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MOVE-IN TACO CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 21 12:30-2:00 p.m.



Lutheran Campus Ministry, Rice University will host a fundraiser in the Christ the King courtyard following worship.

Enjoy your choice of carnitas or jackfruit (vegetarian) tacos or both for only \$10/plate, meet Rice

TACOS

students, and learn more about campus ministry. Proceeds benefit the ministry of LCM, RU.

Hungry Hearts, Caring Hands Food Drive and Distribution to benefit St. James Family Life Center

Drop-off canned and non-perishable food items and baby products at CTK: **August 28-September 2**

Food distribution at St. James: Saturday, September 3
See Campus Ministry on page 4 for more info.



Sunday Book Reviews
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CCSC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER



\$ 50.00 Sponsors One Student

Your \$50 gift provides school supplies and clothing to one student in need.

Contribute online through Christ the King Church by designating "Back to School."

Want to volunteer? **Community Event is August 5 - 6**, contact Cathy Brown at seasonal@ccschouston.org.



Want to share some nourishing nibbles with our Christ the King Church community? Perhaps some food for thought? Nutrition for the body? Sustenance for the spirit?

You are invited to submit brief quotes; words of wisdom, humor, or inspiration; or anything that nourishes the mind, body, and soul. Send your bite-sized submissions to beverlydavis@ctkelc.org for inclusion in this new monthly column.

Soul Food for August:

Every day above ground is a good day. (Mel Bernstein)

For me, a lovely day is any day I wake up! (Bernie Siegel)

It appears that the Psalmist agrees, however putting it more eloquently:

**This is the day that the Lord hath made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it.**

And from Lamentations 3:22-24:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

So this month as soon as you wake up, remember to "rejoice and be glad" for another day "above ground," and take a few minutes to breathe in a hefty portion of God's steadfast love and mercy.



AMERICANS ARE DIVIDED... AMERICAN CHRISTIANS ARE DIVIDED TOO.

Dear faithful people
of Christ the King Church:

Americans are divided. Not as we once were, by ethnicity, country of origin, race, and religion – although these remain – but by increasing hostile political ideology; right or left with many in the middle. American Christians are divided too. Again, not as we once were, by denomination, confession, country of origin, or ethnicity – again still evident – but also into two distinct and increasingly hostile camps that include whole denominations and divide others, right down to the local and congregational, and family-dividing level. We once labeled these competing christianities “evangelical versus mainline.” Beginning much earlier but more rapidly over the last 6 or 7 years, that division has morphed into a battle between American Nationalist Christians and Christians in America. In this article, I want to share how American Christianity got here and how we, as evangelical Lutheran Christians, might more faithfully respond.

In my opinion, much of this stems from the two divergent way Christians in America responded to the victory and the horrors of World War II. We call this a “good war,” an epic battle between good and evil; and the good — our allies, led by us Americans — won! We celebrated that victory with joyful abandon. We connected that victory to our Christian values. This connection, in turn, played easily into a major strand of evangelical theology which is centered on what one current evangelical calls “Jesus’ most significant act:” his coming again to judge the world; defeat the forces of Satan; divide good from evil; reward the good; and destroying the wicked, sending them to hell. Expecting Christ’s imminent return; certain that Christian Americans are good and right and on Christ’s side; aided by our Cold War competition with, and the eventual demise of, “godless communism,” this now dominant strand of evangelicalism, shaped by a constant reference to Christ’s imminent return, has become intensely nationalistic. God’s kingdom, according to them, will look a lot like triumphant America in the 1950s and 60s. Certain they are right; expecting to be triumphant, this form of American nationalist Christianity is attractive, easy to take, and growing.

Also rejoicing in our World War II victories, other American Christians, including most American Lutherans, reacted to the horrors of that war, particularly the Shoa (the slaughter of Jews, often by Christians, we call the Holocaust) and the use of nuclear weapons in Japan, with horrified shame. This response, theologically centered in Jesus’ death on the cross for all and Jesus’ teachings throughout the gospels to “love one another, even those who hate you,” moved “mainline Christianity” in a different direction. We took responsibility for those horrors; sought greater Christian unity; became more concerned for the oppressed and the poor; and became vocal advocates for all of these concerns. “Justice issues,” concern for human equal-

ity, the environment, and peace followed. God’s kingdom, for these (us) Christians in America, looks nothing like the 1950s or early 60s. It is inclusive, integrated, just, and fair. Even with its many problems, the merged, extremely ecumenical, socially responsive ELCA is an example of this. This kind of Christianity confesses, question, acts and re-assesses. Christ’s return to judge is Jesus’ least significant act. Sadly, because it expects us to care for all and blames none, it is not attractive, not easy and we are not growing.

What ought we do?

Remain faithful to Christ’s cross is an easy, and glib answer, even though its true. But I think we also have a model of how to be faithfully Christian in this American society. We use that model every time we worship.

Our current liturgical practice — every-Sunday communion; the shape of the liturgy; the common liturgical texts we share with so many others, from Roman Catholics to the United Church of Christ; the Revised Common Lectionary — also result from our reaction to the victories and horrors of World War II. Beginning in the 1960s and through the 70s, our churches decided to jettison every liturgy of every church body that was deliberately different from and critical of the other Christian church bodies. We chose a time when “the Church was one” and we all shaped our liturgies on that time, the Fourth Century C.E. When the Church was accepted as an official religion by the State, yet still faced persecution; and before the Church became, as it did, more fully entangled with the state and supportive of the interests of the state. The LBW and ELW; the Roman rite; the Episcopal 1976 revised Book of Common Prayer, the official liturgies of Presbyterian, Reformed, UCC, Moravian and United Methodist churches all reflect this, and at Christ the King Church, all campuses, we do this every Sunday.

So what else might we learn together from that period of history. It’s not all useful, to be sure. But I believe much of the way Christ’s Church operated in those days can be useful, as it has been liturgically useful, and can lead us to a renewed sense of mission and ministry. We do much of this already: Think about the reasons we give for our monthly mission offerings? Think about our ordained deacons’ ministries too! What else might we learn by exploring this earlier, unified, time?

