



THE KING'S BANNER



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PENTECOST PICNIC AND CELEBRATION OF LINDA SCHOENE Sunday, June 5 at 12:15 p.m. Rice Village Campus

Celebrate the Holy Spirit and join us for our Pentecost Picnic in the courtyard!

Lunch will include fried chicken and potato salad. You are invited to bring additional side dishes to share. Bring your picnic blanket and lawn chair, **wear RED** and don your causal picnic attire.

We will celebrate our congregational nurse Linda Schoene's retirement as our congregational nurse along with her 50-year anniversary as a registered nurse. Join us in saying thanks to Linda for her 20+ years of health ministry at CTK.

Bach Society Presents

BACH VESPERS FOR PENTECOST Saturday, June 4, 3:30 p.m.

Christ the King Rice Village Campus

This event will feature our Bach Choir and Players presenting Bach's great Reformation Cantata BWV 80, Ein feste Burg, as we commemorate the birth of the church.

A festive reception will follow - with a birthday surprise! Come to this joyous event. Donations greatly appreciated!

PENTECOST 2022

Strategic Planning Process Culminates on June 26

The congregation will receive by email on Friday, June 10, the council-approved strategic plan for review and to be voted on following a combined worship at Christ the King's Rice Village Campus on Sunday, June 26, 2022. For more information on final feedback events and worship. See p. 3.

Houston Pride Parade Saturday, June 25

Join us as we march and proclaim our dedication to affirming the dignity of all people. Contact Pastor Rodriguez at sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org for more information and to confirm your participation in the parade. See p.5.

SUMMER LITURGY Rice Village Campus

Rice Village Campus

Summer Service Times:

Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.

Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

West Campus

Summer Service Time:

Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

From Sunday, June 12 through Sunday, September 4, there will be **one Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday**. We will continue to celebrate our **Saturday contemplative service at 6:00 p.m.** Both are liturgies of holy communion.

When the congregation council approved this at its April 19 regular meeting, two benefits were cited, each based on the ability and desire of our members to travel again this summer.

1. To keep as many of us worshiping together as possible,
2. To enable of us to gather together and be with each other before and after the service has ended.

Throughout the summer, we will be using Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Nine (ELW pages 193-202). Our pastoral and musical staff have planned some variations throughout the summer; for example, we'll be expressing our solidarity with the besieged people of Ukraine by using ELW hymn 155, a Ukrainian Kyrie setting known well by us, during the months of June and early July.

We will joyfully host and welcome two guest preachers in July.



On July 10,
Pastor David Brondos,
our ELCA missionary in
Mexico City, will preach.



On July 17,
Pastor Robert Moore,
home from Leipzig, will preach.

There are also two major summer commemorations.

On June 19 we will commemorate Juneteenth
with appropriate music and liturgy.

On August 14, we will commemorate Mary, Mother of God.
This day will also be the first anniversary of Sergio Rodriguez' Call to Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Great hymns, great preachers, great days – those are our plans for summer 2022 worship. May God grant us joyful gatherings and Christ's gifts of abundant life and the Holy Spirit through our summer days.



WHAT WE MEAN BY “LUTHERAN”

Dear faithful people of
Christ the King Church:

It’s been one full year since I began serving as interim senior pastor with you. Time flies when you’re having fun! (I am.) Over that year, and especially through our strategic planning conversations, I’ve learned that many of you continue to have questions about what we mean by “Lutheran;” Lutheran faith? Lutheran worship? Lutheran identity? Lutheran tradition? In partial response to those ponderings, I’m going to share my own understanding of things Lutheran, in the hopes of beginning a fruitful summer (and beyond?) conversation. These will be important conversations as we prepare to call a new senior pastor.

As I begin, I want to remind you all that I am a “cradle Lutheran;” baptized, raised, confirmed, and trained and ordained to serve as a pastor in the Lutheran Church. But I’m also Lutheran by choice: I believe with every fiber of my being that Lutheran theology – our teaching and our practice – is the most useful way to understand the things of God and interpret the Scriptures, the whole Christian tradition, and daily life itself.

So what is the essence of Lutheran theology? For me, it’s simple. It is the God is for us and comes to us without any action by us or merit on our part. There is a myriad of ways to say this: Historically, “justification by grace through faith.” Hermeneutically (the theory and methodology of interpretation), “Law and Gospel,” or as I like to put it “Judgment and Promise.” Pedagogically (the way I teach it), it’s “Up and Down Religion,” meaning that in Christianity as we Lutherans understand and teach it, God always comes down to us and we need not do anything to get up to God. Simply put, “for us and to us” is the essence of Lutheran theology. This is, however, as everyone knows, not all of Lutheran theological thinking, musing, teaching, or speaking.

This is Christianity as Lutherans interpret it. Which is to say, there is no such thing as “Lutheran faith” and no one is ever baptized as a Lutheran. Our faith is the Christian faith as Lutherans understand it. Baptism and holy communion are the sacraments of the whole Christian Church, not the Lutheran Church.

With one nuance, the same can be said about worship. There is no such thing as Lutheran worship (again, there is a nuance). We worship as a communion of the “one, holy,

catholic and apostolic Church.” Our liturgies are historic; their shape and form go back at least to the Fourth Century C.E. That shape and form is shared by most of Christianity, most closely by western (i.e. Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Moravian, Presbyterian, Reformed) Christianity. The Lutheran communion’s contribution to Christian worship is what we call the Hymn of the Day (German, Hauptlied) which is the basis for, among other things, the “Lutheran chorale” tradition epitomized by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Two more sharings.

First, it’s important for us as we move forward to separate in our minds and our understanding of what is “necessary” practice, Lutheran theology from our ethnic Lutheran traditions. We need to discern that the traditions of our ancestors from Germany, Scandinavia or (for me) Slovakia are different from the essentials of our worship and faith. Lutherans have a name for things like ethnic traditions; we call them “adiaphora,” things that are useful to some but not necessary for all. Here there’s a lot of room for conversation and even experimentation!

Second, over the centuries, Lutherans have changed their minds on lots of things. I, for one, reject the “Lutheran” practice I grew up with: Communion offered four times a year (later, once a month). The ability to receive holy communion dependent on confirmation. Those are two “doctrinal” changes. We all know several others.

I write this from my perspective so that we can engage in an open and ongoing conversation as we engage our wider community with a new strategic plan and begin the process of calling a new senior pastor.

Carole and I are grateful to and for everyone of you for your partnership in the Gospel throughout this past year and are looking forward to all that God has planned for all of us in the year ahead.

I’ve always found that Dag Hammarskjöld has put that sentence better and I close with his prayer:

For all that has been, thanks!
For all that will be, YES!

Peace and Joy – and Courage!

Amandus J. Derr, Interim Senior Pastor

CHURCH BUSINESS

Update Regarding Strategic Plan

The congregation will receive by email, Friday, June 10, the council-approved strategic plan for review and to be voted on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

Feedback events will be held in-person on Sunday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m., at the Rice Village Campus and at 11:30 a.m., at the West Campus. Additional feedback events will be held by Zoom on Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m.

The congregation will worship as one body at the Rice Village campus at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, June 26 (no worship service will be held at the West Campus that day). After the worship service the congregation will meet in the parish hall to vote on the three-year plan; followed by a celebration honoring the process.

Senior Pastor Call Committee Formed

The Congregation Council has approved a Call Committee charged with seeking a Senior Pastor for our congregation. The Committee will conduct its first meeting in early June. Employing prayerful and careful discernment, the Committee hopes to identify top candidates as quickly as possible.

Per our constitution, the Call Committee is comprised of six voting members. To ensure that multiple voices are heard and to allow congregation members more options for personal communication with Committee members, Council has also appointed three non-voting members to the Call Committee. Notably, members of the legacy MDLC campus have put their trust in this Committee, declining membership as they place their efforts in other areas related to our recent merger.

We are very grateful for the Committee members’ generous gifts of time and effort for this important endeavor that is central to our lives together. Please hold the Committee in your prayers as we move forward in this exciting time of defining new leadership for Christ the King.

