



Are You Interested in Membership with Christ the King Church?

Friends who are new (or not so new!) to Christ the King Church are warmly invited to a luncheon and orientation on **Sunday, August 26 at 12:30 p.m., in the 3rd floor conference room**. New member reception will take place in worship on September 9.

Please contact the church office (ctk@ctkelc.org or 713-528-2864) to sign-up for the lunch meeting, or speak with one of the pastors.

Weekly Emails — Did You Get Yours?

Every Thursday evening, we send an email highlighting upcoming church events and important parish news. If you do not receive these emails and would like to be added to the list, please email benremmert@ctkelc.org. If, however, you think that you are already on the list but are not receiving our emails, please try a few things:

- Check your spam or junk folders — if an email from us is there, mark it as “not spam” and then:
- Go to the bottom of the email and click the link “Add us to your address book”
- Make sure that “ctk@ctkelc.org” is in your address book

If you are still having trouble, talk to or email Brian Glikes (bglikes@bachsocietyhouston.org) or Ben Remmert (benremmert@ctkelc.org).

Usher Training

All ushers are invited to attend the usher training on **Sunday, August 19, at 12:30 p.m.**, or on **Saturday, September 22, at 1:00 p.m.** in the nave. There will be updated usher guidelines. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please join us! You may contact Pastor Larson or Pastor Liebster with any questions.

Kids' Summer Creation Education: Urban Wildlife

Sunday, August 12, 9:45 a.m.

second floor in the library area

Houston, with its many miles of bayous and lush outdoors, fosters one of the most populated and diverse wild animal ecosystems in the state. We also sit directly on the path of many migrating species. Come explore some of our urban wildlife and fall in love with your local wildlife! Parents, and other interested adults, are welcome to join in the fun.

Rally Day August 26

Sunday School Kick Off 2018/19

Join us for breakfast tacos in the courtyard and the start of our new Sunday School year. Sunday School classes are offered for children age 2 through high school. After breakfast, children, youth, and parents will meet in the parish hall for a short program before class pictures are taken. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their kids' teachers and register them. There will be fun and games for the children. You may contact Pastor Liebster or Deacon Remmert with any questions regarding Sunday School or Confirmation class (karinliebster@ctkelc.org, benremmert@ctkelc.org).

Worship services 8:30 and 10:50 in the nave

Blessing of all school children, youth and students

Third grade Bible presentations

Blessing of choirs

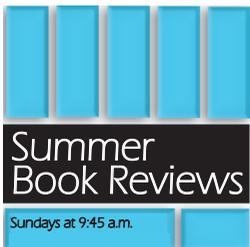
9:45 parish hall, courtyard and Sunday school rooms

Breakfast Tacos and Sunday School Kick-off

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Summer Book Reviews



August 12: Chuck Alexander, *Immortal Diamond*, by Fr. Richard Rohr

August 19: Linda Schoene, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Richard Rohr

Love Your Neighbor is on Break for August

The Love Your Neighbor group has suspended their Wednesday meetings until Wednesday, September 5, at 6:15 p.m. During August the group will finish reading Kendi's *Stamped from the Beginning*. New members are invited to join the group when full Wednesday night programming resumes in the fall. For more information, contact Donna Salas at salas_amsdf@sbcglobal.net or 713-416-0863.

Help Needed in our Sunday School Classes

As we start a new year of Godly Play, we are gathering people to teach and help in the classes. We have classes from toddler (2-3 years old) through the 6th grade and, like in most children's programs, we need 2 adults in the classroom for safety and to allow a smooth flow in the lesson. We are looking for older youth and adults to fill the support role in the classroom. The storyteller is an experienced Godly Play teacher who sits at the front of the room throughout the class, knows the story by heart, and can direct the conversation afterwards.

But what about the child who races into the room, carrying a handful of cookies? What about the child who is coming for the first time and doesn't know where to sit? What about a child who wants to use water colors to paint a picture about the story but doesn't know how to use them? And who will help with the snack?

Luther League Floating Trip:

August 17-18

7th-12th grade youth are invited to our summer trip to float the Comal River in New Braunfels. We will leave Friday, August 17 and stay the night in New Braunfels. The next morning we will go to the Comal River for a day of fellowship and fun as we remember our baptism in the cool waters of the Comal River. Cost is \$60 which covers meals, transportation, and housing. **RSVP to Ben Remmert by Sunday, August 12.**

Sunday Evening Conversation on Creation - Sustainability at Rice University Sunday, August 26, 6:00 p.m.

In August, we welcome **Richard Johnson**, Director of Sustainability for Rice University. Richard holds a B.S. in civil engineering and a Masters in Urban & Environmental Planning. Please register at www.eventbrite.com to receive an invitation to the web meeting. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

For support in the classroom we need

- People who can help the child put down his cookies and enter the room calmly.
- Someone who can greet a new child and put her at ease.
- People who can help someone find the materials they need to create a masterpiece.
- And we need someone to say "Will you please pass out napkins? Will you please pass out the cookies? Will you please pick up the glasses and napkins?" because everyone gets to participate in the feast.

