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# Rite of Healing and Anointing every Sunday in Lent

Starting March 5 throughout Lent, we will offer a Rite of Healing for all who desire during the Sunday services. The Rite of Healing and Annointing is an ancient rite of the church, and includes prayers for healing and anointing with oil. On the First Sunday in Lent the whole congregation will be invited to come to the altar rail for the laying on of hands. On the following Sundays, stations for healing prayers will be available in the nave after communing.

### **Guest Soloist at Worship on Sunday, March 5**

As featured in *Living Luthera*n, *the Washington Post*, and *Classical Singer Magazine*, countertenor **Mikah Meyer** will be a guest soloist at Christ the King Church for Sunday services on March 5. Most recently a professional singer for the Washington National Cathedral Choirs, Mikah is also the founder of "Queer For Christ" (the world's largest LGBT Christian Young Adult organization), and is currently on a record-setting journey to visit all 417 U.S. national parks. The child of a Lutheran minister (Larry Meyer), he is using his parks project to advocate for increased LGBT visibility and acceptance. Learn more about Mikah at www.TBCmikah. com or meet/ask him questions after the services. Any financial support for Mikah and this project are also welcome!

# Contemplative Mass Saturdays, 6:00 p.m. Beginning Saturday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship will be called Contemplative Mass. More styles of music and prayer will be added to beloved Taizé chants to offer a yet more meditative worship experience, all so to deepen faith and empower personal lives for peace-making. We hope to reach more people with God's gentle grace by this Saturday worship experience.

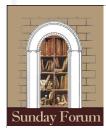
### Lenten Devotional Booklet -Praying Together in Lent

Let us engage together in praying Luther's Small Catechism for this year's Lenten devotions. In the 500th anniversary vear of the Reformation we will re-learn and deepen many aspects of our Lutheran heritage. Publishing house Augsburg Fortress has put together a delightful little book Free Indeed with daily devotions which take us through Lent with readings from Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, reflection, and prayer. Free Indeed invites you to reflect on Martin Luther's guide to the basics of Christian faith during the Lenten season, and within the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The devotional books will be offered in the narthex on Sundays in Lent, while supplies last. An ebook version is available at Augsburg Fortress.

### **About Parking**

Weekend worshippers and attenders at other church events are encouraged **NOT to park at the veterinary clinic at any time**, as cars may be towed. While there is an agreement with Hungry's for parking on Sunday mornings, our arrangement with Hungry's is also in transition, and we encourage members to use both church lots and the Rice lot before using other commercial space.



### **Sunday Forum**

9:45 a.m. basement classroom

March 5: What a Difference a Meal Makes: The Last Supper in the Bible and in the Christian Church

presented by Christian Eberhart

Lent is the season which commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ. Central is the Last Supper or Eucharist that Jesus instituted before his death. Christian Eberhart helps us understand the historical meaning of this celebration by exploring the key Eucharistic texts in the New Testament. Christian will also read passages from his new book What a Difference a Meal Makes: The Last Supper in the Bible and in the Christian Church (Lucid Books, 2016).

Christian A. Eberhart is Professor of Religious Studies and Chair of the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies at the University of Houston.

## March 12: Senior Pastor Call Committee Update and Milestone in the parish hall

The committee will provide a status update and share highlights from the Ministry Site Profile submitted to the synod, outline their next steps, and answer questions from the congregation. At 10:30, all are invited to join the call committee in the courtyard for a brief time of celebratory prayer, during which we will give thanks for reaching this milestone in our call process.

## March 19: Teaching the Catechism by Singing -

### Martin Luther's Hymns

Cantor Rick Erickson will lead Sunday Forum in an appreciation of Martin Luther's hymns on some of the chief pieces of the Small Catechism.

### Lenten Vespers on Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

The traditional Wednesday Lenten Vespers service will be at 7:00 p.m. in the nave March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. Join us for meditations on the Seven Petitions of the Lord's Prayer and Martin Luther's explanations. The Lord's Prayer is a fervent prayer for God's presence, yearning for wholeness and fulfillment. Full of trust we may turn to God like children to a parent, asking for those things which we most need: holiness, peace, sustenance, healing of relationships, redemption from brokenness, and in summary the end of all that stands against God and God's beloved creation, - evil.

March 8 Our Father in Heaven; Hallowed be your name March 15 Your kingdom come; your will be done

on earth as in heaven

March 22 Give us today our daily bread

March 29 Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us

**April 5** Save us from the time of trial; deliver us from evil

### **Lenten Organ Recitals**

The season of Lent is a time for contemplation and introspection, and over the centuries the church has continually used art and music as one of the chief ways to heighten spirituality in all aspects of life. In that spirit, Christ the King Church will present a series of 30 minute organ recitals on **Fridays** at 12:15 p.m. throughout the season of Lent, performed by many of the city's leading organists:

March 10: Jeffrey Cooper March 31: Dorothy VanDine March 17: Kirk Rich April 7: Jeong-Suk Bae March 24: Rick Erickson

Join us for these programs that celebrate our organist friends, our Bach Organ, and its contributions to our spiritual life at Christ the King Church. A free will offering will be taken at each program to support the music ministry.

