



Epiphany Observance and King Cake, January 5

Join us on the 12th day of Christmas, January 5, to bless the nave, our “church house” with the blessing of the magi. At the end of the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services all will move to the narthex for the inscription of the lintel for the 2020 year. We will celebrate the occasion with king cake at coffee hour. A printed prayer rite and chalk can be taken home to inscribe and bless one’s own house or door.

Baptism Of Our Lord January 12

All 3 year old children will receive a gift edition of Luther’s Small Catechism on January 12, Baptism of Our Lord. We celebrate the gift of language as a major milestone in their young lives. Parents and children are recognized in worship with a short rite of thanksgiving and blessing.

Assisting Minister and Server Training

Training for Assisting Ministers and Servers will be conducted in the nave on **January 18 and February 1 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the nave.** If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, whether you have experience or are a novice, attendance at one of the trainings is required.

Welcome to Sergio Rodriguez, New Pastoral Intern



We welcome Sergio Rodriguez as our Pastoral Intern here at Christ the King for the calendar year of 2020. Sergio is a student at Wartburg Theological Seminary. His ministry with us, as well as his taking Clinical Pastoral Education, will complete his academic requirements for a Master of Divinity degree and advance his candidacy for ordained ministry in the ELCA. He comes to us having served two congregations as a licensed lay minister, and, among many other duties, will help us reinvigorate campus ministry with Rice University. We are excited to welcome Sergio and his two cats!

Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, January 20

On **Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 20**, Christ the King Church members and friends along with Bishop Mike Rinehart and members of other Lutheran congregations will join the MLK Heritage Society Parade. The parade starts at City Hall at the corner of Lamar and Smith at 10:00 a.m. We will meet up at 9:00 a.m. at a nearby location to be announced.

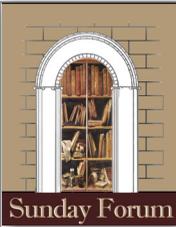
We will have a banner, a convertible car, and individual signs for those who would like to walk the route of 1.5 miles (or you can make your own sign). Please contact Rebecca at rsields63@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the parade walkers, representing our Lutheran commitment to the Gospel-Faith-Justice-Welcome. We need an accurate count of participants by January 14 to ensure enough signs for all.

Annual Reports

The 2019 Annual Reports are due on **January 17**. See last year’s reports online as a reference at ctkelc.org/about-us/how-we-work. Please email your report to michaelshelton@ctkelc.org.

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Sunday Forum

SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

**January 5: Intergenerational:
The story of "The Glorious Impossible",
presented by Diane Schoppe**

Adults, children and youth gather to hear and see "The Glorious Impossible" which is a retelling of the Christmas story using beautiful pictures from Madeleine L'Engle's book of the same name. All are welcome; room 204 on the second floor will be ready for you.

January 12 and 19: The Epistle to the Romans

presented by Dr. Christian Eberhart

January 12: The History Behind Paul's Letter to the Romans

In this presentation we will explore the historical situation of Paul's Letter to the Romans, specifically the place and circumstances where he wrote it and the situation of early Jews and Christians in the city of Rome.

January 19: The Theology of Paul's Letter to the Romans

In this presentation we will explore important aspects of the message of Paul's Letter to the Romans, specifically how Paul proposes and defines a new paradigm of faith for early Christians.

January 26:

The Lancet Study, EAT presented by Dr. Steve Long

Dr. Stephen Long will present findings from LANCET Journal's EAT-Lancet Commission. This commission has the most recent evidence about diet and sustainability, and some of the political and economic considerations in creating a world with a sustainable diet.

Human Trafficking

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The United States is a top source, transit and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor, debt bondage, involuntary servitude, and sex trafficking. Texas is one of the top three states for human trafficking and the largest population of youths at risk of being trafficked is centered in Houston. To learn more, go to <https://humantraffickinghouston.org>.

A New Class on "Basically Lutheran 101"

**Sundays, January 12, 19, 26, and
February 2 at 12:30 p.m., council room**

Have you ever wondered what is distinctively (or peculiarly) Lutheran about Christ the King Church? Do you want a refresher and/or an "update"? Are you from a different tradition and are mostly new to how and why we Lutherans worship and think the way we do? And why we here at CTK are "sorta different" from even other Lutheran congregations? For that matter, how are we like the rest of Christianity? Why keep any distinctive behaviors and doctrines?

Discover the answers to these questions and much more in a new four-week series, with lunch, after church on **Sundays at 12:30 p.m., January 12, 19, 26, and February 2.** Lunch is free to non-member inquirers and for whatever others are inspired to donate. We'll meet for an hour each of those Sundays.

