



## 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.

## Kids' Summer Nature Education Sunday, July 16 at 9:45 a.m.

The Creation Care Team summer nature education series for kids on Sunday, July 16 will feature pollinators, taught by Irmi Willcockson. Kids meet at 9:45 a.m. on the second floor in the library and will take a 'field trip' to our butterfly garden to observe the awesome cycle of butterfly life in God's world. Parents are welcome to join in.

## Bicycle Celebration for New Houstonians

**When: Sunday, July 16**

Gather at 8:00 a.m., Rolling at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Bayland Park,

6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft

Enjoy a friendly 1-2 hour bike ride to see sights of Southwest Houston. Come early for snacks and water and hear a brief safety talk. Register at [freewheelshouston.org/socialride](http://freewheelshouston.org/socialride).

## Justice Advocacy Workshop

**Sunday, July 9, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

The Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston invites you to attend a Justice Advocacy Workshop taught by experts from TX Impact, an Austin-based interfaith justice advocacy organization. The Justice Advocacy Workshop is free, and will take place on Sunday, July 9 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the University of St. Thomas, Robertson Hall, as well as online, via web meeting. Learn how to effectively raise your voice for the voiceless! Please register for this event at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com), for planning purposes. For more information, please contact Lisa Brenskelle at [brenskelle@aol.com](mailto:brenskelle@aol.com).

## Creation – Focused Book Review

**Sunday, July 16, 9:45 a.m.**

On Sunday, July 16, Creation Care Team member Elmer Ledesma will review *How Culture Shapes the Climate Change Debate* by Andrew J. Hoffman. This book examines what causes people to reject or accept the scientific consensus on climate change, by laying bare the opposing cultural lenses through which science is interpreted. *How Culture Shapes the Climate Change Debate* makes a powerful case for a more scientifically literate public, a more socially engaged scientific community, and a more thoughtful mode of public discourse.

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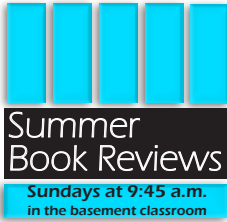
The Back to School program helps 6,500 students by providing school supplies and a new school uniform/shoes for grades PreK - 8.

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 or donate on-line at [ccschouston.org](http://ccschouston.org). Contributions in any amount are welcomed!

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# SUMMER BOOK REVIEWS

The summer book reviews are a beloved tradition as an educational offering on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. during the summer months.



**July 9:** Carolyn Jacobs, *Making Sense of the Central African Republic*, a collection of essays edited by Carayannis and Lombard

**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:** Terri Bourne, *Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life* by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

**August 6:** Rabbi Kenny Weiss, a presentation on Jewish humor and MAD Magazine

**August 13:** Pastor Karin Liebster, presentation and discussion on the Barmen Theological Declaration

**August 20:** Logan Faron, *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, by Robert Putnam

## Altar Flowers

**We still have open Sundays for flower dedications.** Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up with Cheryl at [chergaspard@ctkelc.org](mailto:chergaspard@ctkelc.org). For online giving use the Donate link on the church home page ([ctkelc.org](http://ctkelc.org)). Checks to Christ the King Lutheran Church or cash in an envelope should say "Altar Flowers." The open dates are: **July 30, August 27, October 15, October 22, December 17, and December 31.**

## A Summer Discussion Group has Begun and All are Welcome!

**Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., at the parsonage**

The "Love Your Neighbour" discussion group invites you! The group who read James Cones' *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* with Pastor Larson 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. All is casual; snacks and beverages to share are welcomed.

## Walking the Mourner's Path – A Grief Support Program



We all experience the grief that comes with losing someone we love and with that grief comes the journey of mourning. Christ the King Church will offer an eight week support program **Monday, September 18 - November 6** facilitated by Beverly Davis and Linda Schoene. The sessions will be held on eight consecutive Mondays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. Participants will have the opportunity to share their journey with others and discover that while their pain is unique, they are not alone. Christ is present with those who mourn and there are tools for moving forward while honoring our loved ones. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Beverly, [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org), or Linda, [lindaschoene@ctkelc.org](mailto:lindaschoene@ctkelc.org), to determine if this group will meet your needs. Registration deadline is August 18.

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

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| Bill Pelham  | Daniel Johnson    | Mitchell Gorman | Gregory Petner |
| Susan Turner | Alice Oeben       | Mavis Nelson    | Dylan Smith    |
| Stephen Long | Rudolph McClellan |                 |                |

## Sending of Chris Holman July 23

We will celebrate Chris Holman's ministry among us with cake in the courtyard between services on July 23.