Voting Members

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Emily Winesett	emilywinesett@gmail.com



Music

Bach Society Presents Bach Vespers for Pentecost

at Christ the King Rice Village Campus
on **Saturday, June 4, at 3:30 p.m.**

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Our Choir/Chorus concludes the season on Sunday, June 5, on Pentecost. Our singers will return during the summer two times - on Sunday, July 17, and Sunday, August 28.

Thank you, faithful singers, for your amazing faithfulness and gifts as we have worked our way through COVID and all the accompanying challenges!

For anyone interested in joining choir, our choirs 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 or Ben.



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 for complete and ongoing details!

BACHSOCIETYHOUSTON.ORG



*Professional choir and orchestra
that presents the works of J.S. Bach.*



ABUSE INSULTS OUR HUMANITY

It is Upbring's mission to break the cycle of child abuse by empowering children, families and communities.

About Upbring

Upbring is a Texas-wide organization implementing generational innovation to advance child well-being. They are the leaders in delivering a broad spectrum of life-restoring services that elevate and heal human beings in our communities. Intent on shifting perspectives and re-imagining current systems, their work secures a future free from the damages of abuse.

What They Do

Inspired by faith and compelled by compassion, they're seeking others to join them in the call to defeat abuse. Foster care and education are at the forefront of their work, joined by other vital mission-oriented programs. With their partners, they deliver services that produce measurable progress toward five key markers of every child's well-being: safety, life skills, education, health and vocation.

How to get Involved

They would love for you to get involved! Thank you for your support!

upbring.org



THE HOSPITALITY APARTMENTS

provide rent-free temporary housing (up to three months) and a safe, welcome, comfortable, supportive environment for families receiving medical treatment at the Texas Medical Center and surrounding areas in Houston. Since 1986 this 100% volunteer ministry has served thousands of people from all over the world. Christ the King has been one of this ministry's supporting 23 churches for almost four decades. Check out the apartments at hospitalityapartments.org, or contact CTK member Julie Giam at juliegiam005@gmail.com for more information.

1,176 children served through Upbring Foster In Texas statewide

140 new foster families verified

113 children connected with forever families

41 future professionals aging out of foster care offered transition services through BeREAL, Upbring's Supervised Independent Living program

62,316 people provided emergency assistance for food vouchers, hygiene products, prescriptions, utilities and other necessities

2,734 children given a nurturing, inclusive place to learn in Upbring Education Programs

125 - Tuition-based Preschool

1,201 - Trinity Charter Schools

1,408 - Head Start Preschools

3,245 unaccompanied children served:

1,003 - Bokenkamp Children's Shelter

779 - Grace House Children's Shelter

509 - New Hope Children's Shelter

477 - El Paso Transitional Foster Care

445 - Corpus Christi Transitional Foster Care

105 teen and pre-teen girls given a safe place to begin their healing journey at Upbring New Life Children's Center

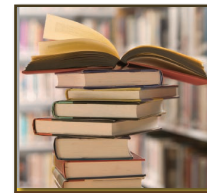
5,666 volunteer hours through Upbring Children's Centers

Disaster Response

Upbring is the ELCA's disaster response agency for our region.

\$13.4 MILLION in services delivered to disaster survivors

Assisted more than **1,000** people who needed help on our website, efficiently connecting them with important information



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.

June 5—Our Godly Play teachers present:
the Pentecost story for all ages
(in-person only)

June 12—Strategic Plan—final in-person
feedback session in the parish hall

June 19—Carolyn Jacobs presents:
Preaching in Hitler's Shadow:
Sermons of Resistance in the Third Reich
edited by Dean G. Stroud

June 26—Mary Ann Beseda presents:
From Strength to Strength:
Finding Success, Happiness, and Deep
Purpose in the Second Half of Life
by Arthur Brooks

July 3—No Book Review
(Fourth of July weekend)

July 10—Rev. Dr. David Brondos
from Mexico City
will be teaching our Sunday Forum.

July 17—Rev. Dr. Robert Moore
from Leipzig, Germany
will be teaching our Sunday Forum.

July 24—Linda Siemers presents:
Inspired
by Rachel Held Evans

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—Vicki Gorman presents:
The Invisible Kingdom:
Reimagining Chronic Illness
by Meghan O'Rourke

August 28—John Boles presents: TBD

See archived Sunday Forums and Summer Book
Reviews on our YouTube channel at shorturl.at/cxl49



Week Day Bible Studies

(Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays) will not meet
during the Summer. Studies will resume in the Fall.

Houston Science and Religion Discussion Group

Monday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Tony Settles will give a presentation on Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

The public is welcome to participate in the HSRDG meetings, which are scheduled for the third Monday of every month. To join, email Marian Hillar at hillar@sbcglobal.net.

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:

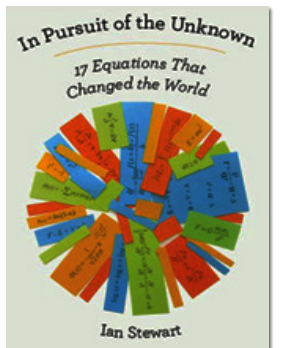
In Pursuit of the Unknown:

17 Equations

That Changed the World

Stewart, I.

Basic Books, New York, NY, 2012



From Newton's Law of Gravity to the Black-Scholes model used by bankers to predict the markets, equations, are everywhere – and they are fundamental to everyday life. 17 Equations that Changed the World examines seventeen ground-breaking equations that have altered the course of human history. Ian Stewart explores how Pythagoras's Theorem led to GPS and Satnav; how logarithms are applied in architecture; why imaginary numbers were important in the development of the digital camera, and what is really going on with Schrödinger's cat. Entertaining, surprising and vastly informative, 17 Equations that Changed the World is a highly original exploration – and explanation – of life on earth.

Houston Pride Parade

Saturday, June 25

The LGBTQIA+ coalition of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod will be marching in the Pride Houston Parade and Festival. Theme this year will be: Let your Light shine. Follow this link to order your shirt for the event. <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/pride-houston-2022?side=front&type=3&zoom=false>

Join us in celebrating our LGBTQIA+ siblings and proclaiming our dedication to affirming the dignity of all people. Contact Pastor Rodriguez, sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org, for more information and to confirm your participation in the parade.

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

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.



**MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR
KATE PAXTON**

Wednesday, June 29

7:00 p.m.
at Christ the King
Lutheran Church

Summer Commemorations
On June 19

we will commemorate Juneteenth
with appropriate music and liturgy.

On August 14

we will commemorate Mary, Mother of God.
This day will also be the first anniversary of
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and Sacrament.

Great hymns, great preachers, great days –
those are our plans for summer 2022 worship. May
God grant us joyful gatherings and Christ’s gifts of
abundant life and the Holy Spirit through our sum-
mer days.

Church Directories

The 2022 Christ the King Church member directory
is available and includes member information from
both of our campuses. You may pick up a copy in the
narthex on Sundays or request an electronic version
from the church office at ctk@ctkelc.org.



CTK members enjoyed unwinding at Lutherhill’s Women’s
Retreat in March.



**luther
league**

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

June Dates:

5: Pentecost Picnic, 12:15 p.m.
12: Summer Camp and Mission Trip Blessing
15: First D&D Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
18: Camp Hope Staff Training, 9:00 a.m.
20-24: Camp Hope
26: Summer Movie Review, After 2:00 p.m.

July Dates:

3: Summer Movie Review, after 2:00 p.m.
9: Galveston Beach Trip, 9:00 a.m.
17-22: Elementary and Confirmation Camp
at Lutherhill
23-30: Charleston Service Trip

August Date:

5-6: Luther League Float Trip

Luther League Floating Trip
August 5-6

7th-12th grade youth are invited to our sum-
mer trip to float the Comal River in New
Braunfels. We will leave Friday, August 5 at 5:30
p.m. 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 \$60 which covers meals, transportation,
and housing. RSVP to Deacon Ben Remmert by
Sunday, July 31.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Summer Luther League D&D Meetings
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Youth are invited this summer to join the Deacon for an adventure online
through Dungeons and Dragons on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in-person at
Christ the King Rice Village Campus. Each meeting includes time together
adventuring and devotional prayers. No experience needed and dice are
provided. If you are interested in participating, please contact Deacon
Ben Remmert. We will have our first meeting on Wednesday, June 15.