The class will be introduced to Martin Luther's life, the origin of the Lutheran movement, Lutheranism's central Theology of the Cross, Lutheran worship and preaching, Lutheran ethics, and Christ the King Church's own expression of Lutheranism. This class is NOT a "requirement" to be a CTK member. All interested in deepening one's understanding of who and why we are the way we are in an ecumenical and interreligious world are encouraged to check it out.

Anyone can come, even at the last minute. But we do encourage you to sign-up for the class by contacting cherylgaspard@ctelc.org, calling the church office, or speaking with Pastor Duane.

Community of Hope Training begins in January —

Is God Calling You to be a Lay Chaplain?

Monday evenings, January 27 through April 6

Registration deadline: January 12

Do you want to deepen your relationship with God?
Do you want to acquire the skills needed to handle different life situations in your every day journey?
Do you want to be comfortable extending God's love to your family, friends, and neighbors?

Then, the Community of Hope may be for you! In addition to providing training to equip laypersons to serve in pastoral care ministry as Lay Chaplains, the Community of Hope offers a journey into wholeness through spiritual growth opportunities in a community shaped by prayer and Benedictine spirituality.

At Christ the King Lutheran Church, we have trained 119 Community of Hope Lay Chaplains (both members of our congregation and from many other congregations) who live out their call to be “holy listeners” in many different settings: in their families, their workplaces, their neighborhoods, hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, and within the congregation. You are invited to consider becoming a part of our Community of Hope.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings, January 27 through April 6. Class size is limited. **Registration deadline is January 12.** For more information or to receive an application, contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0517.

How Can I Get Involved at Christ the King Church in 2020?

Each year the members of Christ the King Church generously donate their time and talent to the mission of living our faith. As we celebrate our 75th anniversary year, we invite members and friends to fill out a survey indicating your interests. In January you will receive a catalog in your email in-box (in PDF format) which describes many opportunities for your involvement in congregational life and community outreach in 2020. You will then receive a link to an online survey at [SurveyMonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com) to indicate your interests. Of course, there will also be paper copies available, both the catalog and response forms, in the narthex. We hope everyone will consider getting involved in strengthening our congregation's mission to be a healing place for one another, our community, and the world.

Matinee Concert January 19

Join violist Matthew Carrington for a Matinee Concert at CTK Sunday, January 19 at 3:00 p.m.



Matthew, a member of CTK and a regular with the Bach Society, will perform music written for other instruments that have found their way to the viola. This concert will also be given at First Lutheran Church in Galveston on Saturday, January 18 at 4:00 p.m. All welcome!

Access to Church for Early Service January 19

The **Chevron Houston Marathon** will be held Sunday, January 19, beginning at 7:00 a.m. The event results in numerous street closures including Bissonnet and Kirby. The disruption affects mainly 8:30 a.m. and Sunday School participants. The best route to church is from U.S. 59 to Buffalo Speedway then turning left on Rice Blvd. For a map of the course go to chevronhoustonmarathon.com.

Are You a Marathon Runner?

We encourage all friends and members of the congregation who will run in the Chevron Houston Marathon to let us know so we can include you in our prayers. Eat and rest well during the last weeks, and “Godspeed” to all!

Beloved Christ the King Church Members and Friends,
Happy New Year and Happy 75th Birthday the whole year long!
Yes, this year we will be 75 years young!

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

Morgan Yaege	Bob Stone	Terence Vinson
Asher Remmert	Jane Baehre	Charles Wilds
Elizabeth Eklof	Jessica Breitbiel	
Stephanie Eklof	Mary Neberman	



Sunday, January 5

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

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

Wednesday, January 8

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
7:30 p.m. Brass Choir, basement

Thursday, January 9

Church Office Closed - Staff Retreat
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave

Friday, January 10

Church Office Closed - Staff Retreat
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave
9:00 a.m. Prayers Shawl ministry, 3rd floor
Congregation Council retreat

Saturday, January 11

Congregation Council retreat
1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship

Sunday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Confirmation class and Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
12:30 p.m. Luther League and Peru Meeting
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Basics class, council 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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Since 1989, SEARCH has been providing hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives for thousands of men, women, and children who are trying to break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness. At SEARCH, we maintain a vision of a Houston without homelessness.

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SEARCH Coffee Ministry

Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.

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 **Wednesday, January 15, 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. **We continue to collect toilet paper and laundry detergent (any size) throughout the year.** Drop off in the basket in the narthex.

SEARCH Begins a New Round of "Coming Home"

SEARCH Homeless Services will begin a new round of their evidence-based, faith-based mentoring program, Coming Home, in January. **If you would like to join Christ the King members in providing dinner for participants and their mentors on January 21, please let Beverly know at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.**