Right now there are many in “mainline” Christian churches in despair, wavering between giving up on church completely or joining growing American Nationalist Christianity. I am not one of those pessimists; and I’m certain you are not either. Faithfulness to Christ and embracing and using the models of unified mission and ministry which we have, give me, and I hope you, a reason for optimistic hope and, as one of our ancient prayers puts it “a model of godly life.” What do you think?

Peace and Joy — and Courage!

Amandus J. Derr, Interim Senior Pastor

MERGER STEERING COMMITTEE

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church Merger Steering Committee

June-July 2022 Minutes

The Steering Committee met briefly on June 7, 2022, to recount the congregational meetings where the plan of merger was approved by each congregation and the next steps to complete the merger (namely, filing with the Secretary of State), which was submitted with an effective date of June 1, 2022.

In addition, the Committee discussed current priorities of the Work Processes Committee as the work of integrating the two ministry sites takes a primary role in the merger process. Brief updates were provided by the other committees.

The Committee met on July 6, 2022, to review developments of the last month. Most important, the Secretary of State has filed the plan of merger, effective June 1, 2022, concluding the merger process. Copies of that filing have been provided to the church office. The Legal and Governance Committee intends to prepare “d/b/a” forms that will facilitate any actions that Christ the King takes in the name of Memorial Drive Lutheran Church (prior to formal renaming of contracting parties, account holders, etc.). The Committee will next turn its attention to preparation of an updated Constitution for the congregation.

The Ministry Committee has completed its descriptive inventory of the existing ministries on the two ministry sites and is now turning its attention to an evaluation of ministry priorities going forward. The Ministry Committee is actively engaged in a wide-ranging discussion about various ministry priorities. Recognizing that this evaluation has broader implications for the congregation than simply the merger, the Steering Committee will focus its attention on the opportunities for synergies created by the merger and acute ministry needs that result from the merger, while anticipating that the broader discus-

sion within the Ministry Committee will bear fruit for the congregation as a whole.

The Work Processes Committee has identified two key priorities for the next stage of integration: (1) planning for an integrated budget to be presented at the Part I annual meeting (for which it is essential to unify accounting categories used by each ministry site), and (2) preparing a unified financial system to “go live” on January 1, 2023. To these ends, integration of the financial processes used at the two sites is the immediate priority—including addition of electronic funds transfer privileges between bank accounts maintained by CTK and the former MDLC. The latter will remain open for the first few months of 2023 to receive any trailing receipts, and will then be closed.

With respect to contractual obligations and arrangements, the congregation secured a unified insurance policy for both ministry sites when the policy was recently renewed. Other contracts will be unified under the CTK designation as the existing contract terms renew and/or expire.

The Property Committee continues to focus on immediate property maintenance needs at the west campus, and the Steering Committee discussed the proper protocol for approving such expenses. For now, the committee anticipates that Karen Whitefield will make recommendations to the council, with the expectation that the CTK Property Committee will ultimately assume responsibility for both sites. Beth Hartfiel is working at the west campus site at least one day per week, and facility maintenance needs are to be directed to her attention. There remains a need for a long-term site development vision for the west campus, which should begin to become a priority now that the Strategic Plan is concluded.

Finally, Pastor Derr shared an ELCA checklist for congregational mergers which is consistent with the steps taken thus far and which will guide certain steps going forward. And the Committee received a development plan for “Memorial Town Square” that may influence future plans for the west campus

CALL COMMITTEE



preparing for the search for our next Senior Pastor. Members were selected by the Congregation Council in May and began the work of the call process in early June. The Committee was formally installed on June 26. Much of the early activity of the Committee has involved talking with Tracey Breashears Schultz our Synod representative to understand the call process and working on the job description which will draw heavily from the Strategic Plan. The Committee has met frequently throughout the summer. Each member has a strong sense of urgency and is committed to a thorough process and a comprehensive, robust search. Look for us at church events – where we will be wearing Call Committee nametags. We are ready and eager to hear your thoughts and receive your input.

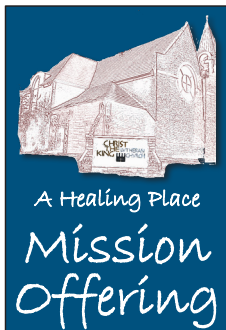
The Committee will meet with the congregation at Sunday Forums at each campus on the third Sunday of every month beginning in September. Updates will be provided in the Banner and on the Call Committee Webpage. For more information on the Call Committee members, the work of the Call Committee and answers to your questions, please visit the Call Committee Webpage.

Please join us in asking God to prepare our hearts and provide us with wisdom and patience; ask that the Holy Spirit grant us a spirit of surprise and open mindedness as we anticipate the fullness of God’s grace and promise for Christ the King as our next Senior Pastor is revealed.

Anne Clutterbuck and the Members of the Call Committee for Senior Pastor

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has been hard at work excitedly, optimistically, and prayerfully



Lutheran Campus Ministry Rice University (LCM, RU)

"God wants you to ask questions!"

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Rice University embodies God's compassionate embrace by engaging with big questions that confront our broader world. Through worship, study, fellowship and service, members of the Rice academic community experience the fullness of God's grace. As expansive as Christ's love, campus ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn by inviting them to experience of following Jesus while engaged in academic pursuits. Your generous financial support helps with expenses for on and off campus events, collegial relationship building, training professional leaders, community service projects, advocating for ministry on campus, and much more.

Greetings and blessings to all at the start of this 2022/2023 academic year at Rice University! We welcome you, your friends, colleagues, and family back to our wonderful village community. On this new occasion, we welcome you to participate in the life of this ministry. Discern your time, talents, and energy towards embracing, accompanying and caring for the Rice University community. Whether you are

an incoming student, a member faculty member, or returning to the life of this community, here are the various ways you can join us this Fall Semester in cultivating relationships of care, serving our community and enabling members of our community to engage with big questions that confront our broader world. Look for our Instagram for updates about all of our programming this year.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

August Events:

Sunday, August 21- "Move-in Taco Celebration: LCM, RU Fall Fundraising Event." At Christ the King Church courtyard. 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. 10\$ Taco Plates. Your choice of Carnitas, Jackfruit (Vegetarian) or both. Proceeds will go towards the ministry of LCM, RU.