Summer Sunday Movie Reviews
Beginning June 26

Youth are invited this summer to join the Deacon to see the latest summer
blockbuster! We will come together after late service for a quick lunch
and head over to Regal Edwards Greenway Theater. Listing of movies to
see will be determined each week. Watch out for Luther League emails
for updated showtimes. For more information, please contact Deacon
Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org

Luther League Trip to Galveston Beach
July 9

Youth are invited for a trip Galveston with the Deacon to enjoy some
time away on the beach and play a few holes of Putt Putt Golf together.
We will come together for fellowship and fun. Cost is \$20.00 which cov-
ers admission and Putt Putt Golf. RSVP by Wednesday, July 3. For more
information, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Luther League Charleston, West Virginia Trip
July 23-30

This summer ten youth and two adult sponsors from Christ the King
Church will be traveling to Charleston, West Virginia for a week of service
in the community. This has been a year with two of our previous trips
being cancelled. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travel and the
building of our community together. The youth and adults traveling are
Nathaniel Allen, Victoria Allen, Peter Bryant, Keegan Cook, Elliot Harlan,
Kayla Hensley, Elena Longoria, Johnny Longoria, Olivia Sepolio, Deacon
Ben Remmert, Emily Winesett, and Olivia Winesett. Be on the lookout
in September for a special Sunday forum presentation from our travel-
ers. Thank you to all our sponsors and those that donated their time,
support, and finances to make this possible for our youth!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Luther Leaguers at Christ the King Church from the past.



1956



1989



2006

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Pray the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle with Deacon Ben: Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.

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:

June 7: Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini

June 14: Botswana, Zimbabwe

June 21: Malawi, Zambia

June 28: Kenya, Tanzania

July 5: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

July 12: Eritrea, Ethiopia

July 19: Djibouti, Somalia

July 26: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

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

Open Camp Day at Lutherhill: Saturday, June 4

You're invited out to Lutherhill to kick off our Summer. Open Camp Day is a FREE event. Bring your family and friends to experience an action-packed day of camp in just a few hours:

- 10:00 a.m. - Camp Opens
- 11:00 a.m. - Camp-style Worship
- 12:00 p.m. - Hamburger Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. - Camp Activities Open:

Ropes Course, Pool, Pond, Arts & Crafts and more!

RSVP to office@lutherhill.org, call them at 979-217-1954, or on Lutherhill Ministry's facebook page! (RSVPs appreciated).

Children's Bibles in the Pews Summer Project

This summer, 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 at both Rice and West Campus! This is a great way to make our worshipping spaces friendly to our families. Members and friends can sponsor a bible (\$20.00) and dedicate it to a Sunday School teacher that taught you. We will have a table in the narthex with samples of the children's bibles that we are going to purchase. Our bibles will be purchased and ready for Rally Day in September. For more questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Godly Play

Core Training at Rice Campus July 14-16

Christ the King Church will be hosting a Godly Play Core Training this July 14-16. Within a circle facilitated by a Godly Play trainer, you will experience and learn Godly Play stories, practices, and theology in a collegial, prayerful setting. Our talented trainers will deepen your understanding of children's spirituality while guiding you on a personal journey of wonder. This is a great opportunity for anyone that wants to know more about our Godly Play program and to be a storyteller or door person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marie Monroe, marie4118@gmail.com or Courtney Webb, courtneymartinwebb@gmail.com.

Godly Play Summer Nights Third Thursdays of the Months in Summer

Attend one, or all three Summer Nights. During each, one will experience a Godly Play story, have refreshments and enjoy the fellowship of others. Meeting at different places with different stories and a different storyteller each time, each Summer Night is different, unique experience. This is an informal gathering that is open for anyone to attend.

Thursday, June 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

at St. Philip Prebyterian, 4807 San Felipe St,

Thursday, July 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

at Zion Lutheran Church 3606 Beauchamp,

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

at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W. 43rd St.,

Come see what Godly Play is all about. For info please email godlyplayhouston@gmail.com



CAMP HOPE DAY CAMP MINISTRY

June 20-24



Camp Hope is a day camp ministry where youth lead a day of camp here at Rice Campus from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for children (ages 5 to 11) to learn bible stories through worship, games, snacks, science experiments, drama, and crafts throughout the day. The vision for Camp Hope is to be the best strategy for congregations to develop young Christian leaders doing justice, who serve God as servants in their neighborhood and in the world.



Lutherhill Elementary Summer Camp July 17-22

Those that have completed 1st-5th grade will spend a whole week at Lutherhill discovering all of the joys camp has to offer with Deacon Ben Remmert! Alpha Campers (1st Graders) are at camp from July 17-20 and Youngin's (2nd-3rd Graders) and Yearling's (4th-6th Graders) are at camp from July 17-22. Enjoy fun bible studies, camp-wide worships, afternoon activities and daily All Camp activities. Spend an evening around the campfire making s'mores.

Alpha (1st Grade) Program Cost: \$375

Youngin's (2nd-3rd Grade) and Yearling's (4th-6th Grade)

Program Cost: \$650



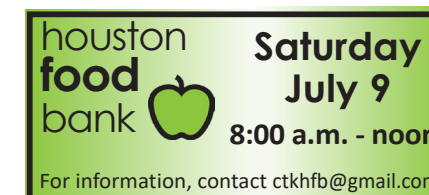
Lutherhill Jr. High Adventure Camp July 17-22

Those that have completed 6th-8th grade can experience a week at Lutherhill with Deacon Ben Remmert at Lutherhill's Junior High Adventure Camp. Learn from cabin Bible studies and camp-wide worships, challenge yourself on the high ropes course, enjoy afternoon activities and daily All Camp activities, grow in community with fellow junior high students, spend a night cooking over open fires and sleeping in the tree houses and hanging village. Sign up asap as spots are filling up.

Program Cost: \$690

CTK's great group of seven volunteers put in plenty of work on May 14, processing hundreds of pounds of donated goods in another session with the scan-a-can project. As the outing coincided with the Houston Texans Volunteering Day, the members of our group received a free t-shirt for their troubles.

And just like that, we're already halfway through our volunteering calendar for the year! We're looking forward to a strong second half to our 2022 volunteering.



2022 HFB schedule

Saturday, July 9, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Saturday, September 10, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Useful information

When: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Houston Food Bank East Branch, 535 Portwall St.

Attire: Closed-toe shoes, pants, sleeved shirt (short or long sleeves).

Carpool: If needed, it will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Please specify if you wish to carpool so we can be sure to send someone there before heading to the HFB.



For many families, the Back To School program provides more than school supplies and clothing for students. The event is also an effective entry point into the many resources offered across CCSC's programs. Parents discover that we also have varied ways to improve their employment situations, access groceries to stretch limited budgets, and more.

The Back To School program will aid 6,500 pre-K through 12th-grade students. We target families with limited resources to help them begin the academic year on equal footing with their peers. Thanks to the generosity of community donors, these students are given a grade-appropriate package of supplies and a clothing gift card to purchase apparel required for campus dress codes. Want to volunteer? **Supply Prep & Bag Assembly is July 28 - 30, Community Event is August 5 - 6**, contact Cathy Brown at seasonal@ccschouston.org.

Your \$50 gift provides school supplies and clothing to one student in need and it helps connect a new family to CCSC. You may contribute online through Christ the King Church by designating "Back to School."

Summer Camps

Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd.

