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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. You may leave contact information or write a note on the worship card in the pew. Donations at the snack table benefit the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Welcome to Our Guest Musician

We welcome Mario Aschauer as our guest musician. Originally from Austria, Dr. Aschauer is Assistant Professor of Musicology and Director of the Center for Early Music Research and Performance (CEMRAP) at Sam Houston State University.

Summer Luther League

All middle school and high school students are invited to join us for Summer Luther League meetings every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. This summer, we will focus on bible stories that are not mentioned in the Common Lectionary. This will be a great time for Sabbath, conversation, food, and fun for youth during the summer months!

For Such A Time As This June 21

The bishop of the ELCA issued an invitation to prayer, fasting, and advocacy throughout 2017 on the **21st of each month** in solidarity with those living with hunger or in poverty. See www.elca.org for resources or pick up a Fasting Guide on the literature rack in the narthex.

Organ Repairs

The Bach Organ in the nave was damaged during Bach Vespers on June 4 by an electric fire when a transformer on Chaucer Street blew out. The blower box of the organ was destroyed by the power surge. The builder of our organ, Noack Organ Company, will repair the instrument within the next few weeks. In the meantime worship will be supported and hymns accompanied on the Blüthner grand piano.

Pub Theologians - Young Adults Potluck BBQ on the Parsonage Patio Sunday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.



Make it a summer kick-off gathering. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to

share. Beverages will be provided. All young at heart are welcome. We'll add some song and guided conversation to make it a deepening soul-care evening. And invite friends!

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, June 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m. This collaboration with SEARCH takes place every third Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.



Submit a check made out to Christ the King Church and earmarked "CCSC Back to School" in the offering on Sundays now through August 14.



SUMMER Воок REVIEWS

reviews are a beloved tradition as

an educational offering on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. during the summer months.

June 18:

Federico Salas-Isnardi,

Delta Doctor, by Dr. Peter Boelens A Christian physician of strong faith and an avowed agnostic scientist with ties to Christ the King come together to research the power of prayer to heal the body. But before delving into this fascinating research, how did the story get started? Who is this Delta Doctor? Federico Salas-Isnardi, a long time member of CTK, will discuss the book and share the more personal story.

June 25: Michelle Shonbeck. A Hope in the Unseen, by Ron Suskind

July 2: Bill Pelham, Burke and Demaret – The Wit and Wisdom of Golf's Most Colorful Duo, by Bill Pelham

July 9: Terri Bourne,

Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life by Henri J.M. Nouwen. July 16: Elmer Ledesma, How Culture Shapes the Climate Change Debate, by Andrew Hoffman

July 23: Lisa Brenskelle, Dream of the Earth, by Thomas Berry

July 30: Carolyn Jacobs, Making Sense of the Central African Republic, a collection of essays edited by Carayannis and Lombard

Science and Religion Discussion Group

The Houston Science and Religion Discussion Group (HSRDG) will have its June 2017 meeting in the 2nd floor conference room on Monday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. The speaker for this meeting will be Susan Giesecke. She will discuss the topic "Genetics, what does it mean to be human?" The HSRDG meets monthly (excluding July and August) to discuss subjects of interest at the interface between science and religion. Topics of recent meetings included points of conflict between science and religion from an atheistic perspective, creation from the perspective of scientists who are advocates of biblical inerrancy, Luther's influence on modern science, modern interpretation of human evolution, and climate change. The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in such discussions.

"House Church" June 23, 6:30 p.m.

A new program has begun and it is growing well. The Christ the King Church neighborhood "House Church" is a new—still "experimental" effort to host fellowship in neighborhoods around the outer loop. The evenings include food, wine and other beverages, great fellowship, a brief Bible Study and prayer.

House Church is a wonderful way for people to be in touch with their beloved congregation and each other. We've been organizing this first extended test by inviting people from given zip codes to attend, but want also to open it up to others "in the neighborhood."

The next House Church evening will be June 23, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Church and Linda Alexander, 2927 Kismet Ln, Houston, 77043. If you are "in the zip" or in the neighborhood and would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office, ctk@ ctkelc.org or to the Alexanders at 713-939-7116.

Evening Conversations on Creation Monday, June 26, 6:00 p.m.

Putting a Price on Nature - Should We?

Over the last decade intellectual energy has focused on building an acceptable methodology to quantify the value of nature. Dr. Gregory R. Biddinger, Managing Director of Natural Land Management, will explore the pros and cons in general and more specifically for life in Houston. The interactive web meeting will allow time for Q&A. If you would like to join this online conversation, please register at www.eventbrite.com and you will receive an invitation to the web meeting.

A Summer Discussion Group has Begun and All are Welcome!