Sunday, August 21- "The Journey within, Together: LCM, RU tabling and Labyrinth Event." At Rice University- founder's mall. 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. You're invited to participate in a meditative Labyrinth practice that allows you to focus your mind on your intention and God's presence as your start the semester. Water and snacks will be provided.

Week of August 28- "Hungry hearts, caring hands: Labor Day Weekend Food Drive." At Christ the King Church and Rice University. Starting on Sunday, August 28 through Friday, September 2, you're invited to donate canned goods, baby products, and non-perishable goods for the St. James Family Life Center. On Saturday, September 3, LCM, RU together with the St. James Family Life Center will be distributing food and goods for families located near St. James Lutheran Church.



Weekly Events:

Wednesdays. Fall 2022. Pastor's Porch. Brochstein Pavilion. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pastor Sergio Rodriguez will be at the Brochstein Pavilion for conversation, and prayer. Look out for him and his furry friend, Annie!

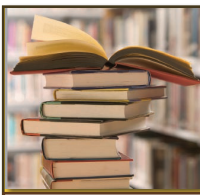
Wednesdays. Fall 2022. LCM, RU Table Talks. 11:00 a.m. to Noon. LCM, RU will be having a weekly lunch, mutual care and conversation together. Ask Pastor Rodriguez to join the LCM, RU discord and Instagram for all updates.

Upcoming Events:

October- Big Questions Fall Speaker Event. At Rice University.

Topic: Reproductive Rights and Religion: How does religion aid in policing bodies? How might religious communities accompany and guide rather than police bodily autonomy?

Look out next month and on our social media for list of speakers, time, and date of this event. You don't want to miss out on this panel discussion.



Sunday Book Reviews

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

In-person in the 2nd floor council room or online
Look for the Zoom link in the Sunday e-blast
or contact ctk@ctkelc.org.

July 31—Terri Bourne presents:

The Socrates Express

by Eric Weiner

August 7—Logan Faron presents:

It is Better to be Feared

by Seth Wickersham

August 14—Kristine Wallace presents:

Unbelievers,

An Emotional History of Doubt

by Alec Ryrie

August 21—Carolyn Jacobs presents:

Preaching in Hitler's Shadow:

Sermons of Resistance

in the Third Reich

edited by Dean G. Stroud

August 28—John Boles presents:

The Jefferson Bible,

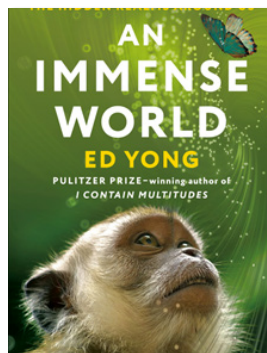
a facsimile of Jefferson's privately compiled selections from the Gospels that served as his private devotional book, published by the Smithsonian Institution in 2011. John will place Jefferson's privately bound book [it was not intended to be read by others] within the context of his evolving religious beliefs.

CREDIMUS UT INTELLIGAMUS

we believe so to understand

Elmer Ledesma suggests a book each month that may interest "lay readers" in learning more about science and its importance for us people of faith. No Ph.D. necessary; just your desire to learn and to be well-informed. The above title, which translates "we believe so to understand," is based on a classic theological phrase from early Christianity. It underscores that people of faith are encouraged to understand the world God has given us, so better to care for the creation.

This month:



An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us

Yong, E.

Random House, New York, NY, 2022.

The Earth teems with sights and textures, sounds and vibrations, smells and tastes, electric and magnetic fields. In *An Immense World*, Ed Yong coaxes us beyond the confines of our own senses to encounter beetles that are drawn to fires, turtles that can track the Earth's magnetic fields, fish that fill rivers with electrical messages, and even humans who wield sonar like bats. We discover that a crocodile's scaly face is as sensitive as a lover's fingertips, that the eyes of a giant squid evolved to see sparkling whales, that plants thrum with the inaudible songs of courting bugs, and that even simple scallops have complex vision. We learn what bees see in flowers, what songbirds hear in their tunes, and what dogs smell on the street. We listen to stories of pivotal discoveries in the field, while looking ahead at the many mysteries that remain unsolved.

Join the Creation Care Book Discussion Group
for the Season of Creation featuring this book.

Thursdays, September 1 – October 6, 5:00 p.m. online

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LATINE MINISTRY

On **August 15**, the commemoration of **Mary, the mother of our Lord**, Rev. Sergio Rodriguez will be celebrating his one-year anniversary as Pastor for Community Ministries at Christ the King Church. On this date, one year ago, Christ the King Church called Rev. Rodriguez to be a minister focused on developing Campus and Latine Ministries. Continued blessing be with him and us as together we develop these ministries at Christ the King Church.

Mesa Latina:

Feel called to lend your time, talents and resources towards multicultural ministries? Want to learn more about how you can serve alongside other Latine people? Join the Mesa Latina group at Christ the King Church. This group will serve as the steering committee to develop Latine ministry at Christ the King Church. In October, this group will undergo a specialized congregational competencies program offered via Wartburg Theological Seminary's Centro Teologico Luterano Multicultural. Contact Rev. Rodriguez for more information or to join this exciting new group.

Lectio Divina

Mondays, 12:00 p.m. on Zoom

Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) is an ancient Christian practice in which one reads a small passage of scripture, trusting in God's presence and relevance in daily experience. Lectio Divina is not about acquiring head knowledge of Scripture, but is about a personal encounter with the heart of God, inspiring one's attention and already praying through the listener. Through this mingling of reading and prayer, the stories and texts of the bible meet us in our own life story. You attend whenever you can, but registration is needed so we can maintain a safe space. Register with Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

Community of Hope Training this Fall

Monday evenings, August 29 - November 14

(online, in-person and/or hybrid to be determined)



Do you want to deepen your relationship with God? Do you want to strengthen your ability to handle difficult circumstances in everyday life? Do you want to be a better listener—to God, to your own heart, to your neighbor? Then, the Community of Hope might be for you!