Dates: Each day during the week, Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 at 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. (before and after camp options available)

Who Can Attend: Those that have finished pre-K through 6th Grade by May 2022 (ages 4-10)

Costs: \$100.00

(Before Camp- \$25.00 & After Camp- \$25.00)

Register: Register online at ctkelc.org

If you have questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

LATINE MINISTRY

Christ the King Church together with other member churches of the Latinex Strategy Team of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod held their first Latina Retreat at the Zion Retreat Center. The retreat focused on the spiritual and emotional benefits of rest. Approximately twenty-four participants spent two days in prayer, presentations, worship, and enjoying the beach in Galveston. The Latinex Strategy team will be making this retreat into an annual event for Latinex ministries in Texas to attend.



Rev. Rodriguez together with Bishop Michael Rinehart and Synod Vice-President, Robert Rivera, participated in a Border Summit, a meeting of seven ELCA border synods to find ways to respond together to immigration needs. Led by Mary Campbell of AMMPARO, the group determined two long-term strategies. First is that of advocacy and education with the following objectives: Shared advocacy around comprehensive immigration reform. Communication about ongoing and future immersion opportunities across different expressions of the church, supported by a planned border immersion sponsored by AMMPARO. Promoting the impact of story-telling and power of our networks. Work to develop Holy innovation grants for multi-synodical collaboration on migration. The second is that of accompaniment with the following objectives: Asylum-seeker congregation sponsorship



training, resourcing and support offered to the ELCA. AMMPARO and Congregational Vitality work with bishops to identify several key synods with large numbers of migrants and vibrant migrant ministries to strengthen support and resources available for the work. Continued strategic conversations on this ministry. ELCA members are aware of the opportunities for engagement and immersions through Border Servant Corps and Iglesia Cristo Rey.

The Rev. Rodriguez concluded his time as a member of the Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest relaunch/redevelopment team. Under the leadership of Rev. Violeta Siguenza, the interim director of the LSPS, this program will be led in a new direction that will help new ministries like that at Christ the King develop sustainable culturally-engaged ministry. Look out for an official announcement in July.

In the month of July, Rev. Rodriguez will be on vacation for several weeks. If you would like to help develop a sustainable Latine Ministry at Christ the King Church, contact Rev. Rodriguez, and bring your ideas and gifts. Look out for the August Banner for Fall Latine programming opportunities.

Past Events:

May 13 and 14: Cristo Rey, Sagrada Familia (Kinsmen), Emanuel Lutheran (Dallas, TX) and Principe de Paz had their first Latina Retreat at the Zion Retreat Center in Galveston.

May 15: Rev. Rodriguez led a bilingual Mass at St. James' Lutheran Church at their 11 a.m. Mass.

May 20: Rev. Rodriguez presided at the Eucharist for the opening worship of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod at First Lutheran Church in Galveston.

Upcoming Events:

August 14: The Assumption of Mary

CAMPUS MINISTRY



GOD WANTS YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS

Summer has officially arrived and Lutheran Campus Ministry, Rice University (LCM, RU) is in planning and recharging mode for next academic year. During the summer months, the LCM, RU board and Rev. Rodriguez will be planning out the 2022/2023 programming, marketing, and fundraising opportunities. Rachel McWhirter and Mark Lichtenberger have been designing a new logo design for LCM, RU. The Board is working on planning out various forum-style events at Rice University to coincide with the Big Questions courses being

offered to students. Our vision statement, God wants you to ask questions, clearly indicates the kind of community our students would like to help create at Rice University; one that invites challenging discussions within an inclusive environment. Look for our August Banner to see how you can participate in this developing ministry.

Refer any incoming student (undergraduate or graduate) to Rev. Rodriguez sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org, the Campus Minister for Lutheran Campus Ministry, Rice University.

Past Events

May 9: The Lutheran Campus Ministry Network of the ELCA awarded a \$7,000 travel grant to Rev. Rodriguez. Out of sixteen applicants, Rev. Rodriguez was one of two Campus Ministers who received this grant. As a part of this grant, Rev. Rodriguez submitted a proposal for his trip to Peru. He will investigate the role of mutual aid within the Lutheran Church of Peru and use this insight to help strengthen the mutual aid program at Rice University.

May 13: Shifa Rahman was accepted into the Master of Divinity program at Union Theological Seminary.

May 20 and 21: Lutheran Campus Ministry, Rice University, HouMin, and Treehouse Ministries tabled at the 2022 Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Assembly.

Upcoming Events

June 22 to 24: Rev. Rodriguez will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the Region 4 Lutheran Campus Minister's Annual Meeting. The focus of the meeting will be on incorporating anti-racism practices, ideas, and principles into campus ministry.

Looking Ahead

August 14 to 20: Orientation Week for the Fall 2022/Spring 2023 Academic Year.

August 20: Quiet before the Storm: Centering Prayer for Rice students, faculty, and staff before the start of the academic year.



August 21: Burger cookout fundraiser for Lutheran Campus Ministry, Rice University, at Christ the King Church courtyard after the 11:00 a.m. service.

YOUNG ADULTS

Faith On Tap: Young Adult Discussion Group

June 19 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 to our mailing list. You'll receive last minute updates and more.

Topic for June:

Freedom Fighters or Freedom Riders

Luther wrote in his treatise, The Freedom of a Christian (1520): The Christian individual is a completely free lord of all, subject to none. The Christian individual is a completely dutiful servant of all, subject of all.

Is it better to understand freedom as a kind of rugged individualism that depends on good faith actors or freedom as a process where people freely come together for the greater good?

Young Adult News

Leo Samuel Adams, son of Whitney and Quinton Adams, was baptized on May 22 during the 11 a.m. service. May God bless and keep him in his baptismal grace.



CHRIST THE KING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

submitted by Lisa Krueger



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Strategic Planning Committee

Daniel Zorn
Congregational Team Facilitator

Maureen Lamson

Nyla Woods

Pastor Amandus Derr

Pastor Beth Marie Halvorsen

Pastor Sergio Rodriguez

Terri Koehler
Congregation Council President

September 2021

Council Executive Committee Meets with Triangle2

October 2021

Triangle2 Conducts Baseline Survey with Council and Staff

November 2021

Triangle2 Presents to Council and Staff

January 2022

Congregation Summit Cancelled (COVID-19)

February 2022

Triangle2 Conducts Congregation-wide and Community Survey

February 26, 2022

Congregation Summit

March 01, 2022

Summary of Summit in King's Banner

March 03, 2022

Request for Congregation Feedback on Summit and Priorities Selection

March 05, 2022

Values-Setting Exercise at Council Retreat

March 10, 2022

Request for Congregation Feedback Regarding Values-Setting

March 27, 2022

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

April 7, 24, and 28, 2022

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

April 19, 2022

Strategic Planning Committee Presentation to Council for Feedback

April 24, 2022

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

May 1, 12, and 14, 2022

Congregation Meetings on Strategies

May 3-10, 2022

Congregation Survey on Strategies

May 26, 2022

Draft of Strategic Plan Submitted to Council for Review and Feedback

May 31, 2022

Council Meeting to Vote on Strategic Plan

June 10, 2022

Strategic Plan Submitted to Congregation

June 26, 2022

Congregation to Vote on Strategic Plan

September 2022

Staff Planning Retreat led by Strategic Planning Team Facilitator

Merger and Integration Steering Team (MIST)

Russell Post
Team Lead

Pastor Beth Marie Halvorsen
Ministry Chair

Tor Kragas
Work Process Chair

Alicia Goodrow
Governance and Legal Chair

Karen Whitefield
Site Development Chair

Chris Eklof
Capital Sources and Strategy Chair

Janet Zaozirny
Member-at-Large

Pastor Amandus Derr

January 2022

Appointment and First Meeting

February 2022

Recruitment of Committee Members

Preparation of Charters

Council Approval of Capital Sources and Strategy Committee

March 2022

Preparation of Committee Agendas and Timelines

Ministry Committee

Begins Descriptive Inventory of Existing Ministries

Work Processes Committee

Identifies Key Work Processes at Both Campuses

Governance and Legal Committee

Examines Existing CTK Constitution in Anticipation of Merger

Site Development Committee

Monitors Conditions of West Campus Facilities

March 13, 2022

Installation of MIST Leadership at Rededication Service at West Campus

April 2022

Ministry Committee

Continues Descriptive Inventory of Existing Ministries

Work Processes Committee

Prioritizes Integration of Key Work Processes

Governance and Legal Committee

Drafts Certificate of Merger and Resolutions for Presentation to Each Congregation Council

