



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.

Forum with the Congregation Council

Sunday, December 10 at 9:45 a.m.,
parish hall

The council invites all to attend the continued conversation about the parsonage. A congregational vote will be taken in January.

Friday Organ Concerts

Friday Organ Concerts return this December, with 30 minute concerts each Friday at 12:15 p.m. featuring Brian Glikes and Rick Erickson performing music for the Advent season. These concerts will continue on December 15, and 22. All welcome!

Johann Sebastian Bach's Great "Magnificat" December 10

Join our Bach Choir and Orchestra for evening worship at the festive Advent Vespers Sunday, 6 p.m. They present Johann Sebastian Bach's great "Magnificat," BWV 243, a stunning work for choir, soloists and orchestra. The Vespers will also feature works by Johann Michael Bach, Michael Praetorius, Johann Eccard, Mark Whitfield (Lutheran bishop of New Zealand), and Rick Erickson. Come and join for this festive celebration of the Advent season!

Christ the King Young Adults Christmas Potluck

Friday, December 15 7:00 p.m.

Anyone "young at heart" join for the end-of-year CTK YA Soiree! Bring a dish and beverage to share. Hosted by Nathan Wiker. Contact nathan@wikernet.com for directions. We'll enjoy each other's company, sing carols, and take time for Advent devotion. Newcomers welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Duane at duanelarson@ckelc.org.

Justice Advocacy Event – Sunday

The Justice Advocacy Ministry Team invites you to advocate for justice after each worship service. There are several justice topics to choose from. Stop by the table after worship and raise your voice for justice!

From Heaven Above – Pageant December 17

A Christmas pageant will be presented by the children of the Sunday School and Wednesday Night music programs. Martin Luther wrote the hymn *From Heaven Above* in 1535 for his family and congregation. It announces the birth of Christ in the voice of a heavenly angel who tells and interprets the nativity story in a beautiful and beloved tune. Martin and Katie Luther will visit us at the pageant on December 17.

All children are welcome to join for these rehearsals (parish hall):

Sunday, December 10, 9:45 a.m.

Costume assignment (room 210) and walk-through rehearsal (parish hall)

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30 p.m.

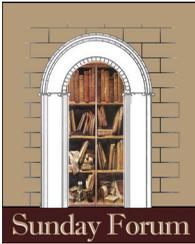
pizza, 6:00 p.m. dress rehearsal

Sunday, December 17, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas pageant and Waffle Café

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SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

December 10 —

Forum with the Congregation

The conversation about the parsonage continues.

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

December 17 —

Children's Christmas Pageant, 10:00 a.m.

Waffle Café by Luther League.

December 24 — No Sunday Forum
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

December 31 — No Sunday Forum
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Join Us on an Ecumenical Justice Journey!

Join with other Christians for an Ecumenical Justice Journey in 2018, using the ecumenical resource, *Living Justice: A Gospel Response to Poverty*. The group will meet bimonthly, once for study and once for action. Specific dates/times are TBD, but we plan to begin in January. See <http://www.cpj.ca/books> for more information on the text. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com if you might like to participate.

Flowers for January and February

The 2018 Altar Guild Flower Chart is on the mobile bulletin board. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. **January and February have many open Sundays for flower dedications.** Please pay for the flowers when you sign up. For online giving use the Donate link on the church home page. Checks to Christ the King Lutheran Church or cash in an envelope should say "Altar Flowers."

Living and Learning God's Love Financial Stewardship Campaign for 2018

Last weekend was "Pledge Sunday" of financial support for our ministry in 2018. We benefit immensely by your pledges as they enable us to plan a fiscally responsible budget. We pray that all households that pledged last year will do so again; that others newly will support God's cause through Christ the King Church in this way; and that all will give as generously as they are able.

We've been a bit "lower key" in the campaign this year than last, we know. At this point last year we received 201 pledges for 2017 that totaled \$805,794. So far this year, we have received 158 pledges for a total of \$623,386 to support 2018 ministry. Pledge cards are available in the pews, on our homepage, and in the church office. A phone team will follow up soon with those who have not yet pledged. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity of time and finances.

