



Welcome, Pastor Taddiken and Dr. Matthias Schwarz

We extend our warm welcome to Pastor Taddiken and Dr. Matthias Schwarz from the St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany. Christ the King Church and St Thomas have built a relationship across the Atlantic over a period of two decades. In October 2018 the congregations entered into a covenant of mutual commitment with the intent to continue the friendship and explore deeper ways working together for Christ's mission to the world. We look forward to a youth group visit from Leipzig in February 2020. All are invited to the Sunday Forum at 9:45 a.m. in the parish hall to meet Pastor Taddiken and Dr. Schwarz.

Bach Vespers, October 6

Bach Season opens with Vespers on **Sunday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m.** Vespers features Bach Cantata 67 with our Bach Choir, soloists, and orchestra.

Our guest homilist will be Britta Taddiken from St. Thomas Church in Leipzig. A festive wine and cheese reception follows. Come join this joyful opening of the season!

Bread for the World Sunday Offering of Letters October 13

Gather in the courtyard after both services and write letters. Sample letters and writing materials will be provided.

Music Program for Children October-December

We invite children and youth to come out in great numbers and make music together, Saturdays at 10 a.m.! All ages and levels of singing ability are welcome. Children and youth will sing together with the adults on these days. The pieces involve small and big parts, so everyone will be included. Mark your calendars and come make music to the glory of God!

Cantor Rick Erickson and Music Associate Mary Joy Silmaro lead the rehearsals with music, movement and reading. Snacks and special activities such as pumpkin carving and Christmas pageant make these weekends fun events for everyone.

We need volunteers for the pumpkin activity on October 26. Please RSVP for both music and pumpkins to Mary Joy Silmaro (msilmaro@bachsocietyhouston.org).

October's rehearsals:

Singing God's Grace – Celebrating the Reformation

October 19, 10-11:30 a.m. (Saturday)

October 26, 10-11:30 a.m. (with pumpkin carving)
(Saturday)

Singing in worship, Reformation Sunday, October 27

Luther League Fall Lock-In:

Friday, October 11-12

On Friday, October 11 beginning at 6:00 p.m., all middle school and high school youth are invited to join the Luther League for an evening of fellowship, fun, getting to know each other, and a time of devotion and service work. RSVP by October 9 to Deacon Ben Remmert as spots are limited. \$20 includes our evening activities, snacks, and beverages. Friends are welcome to join!

"Inside" Trunk or Treat!

**Wednesday, October 30, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in
the parish hall. All ages welcome!**

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Sunday Forum

SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

October 6: Q&A with leaders of St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany
Pastor Taddiken and council member Dr. Matthias Schwarz will lead a Q&A on the particular challenges of congregational life at St Thomas.

October 13: Council Listening Post

The congregation council will give a general update on church business and ministry, and members and friends are invited to share questions and concerns. The conversation about Memorial Drive Lutheran Church will not be part of the agenda.

October 20:

News from Our Companion Synod Central African Republic

The synod celebrates its companion relationship with the Lutheran Church in CAR in the month of October. CTK members of the synod's CAR team, Véronique Eberhart, Lucky Sahualla, and Carolyn Jacobs will speak about the concept of companion synod and then talk about CAR and the Lutheran church. Currently the ELCA does not send missionaries to the Central African Republic for security reasons but the relationship and supported ministries continue to thrive. The synod's CAR team wants to sponsor a youth to travel to the next Youth Gathering 2021

Three week series on "The Apocalypse" Then and Now

October 27: Scholars have long debated who the historical Jesus really was: A Jewish peasant cynic or a Rabbi? A revolutionary or a Pharisee? An exorcist, a healer, or a magician? In this talk Matthias Henze will evaluate the evidence that comes to us from the New Testament and evaluate the hypothesis that Jesus was an apocalyptic prophet.

November 3: Apocalypticism in America: Religious Apocalypticism in full view after being underground and strategically nurtured for 50 years, Duane Larson

Novovember 10: The American Apocalypse: End Time Beliefs and the Religious Right, Matthias Henze

Shameless, A Sexual Reformation

A small group book study

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. through October 16

If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Karin Liebster, karinliebster@ctkelc.org to RSVP.

Friday Morning Bible Study

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.

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!

The New Scriptural Reasoning Project Has Begun

October 15 at Blue Mosque

Scriptural Reasoning, a program developed by inter-religious dialogue experts at Cambridge University, is a new project here at Christ the King Church in partnership with the Houston Blue Mosque/The Islamic Institute. We read parallel scripture texts from the Bible and the Qur'an, talk about our understandings of them, and, along the way, grow in mutual understanding and friendship. We will meet monthly on **every 3rd Tuesday, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**, beginning with light meal fellowship, alternating monthly between Houston Blue Mosque and Christ the King Lutheran Church.