Site Development Committee

Monitors Conditions of West Campus Facilities

May 2022

Ministry Committee

Finalizes Descriptive Inventory of Existing Ministries

Work Processes Committee

Identifies People and Capital Resources Required for Integration

Governance and Legal Committee

Requests Necessary Consent from the Bishop of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Files Certificate of Merger with Secretary of State

Site Development Committee

Monitors Conditions of West Campus Facilities

May 22, 2022

Congregational Meeting and Sunday Forum to Discuss Merger and Integration Process and Approve Certificate of Merger

Summer 2022

Ministry Committee

Develops List of Potential Ministries Based on Strategic Plan

Work Processes Committee

Engages with the Appropriate Stakeholders for Integration of Specific Work Processes

Governance and Legal Committee

Recommended Revisions Initiated to CTK Constitution; Reviews Existing Contracts and Leases

Site Development Committee

Begins Prioritizing and Overseeing Maintenance and Renovation Projects in Accordance with Strategic Plan

Capital Sources Committee

Begin Evaluations of Capital Needs

Autumn 2022

Ministry Committee

Develops Proposal for Ministry Priorities

Work Processes Committee

Continues Integration Efforts and Coordinates Budget Planning for Unified Congregation in 2023

Governance and Legal Committee

Completes Final Legal Tasks Related to Merger

Site Development Team

Prioritizes and Oversees Renovation Projects in Accordance with Strategic Plan

Capital Sources Committee

Continues Evaluation of Capital Needs

November 20, 2022

(Christ the King Sunday)

Completion of Merger and Integration Process

January 1, 2023

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church
One Congregation with Two Houston Sites Fully Implemented



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Senior Pastor Call Committee

Anne Clutterbuck
Chair

Jill Bailer

Kathy Collins

Henry Goodrow

Andrea Salas

Victoria Allen

May 31, 2021

Pastor Larson Retires as Senior Pastor

June 15, 2021

Pastor Derr Becomes Interim Senior Pastor

April 2022

Council Elects Call Committee Members and Chair

May 2022

First Meeting of Call Committee

June/July 2022

Call Committee Meets
Strategic Plan Folded into Ministry Site Profile

August 2022

Call Committee Meets
Call is Advertised

TBD

Council Recommends a Call
Congregation Votes on the Call
Congregation Releases Pastor Derr

TBD

New Senior Pastor Arrives and Begins to Lead
Installation of New Senior Pastor

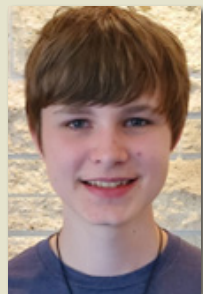


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CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022

This year our confirmation class was asked to make a Confirmation Project, a time to creatively make their own personal statement of faith in preparation for Confirmation Sunday on May 15, 2022. Students were given one of the following options to express their faith: a service project, create an original art project, a research paper, essay on the trinity, interview congregational members, write a devotional book, create a visual project, or a confirmation booklet. All our youth have different gifts and passions which have been expressed very well with the 2022 Confirmation Class.

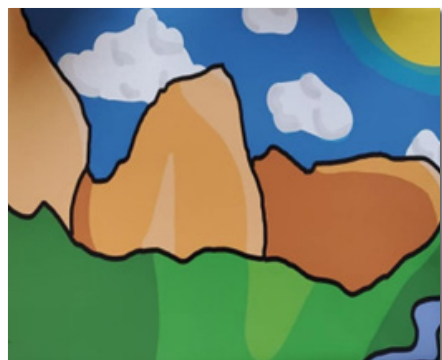
William Henry D. Burgess VI



School: St. Johns School

Favorite hobby/sport/interest:
video games, basketball

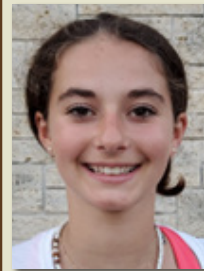
Random Fact about yourself:
I went to Utah last week.



The artwork I created represents my faith through nature, and its beauty. My art depicts one of the areas of Zion National Park, where I had gone for a trip with my school. One of the main features of the art is the blazing

sun casting a light over the area, representing God's reach over all the earth. The fact that it is in nature is also important to the meaning of my project as well, as nature is usually one of the places, I feel closest to God. Like the annual Zion canyon, my drawing shows the natural beauty of the area. Seeing the natural, untouched landscapes connects me to God's beauty, watching the way in which the cliffs and rocks all form together to make one beautiful picture, all shaped by God's hand. Nature also reminds me of my time at summer camps like Lutherhill, where I had many conversations about my faith and How I see God. When I am at camp with my cabinmates and counselors, I can truly feel as if everyone around me is really connected to try and strengthen their faith and their bonds with those around them. My friends are another big part of my faith life since, while not all of them share my beliefs, I am very grateful for their presence and getting to be with them, and while I was in Utah, I got to know some of the people in my grade better and grow closer to those I already knew well. So, all in all, my faith is expressed through many things, and the drawing of Utah I made is just one of the many important parts of my faith.

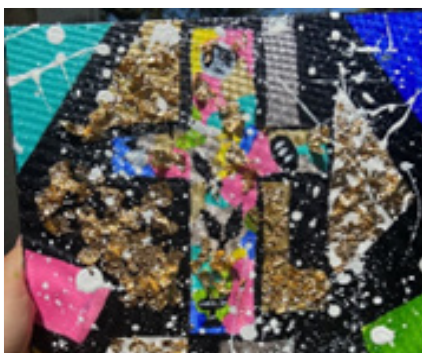
Clara Elizabeth Bruns



School: Presbyterian School

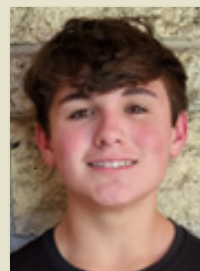
Favorite hobby/sport/interest:
Field Hockey, La Crosse, Soccer, Basketball

Random Fact about yourself:
I will be going to Episcopal High School in the fall.



Last year was a challenging year. I had to do school online and make new friends. I decided to paint about my faith and how that has helped me through Covid-19 as a teenager. My painting has a lot of colors that resemble happiness, sadness, and hopefulness. The gold flakes resemble pureness, and that God will always be with you even when you do something wrong. Finally, in the middle of the painting, I drew a cross with five items in it. The cross resembles my faith, the fish resembles food. The glass resembles water, the grape means food. The wheat resembles work and farming, the peace sign means peace on earth and finally, the bread means food and family.

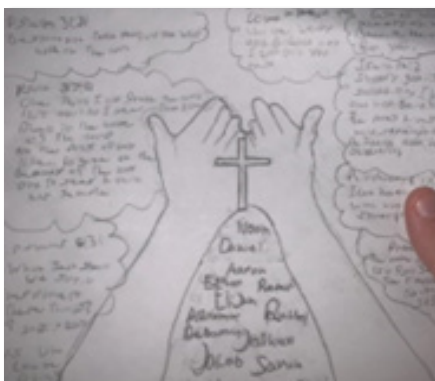
Devin Drake Escamilla



School: Alvin Jr. High

Favorite hobby/sport/interest:
Percussion, Weightlifting, Golf

Random Fact about yourself:
I am color blind.



This picture represents the Bible. I feel a deep connection to Psalms which represents my everyday life, and each psalm is a description of my life as of now. I put all the people that have been giving me inspiration for my faith life under my hands to describe how they have helped me inspire my faith. I think giving is a good way to represent faith as whole and a lifestyle. Being raised by my mother who is selfless and taught me how to love for other people. My drawing has many different meanings to me. The spiritual meaning of this drawing will be relevant to what I believe now and continue to inspire me in my faith life today (Confirmation Sunday).

