



## Rally Day

### Sunday School Kick Off August 25



ffered 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.

#### 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

#### Friday Morning Bible Study Resumes September 6

All are invited to Friday Morning Bible Study. Join us for a cup of coffee at 10:00 a.m. in the council room Bible Study and prayer begin at 10:30, and we finish approximately 11:40 a.m.

Friday Morning Bible Study is an opportunity to enrich life in preparation for the Sunday assemblies. We read the texts assigned for the Sunday liturgy and prepare ourselves for the encounter with the living Lord who promises to be with us in word and sacrament. No need to pre-register, simply join us!

Join us for breakfast tacos in the courtyard and the start of our new Sunday School year. Sunday School classes are offered

#### Check your Blood Pressure

Blood pressure screenings will be held in the narthex after each Sunday morning service on **August 25**.

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

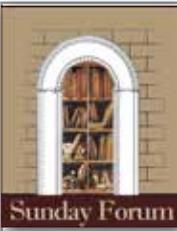


We are a church that boldly does God's work of restoring and reconciling communities. 'God's work. Our hands.' is an opportunity

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](mailto: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!

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## SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

**August 25: Rally Sunday**

**September 1: How does Worship Work: The Circle of the Eucharist**

People big and small, young and old come together in the parish hall to learn about what happens in worship and how we participate in it. Marie Monroe will tell the story of the Circle of the Eucharist.

**September 8 and 15:**

**House Churches: Introduction and Demonstration**

**September 8:** Terri Bourne will introduce the concept and history of house churches. House churches are small groups that are devoted to sharing faith, praying and learning together, and building community. The basic building blocks include fellowship, breaking of bread (a shared meal), prayer and spiritual conversation. Participants of house church groups will be asked to commit to regular participation (nine monthly meetings, with a break during the summer months). Groups will have about 8-12 members.

**September 15:** The house church launching team will lead the Sunday Forum participants in a demonstration of an actual house church meeting. We will split in a several smalls groups, each led by a sponsor.

**September 22: Reflections from the Summer Youth Trips**

Deacon Ben Remmert and the youth group share impressions and reflections from the trips to Leipzig and Saxony in Germany, and to Wilmington, North Carolina. Youth and adults experienced first hand Reformation sites throughout Saxony, and also visited the concentration camp Buchenwald. In Wilmington, NC, our youth engaged in hands on hurricane relief work, with gratitude for the help Houston received after Harvey in 2017.

**September 29: What in the world is Ammparo? A new outreach ministry of Christ the King Church**

The newly forming Ammparo group at Christ the King Church will introduce its scope in this new (and not so new) area of justice advocacy ministry. Our congregation and synod are participating members of the ELCA's AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities) network. Ammparo intends to engage as a church body with affiliates and partners to respond to the migration situation and its causes and to advocate for migrant children and their families.

## 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](mailto:texaslion11@yahoo.com).

## Sunday Evening Conversations on Creation Continue...

The CTK Creation Care Team invites you to a monthly environmental education web meeting series whose theme in 2019 is environmental issues and what you can do.

**What's the Health of the Bay?**

**Galveston Bay Report Card**

**Sunday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m., online**

In August, T'Noya Thompson, Advocacy Programs Manager for Galveston Bay Foundation, will discuss the health of Galveston Bay. The Galveston Bay Estuary is the largest estuary on the Texas coast and has weathered significant challenges over the years. The Galveston Bay Report Card, a citizen-driven, scientific analysis of the health of Galveston Bay, was created to increase interest in the health of the bay and to create an informed citizenry willing to engage local and state decision-makers on bay issues. The report card is updated annually every August. Learn about the indicators that give you the information you need to be informed, and how you can take action to preserve Galveston Bay! Please register for this talk on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Contact Lisa Brenskelle at [brenskelle@aol.com](mailto:brenskelle@aol.com) with any questions about this talk.

## 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

## Acolyte Training September 7 and 14

All acolytes who are currently serving or are newly training will meet with Ben Remmert and Pastor Liebster on September 7 at **10:00 a.m.** in the nave. A make up session will be held on September 14 at 10:00 a.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](mailto:karinliebster@ctkelc.org) or 713-400-0516.

## Crucifer Training September 7 and 14

A Crucifer Training will be held on September 7 and 14 at **11:30 p.m.** in the nave. A make up session will be held on September 14 at 1:00 p.m. All youth and adults who currently serve as crucifers and those wishing to become crucifers are invited to attend. Contact Ben Remmert at [benremmert@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmert@ctkelc.org) with questions.

## 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](http://eventbrite.com). Contact Monica Hatcher at [mhatcher@CCVI-VDM.org](mailto:mhatcher@CCVI-VDM.org) for additional information.

## 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.

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

Janelle Thompson	Jacob Thweatt	Erling Hansen
Angela Lenz	Richard Baker	Sara Dobbs
Cooper Lenz	Anthony Goodoff	Alice Olson

### 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  
6:00 p.m. Creation Care webinar

### Monday, August 26

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

### Tuesday, August 27

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

### Wednesday, August 28

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor  
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, 001  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation  
7:30 p.m. Church Choir, 001  
7:30 p.m. Chorus, 011

### Thursday, August 29

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

### Friday, August 30

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

### Saturday, August 31

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

### Sunday, September 1

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



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## Who They Are - Helping Children Thrive

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## 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.

## Flowers for for the Nave

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

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 [chergaspard@ctkelc.org](mailto:chergaspard@ctkelc.org).

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