



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.

'GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.'

September 8-9

Join Christ the King Church members and friends in celebrating 'God's Work. Our Hands' weekend again this year. On September 8, we will volunteer at the Houston Food Bank and on September 9, we will engage in a morning of justice advocacy between and after worship services. For other opportunities to celebrate "God's Work. Our Hands" throughout the fall.

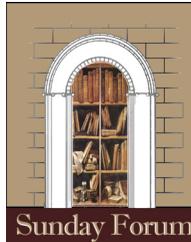
Volunteer at the Houston Food Bank September 8

Join us at the Houston Food Bank on **Saturday, September 8**. We leave the church at 7:30 a.m. and return at noon. For information and to reserve your spot, contact ctkhfb@gmail.com.

New Member Reception

On **Sunday, September 9 at 10:50 a.m.**, we look forward again to receiving new members into the CTK community of faith. Any who are interested in so doing, even if not having yet participated in an orientation (or did so a while ago) are welcome to talk further about it with Pastor Liebster or Pastor Larson.

Wednesdays@Church
(W@C for short) Starting September 5
See inside.



Sunday Forum and Sunday School

September 2:

The Story of Worship

Adults and children gather for a narrative presentation of "What Do We Do In Church."

Location: parish hall

Youth Gathering Stories and Pictures

basement classroom (youth and adults)

Adults and youth share with everyone pictures and stories from the ELCA Youth Gathering that took place in Houston at the end of June. Come join our youth participants and numerous volunteers from Christ the King telling stories of a unique and unforgettable experience.

September 9: Faithful Imaginations Toward a Strategic Plan

Congregation council will "report out" the primary hopes and desires from the Faithful Imagination sessions held these last months. We'll present what appear to be the new programmatic commitments for the next years as components of the emerging strategic plan, under the theme: "Christ the King Lutheran Church: A Healing Place." Come, discuss, participate further in co-creating with God God's future mission for Christ the King Church.

September 16 and 23: Voting - The Christian Practice of Civic Engagement

September 30: Scripture & Science: What's the Connection?

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

Mike Bradshaw	Eric McAnelly	Cathy Norberg
Oliver Doolin	Janet Neberman	Tony Settles
Wambui Wa-Ngatho	John Weida	Debbie Seiler
Veronique Eberhard	Gwenn Sandoz	Beverly Davis
Zachary Goodrow	Sophia Hooper	Amy Allen

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WEDNESDAYS@CHURCH

Fall 2018: September 5-November 28*

Christ the King Church comes together every week of the school year for *Wednesdays@Church* or *W@C*. All activities are centered around dinner together. There is music for children and parents, singing for children, classes and music for adults. With dinner at the center there is ample time to make and meet friends.

TABLE

Dinner	5:30-6:40 p.m.	parish hall
Table grace and devotion	6:00 p.m.	parish hall

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

PreK-K music	5:30 p.m.	room 011
Infant music	5:45 p.m.	room 111
Toddler music	6:20 p.m.	room 111
Junior Choristers	6:15 p.m.	room 011
Choristers	6:00 p.m.	room 001

STUDY

The 5 O'Clock	5:00 p.m.	room 301
Confirmation Class	6:15 p.m.	room 204
Study Classes	6:30 p.m.	
Six weeks with Mark		room 201
Love Your Neighbor		room 006

MUSIC

Brass ensemble	6:15 p.m.	narthex
Choirs (Chorus and Choir)	7:30 p.m.	001/011

*Stay tuned for Halloween activities on Wednesday, October 31. No dinner, no choirs, no children's and youth programming.

Family Music for Babies and Toddlers

Begins September 5, 5:45 and 6:20 p.m.

Christ the King Church is serious about awakening the musician that resides in our children by developing their abilities, confidence, and joy in being music makers. Our Family Music for Babies & Toddlers (birth to 36 months) is designed to bring the love of music and movement to babies and toddlers while laying a strong foundation for further musical skill development. Class times are 5:45-6:15 p.m. for babies (birth to about 2 years) and 6:20-6:50 p.m. for toddlers (2-3 years). Cost per child is \$65/semester (less than half the cost of other area music programs). And before or after class, join us for a delicious dinner (to eat in or take out).

The 5 O'Clock: Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice, ELCA

September 5, 12 and 19, 5:00 p.m.

All congregations of the ELCA are asked to read and comment on the "Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice" which will be voted on next year at the churchwide assembly. Pastor Liebster will lead the reading and discussion of the document which is available in pdf format at our website ctkelc.org.

Six weeks with Mark

September 5-October 10, 6:30 p.m.

No birth narrative, no resurrection appearances—what sort of “good news” is that? The Gospel of Mark, the earliest and shortest of the New Testament gospels, is appointed for the current lectionary year. Mark deserves to be read as a complete narrative, a paradoxical text, and meant to be read aloud. Kristine Wallace will lead a six-week class (September 5-October 10) to study Mark's “good news.” Bring your Bible to class if you can; different translations welcome.

Love Your Neighbor

The Love Your Neighbor group convenes Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. as part of W@C (Wednesdays @ Church). Share dinner in the parish hall, then join the discussion.