Luke Charles Leshner



School: Our Savior Lutheran School

Favorite hobby/sport/interest:
Rugby, video games, boardgames

Random Fact about yourself:
I am getting into painting Warhammer models

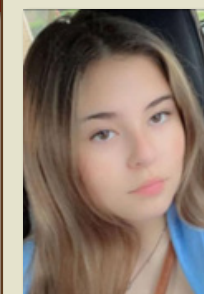


"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7). When our life is consumed with living for God and His glory, we are well on the path to growing in faith and being spiritually mature."

This sculpture depicts the growth of faith from shrubs of small beginnings to connecting to God. When you are first born you are a "seed" of potential. As we grow up our faith is tested by life. Faith keeps us connected to God. Growing in our faith deepens our connection to God and the World. As a child of God, to grow your faith requires thought and action. Talking to others about their faith helps to connect us to God. Being patient (as the tree grows from the shrub) will also help to grow your faith. Knowing that some problems aren't going to be solved immediately shows that Jesus reminds us that he will never leave us (even in a storm a strong tree will survive). Reading the Gospel also helps your faith to grow and talking about the Scriptures with others helps to look at things in a different way. Serving others is a way to put God's words into action and helps us to get to know other people in a deeper way (trees need other trees to provide shelter and nutrients).



Elena Julia Longoria



School: Berry Miller Jr. High School

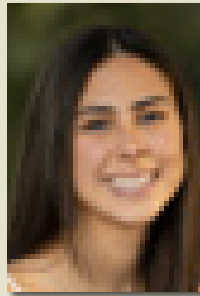
Favorite hobby/sport/interest:
Hunting with my father and sister

Random Fact about yourself:
I am in Color Guard as part of band (much like my older sister).



Church to me, means "family." AS we state after Holy Communion "we who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen." This means that even though we all have different perspectives we are all brought together by one person, God. God is the creator of life and heals us and did so much for us. God created this world; God created my family. Each of my various "families;" my family at home, my family at church, my family in activities and school. My family has taught me to believe in God (as you should) and made sure I was a part of classes when I was younger and always made sure I was a part of church services and was always included. I remember some services when I used to get emotional and cry because I felt such a part of what was happening. this happed a lot at the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services when I was younger. Especially when the Crown of Thorns was placed on the altar, or the cross was covered in black. I remember when I was younger, I used to attend Wednesday Night Alive, and I would take my pizza to where my older sister was in her Confirmation classes. I would stand at the door while she was in Confirmation and then later when she was in Luther League. I knew someday I would be doing the same thing as her. and now I am preparing to be confirmed into the family of the church. As I reflect on my time growing up in the church, being confirmed means I am taking more of a responsible role in my faith. It also means I am going to be more responsible in continuing my own faith as I continue to grow as a child of God and as I grow into adulthood. And eventually I will pass my own faith on to my own family when the time comes.

Isabel Grace Wabnitz



School: Heights High School

Favorite hobby/sport/interest:
Hanging out with friends, volunteering
at the local animal shelter

Random Fact about yourself:
I have dual citizenship, USA and Germany.

Natascha Kate Wabnitz



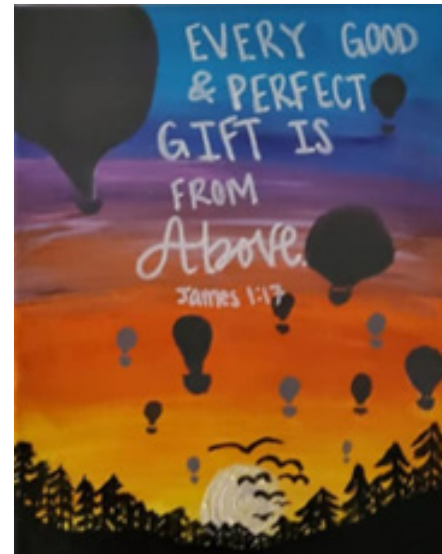
School: Heights High School

Favorite hobby/sport/interest:
Hanging out with friends and soccer

Random Fact about yourself:
I am working at Camp Allen this
summer.



I chose to create a painting to reflect my faith because artwork has always been a way that I explore and express my faith. I don't consider myself a particularly "artsy" person, but from creating God's Eyes to prayerfully coloring, art has always been a way for me to connect with God. This painting is no exception, and I carefully chose every element to



My faith journey truly started when I went to my first week of Camp Allen. I always knew what faith and Christianity was, but it was just there, not a part of my everyday life. When I went to Camp Allen my eyes were open to all the powers of the Lord and the presence that he has on our everyday lives. I learned so

much about God and was exposed to people who helped me develop my faith. I wanted to continue to learn about my faith and try to expand it. The times when I truly feel the Lord's presence is when I'm outside. I see all his wonderful creations and get to experience the amazing colors he puts in the sky. I love the verse "Every good and perfect gift is from above", because everything in your life is given to you from the Lord. I learned that the Lord plays such a big role in your life. I had a hard time trusting his path when I couldn't see it. It's still hard for me to follow him sometimes when it feels like everything is falling apart, but every time it always works out. When I started being more involved in my faith and in Christianity, I felt complete, like I was missing a puzzle piece and I found it.



WEST CAMPUS

2211 Memorial Drive

High School Graduates

With prayers, an awesome laundry bag, and delicious light lunch, we blessed our high school seniors. Glen White (University of Tulsa) plans to double major in mathematics and psychology. Anders White (Case Western Reserve) will focus on chemical engineering. Luke Whitefield (Texas A&M-Galveston) will major in engineering. Congratulations to these wonderful young men!



Three high school graduates (Glen, Anders, Luke)

Funding For Proposed Public Lecture



Martha and Terry Satterwhite

Dr. Terry Satterwhite's proposal of a public lecture exploring how faith embraces science and science informs faith has been accepted by our leadership. He has generously agreed to underwrite it with a \$5,000 gift, given in loving memory of his late wife, Martha. Addressing the positive relationship of religion and science is crucial,

particularly as mature understandings of both are required for the wholeness of personal and societal health today. An advisory committee will soon be formed.

New Obelisk In Knoeller Garden



This structure provides a focal point while the plants continue to grow and bloom. For those who may not know, Philip Knoeller was a man who greeted everyone, seeing them as somebody and making them feel at home at the church.

Where is Pastor Beth?

Pastor Beth will be leading a workshop on "Legacy/Merger Congregations" at the June 21-23 Annual Conference for LuTMA (Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association) in St. Louis, MO. May our story help to seed ideas for other congregations.



Emmaus Tent Event

The Emmaus Tent Event introduced people in the community to Emmaus Spirituality Center. Pastor Beth and Malcolm Waddell represented our congregation, engaging people in fun and meaningful conversations to develop more relationships.



Signs Inviting People to Emmaus Tent Event on May 21



Tent Gala Overview: Classic Cars, Tidbits from Restaurants, Authors, Balloons, Face-Painting, Presenters, etc.

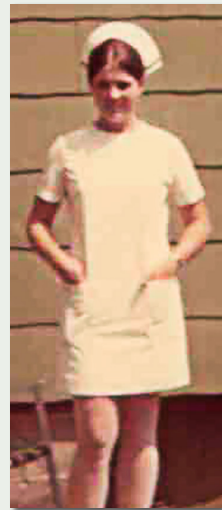
Emmaus Fund-Raising Gala

Thursday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. at Chateau Crystale

Two tables for ten people each are being underwritten by Christ the King in support of our partnership with Emmaus Spirituality Center, which resides on the west campus. This will be an opportunity to honor their heritage (the Cenacle Sisters, a Roman Catholic Order specializing in spiritual direction) and their vision of going forward. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Beth Marie Halvorsen or Pastor Mandy know. Donations to offset the cost are also welcomed, but not required.