### Bach and the Guitar March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Join us as the Brazilian master classical guitarist João Kouyoumdjian explores some of Bach's most introspective music with his unparalleled approach. In addition to several of Johann Sebastian's works for solo lute, he will play transcriptions of famous works such as the Cello Suite I in G Major, Air on the G String, and more. More information and tickets available at bachsocietyhouston.org.



# **Soup Makers and Servers Needed** Wednesdays - March 8 - April 5

We look forward to our annual Lenten soup suppers which are sponsored by various ministry areas each Wednesday evening during Lent. All members and friends are invited to come and sample a delicious variety of soups each Wednesday evening, 5:30-6:40 p.m. And of course, additional soup makers and servers are most welcome. Proceeds from our soup suppers benefit our missionaries in Mexico.

If you would like to help with one of our Wednesday Lenten soup suppers, please contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0517.

## Youth Group Luther Rose Envelope Fundraiser

The Luther Rose Envelope Fundraiser begins this Sunday, March 5. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward sending our 7 youth to Germany this summer. We will have the bulletin board set up in the courtyard on Sundays where you are invited to hear the exciting trip our youth will be doing this summer. Top donors will receive a special Lutheran prize. Thank you for your support!



### Useful info for upcoming session

When: Saturday, March 11, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Where: Houston Food Bank, 535 Portwall St.

**Attire:** Closed-toe shoes, pants, sleeved shirt (short or long sleeves)

**Carpool:** Will leave the CTK parking lot at 7:30 a.m. **For more information and to RSVP,** contact Justin and Yuricel at ctkhfb@gmail.com.

### **Personal Care Kits for Project Promise**

During Lent, we again join Lutheran World Relief's Project Promise: Building Kits of Care. Each week, we collect a different item that will be used to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Our goal is to assemble at least 150 LWR Care Kits during Lent. Here's our collection schedule:

March 12: Bath towels

(new, light-weight, maximum 52"x27", dark color recommended)

March 19: Toothbrushes

(adult size, in original packaging)

March 26: Combs

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

**April 2:** Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional) **April 9:** Bars of Soap (each kit includes 2 bars of soap)

### **International Women's Day March 8**

Every year on March 8, people around the world commemorate International Women's Day, a day dedicated to celebrating women's achievements throughout history and across nations. On this day, members of the ELCA celebrate by supporting and lifting up the International Women Leaders initiative – one of 10 priorities part of The Campaign for the ELCA.

### **Sunday Lunch with Muslim Neighbors**

A very special opportunity is available to members of Christ the King Church on **Sunday, March 26, 12:30 p.m.** We look forward to hosting 30 members of ACT (Alliance for Compassion and Tolerance)—an intra-Muslim group here in Houston. CTK is delighted to provide the lunch for a small charge (TBA). Staff from Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston will lead us all in inter-religious conversation and discovery. Up to 30 CTK members may attend. First reserved, first served! Call or email the church office ASAP to make your reservation for this exciting opportunity to grow in neighborly care and respect.

Sunday, March 5

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW Setting 5, nave

9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement classroom 10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW Setting 5, nave

12:30 p.m. Germany Trip meeting 6:00 p.m. Luther League, youth room

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, 3rd floor

Wednesday, March 8 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor 4:00 p.m. Life Stories, council room 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Alive!

5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper

5:45 p.m. Classes begin through 7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Confirmation class, room 204 6:00 p.m. The Cross and the Lynching Tree

6:15 p.m. Resilient Reformer

6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers, nave

7:30 p.m. Church Choir, music suite 7:30 p.m. Chorus, rehearsal room

Thursday, March 9

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

6:00 p.m. Egg Decorating workshop, 3rd floor

Friday, March 10

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor

10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, council room

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

Saturday, March 11

7:30 p.m. Trip to the Houston Food Bank, meet in church parking lot

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Mass, nave

Sunday, March 12 Time Change - Spring Ahead

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW Setting 5, nave 9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School

10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW Setting 5, nave

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

Gunther Klein Joyce Klein

Parker Boles Isabelle Feuille

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation 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 Chris Holman, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director Noelle Jung, Church Business Administrator

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### **Interfaith Ministries'** Meals on Wheels for Greater Houston

program provides nutritional support to help seniors stay independent and in their own homes. Their programs — Meals

on Wheels and aniMeals — assist more than 4,000 seniors in greater Houston to remain independent and in their own homes.

#### Meals on Wheels

is a home delivered meal program for seniors with limited mobility, through the Harris County Area Agency on Aging. Interfaith Ministries is the largest provider of services in the Houston area. Each meal includes an entree, two 1/2-cup servings of fruit or vegetables, bread, milk and whole fruit or dessert. They serve more than 4,000 seniors a hot meal each day. For every \$5 you give, IM is able to provide one homebound senior with a home delivered meal.

This service is available to homebound individuals 60 years old and older and spouses of current service recipients.

### aniMeals on Wheels

is a program in which volunteers deliver donated dog & cat food to Meals on Wheels seniors who have pets. The program was started because they found that seniors were sharing their limited food and resources with their pet companions. Your support helps them continue to deliver almost 8,500 pounds of pet food to 1,110 pets each month!

Donations are accepted in the form of wet and dry dog and cat 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement classroom food or gift cards to local stores which sell pet food. During March, we ask that members drop off pet food in the basket in the fover.

### 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 Appeal.

The pastors and worship servers look forward to meeting guests after worship and answer questions about Christ the King Church.