



Lessons and Carols in Sunday Worship

December 8, 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Festive music and Advent readings lead through the Story of Salvation of our God in anticipation of the advent of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, to be born in Bethlehem. Our Church Choir, Chorus, together with children and youth tell the story in song while the confirmation youth lead most of the liturgy. All are invited to the festive Advent reception in the courtyard between services. Donations for finger food breakfast items are welcome.

Advent Wreath Workshop

On First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 9:45 a.m.

The Altar Guild will set up for wreath making in the cloister and courtyard. The supplies provided include two different styles of wire wreaths, blue and purple advent candle sets, ribbon, bows and greenery. A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the Altar Guild's cost of supplies. All ages are invited to join in this communal craft activity to start the Advent season in your homes. If you have a purchased wreath that you would like to decorate, please bring it and join the fun.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Part 1

December 8, 12:30 p.m., parish hall

Part 1 of the Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, December 8, immediately following the 10:50 a.m. service. The agenda will include presentation of preliminary budget for 2020 and council member elections. Your presence and voice in the planning and administration of our congregational life together is vital. Thank you for your presence and support.

Check your Blood Pressure

Blood pressure screenings will be held in the narthex after each Sunday morning service on **November 24**.

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word.

Casual attire is encouraged.

11:45 a.m. Dinner in the parish hall

Paul and Marie Monroe have graciously volunteered to prepare turkey & dressing for a family-style Thanksgiving Day dinner in the parish hall. All are invited. **If you would like, you may bring a covered dish to share** (salad, vegetable, bread, dessert, fancy drinks, etc.). **For an accurate count, please notify Beverly Davis at beverly-davis@ctkelc.org**. However, if you don't sign up, you are still welcome: everyone will eat their fill and we'll have baskets of food left over. Thanksgiving dinner will begin around 11:45 a.m. and run until the turkey tryptophan kicks in.

Blues, Brews, and Good News

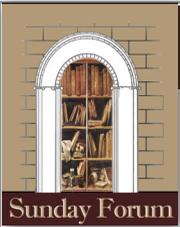
November 29, 7:00 p.m. (Fifth Friday!)

Turkey Leftovers and the Meaning of 'Family' Today

The Healers come back with their fab new Grammy winning bass player. As always, beer choices "curated by Karli"! This time bring your Turkey Day leftovers to share. After a Christmas break, we'll resume in January. The spring season will talk about Death, The Future of Humans in a Cyber Era, and more. Come, tap your feet, explore challenging themes, drink some beer, pray and praise. Every (usually) fourth Friday.

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Sunday Forum

SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

November 24: Join Rick and Mary Joy around the organ in the nave as we take a moment to look and hear more closely our remarkable Bach organ!

December 1: Advent Wreath Workshop in the courtyard

December 8: Lessons and Carols Festive Advent Reception in the courtyard

December 15: Children's Christmas Pageant in the parish hall. Waffle Café by Luther League.

December 22: The Magnificat is an ancient song of the church, and has been inspiration for music and art. Join Rick and Mary Joy as they explore some musical settings from a wide variety of sources.

December 29: Christmas Goodies in the courtyard

Foundation Invites Grant Applications

The Board of Directors for the Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church New Foundation invites grant applications. Regular grants may be made solely in support of the life and work of the Church and other qualified organizations whose purposes are aligned with the strategic emphases of the Church. Regular grants generally support special projects and special needs of the Church, and may not be approved to support the regular operating expenses of the Church. Strong preference will be given to grant applications that, in the judgment of the Board, advance the Church's mission as "A Healing Place." Grant applications should describe how the proposal will benefit the Church and its mission, and may be submitted by December 31, 2019 to the Church office or to any member of the Foundation board (Russell Post, Kathy Collins, Bob Solberg, Wendy Wiker, and Jerry Zamzow). Grant decisions will be announced at the Part II Annual Meeting in February 2020.

Houston's Annual Shape Note Singing Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the nave

Shape Note Music, also called Sacred Harp Music, is Christian a cappella music which developed in England and early America. When there were few schools or music teachers, people were taught to read music by the shape of the notes to indicate the tone. Thousands of songs were written in this notation style. This vibrant, heart thumping music is also called White Spirituals. The Sacred Harp is the human voice. Shape Note Music continues to be sung in America and Europe.

Come listen or join in singing. If you are going to sing, please let Linda Siemers know so there will be plenty of hymn books. And we always bring extra hymn books anyway. This is not performance; it's praise. To learn how to sing this music, come at 9:00 a.m. for the Singing School. Pot luck lunch at noon in the narthex. To hear the music or see a schedule of sacred harp singings in Texas, go to texasfasola.org.

The Ecological Crisis & The Response of Faith

Sunday, November 24, 6:00 p.m., online

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. In November, Lisa Brenskelle, head of the team, will discuss the U.N.'s Global Environmental Outlook, a report issued earlier this year, and how faith enables our response to the ecological crisis described in the report. Lisa will examine the science that explains the present state of our world and the major environmental issues we face. She will then consider how our faith both informs and enables our response to this crisis. The first half of this talk reviews the Global Environmental Outlook. The second half of the talk discusses how faith enables a response. Lisa holds a PhD in engineering, and has worked on a volunteer basis in earthkeeping ministry for decades. Join her for this thought-provoking talk! Register for this talk on eventbrite.com. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions about this talk.