WE CELEBRATE LINDA SCHOENE'S 50 YEARS IN NURSING AND 21 YEARS AS OUR CONGREGATIONAL NURSE

submitted by Gretchen Miertschin and Rebecca Shields



Linda Schoene wanted to be a nurse for as long as she can remember! She outlined her career plans in an essay in 8th grade but, growing up in the 1960's, she didn't always receive the encouragement she deserved. A guidance counselor told her she was too smart to be a nurse, and a youth advisor (a physician) recommended that she attend a hospital-based school for nursing: if she went through a degree program she would be a smarter—but not a better—nurse. At the same time, while a junior in high school, Linda's mother became seriously ill, and Linda cared for

her until her death that summer. Nevertheless, in 1968 after graduating from high school in Lyons, NY (population 5000), Linda attended SUNY Brockport and earned her BS in nursing four years later.

After graduation Linda and a roommate moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Jim Schoene, whom Linda had met on Spring Break in Daytona Beach a few years earlier, was an engineering student. They married in 1973, and she worked in obstetrics at the UofM Hospital until Jim graduated in 1974. He was offered a job with MW Kellogg in Houston; they lived here for a short time, and then they were off to southern Maryland.

Jim and Linda became parents to one boy and two girls—and Linda worked part-time work along the way, volunteering with the Red Cross, teaching childbirth classes, and working with the Bloodmobile. In 1988, in Shreveport, La., she resumed working in a hospital setting. It was here that Linda's journey as a Lutheran began—when she visited Holy Trinity Lutheran in 1986 and then joined after falling in love with the liturgy. She taught first communion classes there, and, interestingly, one of her students was Evan McClanahan, now a pastor at First Evangelical Houston.

The family moved to Houston (again) in 1999, never dreaming that it would be their last move! When Jim retired in 2016, they had crisscrossed the country, moving 13 different times in 42 years—and Linda had been licensed as a nurse in 9 different states.

After the move to Houston in 1999 Linda would drive past Christ the King Church every day on her way to work at the Women's Hospital and soon joined our congregation. In January 2001, the church council under the leadership of Pastor Moore, committed to "explore the possibilities for Parish Nurse Ministry" as one

of the congregation's missional emphases, and before year's end had decided to add the position of a nurse to the church staff. At the same time Pastor Beth Warpmaeker and Pastor Fred Haman, working to build on our Congregational Care Team and to formalize a health ministry, asked Linda if she would like to be the congregational nurse. There was no job description, and no one was exactly sure what this new position would entail; nevertheless, she agreed and was commissioned as our congregational nurse in December 2001. Now, 20 years later, the work she began has become an integral part of our congregational life.

Her focus in the early years of this ministry was the education of herself as well as the congregation about this new concept—through Banner articles, blood pressure screenings, home visits, and educational workshops. Courses in basic preparation for faith community nursing (Incarnate Word, San Antonio, in 2003) and in Lay Chaplaincy through an introduction to the Community of Hope helped her define her role, reach out to members, and build trust in our community. Karen Hahn from the Institute of Spirituality and Health along with Helen Appleberg, founder of

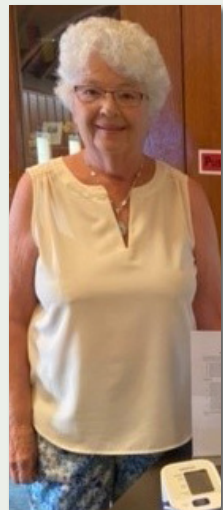
Community of Hope, provided much guidance as the health ministry developed here at CTK. Together with the Congregational Care Team that ministry grew as member needs and member gifts were paired.

Linda understands that the prime role of a congregational nurse is advocating for the patient as well as educating the family and their caregivers when there are health-related needs. She helps people understand what to expect during a hospital stay, and

she stays in touch with them when they go home. Sometimes members request assistance with follow-up appointments as well as with meds issues, and others utilize her expertise while identifying and visiting rehab facilities. She has arranged CPR classes for the congregation and has established an emergency plan for incidents at the church; ushers have instructions to follow and there are yellow vests for responders to wear. Our LEM - Lay Eucharistic Ministry-program has been an important part of her ministry and she will continue as LEM coordinator.

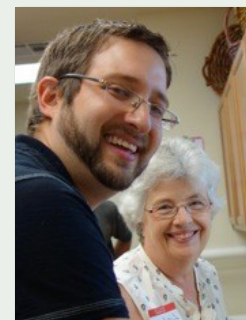
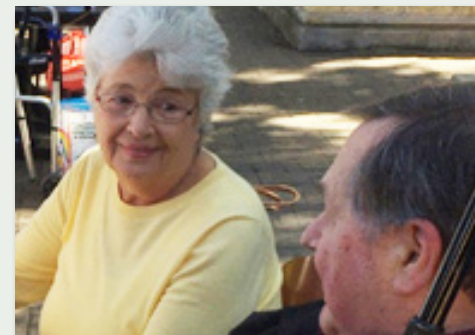
Linda believes that now is the right time to retire. Her nurse's license expires June 30, and that will be her last day as our congregational nurse. Her husband is retired. Her son and two grandsons

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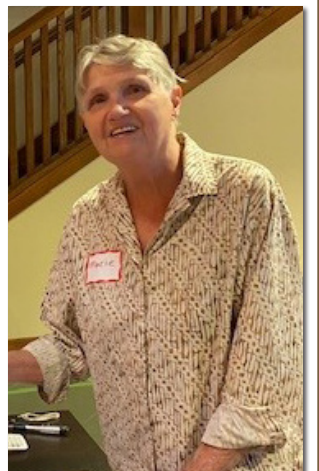
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live in Houston; her daughters and one grandson live in Portland, OR. There are many youth baseball games and much travel in their future! Nevertheless, Linda wants members to feel free to call her if they need help during this period of transition.



Linda would also like all of us to know "what a blessing it has been to be able to connect my faith to the profession and calling that I love and to work in the context of a caring faith community!"

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APRIL 30 - MAY 1





The Work of the ELCA: Companion Synods

Companion synod relationships of the ELCA connect Lutheran churches throughout the world with ELCA synods and congregations. These relationships are concrete expressions of communion and fellowship with the more than 140 Lutheran member churches of The Lutheran World Federation. Each of the 65 ELCA synods has at least one international church companion and many have additional relationships, resulting in more than 120 companion synod relationships. Rooted in “accompaniment,” which promotes the values of mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment and sustainability, companion churches and ELCA synods nurture and strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources. The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod has a companion relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic. To learn more, see <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission/How-We-Work/Companion-Synod-Relationships>.



Advocate for Justice Everyone Week

Each week, the Justice Advocacy Ministry Team highlights a different justice issue, and offers all CTK members the opportunity to advocate using their i-phone. Look for the sign in the narthex highlighting the justice issue, with the QR code that you can use to access the e-advocacy opportunity. Speak for justice, using your iphone, each week at CTK!

Opportunities to Advocate Regularly

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. To advocate regularly, sign up with ELCA Advocacy, or other partner organizations, to get occasional advocacy requests/opportunities by email (or check CTK’s Facebook regularly, where we post these requests):

Variety of Justice Issues:

ELCA Advocacy: www.elca.org/advocacy

Variety of Justice Issues Specific to Texas:

Texas Impact: <https://texasimpact.org/action-center/>

Hunger:

Bread for the World: <https://www.bread.org/write-congress>

Care of Creation:

Creation Justice Ministries: <http://www.creationjustice.org/action.html> & Interfaith Power & Light: <https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/get-involved/>

Immigration:

Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service: https://lirsconnect.org/get_involved/ advocacy & Church World Service: <https://cwsglobal.org/take-action/action-alerts/>

Churchwide Assembly Justice Look-Back: Emanuel 9 Day of Repentance

At churchwide assembly in August 2019, a resolution was passed that establishes a day of repentance from racism on June 17, in commemoration of those martyred by a white supremacist gunman at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston in 2015. The gunman was raised & formed in an ELCA congregation and two of the clergy killed were educated at ELCA seminaries. The resolution also specifies that prayers and litanies around repentance from racism be developed and calls on the ELCA to provide support to the memorial to the victims (www.emmanuelnine.org). The resolution further directs the ELCA to be in conversation with the AME church on reconciliation and repentance for white supremacy and racism. To learn more about this resolution, or other justice-related actions taken at the 2019 churchwide assembly, see this link: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Churchwide-Assembly>.

