



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.

The pastors and worship servers look forward to meeting guests after worship and answer questions about Christ the King Church.

Advent Wreath Workshop

On First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 9:45 a.m.

The Altar Guild will set up for wreath making in the cloister and courtyard. The supplies provided include two different styles of wire wreaths, blue and purple advent candle sets, ribbon, bows and greenery. A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the Altar Guild's cost of supplies. All ages are invited to join in this communal craft activity to start the Advent season in your homes.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. we celebrate the Advent season with Advent Lessons and Carols. This beautiful annual event includes readings, hymns, anthems, and prayers that mark events in the story of Redemption. Join our Church Choir, Chorus, Choristers and Jr. Choristers as we fill our nave in sound! A potluck Open House will immediately follow Lessons and Carols in the parish hall. All are invited to bring a savory or sweet finger food to share. (Please bring food items already plated and ready to share, so that there will be a minimum of set-up and clean-up).

Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Part 1

December 2, 12:30 p.m., parish hall

Part 1 of the Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, December 2, immediately following the 10:50 a.m. service. The agenda will include presentation of preliminary budget(s) for 2019 and council member elections. Your presence and voice in the planning and administration of our congregational life together is vital. Thank you for your presence and support.

Pledge Cards 2019

Into a Faithful Future

All non-members and friends are welcome to participate in our *Faithful Future*. Pledging starts on the first weekend in Advent, December 1-2, and continues through December.

Advent Organ Recitals

Advent Organ recitals return in December! On **Fridays, December 7, 14 and 21 at 12:15 p.m.** Brian and Rick will once again present a half hour Advent organ concert. Come and join these quiet reflective moments of beautiful music!

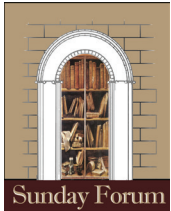
Advent Star

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.

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SUNDAY FORUM



9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

All Earth is Waiting **An Advent Study** Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Through December 16

The CTK Creation Care

Team invites you to get ready for the coming of Christ by exploring familiar Advent themes: hope, preparation, joy and peace, with the reconciliation of heaven and earth in mind. Consider how all creation longs for the coming of Christ, and how we are called to witness the Incarnation in our care of all God's created world and all God's creatures. The book used for this study is available for purchase online. For more information, contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com.

December 9 — Law Enforcement Practices and Realities *presented by Johnny Longoria*

Johnny Longoria will share insights from his life and career as a Texas Law Enforcement Officer. He will speak about significant events in law enforcement in the last decade; about training, outreach, perception, and relationship with the very community law enforcement serves. Johnny has a BS in Criminal Justice and an MA in Criminology and holds a Master Peace Officer certification with 22 years of service. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy session 268.

December 16 —

Children's Christmas Pageant in the parish hall.

Resumes January 16



WEDNESDAYS@CHURCH

Help for a Family in Need

As we approach the holiday season we become aware of families in need and seek ways to meet those needs. One church member family is in need of gently used furniture items including a sofa, bookcase, recliner, dinette set and 8x10 area rugs. Anyone desiring to donate these items is asked to contact Linda Schoene (lschoene91@att.net) or Beverly Davis (beverlydavis@ctkelc.org) to discuss delivery options.

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Vespers - The Bach Choir Sings Advent Music

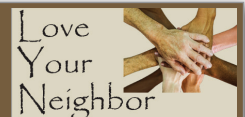
Sunday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.

Advent Vespers will be sung on Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. This joyous annual service includes Bach's Cantata 61 "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland," performed by our Bach Choir and Orchestra. Other motets by Johann Michael Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, and Rick Erickson will be sung, as well as beloved hymns and organ music! This Vespers will be presented in loving memory of Mel Rosenbaum. At the conclusion of Vespers, a name plaque will be dedicated in memory of Dr. Albert LeDoux in the Columbarium. Albert formerly served as Artistic Director of Bach Society Houston and Choir Director of Christ the King Lutheran Church. This Vespers is always a highlight of the season. All are welcome!

Flowers for the Nave 2019

The 2019 Altar Guild Flower Chart will soon be on the mobile bulletin board. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up. Checks can be made out to Christ the King Lutheran Church with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line and placed in the offering.

John Boles will respond to the Kendl book about Thomas Jefferson and slaves.



Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.
in the basement classroom

Donate

New Toys and Books

Please donate new, unwrapped toys and books (avoiding items violent in nature) for children ages 0 – 15 to the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). **You may place donations in the box in the foyer. Deadline for toys and gifts is December 2.**

Fill a Shoebox by December 2 and Delight a Seafarer

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers' ecumenical ministry. In 2017, chaplains placed almost 12,700 gifts on board 517 ships which had seafarers from 63 different countries!

Seafarer Wrappers Needed

Come and join us for a great evening of fellowship as we wrap all the collected Seafarer Gifts on **Sunday, December 2 beginning at 5:00 p.m.** in the adult classroom. Volunteers will help in wrapping gifts. Everyone is then invited to attend the Lessons and Carols in the nave and afterwards have dinner. Donations of wrapping paper are always welcome.

Maximizing your Support

Your retirement plan has allowed you to save for your future, and now it may offer a tax-efficient way for you to give back to others.

With an IRA Charitable Rollover, individuals 70½ years and older can give up to \$100,000 per year directly from an IRA to Christ the King Lutheran Church without counting it as taxable income. With the new tax law in effect in 2018, this type of gift may be even more appealing to you, as it offers tax benefits regardless of whether you itemize your deductions.

To initiate such a gift, simply contact your IRA administrator and have them send your gift, including your name as the donor, directly to the church. Your gift will support a priority that is important to you and our community. To complete an IRA Charitable Rollover during the 2018 calendar year, contact your IRA administrator today.

This information is not intended to be legal or tax advice. Please contact your tax or financial advisor regarding your specific circumstances.

Advent Retreat at Lutherhill December 7-8

Awaken to the Advent season as we await for the coming of Christ. Campers in 1st through 6th grade are invited to spend a packed 24 hours worshiping, learning in Bible study, and experiencing fun camp activities like the giant swing, archery, and arts and crafts with Ben Remmert. We will navigate the day largely as a community but we will break into small groups for age specific Bible studies. This retreat will begin on Friday evening with welcoming games, activities, and a devotion. On Saturday, we will have an action packed day including learning more about our theme, experiencing fun camp activities, and being sent out to go in peace and serve the Lord through closing worship. Cost is \$55 per person. RSVP to Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org by Sunday, December 2.

Christmas Goodies Coffee Hour Potluck on Sundays, December 23 and 30

Got extra Christmas treats? Share them with your church family! For the Sundays during the Christmas season, we are asking congregation members to kindly share some of your Christmas bounty and help provide after-church snacks on both Sunday, December 23 and again on Sunday, December 30. Any and all treats are welcome - sweet and savory. Just bring your plated treats with you on either Sunday and add them to the snack potluck.

If you would like to join the year-round snack provider group, your help is always needed. We have an especial need for providers for the 10:50 service. Want to learn more? Email Anita Bryant at awbintx@gmail.com for more information.

We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:
 Jan Petner Janning Hoenen Susanna Schuster
 Richard Oechslin Ron Brownlee Michael Vollmers
 Franz Liebster Charles Hooks

Music in December

Lessons and Carols	December 2, 9:45 a.m.
Advent Organ Vespers	December 7, 12:15 p.m.
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Longest Night	December 19, 6:30 p.m.
Advent Organ Vespers	December 21, 12:15 p.m.
Organ Concert	January 1, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 2

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
- 9:45 a.m. Advent Wreath Workshop, courtyard
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation, parish hall
- 5:00 p.m. Seafarer Gift Wrapping, youth room
- 6:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, nave

Monday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 4

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

Wednesday, December 5

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 5:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant rehearsal, parish hall
- 6:15 p.m. Brass ensemble, narthex
- 7:30 p.m. Chorus, 011
- 7:30 p.m. Choir, 001

Thursday, December 6

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

Friday, December 7

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl ministry, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, narthex
- 12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Recital, nave

Saturday, December 8

- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, December 9

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
- 9:45 a.m. Advent Study
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room



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.

Palestinian Pictures

This Advent and Christmas, check out and enjoy the photographs done by young adult art students attending Dar Al-Kalima University in Bethlehem, Palestine. All the photographs are prize winners from throughout Palestine. They tell the story of life in Palestine/West Bank. The biographical summaries of the young artists also are inspiring. The exhibit is in the parish hall through the end of December.