The Community of Hope class awakens participants to God's call on their lives through experiential discovery and a journey into wholeness. This spiritual formation program is anchored in the timeless principles of Benedictine spirituality and equips people to serve in all forms of ministry including lay chaplaincy. Most classes will be offered online with a few in-person (if safety allows). Class size is limited. Registration deadline is August 8. For more information or to receive an application, contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

Community of Hope International
COHINTERNATIONAL.ORG

Join One of our Weekday Prayer Teams from the Comfort of your Home

Everyone knows that we pray for a few members and friends during Sunday worship, but did you know that there are people who pray for our extended list of friends and family every weekday? On any given day, there are between 80-100 individuals who are named in prayer. For many years, a few Christ the King members gathered at 8:15 a.m. daily for morning prayer. They gathered to pray the morning's liturgy and named all those on our weekday prayer list. Obviously with the pandemic, our weekday gatherings ceased, but our intercessory prayers certainly continued just from the comfort of members' homes.

We invite you to join one of our daily prayer teams. Simply choose a weekday and commit to praying through the intercessions and individual names anytime during your chosen day at your convenience. Please let Beverly know your choice of weekday at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org, so we can ensure that all those for whom we are called on to intercede are being remembered and enfolded in prayer.



Music

Our Christ the King Choir/Chorus will resume singing on Sunday, August 28

For anyone interested in joining choir, we will enjoy a retreat on August 26-27 at Zion Retreat Center in Galveston. This is a great time to focus on our ministry together, and new members are welcome! If interested, please speak to Rick at rick@bachsocietyhouston.org or Ben at bkerswell@bachsocietyhouston.org.



**BACH
SOCIETY
HOUSTON**

Bach Society Houston will begin celebrations of our 40th season in October.

Complete details will be out soon. Program will include Christmas Oratorio and the complete Brandenburg Concertos this coming season! Check our website, www.bachsocietyhouston.org for complete and ongoing details!

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Joen Marie Larson

Memorial Service
Christ the King Lutheran Church

Saturday, September 17
11:30 a.m.



For information, contact Deacon Ben Remmert,
at benremmert@ctkelc.org or 281-468-4686.

August Dates:

- 5-6: Luther League Luther League Tubing Trip
21: Blessing of Students and Teachers, 11:00 a.m.
Welcome Back Tacos & Kickball Game, 12:15 p.m.
27: Acolyte and Crucifer Training, 10:00 a.m.
28: Germany Trip Brunch Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Acolyte and Crucifer Training, 12:15 p.m.

Confirmation Class Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th grade students begins with a Milestone Celebration for youth and parents on Sunday, September 11. Weekly classes for students are Sundays at 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. beginning September 18 with hybrid in-person and online. Deacon Remmert will lead the class studying The New and Old Testament. Confirmation class is generally for students in grades 7 and 8, though special circumstances may be accommodated as to when a student joins the class. One teaching year focuses on Bible study and the other is organized around Martin Luther's Small Catechism. First year and second year students are taught together. New students are welcome anytime. Please contact Deacon Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org if you have any questions.

Summer Creation Education Microbes in God's World

Sunday, August 14, 9:30 a.m., Room 204

The Coronavirus has microbes on everyone's mind. But, bacteria, Fungi, Viruses – They are EVERYWHERE and have always been everywhere. Everyone gets colds and other infections, but did you know that most microorganisms are harmless? In fact, many of them actually help us stay healthy and enrich our environment. Come and learn about the "Good Guys" of Microbiology at CTK with Terri Koehler!

Godly Play Summer Nights

Thursday, August 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Come to the next Summer Nights and experience a Godly Play story, have refreshments and enjoy the fellowship of others. This is an informal gathering that is open for anyone to attend. Come see what Godly Play is all about.

Thursday, August 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W. 43rd St.

For info please email godlyplayhouston@gmail.com

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Luther League Coffee and Boardgame Gatherings

Youth are invited this summer to join our group at a local coffeehouse to enjoy a time for fellowship, catching up, and of course some fun playing board games. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please let Deacon Ben Remmert know by Tuesday, August 2. Afterwards, we will determine our weekly day and time to meet. Regular Luther League meetings will begin after Labor Day weekend.

Luther League Floating Trip August 5-6

7th-12th grade youth are invited to our summer trip to float the Comal River in New Braunfels. We will leave Friday, August 5 and stay the night in New Braunfels. The next morning we will go to the Comal River for a day of fellowship and fun as we remember our baptism in the cool waters of the Comal River. Cost is \$75 which covers meals, transportation, and hotel housing. RSVP to Deacon Ben Remmert by Wednesday, August 3.

Acolyte and Crucifer Server Training

August 27 at 10:00 a.m. and August 28 at 12:30 p.m.

All youth are invited and welcome to participate in our acolyte and crucifer training with Deacon Ben Remmert on either Saturday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. or Sunday, August 28 at 12:30 p.m. This training is for new and returning acolytes and crucifers! We need your help to lead us in worship! Join us for a fun time and learning how to serve in worship.

2023 Summer Germany Trip Meeting August 28, 9:30 a.m.

Youth in 8th-12th grade and parents are invited to our first meeting to prepare for the 2023 Germany Trip. We will discuss about fundraising, key dates, itinerary of the trip, and other preparations for youth and families. We will meet in the second-floor council room. If you plan on bringing a side or beverage item to share, please let contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Welcome Back Kickball Tournament and

Youth Call Committee Meeting August 21 at 12:15 p.m.

Join us for tacos and a time to catch up with all your Luther League friends. We will come together after late service to have lunch and a short talk with the youth to hear your thoughts about the next senior pastor. Afterwards have a kickball tournament in the back field. For more details, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.



Photo above: CTK members Marie Monroe and Courtney Webb (pictured right) hosted the Godly Play Core Training July 14-16.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Pray the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. on Facebook

The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle takes us through every region of the world over the course of a year. Pray with us every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. online through our Christ the King Facebook group. This month we will be praying for:

August 2: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe

August 9: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

August 16: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

August 23: Liberia, Sierra Leone

August 30: Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

More details can be found at <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>.