United Nations Women: Standing Against Rape

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence November 25 – December 10

Dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women, the United Nations organization UN Women champions women and girls worldwide accelerating progress on meeting their needs. Beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence increases awareness, galvanizes advocacy efforts, and shares knowledge on this year's theme Standing Against Rape. To learn more and get involved, see www.unwomen.org/en.

Advent Organ Meditations

Fridays, December 6, 13 and 20, 12:15 p.m.

Music and readings for Advent focus our hearts on expectant anticipation. Come and enjoy 30 minute meditations with music from the organ and scripture reading on December 6, 13 and 20, 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the nave.

Family Friday

December 6, 5:00-6:45 p.m. in the parish hall

Families with babies and toddlers come together on the first Friday of the month (this month we will meet on the second Friday) 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! Pizza and salad provided. BYOB

Music Practice for Children and Youth

Children and youth join to make music in worship during Advent and Christmas. Music director Rick Erickson and Music Associate Mary Joy Silmaro lead rehearsals that include music, movement and reading. We will practice music, and prepare Advent Lessons and Carols on December 8, and for the Pagaent on Sunday, December 14. We invite all children and youth old enough for singing and group activities to sign up. Registration can be done via link in Thursday evening emails, online, and in an email to be sent to all families. Questions please email rick@bachsocietyhouston.org.

Advent and Christmas Celebrations

Rehearsal work:

December 7, 10-11:30 a.m. (Saturday)

December 14, 10-11:30 a.m. (Saturday)

Worship, Christmas pageant, Christmas Eve:

December 8, Sunday morning, Advent 2

December 15, Christmas Pageant, Advent 3, between services

December 24, 6:00 p.m. service

Young Adults Volunteer

December 7, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

Join the Young Adults as we volunteer at CCSC's Emergency Services (3434 Branard) on **Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**. All are welcome to join us on the first Saturday every other month. For questions or to RSVP, please contact nathan@wikernet.com.

Flowers for the Nave

The 2020 Altar Guild Flower Chart will soon be on the mobile bulletin board. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up. Checks can be made out to Christ the King Lutheran Church with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line and placed in the offering.

Donate New Toys and Books

Please donate new, unwrapped toys and books (avoiding items violent in nature) for children ages 0 – 15 to the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). **You may place donations in the basket in the narthex or in the church office. Deadline for toys and gifts is December 8.** Of course, you can always donate money. **Checks can be made out to Christ the King Church with Jingle Bell Express in the memo line.**

Volunteers Needed:

Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Distribution (Assist clients)

Location: Bellaire United Methodist Church, 4417 Bellaire Blvd. Contact 713-961-3993 ext. 215 or seasonal@ccschouston.org.

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

Zonorah Buckalew	Cindy Scruggs
Maria Edna Campos	Patricia Barnard
Eric van Hal	Gerald Gibson
Carolyn Jacobs	Andreas Fullaondo-Boker
Mark Prendergast	Torsten Louis
Kevin Simpson	Grace Sahualla
Luke Winston	



Sunday, November 24

Blood Pressure Screenings after services
8:30 a.m. Worship, Schubert Mass
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, nave
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation
10:50 a.m. Worship, Schubert Mass
12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room
6:00 p.m. Creation Care webinar

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

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

Wednesday, November 27

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

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed
10:30 a.m. Worship, nave
11:45 a.m. Thanksgiving dinner, parish hall

Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave
7:00 p.m. Blues, Brews, and Good News, parish hall

Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1

8:30 a.m. Worship, Schubert Mass
9:45 a.m. Advent Wreath workshop, courtyard
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation
10:50 a.m. Worship, Schubert Mass
12:30 p.m. Seafarer wrapping party, basement classroom

Lutheran Port Ministry

The Houston International Seafarers' Center is a "home away from home" for seafarers visiting the Port of Houston. Chartered in the late 1960's, the Center has served over a million visiting seafarers. Recognizing that all human persons are a gift of God, the mission of the chaplains and Committee for Ministry to the Port of Houston is to carry out a ministry of presence, outreach, witness, worship, service, and advocacy to, with, and for seafarers and their families from around the world.

Fill a Shoebox by December 1 and Delight a Seafarer

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers' ecumenical ministry.

We encourage members and friends to fill a shoe-box FULL with items such as: combs, soap, shaving cream, disposable razors, lip balm, toothbrushes and toothpaste, pads, pens, pencils, puzzles, envelopes, needles and thread, deodorant, heavy socks (no ankle socks), shoe laces, work gloves, knit caps, flashlights, calendars, bottle openers, nail clippers, aspirin, band-aids, key chains, small photo albums, USB Memory sticks, Texas souvenirs, playing cards, magazines, hard candy (no chocolate) or something fun. (These are items we take for granted but they are appreciated tremendously by the seafarers. There are very few women on the ships. Please pack boxes primarily for men).

Please bring your filled shoebox to church by Sunday, December 1.

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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