Calling all Cooks and Bottlers

Our Food Service Ministry Team will resume delighting our hungry Wednesday night participants this school year. We are blessed with great cooking, as well as serving and cleaning talent, in our congregation. 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). And not only do Food Service Ministry Team volunteers get the satisfaction of serving others, but they also get a free meal. How's that for a great deal! Contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

Voter Registration at Christ the King Church Sundays, September 16 & 23, 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

If you are not registered to vote, or if you have moved & need to update your registration, you can do so at church on September 16 & 23. To check if you are registered, and at what address, see hctax.net/Voter/Search. Bring your TX driver's license, or state-issued i.d. to register. Or, if you don't have these forms of identification, you can register using the last 4 digits of your social security number. Get ready to vote in September!

When Too Much is Not Enough: Dealing with Addiction

by presenter Cheryl Rhode, LCSW

Thursday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.

Christ the King member Cheryl Rhode is a licensed clinical social worker in private practice. She has extensive experience in chemical dependency and other compulsive behavioral issues. Her topic "**When Too Much Is Not Enough: Dealing with Addiction**" is one that all of us can benefit from, especially in light of the opioid crisis we are hearing about in the daily news. Every congregation and community has members with chemical dependency issues. Please join our Community of Hope lay chaplains for this important discussion on **Thursday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.** in the second floor council room.

Friday Morning Bible Study Restarts September 7

We're back with Friday Morning Study on September 7 at 10:30 a.m. It is an important time to gather for personal care, prayer, and study. Usually we take a close look at the coming Sunday lessons, under the leadership of Pastor Larson or Pastor Liebster. Sometimes we might change the format. The Spirit is lively with us! There is always great, and sometimes provocative conversation; all about how the Lord stimulates us into deeper faith and reasoned, respectful growth in understanding. The sumptuous food is always wonderful, too. We meet again in the narthex (for the time being). Everyone welcome!

Writers Circle Begins Friday Afternoons

Anyone interested in some encouragement and input on writing projects is invited to join us for informal writing sessions on **first and third Friday afternoons 1:00-3:00 p.m. beginning September 7**. If you're interested in writing your memoirs this will provide you with some assistance in beginning. No previous writing experience required. Contact Anna Fay Williams, anna-fay2016@gmail.com, for more information.

Acolyte Training September 8 and 15

All acolytes who are currently serving or are newly training will meet with Ben Remmert and Pastor Liebster on September 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the nave. A make up session will be held on September 15 at 1:00 p.m. Generally, children who are in fourth grade are invited to become acolytes. We invite all children and youth to consider serving as worship leaders in these ways. For more information contact Pastor Liebster at karinliebster@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0516.



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

Sunday, September 2

8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement 006
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, parish hall
10:50 a.m. Worship, nave

Monday, September 3 Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, September 4

7:30 a.m. Executive Committee, 3rd floor
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor

Wednesday, September 5 W@C Begins

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
5:00 p.m. The 5 O'Clock, 301
5:30 p.m. Dinner begins, through 6:40 p.m.
5:30 p.m. PreK-K music, 011
5:45 p.m. Infant music, 111
6:00 p.m. Choristers, 001
6:15 p.m. Confirmation class, 204
6:15 p.m. Brass ensemble, narthex
6:15 p.m. Jr Choristers, 011
6:20 p.m. Toddler music, 111
6:30 p.m. Love Your Neighbor, 006
6:30 p.m. Six weeks with Mark, 201
7:30 p.m. Chorus, 011
7:30 p.m. Choir, 001

Thursday, September 6

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

Friday, September 7

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
10:30 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study,
1:00 p.m. Writers Circle,

Saturday, September 8

7:30 a.m. Trip to the Houston Food Bank
10:00 a.m. Acolyte training, nave
1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, September 9

8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship, nave
12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room
3:00 p.m. Awakening the Spirit, offsite

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 Gilkes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
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Summer Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Our Second Companion Synod: Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic September 2, 9, 16, and 23

Here are some ways the life of a person in CAR might be touched by these programs that our offerings support:

- Birth, vaccination, malaria treatment at the Emmanuel Health Center at Gallo, **a clinic we helped build.**
- Worship in a church built by the community, finally rain-free with a **roof from synod funds.**
- Teaching and learning using Sunday School materials from the on-going translation of curriculum and Bible story lessons originally produced by the Southern African Communion.
- Elementary education at one of the EEL-RCA's twenty-five village schools. Eventually getting a permanent school building so that parents do not have to reconstruct the thatched roof every year.
- Young women's scholarships for high school from Women for Christ (CAR Lutheran Women) and scholarships for the University in Bangui.
- Sewing lessons at the Martha and Mary Women's Center in Bouar, which **our contributions helped build.**
- Start-up of a small business with a loan from the Village Savings and Loan program, overseen by the EEL-RCA.
- Family goats kept healthy through the Veterinary program **funded by our synod.**
- A chance to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering. **Our synod sponsored youth from CAR in 2012 and 2015, and we hope to again in 2021.**

Note that many of these programs—health, schools, microloans are for the whole community, not just for Lutherans.