Children's Bibles in the Pews Summer Project

We are giving the congregation and friends a goal to raise money to put children's bibles in the pews of Christ the King Church! This is a great way to make our worshipping spaces friendly to our families. Members and friends can sponsor a bible (\$15.00) and dedicate it to a Sunday School teacher that taught you. We will have a table on the narthex with samples of our children's bibles that we are going to purchase. Final day to sign up is Sunday, August 23. Our bibles will be purchased and ready for Rally Day on September 11. For more questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Final Godly Play Summer Nights

August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and experience a Godly Play story, have refreshments and enjoy the fellowship of others. This is an informal gathering that is open for anyone to attend. Our final gathering will be on Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W. 43rd St. For info please email godlyplayhouston@gmail.com.

Godly Play Teachers, Door Persons, and Luther League Training

Sunday, August 22 at 9:30 a.m.

In a Godly Play class, there are always two adult sin each room: the storyteller and the doorperson. Adults are there in service to the children and to support the community that develops. All teachers, door persons, and new volunteers are invited to come to this training on Sunday, August 22 in the council room to prepare for the upcoming semesters. If you would like to become a doorperson or want more information, please call Marie Monroe at 832-488-7696.

Confirmation, high school teachers, and volunteers training will happen in the youth room with haven procedures and the upcoming fall programming. If you would like to help more with Confirmation, High School Bible Study, or Luther League please contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmer@ctkelc.org.

Milestone Celebration:

Back to School Blessing for Teachers and Students

August 21

All students (of all ages) and teachers/school administrators are invited to come to church to receive a special blessing during our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Each of our teachers and students will receive a milestone gift as we pray for a great start to the new academic year.

Acolyte and Crucifer Server Training

August 27 at 10:00 a.m. and

August 28 at 12:30 p.m.

All children (fourth grade and above) are invited and welcome to participate in our acolyte training with Deacon Ben Remmert on either Saturday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. or Sunday, August 28 at 12:30 p.m. This training is for new and returning acolytes and we need your help! Join us for a fun time and learning how to serve in worship.

Milestone Celebration:

Bible Presentation to Third Grade Students

Sunday, September 11

All new third grade students will be presented with Bibles to celebrate their milestones. We rejoice with the children who have reached the stage when reading has become a tool for learning. This milestone celebration will take place during worship at the 11:00 a.m. service. If you have a 3rd grader in your family, please let Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org by Wednesday, September 7.

Rally Day Sunday Open House

Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Join us for the start of our new Sunday School year! Sunday School classes are offered for children aged 2 through high school. Children, youth, and parents will meet in the parish hall for a short program recognizing this year's teachers and classes. All students will then have class pictures taken in the courtyard with games afterwards and parents will join to learn more about Godly Play, Confirmation Class, and High School Ministries. Regular Godly Play classes will be offered every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. beginning on Sunday, September 18. You may contact Marie Monroe or Deacon Ben Remmert with any questions regarding Sunday School. (marie4118@gmail.com, benremmert@ctkelc.org).

LUTHERHILL RETREATS AND NEWS

Lutherhill Ministries Sixteenth Annual S'mores & Champagne Gala September 10

Please join Lutherhill for a night of celebration as we toast to the ministry and gather together to make it possible for Lutherhill to continue to provide quality outdoor ministry for all ages and youth camping programs at Lutherhill in La Grange & Galveston, Texas.

The 16th Annual S'mores & Champagne Gala will be held on September 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel. The night will feature silent & live auctions, raffle, dinner, dancing and even better...we're bringing back event activities from 2021! It certainly will be the BEST.NIGHT.EVER. celebrating Lutherhill Ministries.



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Underwriting & Sponsorships

Your support as an Underwriter or Sponsor is incredibly important to the success of the Gala! Please consider partnering with Lutherhill Ministries to make an impact not only for Lutherhill today, but also the future campers and guests that will gather. Click here for more information about Underwriting & Sponsorships or to register online.

Auction Donations

Do you have access to exciting items or experiences? Show your support by making an in-kind donation to our incredible live & silent auctions. We welcome donations of all types – tickets, fun adventures, products, gift certificates and more! Please contact below for the item donation form: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/los/donateNewItem/>

Hotel Accommodations

A room block is available at the The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel (the location of the Gala) for \$179/night. Please contact the hotel directly to reserve a room at: 888-236-2427 or 281-367-9797 or book your online reservations here. (Book by 08/08)

The Woodlands Waterway
Marriott Hotel
1601 Lake Robbins Dr
The Woodlands, TX 77380



Summertime at Zion Retreat Center

Need a getaway before the Fall? Looking for a place to hold a church retreat? Book the Zion Retreat Center today! Zion is located on beautiful Galveston Island, Texas and only 10 blocks from the beach. The 8-bedroom retreat center with meeting spaces and a full kitchen and dining room is perfect for your next gathering or getaway!

YOUNG ADULTS

Faith on Tap

Young Adult discussion group

August 28 at 5:00 p.m. Under the Radar Brewery

Are you a young adult or a young adult family with children looking to have conversations on issues facing the church and society? Join our Faith on Tap discussion group. Every third or fourth Sunday of the month, our young adults meet for beverages and snacks while discussing a topic of the month. Contact Rev. Rodriguez to be added on our mailing list. You'll receive last minute updates and more.

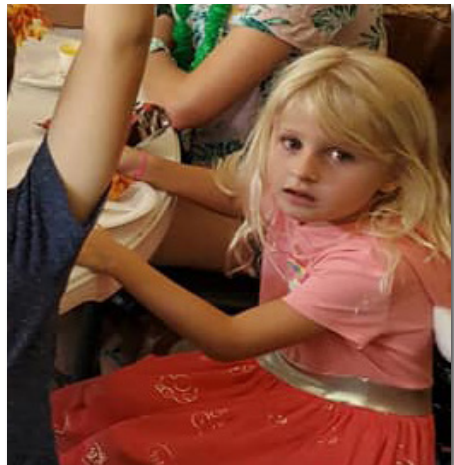
Topic for August:

My Body, Whose Rights? Religion and bodily autonomy. What role has religion played in guiding (or policing) our actions, our lives, and the choices we make with our body? Is there a place for religion to speak about issues pertaining to our bodily decisions that does not deny our own ability to make up our own minds? Join us in discussing this vital discussion,

Young Adults Volunteer

Join the Young Adults as we volunteer at Christian Community Service Center's food pantry on **Saturday, August 7**, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. All are welcome to join us on the first Saturday of even-numbered months.

