



## 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!

## Christ the King Church Hosting Houston Ecumenical Prayer Service

January 23, 7:00 p.m.

Christ the King Church is honored to host the annual Ecumenical Prayer Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Christians from at least eleven denominations and institutions will come together to pray for the unity of the church and our mission to the world. Given the theme of rescue and welcome to the stranded and lost in our world, Chaplain Tom Edwards of the Houston International Seafarers Center will deliver the sermon. Our Bishop Mike Rinehart will speak words of welcome. Our choirs will join the Gospel Choir of Holy Family Catholic Church. We encourage all members and friends to attend the service on Thursday evening and show our usual Christ the King hospitality. There will be a reception in the narthex after the service.

## 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).

## Young Adults Volunteer

Join the Young Adults as we volunteer at CCSC's Emergency Services (3434 Branard) on **Saturday, February 1 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.** All are welcome to join on the first Saturday every other month. For questions or to RSVP, please contact [nathan@wikernet.com](mailto:nathan@wikernet.com).

## Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, January 20

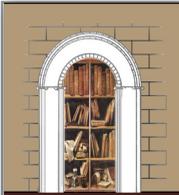
Christ the King Church members and friends along with Bishop Mike Rinehart and members of other Lutheran congregations will join the MLK Heritage Society Parade. The parade starts at City Hall at the corner of Lamar and Smith at 10:00 a.m. We will meet up at 9:00 a.m. at a nearby location.

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 [rshields63@gmail.com](mailto:rshields63@gmail.com) to find out last minute meet up instructions.**

## 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 serving dinner for participants and their mentors on January 21,** please let Beverly know at [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).

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## SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

**January 19: The Epistle to the Romans -  
The Theology of Paul's Letter to the Romans**  
*presented by Dr. Christian Eberhart*

Sunday Forum

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.

### “Basically Lutheran 101” Continues

**Sundays, January 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. 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.

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.

### 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.

### Friday Morning Bible Study

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!

### 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!

### Assisting Minister and Server Training

**Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m.**

Training for Assisting Ministers and Servers will be conducted in the nave on 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.

In the created world around us we see the Eternal Artist, Eternal Love at work.”  
(Evelyn Underhill, English Catholic writer, died 1941)



## **A Taste of Houston February 16 Luther League Luncheon Fundraiser**

**Sunday after church, 12:30 p.m.**

The youth group of Christ the King Church, Luther League, invites everyone to Sunday lunch at church! Chef Nathaniel Winston will again pull out all the stops and create a three course luncheon which will highlight the city of Houston. This fundraiser supports the 2020 summer trip to Peru for which 11 youth have signed up. Seating is available for individuals, pairs, and small and large groups. Individual tickets are \$30, \$50 for two. A table is \$250 (seven people). Free childcare is available. Email Ben Remmert at [benremmert@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmert@ctkelc.org) to RSVP. Last day to RSVP is February 9.

## **Eagle Scout Fundraiser - Brisket Anyone?**

**Sunday, February 9**

Zach Goodrow and team are smoking brisket and chicken and preparing the traditional fixings and sides for a BBQ lunch on February 9 before the Congregational Meeting. A free will donation is requested to fund his Eagle Scout Project at CTK this spring. For his project, Zach is working closely with Pr. Karin and with Peter Boecher to design new benches and some landscaping improvements to the Columbarium Garden.

## **Annual Meeting Part II February 9 at 12:30 p.m.**

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.

## **International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

**January 27, 2020** marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp in World War II.

**Beyond Duty: Diplomats Recognized as Righteous Among the Nations** - An exhibition of photographs and stories of diplomats who came to the aid of Jews during the Holocaust will be mounted in the first floor of Rayzor Hall at Rice University during the 2020 spring semester. More information at [hnh.org](http://hnh.org).

## **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. All members should have received a catalog and a survey in your email in-box which describes many opportunities for your involvement in congregational life and community outreach in 2020. Thank you for taking a few moments to complete the on-line survey. 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. If you have questions or didn't receive the e-mail, please contact the church office at [ctk@ctkelc.org](mailto:ctk@ctkelc.org).



**Happy 75th Birthday  
to Christ the King  
Church**



**Yes, this year we are 75 years young!**

In 1945, land was purchased at what is now the corner of Rice Blvd and Greenbriar. The lot of 230 feet by 165 feet sold for \$17,000.

In September of 1945, a dedication of this new church site was held and a sign was erected in the form of a large cross.