Mark your Calendars - Summer 2018

Lutherhill Elementary Summer Camp- July 15-July 20

Those completed 1st-5th grade will spend a whole week at Lutherhill discovering all of the joys camp has to offer with Deacon Ben Remmert! Alpha Campers (1st Graders) are at camp from July 15-18 and Youngin's (2nd-3rd Graders) and Yearling's (4th-6th Graders) are at camp from July 15-20. Enjoy fun bible studies, camp-wide worships, afternoon activities and daily All Camp activities. Spend an evening around the campfire making s'mores. Sign up and register by February 15, 2018 to guarantee a spot.

Lutherhill Beach Camp- July 22-27

Those that have completed 6th-8th grade can experience a week at Lutherhill as a confirmation group with Deacon Ben Remmert! Beach camp is located at the new Zion Retreat Center, Galveston Island. Campers will experience the love of Christ both inside and outside the walls of Zion by taking advantage of the beach and surrounding attractions. Jr. High students will dive into Bible studies, enjoy worships on the Gulf of Mexico, cook for one another, experience service opportunities in the surrounding communities, explore the island of Galveston, and grow in community with fellow junior high students. Sign up and register by February 15, 2018.

Tamales! Tamales! Tamales! **December 17**

Between services on Sunday, **December 17**, the members of Good Shepherd Church (El Buen Pastor) will be selling their delicious tamales again. The cost is \$10 per package. Proceeds go to support projects for their church. Remember, don't wait too long, they always go fast. Thank you to our friends at El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church.

Service of Hope and Comfort on the Longest Night December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the nave for a service of hope and comfort on The Longest Night of the year, December 21. This meditative service gives us time to remember, share our hurting places with God, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join others for whom the Christmas season is bittersweet, to hear scripture, lift up prayers for healing and wholeness, and to sing hymns that acknowledge God's presence with those who mourn and grieve, with those who suffer, and with those who struggle. God is the light shining in our darkness.

All are welcome! The service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10

6:00 p.m. Bach Magnificat - Vespers for Advent

Friday, December 15

12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Recital

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17

10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant

The Longest Night - December 21

7:00 p.m. A Service of Hope and Comfort

Friday, December 22

12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Recital

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

December 24

10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols
with Holy Communion
(Only one morning service!)

4:00 p.m. *Weihnachtsmesse*
German-language service

6:00 p.m. Holy Communion around the
Crèche with Carols and Candlelight

10:00 p.m. Holy Communion
with Carols and Candlelight (Incense)

Christmas Day

December 25

11:00 a.m. Carols and Communion

First Sunday of Christmas

December 31

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Only one morning service!)

January 1

6:00 p.m. Organ Concert

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

Yonas Eberhart Peter Winston Ryan Morris
Aeron Hoogerwerf Dorothy Chesley Jennifer Dyer

Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Worship, Setting 5, nave
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship, Setting 5, nave
12:30 p.m. Luther League,
6:00 p.m. Bach Vespers, nave

Monday, December 11 Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
5:30 p.m. Pizza
6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal, parish hall
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, parish hall
7:30 p.m. Church Choir, nave
7:30 p.m. Chorus, parish hall

Thursday, December 14

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

Friday, December 15

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Concert, nave
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Christmas Potluck, offsite

Saturday, December 16

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Worship, Setting 5, nave
9:45 a.m. Luther League Waffle Café
10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant, parish hall
10:50 a.m. Worship, Setting 5, nave
4:30 p.m. Luther League Christmas Party



ELCA World Hunger Appeal

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

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 \$24,000** 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.

Mexico Spring Break Trip: March 9-14, 2018 \$500 deposit due asap, Balance due February 1

The Combined Choir and Chorus of Christ the King Church is travelling south to Mexico City for Spring Break 2018. Members and friends of CTK are welcome to join the choir and chorus for this trip! We will carry the spirit of the Reformation forward as we join in songs and service with sister congregations (Spanish and German Speaking) and with the Lutheran Seminary. We will engage in a day of service through Amextra after preparing prayerfully for this adventure as part of our Lenten Worship. There will be plenty of time for organized cultural and touristic adventures too. Tour Packets are available in the Narthex or via email. **Dates:** March 9-14 with an option to add on two days until March 16.

Price for Singers and Youth: \$1,750 for 5 day and \$2000 includes airfare, most meals, lodging (4 star), and activities. \$500 deposit due immediately Balance due February 1.

Travel will be arranged on Southwest Airlines and through Amextra for group travel. Contact Rick Erickson, Alicia Goodrow or Anna Vanbuskirk for more info.

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
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