For details and to RSVP, contact nathan@wikernet.com.





EMMAUS
Spirituality Center

Fund-Raising Gala on June 16 Surpassed their Goal!

Emmaus Spirituality Center, a ministry partner on the west campus, held a Fund-Raising Gala on June 16—and they surpassed their \$40,000 goal! Proceeds will go toward programming, scholarships for the Spiritual Direction Institute (SDI), and retreats. This gala helped Emmaus honor their rich Roman Catholic heritage and celebrate their new ecumenical and innovative life. Of the 175 people in attendance, 25 came from Christ the King (west campus and Rice Village).



Ron Brownlee won a wreath of gifts cards worth over \$2,000!



The live auction saw some action!



Pastor Beth Marie Halvorsen offered the closing benediction.



Welcoming people to Emmaus Spirituality Center is a metal sculpture of St. Francis of Assisi.

Emmaus Spirituality Center is to companion all who desire to awaken and deepen their relationship with God, self, and others and to accompany them on their journey of transformation. They strive to provide exceptional opportunities for in-depth spiritual through three core activities: spiritual direction, ministry formation, and spiritual enrichment programs.



Though the heat took a toll later in the summer, members of the Community Garden kept tending their plots.

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DO YOU SEE RED?





Churchwide Assembly Justice Look-Back Resolution Condemning White Supremacy

At churchwide assembly in August 2019, a resolution was passed condemning white supremacy. The resolution specifically stated:

- White supremacy is racism and we condemn it.
- Violent rhetoric against persons of color in the name of so-called “Christian Nationalism” is not a true Christian faith. It is idolatry and we condemn it.
- The love of God is for all people, without exception, and we proclaim it.
- The justice and mercy of God are for all people, without exception, and we proclaim this.
- Our religious and political leaders have a moral responsibility to condemn racist rhetoric...
- Language that refers to people of color or immigrants with words like “invasion” or “infestation” or “white replacement” is racism and we condemn it.
- We are called by Jesus to “love our neighbors as ourselves.” As persons called to love one another as God has loved us, we therefore proclaim our commitment to speak with one voice against racism and white supremacy...

The resolution also calls all congregations to engage in study of the structures and rhetoric that empower and fuel racism and white supremacy. Learn about this resolution, or other justice-related actions taken at the 2019 churchwide assembly at <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Churchwide-Assembly>.

Justice Advocacy Opportunity

Smorgasbord

There are a number of active justice advocacy requests from a variety of organizations. Speak up for justice today!

Creation Care – Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary

Hudson Canyon has been nominated to become a National Marine Sanctuary. It is the largest canyon off the Atlantic Coast of the U.S. and an ecological hotspot that is home to a vast array of marine wildlife including deep-sea corals, sharks, whales and dolphins, turtles, seabirds and numerous fish species. Urge the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to designate Hudson Canyon as a National Marine Sanctuary using this link: <https://secure.everyaction.com/vtmmEURqEkWlq3PqDF39cQ2>

Global Hunger & Malnutrition

After steadily declining for a decade, global hunger is on the rise. Malnutrition is the leading risk factor for death among children globally, accounting for 45 percent of all child deaths. The House passed the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act by a strong bipartisan vote and it has moved to the Senate. Urge your senator to co-sponsor the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021 (S. 2956) using this link: <https://go.bread.org/page/37516/action/1>

Housing & Homelessness

Record high inflation and record low levels of available housing have led to surging costs, driving homelessness. Housing is a core human need linked with hunger, health, family relationships and economic mobility. Investing in housing today will make meaningful steps in addressing young adult and historic racial wealth disparities, as well as a significant shortfall in senior housing. These growing affordable housing challenges are rooted in policy choices. Urge Congress to support funding for housing and homeless programs at: <https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1516>

Human Rights – Indigenous Boarding Schools

The U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs released a report detailing the legacy of violence, abuse, and death perpetrated by Indian boarding schools. The boarding schools sought to advance goals of forced assimilation of Indigenous peoples through the forced removal and relocation of their children. To realize justice and equity for Indigenous people, Congress must act to pass the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States Act. Urge Congress to act at: <https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1528>

Peace – War in Yemen

The United Nations estimates that the Yemen war has killed nearly a half a million people. The war has also caused one of the world’s worst humanitarian crises, leaving twenty million people in dire need. President Biden announced that the U.S. would end its support of offensive operations to a coalition of countries participating in the war. However, the U.S. continues to provide maintenance and logistical support for warplanes and enforcement of air and sea blockade. The Yemen War Powers Resolution seeks to end all forms of U.S. support for this war. Urge your representative to support this bill at: <https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1534>

The Work of the ELCA: Lay Schools for Ministry

The Lay Schools for Ministry program creates a communal and virtual meeting place where life-long learning intentionally happens. The ELCA partners with Select Learning, a faith-based learning resource. Check them out at: <https://www.selectlearning.org/>. In Called Forward together in Christ, the ELCA affirms that “we are a church grounded in the Lutheran confessions inspiring biblical and theological literacy, gospel fluency and daily vocation and ministry through shared experience and life-long learning.” Our gospel fluency, the affirmation of our daily vocations and ministry and our experience as life-long learners lead us to equip “people for their baptismal vocations in the world and this church.” This is what the Lay Schools for Ministry program of the ELCA is about: confessing, worshiping, learning, witnessing and serving the neighbor in need. To learn more, go to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Leadership/Lay-Schools-for-Ministry>.

