor  
Sergio Rodriguez, Pastoral Intern  
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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The Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is a coalition of churches working to reduce the effects of poverty in the local community. Our Christ-centered ministry accomplishes this work through various resources: volunteerism, in-kind donations, and cash donations from private nongovernmental sectors including church, individual, foundation and corporate support. The ministry's focus is to apply core business principles to the accomplishment of its mission so the agency is returning value to the community in an efficient and effective manner.

## HOW CCSC HELPS

In 2019, CCSC helped in the following ways:

**Basic Needs: 10,358** unduplicated people served  
CCSC provides community members in crisis immediate relief with everyday necessities. Emergency Services offers food, diapers, hygiene items and financial assistance, helping our neighbors avoid homelessness and substandard living conditions.

**Employment: 749** unduplicated people served  
JobNet prepares motivated job seekers through coaching and employment services. Martha's Way cultivates talented entrepreneurs through hands-on vocational training and business skills development.

**Youth Services: 10,796** children served  
Back To School promotes academic preparedness; Jingle Bell Express addresses play, literacy and hunger; and the Louise}. Moran Vision Care Program provides vision-related services to underprivileged students.