We'll next meet on October 15 at Blue Mosque – The Islamic Institute, 9301 West Bellfort Avenue. CTK participants welcome, even if you could not attend the initial orientation evening. Let us grow together in our Abrahamic family relationship and common witness for peace in God's world.

In Our Own Voice - Living with Mental Illness

Thursday, October 10

6:00-7:30 p.m., 2nd floor

presented by; Sharon Tatuaca and Sarah Hornstein, NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness)

Sponsored by our Community of Hope lay chaplains

Come hear one of NAMI Greater Houston members share a compelling personal story about living with mental illness, focusing on recovery, and the message of hope. In Our Own Voice is a program of the National Association for Mental Illness which shares information about mental illness, mental health recovery, and its impact on participants' lives...in their own voices. The program provides an opportunity for those who have struggled with mental illness to gain confidence and to share their individual experiences of recovery and transformation.

Anyone familiar with mental illness knows that recovery is not a singular event, but a multi-dimensional, multi-linear journey characterized more by the mindset of the one taking it than by his or her condition at any given moment along the way. Understanding recovery as having several dimensions makes its uneven course easier to accept. Much as we don't blame the cancer patient for dying of invasive tumors, we can't condemn a consumer whose symptoms overtake his or her best efforts to manage illness. Recovery is the point in someone's illness in which the illness is no longer the first and foremost part of his or her life, no longer the essence of all his or her existence. Ultimately, recovery is about attitude and making the effort.

World Homeless Weekend: October 11-13

Every year in October, cities across the globe observe World Homeless Day. Its purpose is to draw attention to the needs of people experiencing homelessness and provide opportunities for communities to get involved in responding to this urgent humanitarian issue.

Christ the King Church, as a member of the Council of Congregations of SEARCH Homeless Services, invites our *members and friends to join on Sunday, October 13* in prayer, awareness raising and service, on behalf of some of the most marginalized and vulnerable members of our city.

You can **participate** by:

- **donating toilet paper and laundry detergent** (any size, liquid or powder) for distribution to SEARCH clients living at New Hope Housing,
- **picking up Luther Packs** (survival kits) in the narthex for distribution to individuals on the street, and
- **by praying for and advocating** on behalf of the homeless.

Wanted: toilet paper and laundry detergent (any size, liquid or powder)

What is the CTK Festival?

It's our time to party for a good cause, really, several good causes. CTK Festival is a dinner and fundraiser for charities supported by our church.

Sounds like fun! How are the funds raised? There are several fun ways to party for our causes - make gifts directly to the organizations at the festival dinner, sign up for parties (also known as Sociables), donate a quality bottle of wine, buy one of the exciting items offered in the live auction, or buy tickets for an opportunity to take home an original Piecemakers hand-stitched quilt.

What can I do to help? Plan to attend the festival, offer to host a Sociable, buy lots of drawing tickets.

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Mary Ann Beseda at maryann-beseda@gmail.com



Festival Party Friday, November 15

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

Cecilia Bruns Maya Morin
Christopher Bruns Sandra Fenner
Pat Zimmerman Renate Brink
Gene Voss Tara Converse

Sunday, October 6

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 9
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 9
12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room
6:00 p.m. Bach Vespers, nave

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 10

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor
6:00 p.m. Circle of Care - Living with
 Mental Illness, council room

Friday, October 11

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study,
 council room
6:00 p.m. Luther League Lock-In

Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 9
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation
9:45 a.m. Bread for the World Offering of
 Letters, courtyard
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 9
12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room

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

Mary Joy Silmaro, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director

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A Healing Place

Mission offering

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

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (EEL-RCA)



The EEL-RCA strives to participate in:

- national reconciliation
- rebuilding and training efforts
- clinics and community health care
- village schools
- the building of spring boxes for pure water sources
- university scholarships
- village micro-finance groups
- veterinary projects to improve animal health and crop yield

Our offerings also support:

- the translation of Sunday School materials
- roofs for churches
- motorcycles for pastors who need transportation as they serve multiple small rural congregations

Christ the King Church along with our synod celebrates CAR Companion Synod Day on October 20.

Let us join this month our voices and our resources with those of the congregations of the EEL-RCA who pray fervently, dance their way to the offering plate, and sing hymns joyously even in times of trouble.