Faithful Voter Weekly Discussion Group

Tuesdays, September 13 – November 1, 6:00 p.m., online

As people of faith and conscience, we believe elections are a referendum on the values that will shape our future. How can we renew our fragile democracy? How do we honor the human dignity of every person? Will we protect our Sacred Earth and our children’s future? What policies will prioritize the common good and confront future crises that remind us of our interdependence? Many of the defining moral issues of our time are on the ballot: faltering democratic institutions, too much wealth in the hands of a few, damage to the climate, cruel immigration policies that tear families apart, mass incarceration that devastates communities of color, senseless gun violence, and threats to global public health and security. These challenges are daunting. To move forward in a spirit of hope, and to resist despair and cynicism, join this weekly discussion group where we’ll navigate the urgent moral questions raised by the coming election,

allowing you to discern your path forward. Can’t make it every week? Join as you are able, or for those topics most of interest to you. The topic for each week’s discussion is given below. All attendees receive an electronic copy of the Faithful Voter

Reflection Guide from Interfaith Power & Light, plus supplemental materials provided by the facilitator. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faithful-voter-weekly-discussion-group-tickets-384102800817?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

- September 13: Protecting Our Sacred Earth
- September 20: Protecting Democracy & Voting Rights
- September 27: Loving Our Immigrant Neighbors
- October 4: Building an Economy of Inclusion
- October 11: Pursuing Restorative & Racial Justice
- October 18: Respecting the Dignity of LGBTQ People
- October 25: Protecting Everyone’s Health
- November 1: Creating a More Peaceful World

**LAST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH**

Day Session 12 noon
Evening Session 7:00 p.m.



ADVOCACY CAFÉ

Civic Engagement Actions

Tuesday, August 30

12 noon or 7:00 p.m., online

Join other Lutherans to learn how faith connects to civic engagement.

<https://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/advocacy-cafe/>



A Faithful
VOTER
Reflection
GUIDE

Christ the King Church Members and Friends Joined the Interfaith Rally near the NRA Convention in Houston May 27



Left:
An HPD officer guides Jan Petner at the rally.

**Photo from the
Houston Chronicle on
May 27**





Heat in Houston: Justice Implications, Solutions, & How People of Faith Can Engage

Sunday, September 11, 3:30 p.m.

Heat is the greatest weather-related disaster in the U.S., killing more people than any other kind of natural disaster. And, Texas is one of three states with the highest heat-related deaths. A study found that the Houston area averaged 18 dangerously hot summer days per year from 1975 to 2010. Without any action to combat urban heat, Houston's annual number of days hit by dangerous summer heat could rise to 80 by 2046. So, Houston's urban heat issues are already serious and are forecasted to get much worse with the Climate Crisis. Urban heat negatively affects human and biodiversity health throughout the region, exacts a financial toll, leads to higher ozone levels, and reduces quality of life. Heat mapping in Houston has shown that high heat is more concentrated in underinvested communities and/or Communities of Color, thereby widening historic inequalities. Fortunately, there are solutions that can be brought to bear to reduce urban heat. Join Jaime Gonzalez of The Nature Conservancy, who led heat mapping efforts in Houston, for a discussion on the findings, their justice implications, solutions, and how houses of worship/people of faith can engage. Learn more/register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heat-in-houston-justice-implications-solutions-how-to-engage-tickets-386151057207>. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

Season of Creation 2022:

Listen to the Voice of Creation September 1 – October 4

"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you." *Exodus 3: 1 – 12*

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation. Christians around the world unite to pray and protect our common home. The Season begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the commemoration of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." Watch this site for online ecumenical observances on September 1 & October 4: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.

The Psalmist declares, "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge...their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world." (19: 1-4).

During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer, we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we center the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Let's use this 2022 Season of Creation as a time of both prayer and action, a time to Listen to the Voice of Creation, so that our lives in words and deeds proclaim good news for all the Earth.

Sunday Evening Conversations on Creation Continue...

The Creation Care Team at CTK invites you to a monthly environmental education web meeting series whose theme in 2022 is Planet Earth & You.

Ecological Gardening:

Fruit and Veggies for Summer to Fall Sunday, August 28, 6:00 p.m. online



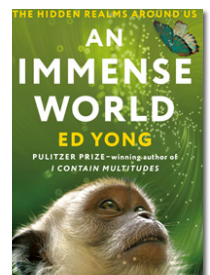
Carol Burton,
Director of
Garden Education
at Urban Harvest

Gardening and growing fruit, vegetables, and herbs organically is easy when recreating systems of nature to incorporate plants for wildlife and for people. Gardening in the gulf coast climate allows us to grow year around. Carol Burton, Director of Garden Education at Urban Harvest will explore the seasons from Summer gardening strategies to Fall transitions for a bumper cool season crop and the top five fruit trees to get started. Time for interactive discussion with the speaker will be provided. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ecological-gardening-fruit-and-veggies-for-summer-to-fall-tickets-379994723447>. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.

Immense World Book Discussion Group for the Season of Creation

Thursdays, September 1 – October 6, 5:00 p.m. online

Celebrate the Season of Creation by learning about the amazing sensory abilities of animals in a weekly book discussion group using the bestseller *Immense World: How Animals Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us*. In the last decade, research on other animals' ways of perceiving and making sense of the world — also known as "umwelt" — has exploded. With *An Immense World*, Ed Yong, a science journalist at the Atlantic, pulls together these findings to give us a scientifically based glimpse into how animals experience the world. You'll never consider animals quite the same way again! Schedule for the weekly online discussion is given below. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/immense-world-book-discussion-group-for-the-season-of-creation-tickets-384056381977>. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com for more information.



September 1: Introduction and Chapter 1

September 8: Chapters 2 & 3

September 15: Chapters 4 & 5

September 22: Chapters 6 & 7

September 29: Chapters 8 & 9

October 6: Chapters 10 - 12

The Big Four – Major Global Environmental Issues: Their Causes, Effects & Solutions

Tuesdays & Thursdays, August 16 - 30, 6:00 p.m. online

Ten years ago, the Organization for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD) published *OECD Environmental Outlook to 2050: The Consequences of Inaction* identifying four major global environmental issues requiring immediate action: climate change, biodiversity, freshwater and health impacts of pollution. These same four key environmental challenges were also highlighted in the previous Environmental Outlook to 2030 (OECD, 2008) as “Red Light” issues requiring urgent attention. So, ten+ years after the OECD labelled these four issues as pressing concerns needing a strong global response, where are we? Join five eminent speakers to learn about the causes of, effects of and solutions to: air pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change, freshwater scarcity, and plastic pollution. Join this virtual lecture series to not only learn about these major global environmental issues, but also to consider how we can take action as individuals, households, businesses, schools, and faith communities to make a difference.