## Fifth Sunday Musical Matinee

**Sunday, July 30 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a cool Sunday afternoon musical matinee with moments and songs from "The Jury's Out!," a musical by member **Anna Fay Williams** and collaborator Diana Howie, a Houston playwright. The comedy/drama presents a group of scurrilous jurors who'd do anything to dump their jury summons. Any wanna-be Broadway actors (those attending) may be invited to read a part. Versions of this show have been performed in Houston and Minneapolis. It's show time from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday July 30 at Briar Place near the Galleria. Mid-afternoon bon-bons and drinks to keep you satisfied. Excellent front row seats, \$25 each. Proceeds benefit the Hospitality Apartments. RSVP to [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org) or Anna Fay Williams at 713-621-2868.

## Creation Care Fest – Environmental Extravaganza

**SAVE THE DATE –**

**Saturday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendar now for this year's *Creation Care Fest – Environmental Extravaganza*, a free environmental education conference. This year's theme is Stewardship. As usual, we will have a line-up of expert speakers, fun kids' activities, and an exhibit by local environmental non-profits.

## Pictorial Directories Available

Our new pictorial directories are available in the narthex 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.

## 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, July 19, 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](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).

## Luther League Drive Inn Movie Trip July 15

Come and join us as we watch two movies on the big silver screen under the stars. We will meet at church at 5:00 p.m. to carpool to Showboat Drive Inn located at 22422 Farm to Market 2920, Hockley, TX 77447. We will return back to church after our movie is done (9ish). Cost will be \$20.00 which covers movies and snacks. Friends are welcome to come!

## 2018 Youth Gathering Volunteers Needed

The 2018 Youth Gathering needs more volunteers to help serve next summer. There are a variety of roles and jobs for all ages and abilities. Applicants must be 19 years old and have graduated and been out of high school for one year by the time of the Gathering. There is a \$25 application fee. **Applications are due July 15;** more information can be found online at: [elca.org/YouthGathering/registration/volunteer-opportunities](http://elca.org/YouthGathering/registration/volunteer-opportunities).

## Luther Packs Now Available

The Luther League created kits for congregational members and friends to give to people in need of a reminder of God's love. Each pack has food, water, lotion, hand wipes, and an information sheet. These "Luther Packs" are located in the narthex for anyone to take and give to anyone in need of a helping hand.

It's okay to say no  
to panhandlers

There's a better way to give:  
[meaningfulchange.org](http://meaningfulchange.org)



## Sunday, July 9

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Justice Advocacy Workshop, offsite

## Monday, July 10

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

## Tuesday, July 11

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

## Wednesday, July 12

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 6:00 p.m. Love Your Neighbour discussion group, parsonage
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite

## Thursday, July 13

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

## Friday, July 14

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

## Saturday, July 15

- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom
- 5:00 p.m. Luther League at the Drive In Movie
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

## Sunday, July 16

- 8:00 a.m. Bike Ride at Bayland Park
- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Summer Setting, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, basement classroom
- 9:45 a.m. Kids' Summer Nature Education, 2nd floor children's library
- 9:45 a.m. Luther League, youth room
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Summer Setting, nave

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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  
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Summer Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



## HOSPITALITY APARTMENTS

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

The Hospitality Apartments provide FREE temporary

housing (up to three months) and a safe, welcome, comfortable, supportive environment for families in need who must come to Houston for treatment of life-threatening illnesses in the Texas Medical Center hospitals. Since 1968, this 100% volunteer ministry has served over 7,000 families from all over the world. In 2007, they designed, constructed, funded, maintained, and staffed a new ADA-compliant, energy-efficient, 4-story campus.

The Hospitality Apartments started in 1968 in a small rented four-plex Army barracks building. Not only has the Hospitality Apartments never had direct government support in its history, but never has any money been spent for professional management or fundraising help. All decisions are made and operations provided by volunteers. There is no paid staff. The Resident Managers are compensated by getting extra time over the three months maximum. Need is the only criterion for eligibility besides living over 50 miles from the Medical Center. Selection is based on chronological order of application.

All apartments are completely furnished, including linens with laundry rooms available at no charge. Occupancy has always been 99.9% of the available apartments. When someone leaves, the apartment is cleaned and families from the waiting list are called. Christ the King Lutheran Church has been one of this ministry's supporting 23 churches for more than 30 years. You are welcome to visit the Hospitality apartments at 7300 Bertner.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Giam at 713-443-4196 or [juliegiam005@gmail.com](mailto:juliegiam005@gmail.com).

[hospitalityapartments.org](http://hospitalityapartments.org)

**Letter from a Guest** from *The Volunteer*, June 2017, the monthly newsletter of Hospitality Apartments

To all the volunteers of Hospitality Apartments, I just want to say thank you for everything you do! This has provided me a place to recoup from my kidney transplant in a safe and clean apartment so that I can go home and be a mom to my two small children. God has blessed me with the gift of life renewed and a better way to live. The staff here played a huge part. God bless you all. To God be the glory and I will continue to pray for the other patients still here. Organ donation saves lives!!! - Jessica