



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!

Family Friday

September 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Families with babies, toddlers up to Kindergarten children have fun together on the first Friday of the month when we share dinner, playtime and conversation! This is a fun social time – the group is always open to new friends joining. Come join us! The September conversation topic will be: *How Do I Survive Worship with Kids?*

When: September 6, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

Where: parish hall

Dinner: Pizza and salad

BYOB

New Member Orientation

On **September 29 at 12:30 p.m.** all who are interested in learning more about Christ the King Church's ministries and community are invited to a luncheon with the pastors. On October 6, we will receive all who would like to join themselves to the mission of Christ the King Church as new members.

A Special Guest Preacher on September 8

We welcome **Pastor Ron Glusenkamp** as our Guest Preacher on Sunday, September 8. He comes to thank Christ the King Lutheran Church for our large role in the ELCA's successful *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

'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. We invite all our members and friends to join us at the Houston Food Bank on **Saturday, September 7, 8:00 a.m.-noon**. RSVP to Justin at ctkhfb@gmail.com.

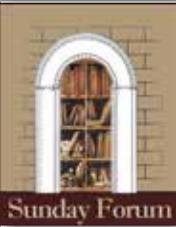
On **Sunday, September 8**, the Justice Advocacy Ministry Team invites you advocate for justice after each worship service. Stop by the tables after worship and raise your voice for justice!

Piano Concert September 5, 7:30 p.m.

The German Consulate hosts a free piano concert by internationally acclaimed German pianist Roswitha Lohmer on **Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 p. m.** in the nave. Works of Schumann, Beethoven, Schubert, Liszt and Chopin will be performed. All are welcome.

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SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

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.

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.

Confirmation Class Orientation

Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th grade students begins with a Milestone Celebration for youth and parents on **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m.** New students will receive their study bibles. Weekly classes for students are **Sundays at 9:45 a.m.-10:35 p.m.** beginning September 8. Pastor Liebster and Deacon Remmert will lead the class studying Luther's Small Catechism. Confirmation class is generally for students in grades 7 and 8, though special circumstances may be accommodated as to when a student joins the class. Please contact Pastor Liebster, karinliebster@ctkelc.org or Deacon Remmert, benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Small group book study: Shameless, A Sexual Reformation

Wednesdays, 6:00 -7:15 p.m.

September 11-October 16

This six week book study will read Nadia Bolz-Weber's 2019 book "Shameless: A Sexual Reformation". The dust jacket reads, "Raw, intimate, and timely, Nadia Bolz-Weber offers a full-blown overhaul of our harmful and antiquated ideas about sex, gender, and our bodies." Some of the topics she tackles in this book are: Adam and Eve story, church history influences on LGBTQ acceptance, abortions, sexual trauma, divorce, and purity culture. The book is available in hard copy and eBook. We can also order a book for you if it is easier.

This book study will be a safe space for all thoughts and opinions on these topics. All are welcome to attend. We can only benefit from seeking to learn from one another. Please contact Pastor Karin Liebster to RSVP, or to sign up for a book order, at karinliebster@ctkelc.org.

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.

What is Scriptural Reasoning?

Are you interested in coming to know some of our Muslim friends and their faith better? Would you like to grow in your own Christian faith at the same time while sharing in fellowship and conversation with members of Houston's Blue Mosque? Then come be introduced to Scriptural Reasoning on **Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the parish hall. There, Pastor Larson and Fatih Ozcan (one of the leaders of Turkish Muslims who have joined in feast and worship with us before) will share with you the Scriptural Reasoning program. It was developed at Cambridge University, UK, and has gone global as a wonderful and practical way of sharing our scriptures in small groups. In a group no larger than 14, half Christian and half-Muslim, we read similar texts from the Bible and the Qur'an side by side and share what they mean to us. Light food and good fellowship accent the experience of growing together as Abrahamic cousins in faith and friendship. You can register for the monthly small group programs—hosted in homes or elsewhere—after the orientation on September 25.

Blues, Brews, and Good News Returns September 27, 7:00 p.m.

It's back. After the summer break, Blues, Brews, and Good News returns to its every fourth Friday slot with great music by The Healers and provocative topical discussions. Oh, and outstanding craft beer choices!

Our topic this month syncs up with the ELCA's resolution as a denomination that we are a "Sanctuary" Church. We'll discuss what "sanctuary" means from theological, historical, and legal perspectives. AND, with a "semi-open mike" format, we'll ask what YOU think it means and should mean.

"Sanctuary" as a "safe place" will mark our discussion in the safe place of "BB&GN." It's a big church topic that even caught the eyes, ears, and mouths of the national news media. Invite your friends. With brews in hand and courageous prayers on lips, we enjoy safe and serious conversation about the future of God for all through and with us!

Acolyte Training

September 7 and 14, 10:00 a.m.

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 or 713-400-0516.

Crucifer Training

September 7 and 14, 11:45 a.m.

A Crucifer Training will be held on September 7 and 14 at **11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in the nave. All youth and adults who currently serve as crucifers and those wishing to become crucifers are invited to attend. Contact Ben Remmert at benremmer@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. Contact Monica Hatcher at mhatcher@CCVI-VDM.org.

"Theirs is an endless road, a hopeless maze, who seeks for goods before they seek God."

(Bernard of Clairvaux, French abbot, died 1153)



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

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



Mission Offering

A Healing Place

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

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

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

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

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 orientation
7:30 p.m. Church Choir, 001
7:30 p.m. Chorus, 011

Thursday, September 5

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor
7:30 p.m. Piano concert, nave

Friday, September 6

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
1:30 p.m. Writing Circle, 3rd floor
5:00 p.m. Family Friday, parish hall

Saturday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Houston Food Bank
8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 9
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 9
12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room



Bright Stars of Bethlehem promotes peace and justice in Palestine through Dar al-Kalima University of Arts & Culture and its initiatives for youth, families and older adults, as well as public advocacy for basic human rights. Bright Stars of Bethlehem is dedicated to educating the next generation of creative leaders in Palestine.

Their key initiatives include:

- Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture
- Outreach for Children and Youth (Diyar)
- Outreach to Older Adults (Ajyal)



Flowers for for the Nave

There is one Sunday still open

for flower dedications. Available date is **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.

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

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