The schedule is:

- Tuesday, August 16: Water Resilience, Professor Robert Mace
- Thursday, August 18: Plastic Pollution, Professor Hyun-Min Hwang
- Tuesday, August 23: Air Pollution: Past, Present & Future, Professor Gunnar Schade
- Thursday, August 25: Climate Change: Simple, Serious, Solvable, Professor Sylvia Dee
- Tuesday, August 30: Biodiversity Loss, Professor Kerri Crawford

Get details on the talks and register for any/all of the talks at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-big-four-major-global-environmental-issues-their-causes-effects-s-tickets-378315811777>. All registrants will receive recordings of the talks afterward. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com for more information.

Creation Care 101

2nd Thursdays, September – April, 6:00 p.m., online

Interested to connect your Christian faith to care for the earth? Want to learn how CTK can live the faith through caring for creation? Or, want to improve your own stewardship? Join a free online course, Creation Care 101, and begin a journey of restoring faith, justice, and creation. Each session will feature talks from leading theologians and scientists, inspiring stories from churches, facilitated heart-led conversation, and tools for practical implementation. Details on content/schedule are given below. All classes will be recorded, so don't worry if you can't make every class. Register at: <https://creationcarecollective.org/event/creation-justice-101-fall-program/>. Lisa Brenskelle will act as facilitator for the CTK group, providing additional resources and insights from her decades of earthkeeping ministry. Contact Lisa at brenskelle@aol.com for more information.

September 8: Intro: Faith, Science & Creation Care
October 13: Eating: Theology of Food
November 10: Hosting: Honorable Gatherings
December 8: Purchasing: Living Simply & Justly
January 12: Regenerating: Soil, Compost, Waste
February 9: Reframing: Water & Energy
March 9: Planting: Gardens & Spaces
April 13: Planning: Pulling it Together

Summer Creation Education: Microbes in God's World

Sunday, August 14, 9:30 a.m., Room 204

The Coronavirus has microbes on everyone's mind. But, bacteria, Fungi, Viruses – They are EVERYWHERE and have always been everywhere. See page 7.

Living the Change Weekly Discussion Group

Wednesdays, September 7 – November 30 (except November 23), 6:00 p.m., online

Scientists tell us that we must reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030. That may seem like a very high hurdle. But, it translates to only a 5%/year reduction, starting now. Participants in this course will leave with a plan for at least their first 5% reduction, and knowledge of how to find the other 40%. Many participants have found easy, cost-effective reductions of more than 20%. The course was developed in response to the Walk on Earth Gently multifaith statement. Inspired by religious teachings to turn away from consumerism & to seek balanced relationships with all people and the planet, Walk on Earth Gently invites you into a journey of Living the Change that the world needs. This program focuses on making personal lifestyle changes in three areas: transportation, energy, and food but will be customized for participants. Anticipated schedule/topics to be covered are given below. Join us in accepting the Walk on Earth Gently invitation and committing to a sustainable lifestyle, via a weekly online discussion group. Can't make it every week? Join us as you are able. Are you ready to commit to a more sustainable lifestyle? Then join us on this journey to Living the Change by registering at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-the-change-weekly-discussion-group-tickets-384086201167>. For more information, please contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com.

September 7:
Introduction & Transport, week 1
September 14, 21 & 28:
Transport, weeks 2, 3 & 4
October 5, 12, 19 & 26:
Energy, weeks 1, 2, 3, & 4
November 2, 9 & 16: Food, weeks 1, 2 & 3
November 30: Food, week 4 & closing



Visiting Pastors

Rev. Dr. David Brondos
our ELCA missionary in Mexico City
preached on July 10.

Rev. Dr. Robert Moore
former Senior Pastor at CTK and wife
Kathy visited from Leipzig, Germany
on July 17.



MEMBER MILESTONES

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints. Colossians 1:3-4



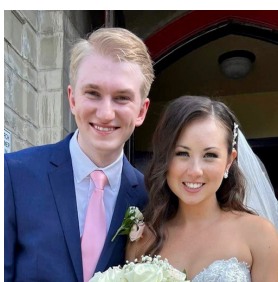
Ron Brownlee celebrated his 50th anniversary as a member of the Texas Bar Association this summer. Way to go, Counselor!



Deacon Beth Hartfiel will celebrate 20 years of ministry on August 28. We are grateful for her ministry as our Business Administrator.



Deacon Rick Erickson celebrated 40 years of service as a Minister of Word and Service of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Our congratulations and blessings are extended to **Music Associate Benjamin Colegrove Kerswell and Amy Tann Kerswell** on their marriage July 2.



Congregational Nurse Linda Schoene retired in June. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrated her 20+ years of health ministry at CTK along with her 50-year anniversary as a registered nurse.



Believe it or not, there are 159 years of Lutheran ministry at this table.

June 12 was the 56th anniversary of **Pr. George Brookover's** ordination, and June 11 was the 55th ordination anniversary of **Pr. Robert Louis** (right), so, along with **Pr. David Roschke** (left), all three retired pastors who are CTK members celebrated the years of ministry together over lunch in June. (September 15 is the 48th anniversary of Pr. Roschke's ordination.)



Blessing the chiller! July 17, 2022

Former Senior Pastor Robert Moore, Interim Senior Pastor Amandus Derr, and Deacon Ben Remmert blessing our "rental" chiller.

Houston Pride Parade

Saturday, June 25



houston **Saturday**
food **September 10**
bank  **8:00 a.m. - noon**
For information, contact ctkhfb@gmail.com

Our Food Bank stalkers made sure the "senior boxes" assembly line was well-stocked on our July 9 volunteer day.

Our next volunteer outing will be September 10.
Contact ctkhfb@gmail.com.