The "Love Your Neighbour" Discussion Group invites you! "Spun off" by the desire of Pastor Duane's Spring class (which read James Cones' The Cross and the Lynching Tree), this group wants to continue discussion about racism in American society. All are welcome. The group is committed to caring, honest, and safe conversation on issues of race, seeking how more faithfully we as Christian individuals and as church can bring our part to God's intended rule of reconciling love to neighbor and world. The book basis for our conversations over the summer is Michael Eric Dyson's, *Tears We Cannot Stop, A Sermon to White America*. It is available on Amazon in softback and Kindle format. While our usual meeting place will be at the parsonage; **Wednesdays**, **6:00 p.m.**, this Wednesday, June 21—we will meet at Rebecca and Jim Shields' home, 3409 Amherst St. All is casual; snacks and beverages to share are welcomed.

You are Invited to be a Guest at the 23rd Annual Juneteenth Ally Award Luncheon

Saturday, June 24, noon, the Center for the Healing of Racism hosts its 23rd Annual Junteenth Ally Award Luncheon at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Fondren Hall. Up to 15 Christ the King members and friends are invited as guests, free of charge, to enjoy a fine lunch and, more importantly, to celebrate 2017 Ally Award Recipient Dara Silverman, founding director of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). Dara has built SURJ from a group of 12 chapters to 150 chapters during her tenure. She has been promoting socioeconomic and racial justice for over 20 years, writing about conflict and identity in tense times, and served as the Executive Director of Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) 2003-2009. If you would like to attend, please make your reservation with the office by 9:00 a.m. this coming Wednesday, June 21.

The Center for the Healing of Racism is a Houston grassroots organization begun in 1992. Its interfaith membership believes that the human race is essentially one and that racism is a learned behavior that can be unlearned. Its goal is to open up a dialogue that will educate people, which is one of the most powerful tools to fight prejudice. "By working together, we can heal racism and bring positivity and empowerment to every race."

Pictorial Directories Available

Our new pictorial directories are available in the narthex and are arranged in alphabetical order for members who participated by either having their photo taken or by submitting a photo.

If you did not participate, you are still invited to pick up a directory from the box without name labels. Please place \$10.00 in the offering basket.

Baby Shower for the Ortega Family July 2

Christ the King Church nursery attendant Myrna Diaz and her husband, our custodian Arturo Ortega will welcome an new addition to their family in July. We will celebrate with cake between services on **Sunday**, **July 2**. In addition we will shower them with diapers (all sizes), baby wipes and gift cards. Gifts may be placed in the basket in the narthex on the next three Sundays or delivered to the church office.

Houston Food Bank on July 8

Time to step up to the plate (all puns intended here) and join Christ the King Church in volunteering at the Houston Food Bank on July 8. Come and make a difference for all those suffering from "food insecurity" during these hot summer months. Members and friends of all ages (including children as young as 8 years old accompanied by an adult) are invited to join this enthusiastic group that leaves the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and returns about noon. For more information and to RSVP, contact Justin at ctkhfb@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 18

8:30 a.m. Worship, Summer Setting, nave 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews,

basement classroom

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Luther League, youth room 10:50 a.m. Worship Summer Setting, nave 7:00 p.m. Young Adults Potluck BBQ,

parsonage

Monday, June 19

Church Office Closed

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

7:00 p.m. Science and Religion, council room

Tuesday, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 21

Day of Prayer, Fasting, and

Advocacy

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

10:00 a.m. SEARCH Cards and Coffee, offsite 6:00 p.m. Love Your Neighbor discussion

group, offsite

6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite

Thursday, June 22

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

Friday, June 23

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

6:30 p.m. House Church - home of Charles

and Linda Alexander

Saturday, June 24

1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom 12:00 noon Iuneteenth Award Luncheon. offsite

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, June 25

Blood Pressure Screening after

services

8:30 a.m. Worship, Summer Setting, nave 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews,

basement classroom

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Luther League, youth room

10:50 a.m. Worship Summer Setting, nave

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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LUTHERAN **IMMIGRATION** AND REFUGEE

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

Standing with and advocating for refugees and migrants

Reflecting American Lutherans' immigrant roots and commitment to welcoming strangers, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services has been a strong voice and champion for migrants and refugees around the world for nearly 80 years.

LIRS will receive the proceeds of our congregation's mission offering in June. At a time when some seek to undermine our nation's commitment to welcoming strangers, LIRS's advocacy and compassionate services are even more essential.

Today LIRS is a leader among the agencies that help refugees and advocate for policies that better serve and protect refugees.

Around the world, more than 60 million people have been forced to flee their homes because of war, violence and persecution the greatest number since the end of World War II. More than 20 million are refugees who had to abandon their home country for life in camps in neighboring countries.

LIRS recently announced a new fundraising campaign, #WelcomeOurNeighbors, with the goal of raising \$5 million to support the urgent needs of refugee families—mostly women and children—resettling in the United States.

"We all benefit from welcoming refugees in to our lives, our communities and our nation. As the world faces a vast humanitarian crisis that has forced millions from their homes-like the Syrian families and children brutalized by their own government—we have the opportunity to invest in our new neighbors and transform the lives of refugees and their communities," said Linda Hartke, president and CEO of LIRS.

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

Marc Miller Aaron Rouse Naomi Nelson Kathryn Nash

Lindsay Remmert Vicki Gorman

Martina Longoria