If you can do these things for the children, we invite you to join us in our classes. Not every Sunday, but maybe every couple of weeks. In return you will greet wonderful children, hear the story, watch a child paint a picture from her heart, and help them with their feast — their communion. The Godly Play class is a sacred place where you can help children come close to God — and come a little close yourself.

Please speak with or contact our Sunday School superintendent Marie Monroe (marie4118@gmail.com), Pastor Liebster (karinliebster@ctkelc.org), or any of the Sunday school teachers. We'd love to tell you more about how it all works!

Coming Home — An Evening Meal Tuesday, August 28

SEARCH Homeless Service's Mentoring Program

On **August 28**, we have an opportunity to support SEARCH Homeless Service's mentoring program by providing and serving dinner to SEARCH clients and their volunteer mentors. *Coming Home* is a unique six month program that pairs a person who has experienced trauma, loss and separation from community with a mentor. We support the program by providing and sharing the evening meal with the clients and mentors. Please join us on **Tuesday, August 28, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** For more information or to volunteer, please contact beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

Choir/Chorus Retreat August 24-25

Our Choir and Chorus retreat will be to Zion Center in Galveston on August 24-25 in order to tune up and prepare for the season ahead (last year's retreat was cancelled due to Harvey!). New members welcome, please speak to Rick or Brian for further information, and please keep our singers in your prayers.

Christopher Holman in Concert

Music of the Swiss Renaissance & American Revolution

Sunday, August 26, 2:00 p.m.

St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe St

Chris Holman, former Music Associate for Christ the King Lutheran Church, returns to Houston to share some of the music he has been researching and performing on historic organs throughout Europe. All are welcome to this free event (contributions welcome).

Calling all Cooks and Bottlers

All members who enjoy good food and good fellowship are invited to join us by volunteering one Wednesday during the fall semester. Food service will be from 5:30-6:40 p.m. each Wednesday from September 5 through November 28. We have a full range of positions available from skilled to unskilled (from cooks to servers to dishwashers). Contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

Give Flowers to Celebrate or Remember a Loved One

Members and friends have the opportunity to celebrate or remember loved ones or life's milestones with the gift of the Sunday altar flowers. Open Sundays are August 19 through September 23. After worship the flowers are given to members of the congregation who either celebrate a milestone or to whom we extend a special expression of our support. The cost for a Sunday arrangement is \$65. Please sign up by calling or sending an email to ctk@ctkelc.org.

Back by Popular Demand!

Wednesdays Stay Tuned!

Full Wednesday night programming will return this fall beginning on September 5 5:00-9:00 p.m.

We look forward to dinners lovingly prepared in our kitchen, music opportunities for infants through adults, a variety of mid-week study options, confirmation class, devotions, and time for play and caring conversations.

Music Programs for Children

Our Wednesday program offers music for children from early childhood (yes, even infants) through elementary school in tiered groups to bring the best experiences for our children. All children are welcome to become part of learning and growing in faith through these groups.

Music is one of the key building blocks for a healthy and wholesome development. Please join us this fall. Our groups focus on these important areas:

- faith formation
- skills building
- songs and hymns to learn the language of the church through singing
- active participation in worship

Our music faculty is trained to meet the developmental needs of the children and enthusiastically nurtures wholesome growth and faith formation.

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.

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

Matthew Sommer Rick Erickson
Eric Boyce Michael Weida

Sunday, August 12

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, parish hall
- 9:45 a.m. Kids: *Urban Wildlife*, second floor
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Luther League, youth room
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, nave

Monday, August 13 Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, August 14

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 12:00 noon Faith in Our City: Hinduism, offsite

Wednesday, August 15

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

Thursday, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
Luther League River Trip

Saturday, August 18

- Luther League River Trip
- 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild, narthex
- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, August 19

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, parish hall
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School, room 212
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Luther League, youth room
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Usher training, nave

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
Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse
Deacon Rick Erickson, Cantor, Director of Bach Society Houston
Brian Glikes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
Noelle Jung, Church Business Administrator

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



The ELCA uses an accompaniment model for connecting the global church. Christ the King Church has been a companion congregation with the Lutheran Churches in Trujillo, Peru since 2010.

Why did we enter into a companion relationship?

Companion relationships help us to:

- Nurture and strengthen one another for life and mission within the body of Christ
- Participate in one another's lives and ministries
- Have a better perception of challenges in the global context, and call us to deepen our commitment to be true disciples of Christ
- Help us to fully understand the one holy and catholic church

How can we do this? Accompaniment

- Literally means walking together side by side
- is a mutual relationship between companion churches who walk together in God's mission
- receiving is as important as sending
- recognizing and embracing one another's gifts
- interact with one another as colleagues, as fellow workers in the vineyard of Christ

Over the last eight years our annual Peru mission offering has assisted the Lutheran congregations in the Trujillo area to provide education, meals, cultural activities, and Christian formation to children and families.

In 2016, our offering enabled one congregation to install a sewer system and plumbing.

Last year, our offering assisted with the clean-up of the San Andres Church property after record downpours caused the worst flooding to hit Peru in decades.

Through the leadership of Lay Pastor Jorge, the church in Trujillo serves in many leadership roles as we *walk together* to create a future with hope.