Bread for the World

Donna Vass and Lisa Brenskelle hosted a Justice Advocacy event on April 24, including a Bread for the World offering of letters.



Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunity

AMMPARO

Using Your Time and Talents to Welcome Refugees and Immigrants

Will you help our immigrant and refugee brothers and sisters here in Houston?

During recent Sunday forums, staff from Refugee Services of Texas and Robert Rivera from the St. James Family Life Center described the many challenges refugees and immigrants face as they adapt to life in Houston. They made it clear that support from our congregation is always needed.

As we enter the summer months, the congregation’s AMMPARO team wants to ask – what form of accompaniment do you have time to offer our brothers and sisters in our community?

The family for whom we provide support with rent, utilities and groceries is in need of continued English language guidance and practice. While the congregation’s financial support has been essential to this family’s successful integration in the community, it is time

to assist them in transitioning away from our monetary support. We ask members to consider employment opportunities through your own workplace or through affiliations you have in the community.

Our work in support of St. James Family Life Center has the potential to grow with your participation. Individuals and families in Northwest Houston are always in need of emergency financial assistance; however, the Family Life Center, with our help, can develop their ESL program, teach their citizenship classes, aid in food distribution, and assist in many other ways. If you have time and talent, how can you contribute to the lives of those with such high needs?

If you have any leads on job opportunities or a desire to accompany those who are amongst the most vulnerable in our community, please be in touch with Emily Triantaphyllis via email: ewtrianta@gmail.com.



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Response to the School Shooting in Uvalde, TX

Please click the QR code to read ELCA response to the school shooting in Uvalde, TX. *Photo left: Some of the CTK members attending the Interfaith Rally on May 27. (See more in the August King’s Banner).*



Supreme Court Draft Opinion on Abortion

Please click the QR code to read ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton’s statement in response to the recently leaked Supreme Court draft opinion on abortion.



2nd Annual Juneteenth Ally Award Luncheon

Saturday, June 13
12:00 Noon

St. Paul’s United Methodist Church

Fondren Hall 5504 Main St, Houston
BBQ luncheon served

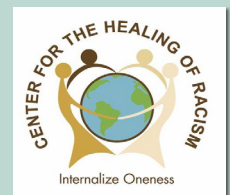
Honories:

- The Society of Justice & Equality for the People of Sugar Land
- Eldrewey Stearns
- American Indian Center of Houston
- The Seven Lakes High School chapter of Voters of Tomorrow

Tickets: \$75/\$80 at the door

\$50/students

Register at centerhealingracism.org



Juneteenth at Christ the King Lutheran Church

On Sunday, June 19 we will commemorate Juneteenth with appropriate music and liturgy.

IN GOD'S HAND IS THE SOUL OF EVERY LIVING THING;
IN GOD'S HAND IS THE BREATH OF HUMANKIND.

Job 12:10 Inclusive Bible

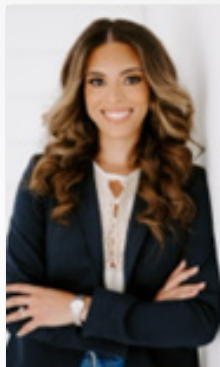
THE DIVINE COMMUNICATES TO US PRIMARILY
THROUGH THE NATURAL WORLD.
NOT TO HEAR THE NATURAL WORLD
IS NOT TO HEAR THE DIVINE.

Thomas Berry 2009

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.

Is There an Association Between Air Pollution and COVID-19 Mortality? Sunday, June 26, 6:00 p.m., online



Rachel White, MPH, PhD (c), University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

The air quality in Harris County is influenced by multiple sources of pollution, including extensive road traffic, concrete batch plants, proximity to the largest petrochemical industrial complex in the United States, and port activities in the Houston Ship Channel. It is also important to note that environmental risks are not always uniformly distributed in urban areas like Houston, Harris County, and individuals classified with low socioeconomic status (SES) can become overburdened by environmental exposures. One pollutant of interest is particulate matter, specifically particulate matter of size 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM2.5). PM2.5 is of particular interest because these fine particles pose the greatest risk to human health due to their small size and ability to reach multiple organs. There are long-term and short-term impacts of PM2.5 pollution on the human respiratory and cardiovascular organ systems. These short and long-term

impacts may have contributed to poor outcomes following SARS-CoV-2 infection (COVID-19). The COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted us all. An important public health objective is to identify key modifiable environmental factors that may contribute to the severity of the health outcomes related to this disease. Join Rachel White, MPH, PhD (c), University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, as she takes a deep dive into this topic and discusses how pollution may impact our understanding of respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19. Time for interactive discussion with the speaker will be provided. Please register for this talk at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/is-there-an-association-between-air-pollution-and-covid-19-mortality-tickets-330848455637>. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com with any questions.



Plastic Free EcoChallenge

July 1 - 31, online

Plastic pollution now contaminates the deepest trenches in the ocean, high mountain peaks, and even the air we breathe – plus recently being found in our blood. Plastic has entered the food chain, killing wildlife, and causing the average person to eat one credit card's worth of plastic each week. To learn more about this issue & take action to affect change, join the Lutherans Restoring Creation – Gulf Coast team for the online Plastic Free EcoChallenge in July. You select the challenges you'd like to accomplish during the month and when/how you do them. Join the team at this link: <https://plasticfree.ecochallenge.org/>!

Join the movement to refuse single-use plastics.

Plastic Free Ecochallenge is a month-long effort for all of us to shift away from our single-use plastic dependency and to care for our ecosystems.

Together, let's create
a plastic-free world.

Creation Care Facebook



Check out CTK's Creation Care Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-King-Creation-Care-306344082873677/>. You'll find inspirational prayers, bible verses & quotes, practical eco-tips, notices of upcoming events, creation care resources & more!



The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

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Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Assembly Report

First Lutheran Church in Galveston was the host congregation for the 44th Synod Assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod (TLGCS). Our pastors (Pastors Derr and Rodriguez) and deacons (Beth Hartfiel, Rick Erickson, and Ben Remmert) along with three CTK congregation members (Bill Mintz, Rachel McWhirter, and Carol Derr) participated in the hybrid event that allowed participants to gather as community both in-person and online. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton attended as the churchwide representative.

The assembly elected a slate of members to synod council, the discipline committee, and the consultation committee. Pastor Derr was elected to serve a six year term on the synod's discipline committee and Pastor Rodriguez was elected to serve a three year term on the TLGCS council.

The assembly was presented with, discussed and approved three resolutions. The resolutions are:

1. Mental Health for Rostered Leaders Resolution
2. Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Synod Resolution
3. Justice, Advocacy and Caring for Creation Education Resolution

If you would like more detailed information, please go to the synod website and search for the 2022 Voting Member Book and there you can read full details.

Our synod assembly offering to help reduce the debt of pastors and deacons in our synod has exceeded our initial goal of \$50,000 and we are well on our way to meeting our extended goal of \$100,00! We had a challenge gift of \$10,000 if we had 100 individuals donate. At last count we had 100 individuals and 16 congregations donate to our offering. We are over \$74,000! There is still time to give. Head to <https://bit.ly/AssemblyOffering2022>.



The Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod in session



Pastor Sergio Rodriguez presiding over the opening Eucharist



Pr. Mandy Derr and Bill Mintz discussing synodical business



Deacon Ben Remmert serving on the help desk and as tech support



CTK member and TLGCS Administrator Services Coordinator Aimee Elles "coordinating the assembly"



Deacon Beth Hartfiel raffling off prizes with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Mike Rinehart



Deacon Rick Erickson pedaling away in the opening Eucharist