



Welcome our new Music Associate

We are delighted to welcome our new Music Associate **Mary Joy Silmaro** to our staff.

Mary Joy is currently completing her Master's Degree in organ at the Shepherd School of Music, Rice University.

She will be involved with our full music ministry, and brings many wonderful gifts! Previously to Christ the King, she has served as Organ Scholar both at Christ Church Cathedral and at the Co-Cathedral.

Christ the King Young Adults

Our Young Adults will have their regular meeting on **Sunday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.** at the Volcano, corner of Morningside and Bissonet. No age range is stipulated; it is open to all the young at heart. Newcomers always welcome. For more info, contact Pastor Duane at duanelarson@ctkelc.org.

SEARCH Coffee Ministry August 21

Please join us in hosting our monthly coffee hour for SEARCH Homeless Services clients at the Perry St. Apartments, 4415 Perry, a New Hope Housing project in the Third Ward on **Wednesday, August 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** This collaboration with SEARCH takes place every third Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

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.

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, 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.

Flowers for for the Nave

There are a number of Sundays still open for flower dedications. Available dates are: **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). Checks to Christ the King Lutheran Church or cash in an envelope should say "Altar Flowers." For information, contact Cheryl at cherlgaspard@ctkelc.org.

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Summer Book Reviews

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

August 18: Leaders Eat Last,
by Simon Sinek,
reviewed by Mary Ann Beseda
August 25: Rally Day

August Writing Circle

The Summer Writing Circle meets on **Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** For further information contact Anna Fay Williams, texaslion11@yahoo.com.

Creation Care Fest/ Environmental Extravaganza

**Saturday, August 24,
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church,
4600 Bellaire Blvd.**

This free event is actually three events in one: lectures by expert speakers on The State of Our World, an exhibit by local environmental organizations, and a family-friendly festival with kids' activities such as nature/environment-focused games, crafts, encounters with live education animals, seed planting (to take home & watch grow!) and much more. Note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

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), Pastor Liebster (karinliebster@ctkelc.org), or any of the Sunday school teachers. We'd love to tell you more about how it all works!

Happy Anniversaries

The ELCA Church Assembly kicks off a year of celebrations, Bishop Eaton noted in her opening remarks.

It's the 50th anniversary of the decision to ordain women, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the first woman of color and the 10th anniversary of the ELCA's decision to remove barriers toward the ordination of people in same-sex marriages. <https://religionnews.com/2019/08/06/5-things-to-watch-at-the-elca-churchwide-assembly/>

'God's Work. Our Hands.' Celebration September 7-8



We are a church that boldly does God's work of restoring and reconciling communities. 'God's work. Our hands.' is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

On the weekend of September 7-8, the nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. As a part of this celebration, we invite all our members and friends to join us at the Houston Food Bank on **Saturday, September 7, 8:00 a.m.-noon**. For information and to RSVP, contact Justin at ctkhfb@gmail.com.

On **Sunday, September 8**, the Justice Advocacy Ministry Team invites you to use your hands to advocate for justice after each worship service. There will be several justice topics to choose from & different ways to advocate. Stop by the tables after worship and raise your voice for justice!

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Saturday, September 7, 10:00 a.m.
Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale St.

At a decisive moment for our natural world, Christians of all traditions are invited to join hearts and voices in this year's ecumenical observance of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This prayer service, hosted by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, will be a time to give thanks, to repent, to plead for moral courage, and to bear witness to all of Houston of our unity in declaring that that climate change is an ethical imperative that must be addressed now. Please register at eventbrite.com. Contact Monica Hatcher at mhatcher@CCVI-VDM.org for additional information.

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, 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:

Sabina Entzian	Andrea Salas	Meaghan Wheeler
Raul Vieira	Lily Graham	Philip Feldwisch
Akiko LoTurco	Kaitlin Choi	Anna Van Buskirk
Agnes Pierce	Robert Louis	Russell Post

Sunday, August 18

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
7:00 p.m. Young Adults offsite

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

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

Wednesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
1:30 p.m. Writing Circle, 3rd floor
Choir/Chorus retreat, offsite

Saturday, August 24

Choir/Chorus retreat, offsite
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Creation Care Fest, offsite
1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, August 25

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 10
9:45 a.m. Rally Day
9:45 a.m. Breakfast Tacos, courtyard
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 10



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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.

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.

Piano Concert September 5

The Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany Thomas H. Meister has the pleasure of inviting you to a piano concert by internationally acclaimed German pianist Roswitha Lohmer on **Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 p. m.** at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Works of Schumann, Beethoven, Schubert, Liszt and Chopin will be performed. R SVP.: L-VZ@hous.diplo.de ph. 713-985-3386

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