



## 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.

## Mission Offering

The mission offering to Hospitality Apartments for the month of July currently is \$2276.06. Thank you for your support.

## Rally Day

### Sunday School Kick Off August 25

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. All students then have class pictures taken, while parents go the classrooms to meet the teachers and register their kids. While parents are in class, the children have fun and play games in the courtyard. You may contact Pastor Liebster or Deacon Remmert with any questions regarding Sunday School or Confirmation class ([karinliebster@ctkelc.org](mailto:karinliebster@ctkelc.org), [benremmert@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmert@ctkelc.org)).

## Sunday School Teachers

All current, past and future teachers are invited to join us for a start-of-the-year meeting for Godly Play on **August 18 at 12:30 p.m.**, room 107. Food will be served as we discuss our classes and teaching this year.

## Choir/Chorus Retreat August 23-24

Our Choir and Chorus retreat will be to Zion Center in Galveston on August 23-24 in order to tune up and prepare for the season ahead. New members welcome, please speak to Rick for further information, and please keep our singers in your prayers.

## Summer Sunday School

### Beautiful Rocks

**August 4, 9:45 a.m., room 204**

Neal and Inda Immega invite all ages to learn about beautiful rocks - stones that are cut and polished for jewelry. They will have both lapidary and fancier gem materials and, of course, will have some things to give away to the participants! Learn about the properties of these materials that make them pretty enough and durable enough for this type of use, where they are found and which things are found together.

### Flowers for for the Nave

**There are a number of Sundays still open for flower dedications.** Available dates are: **August 18, September 1, 8, October 27, and December 1.**

Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up. 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." For information, contact Cheryl at [cherlgaspard@ctkelc.org](mailto:cherlgaspard@ctkelc.org).

 **BACK TO SCHOOL**

 \$45.00 Sponsors One Student

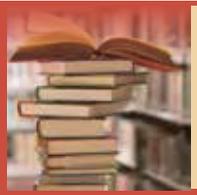
**Deadline August 5** 

**Sponsoring A Child Is Easy!**

There are two ways to make a donation:

- Donate online: [ccschouston.org](http://ccschouston.org)
- Submit a check made out to Christ the King Church and earmarked "CCSC Back to School Project".

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## Summer Book Reviews

Sundays 9:45 a.m.  
in the parish hall

**August 4:**

**Railroaded**, by *Richard White*,  
reviewed by Logan Faron

**August 11:**

**Educated: A Memoir**,  
by *Tara Westover*,  
reviewed by John Boles

**August 18:**

**Leaders Eat Last**,  
by *Simon Sinek*,  
reviewed by Mary Ann Beseda

**August 25: Rally Day**

## Summer Luther League: "Talking about the Good Place!"

All middle school and high school students are invited to join us for Summer Luther League meetings every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. This summer, we will focus on the theology of the popular sitcom *The Good Place*. This series digs deep into the theological messages of good versus evil, the afterlife, and community. This will be a great time for Sabbath, conversation, food, and fun for youth during the summer months!

## August Writing Circle

The Summer Writing Circle will resume its meetings on **Friday, August 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** For further information or meeting notices contact Anna Fay Williams, [texaslion11@yahoo.com](mailto:texaslion11@yahoo.com).

## 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?

### 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 closer yourself.

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

## About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 3.5 million members in more than 9,100 worshipping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands.," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

## Faith Over Fear - Houston

August 29-30

at Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar St.

Free

This training, organized by Shoulder to Shoulder, is designed for faith leaders, lay leaders, and multifaith or faith-based organizational leaders committed to countering anti-Muslim discrimination in their communities. We'll share up-to-date research, resources, tools, and messaging to be stronger, strategic, and more effective actors in shaping our nation toward a greater vision - where all people, no matter their religious or cultural background, are treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

The Faith Over Fear training will cover the following focus areas: understanding & unpacking anti-Muslim bigotry & Islamophobia, the underlying dynamics in communications & conflict, messaging for change (what we say and how we say it), deep-dive in allyship, an example of challenging Islamophobia through the arts, and strategies for engagement & change. You can learn more about Shoulder to Shoulder and our Faith Over Fear trainings at: [shouldertoshouldercampaign.org/trainings](http://shouldertoshouldercampaign.org/trainings)

Shoulder to Shoulder is offering this **Faith Over Fear training free-of-charge**, and encourages participants to consider also registering for the Annual Islamic Society of North America Convention in Houston over Labor Day Weekend.

The Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign is anchored by 34 national member religious institutions to stand in multifaith solidarity with our Muslim neighbors. By equipping, connecting, and mobilizing faith leaders in the United States to address anti-Muslim discrimination and violence, we are able to reach non-Muslim faith communities and people of goodwill across the country to shift attitudes about Islam and Muslims. [shouldertoshouldercampaign.org/mission-index-impact](http://shouldertoshouldercampaign.org/mission-index-impact)

## House Church Launch



The concept of 'house churches' dates to Christianity's early days, with New Testament references including the stories of the Last Supper and Pentecost. Participants in our 2018

Faithful Imagination listening sessions embraced the idea of starting new regular 'house churches': small groups that will meet monthly, usually but not necessarily in homes, devoted to sharing faith, praying and learning together, and building community.

Each house church will have a sponsor to host the initial meeting and play a coordinating role: helping the group decide when and where to meet, and how to customize these basic building blocks:

- Fellowship and breaking of bread: sharing simple food and drink, enjoying time together.
- Opening prayer, spiritual conversation: reading, hearing, discussing, reflecting on God's Word; sharing experiences and viewpoints.
- Closing prayer: praying, together and individually, for one another and for others.

Participants will be asked to commit to regular participation (nine monthly meetings, with a break during the summer months). Once we have a list of people willing to sponsor and participate, we'll assign all who sign up to a group – our aim is to have 8-12 people (including the group sponsor/s) in each group.

Further information will be provided and questions answered during Sunday Forum on Sunday September 8. Then on September 15 during Sunday Forum we'll have a 'mock' house church so that people can get a sense of what we have in mind.

Signups will take place in September so that groups can be created and begin meeting in October. Please contact Terri Bourne, [tdbourne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tdbourne@sbcglobal.net), if you have questions or are interesting in being a house church sponsor

We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:  
 Elizabeth Mallon Irmi Willcockson John Walker  
 Charlotte Turner Judith Hungerford David West  
 Adrienne Winston Martin Salas  
 Lisa Brenskelle Christian Triantaphyllis

### Sunday, August 4

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 10  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday Book Reviews, parish hall  
 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School, room 204  
 9:45 a.m. Summer Luther League, youth room  
 10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 10

### Monday, August 5

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

### Tuesday, August 6

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

### Wednesday, August 7

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor  
 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir

### Thursday, August 8

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

### Friday, August 9

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave  
 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor

### Saturday, August 10

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

### Sunday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 10  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday Book Reviews, parish hall  
 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School, room 204  
 9:45 a.m. Summer Luther League, youth room  
 10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 10



Help break the cycle of child abuse  
 by empowering children, families and communities.

## Who They Are - Helping Children Thrive

At Upbring, they're changemakers determined to create a world where all children are cherished. They understand that breaking the cycle of child abuse means more than removing children from harmful situations and providing clothing, food and shelter. Because when the cycle is broken, it means children get to live every moment of every day with every inch of their whole hearts. So you've got to help children heal physically, emotionally and spiritually. Upbring does this.

They've been helping children thrive for more than 135 years, and they're not stopping. They have an opportunity to shape not only the way they deliver their programs and services, but shape the way Texas treats children. They have Faith in Every Future.

## Who They Are - Disaster Response

When everything seems to be falling apart around you, Upbring is there to help you keep standing. Serving Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, Upbring Disaster Response assists families and communities in the aftermath of natural disasters like tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or wildfires.

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