



## Welcome Houston BoyChoir

We are delighted to welcome the Houston BoyChoir, Carole Nelson, Director, to 10:50 worship service today.

This choir is a beacon of excellence in our community, and we welcome them with joy. The choir rehearses at least once a week here at Christ the King.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, 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.

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](mailto:rsields63@gmail.com) to find out last minute meet up instructions.**

## Traffic on Marathon Sunday January 19

The Chevron Houston Marathon route on Sunday, January 19, goes by Christ the King church turning at the Rice/Greenbriar corner. We can cheer runners who run about four hours or faster around 8 p.m. before the early service. Traffic disruptions affect mainly our 8:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. The best route to church is from U.S. 59 turning south on Buffalo Speedway, then turning left on Rice Blvd. For a map of the course go to [chevronhoustonmarathon.com](http://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!

## Friday Morning Bible Study Resumes January 17

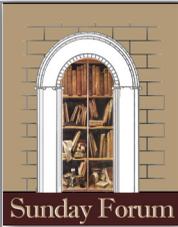
Join us for **Friday Morning Study at 10:30 a.m.** in the council room. It is an important time to gather for personal care, prayer, and study. Usually we take a close look at the coming Sunday lessons, under the leadership of Pastor Larson or Pastor Liebster. Sometimes we might change the format. The Spirit is lively with us! There is always great, and sometimes provocative conversation; all about how the Lord stimulates us into deeper faith and reasoned, respectful growth in understanding. Everyone welcome!

## ***They Showed Us Unusual Kindness*** **Ecumenical Prayer Service** **at Christ the King Lutheran Church** **January 23, 7:00 p.m.**

The call to *Show Unusual Kindness* to the vulnerable, the stranger, the stranded is common to Christians around the world. It is the Gospel's call to extend the love of Christ to our neighbor in need. On January 23, at 7:00 p.m., churches from all over Houston and the International Seafarers Center Houston will come together at Christ the King Lutheran Church to pray, sing and hear the Word together.

Join us for the service in the nave at 7:00 p.m. followed by refreshments.

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## SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

### 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.

## The Lutheran-Muslim "Scriptural Reasoning" Group Continues

Tuesday, January 21, 6:00 p.m.

Come join this dynamic group of Lutherans and Muslims from the Blue Mosque here at CTK, in the 2nd floor council room, beginning with a wonderful Halal meal. We'll read and discuss parallel texts from The Bible and the Qur'an while deepening understanding of our own and our neighbors' faith. See Pastor Duane for further info.

## 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!

## "Basically Lutheran 101"

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

Friends new to the Lutheran faith and friends and members not so new to it are invited to attend this 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 member here. 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.

## Justice Advocacy Opportunity Advocate with the ELCA

As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. God uses our voices, through our advocacy efforts, to restore and reconcile our world. ELCA advocacy works for change in public policy on behalf of the following biblical values: peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease. See [elca.org/advocacy](http://elca.org/advocacy) to sign up to receive advocacy alerts, advocate right now on a variety of justice issues, and/or learn more about these issues and the ELCA's advocacy work.

## Community of Hope Training — Is God Calling You to be a Lay Chaplain?

Monday evenings

January 27 through April 6

**Registration deadline: January 12**

Community of Hope training equips laypersons to serve in pastoral care ministry and offers a journey into wholeness through spiritual growth opportunities in a community shaped by prayer and Benedictine spirituality. For information and to receive an application, contact Beverly at [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).

## Assisting Minister and Server Training

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.

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.

## SEARCH Coffee Hour

Wednesday, January 15, 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](mailto: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.

## No Hate. No Fear Solidarity Vigil

Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church of Houston

10840 Beinhorn Rd, Houston, TX 77024

Houston's Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom invites Houstonians of every background to stand up and stand together to say no to hate and to fear. We will come together in solidarity. Pray. Hope. Support those that are facing fear. Leave with actions that we can take to strengthen Houston as well as our country.

Bring a snack or nosh to share at the end of the program. (Or just come and enjoy what we have.) Children are welcome.

For information, contact Christ the King Church member Federico Salas at [FSalas-Isnardi@live.com](mailto:FSalas-Isnardi@live.com).

## Christ the King Young Adults

Sunday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.

Our Young Adults-Young Professionals return to The Volcano, corner of Morningside and Bissonet, for their regular monthly conversation on **Sunday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.** The group welcomes all the young at heart, especially newcomers. For more info, contact Pastor Duane at [duanelarson@ctkelc.org](mailto:duanelarson@ctkelc.org).

## Blues, Brews, and Good News

Friday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy this monthly community outreach worship again with The Healers as our house band, playing the Blues with authority and authenticity. Different beers will be available again. AND we'll enjoy a panel discussion on the theme: "A Lively Chat About Death and Dying." How's that for a party starter? Actually, we'll very much enjoy a unique conversation with theological, medical, and legal perspectives about death, its meaning, how best to prepare and live instead of waiting and denying. It all informs an "abundant life" now. AND...we look forward to B,B,&GN on February 28 when "Free Wheels Houston celebrates its volunteers and adds BBQ burgers to the evening!"



*First Service of Christ the King Lutheran Church*  
— held in Roberts Elementary School  
at Greenbriar and Addison on June 24, 1945

**Happy 75th Birthday**  
**to Christ the King Church**  
**Yes, this year we are 75 years young!**

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

Karen Sebung	Angela Edelmann	David Padgett
Heinz-Juergen Brink	Sam Petner	Miles Burton
Verena Brink	Nicholas Cornor	Raymond Beyer
Rob Douglass	Nathan Wiker	Sandy Troff

### 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

### Monday, January 13

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

### Tuesday, January 14

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

### Wednesday, January 15

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
10:00 a.m. SEARCH Coffee Hour, offsite  
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, basement  
7:30 p.m. Choir and Chorus, basement

### Thursday, January 16

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave  
6:00 p.m. Community of Hope, council room

### Friday, January 17

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, nave  
9:00 a.m. Prayers Shawl ministry, 3rd floor  
10:30 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, council room

### Saturday, January 18

10:00 a.m. AM/Server training, nave  
1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall  
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship  
Luther League Lock-In

### Sunday, January 19

Chevron Houston Marathon -  
early morning traffic delays  
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. Lutheran Basics class, council room  
3:00 p.m. Bach Concert, nave  
7:00 p.m. Young Adults, offsite

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Senior Pastor    The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor  
Sergio Rodríguez, Pastoral Intern

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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## SEARCH Homeless Services

*For a Houston without Homelessness*

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.

[SEARCHHOMELESS.ORG](http://SEARCHHOMELESS.ORG)

### 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](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).**

### 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](http://ctkelc.org/about-us/how-we-work). Please email your report to [michaelshelton@ctkelc.org](mailto:michaelshelton@ctkelc.org).

### Annual Meeting Part II

Part II of the annual congregational meeting will be held on **February 9 at 12:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. On the agenda are the 2019 annual reports and the adoption of the 2020 budget and the 2020 Missional Emphases. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend.