

SEPTEMBER 2023

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THE KING
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

NEW THINGS SPRING FORTH

THE KING'S BANNER



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EDITOR'S LETTER



Buen día, dear reader!

If you are picking up this edition as a long-time reader or a first-time reader, I want to draw your attention to several changes.

First, and most importantly, Beverly Davis, our long-time director for congregational care and editor of the King's Banner has retired. Read below her letter of gratitude for her retirement celebration.

Second, we have a new format to the King's Banner! The King's Banner has been reformatted to focus more on a monthly theme. This month's theme, New Things, Springing Forth, comes Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali's Pastor's Desk for September.

Third, fuller King's Banner articles, and the calendar of events can be found at the ctkelc.org website.

Finally, if you see any typos, would like to comment on this new layout, comment on any article found in this edition, or would like to submit articles to the King's Banner, please contact me directly, sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org

Pr. Sergio Rodriguez
Editor, The King's Banner

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Dear beloved Christ the King family,
Thank you so much for my wonderful
retirement celebration! I was absolutely
overwhelmed by all the surprises and well
wishes, and my heart is still overflowing
with love and gratitude for your cards,
donations, gifts, and other expressions of
kindness and generosity. I feel abundantly
blessed!

Yours in Christ, Beverly

THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Christ the King Community,

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?....Isaiah 43:19*



As I write to you, we have already arrived at the parsonage and are deep into the unpacking process. We are certainly perceiving new things.....a new house, a new school, a new culture.

Many of you may have experienced new things as well this summer. Maybe you have visited new places, moved to a new home, moved adult children into new homes, or added a family member into your home.

David, Maeve, and I have found plenty of opportunities to rejoice throughout our transition to Houston. We rejoiced in Guatemala as we were finally able to dedicate classrooms at Hope Academy STEAM school for girls alongside our Guatemalan partners and travelers from a variety of US-based churches and organizations. We rejoiced as our Pennsylvania family, friends, and congregation celebrated our ministry and helped us to pack up our home. We have rejoiced time and time again as we have experienced your hospitality upon our arrival in Houston; and we thank you for the meals, childcare, transportation, tips, and care you have already given to our family.

At the same time, I will acknowledge that change is hard. I felt great sadness as we gave our last hugs to our Guatemalan family, staff, and students. I teared up as I distributed communion at my home congregation in PA, knowing it may be the last time I participated in God's grace embodied around God's table in that space. And I embraced family members and friends, a little bit longer and a little bit stronger than usual as we said our "not-goodbye's," but "see you later." I was experiencing a visceral separation from my past reality, as I stepped into the airport realizing a new era has most surely begun.

While many of us individually have experienced changes this summer, as a community, we also have begun a new season with new things springing forth. We rejoice in giving thanks for the ministries of many who have served Christ the King in recent months who are now moving into new seasons of their own lives. We take comfort knowing the Holy Spirit has and continues to guide us into a new creation.

One of the most brave and faithful responses during a season of change is to be present and vulnerable together, while embracing a spirit of curiosity. I look forward to spending time getting to know each of you, to moments of grace when you remind me of your name a seventh time, to deep conversation and listening together, and to visioning God's future for Christ the King.



Scan this QR code to join our private CTK Facebook group where you can interact with Pr. Jennifer!

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***I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you
not perceive it?***

Yes, God, I perceive it. We perceive it.
Guide us.
Amen.

Grace and peace and above all hope,


Pastor Jennifer

SEPTEMBER FEATURED EVENTS

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CTK AT HOUSTON FOOD BANK

**8AM-12PM at
Houston Food Bank
East Branch**

Contact and RSVP:
Justin and Yuricel at
ctkhfb@gmail.com

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BLUES, BREWS, AND GOOD NEWS

Rice Village Parish Hall
Religion in Houston Public
Schools: Contemporary
Challenges facing children,
parents, and teachers



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RALLY DAY + BACK PACK PROJECT

**9:30AM Rice Village
Parish Hall**

Join us for a short
orientation program
including Confirmation
Class to review our
covenant and the
upcoming year's
programming. New
students welcome!
Contact Deacon Ben at
benremmert@ctkelc.org
to register

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BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM

**7PM Rice Village
Parish Hall**

Join us for the Virtual
Gala for Bright Stars of
Bethlehem who are
doing phenomenal work
in supporting Dar al-
Kalima University, the
first and only university
of arts and culture in
Palestine.



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NEW MEMBER CLASSES RESTART

**Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 12,
Rice Village at 12:30PM**

All are welcome! Session

Topics:

September 17: What is
Lutheranism?

October 22: History of CTK

November 12: Membership
in Action

To sign-up, contact Rev.
Sergio Rodriguez:

sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org

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ELCA YOUTH GATHERING INTEREST MTG.

Rice Village, 12:30PM

If interested, contact

Deacon Ben at

benremmert@ctkelc.org

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PLAYDATE AT THE PLAYGROUND

Rice Village, 10:00AM

Bring the kids and meet

Pastor Jennifer for a

memorable morning of play
at our playground!

LIFE TOGETHER

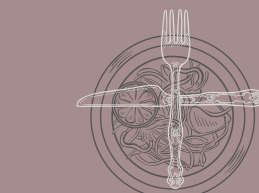
SAVE THE DATE
CELEBRATE PR. MANDY'S
MINISTRY AFTER WORSHIP
OCTOBER 8, 11AM AT RICE
VILLAGE

	
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE Brief Order of Holy Communion Sundays, 8:30 AM Holy Communion Sundays, 11:00 AM Contemplative Worship Saturdays, 6:00 PM	WORSHIP SCHEDULE UMOJA Worship in Fellowship Hall Sundays, 3:00 PM
FAITH FORMATION Faith Formation (All Ages) Sundays, 9:30 AM Faith Formation (Highschool) Sundays, 12:30 PM Friday Bible Study (Hybrid) Fridays, 10:00 AM	FAITH FORMATION Bible Study (in-person) Wednesdays, 10:30 AM
	ONLINE Holy Communion (ctkelc.org/live) Sundays, 11:00 AM Evening Bible Study (Zoom) Sundays, 8:00 PM Lectio Divina (Zoom) Mondays, 12:00 PM Morning Prayer (Facebook Live) Tuesdays, 8:15 AM Bible Study (Zoom) Thursdays, 3:00 PM

WOMEN IN TRANSITIONS

Transitions meetings begin again in September! We are women who enjoy each other's company as we discuss interests like gardening, housing issues as we age, good books, and service projects plus *yummy snacks and good wine.*

When: Monthly, Second Mondays
Contact: Linda Siemers at
lsiemers@earthlink.net



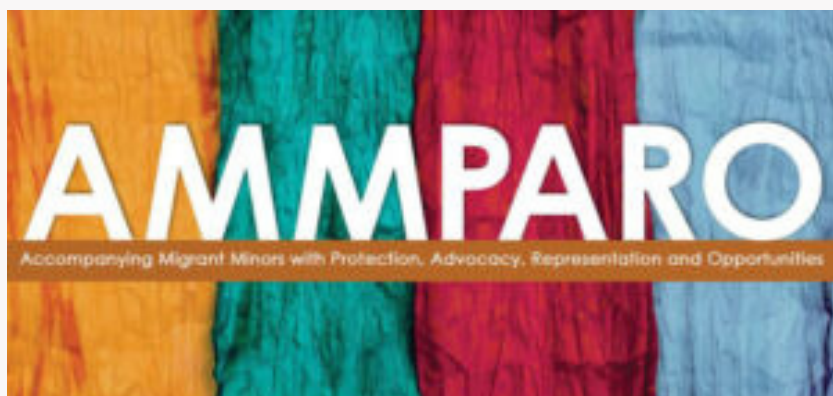
FaithFULL Feeding
at Christ the King

SEPT. 17
LUNCH FOR
ALL IN THE
PARISH
HALL AFTER
WORSHIP



**SAVE THE
DATE**

CHRIST THE KING
2023 FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 17
RICE VILLAGE CAMPUS



CHRIST THE KING CONTINUES TO SUPPORT ST. JAMES FAMILY LIFE CENTER FAMILIES IN NEED

Christ the King was able to raise over \$1300 to send to St. James, along with several dozen houseware and clothing donations!

Members of Christ the King responded with concern, immediacy, and generosity during the summer months when multiple St. James Family Life Center families faced crises. In mid-June, the AMMPARO team was notified of three families in need of food, clothing, shoes, and diapers, in addition to household items to set up their apartments.

Christ the King was able to raise over \$1300 to send to St. James, along with several dozen houseware and clothing donations! Seven Walmart cards were donated, as well as two bikes from Freewheels. AMMPARO members Federico and Donna Salas worshipped at St. James Lutheran Church in late July and were greeted with gratitude by the congregation.

If you have a special interest in volunteering with or donating to St. James Family Life Center, please be in touch with Emily Triantaphyllis: ewtrianta@gmail.com

MISSION OFFERING: THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TRUJILLO, PERU



La Iglesia Luterana de Peru, IL-P (The Lutheran Church in Peru), is comprised of 16 congregations and faith communities. Christ the King has a companion relationship with four congregations/faith communities in and around Trujillo. Thank you for the support of these small companion congregations as they continue to make a big impact through serving their neighbors in Trujillo. You may learn more by scanning the QR code and give at www.ctkelc.org/give



CTK 2023 RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 10
9:30 AM
Rice Village Campus



Join us for the start of our new Sunday School year! All children, youth, and parents will gather in the parish hall for a short program and classes will be dismissed with their teachers. Parents will stay in the parish hall to hear more about our Sunday School program. Confirmation Class orientation is also included for parents and youth to review our covenant and the upcoming year's programming. along with our new three-year rotation model.

New students are welcome anytime and should contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org to register for this upcoming year.

RALLY DAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Meet in the Parish Hall

9:35 Sunday School Program

Confirmation Orientation

Godly Play Orientation

Class Photos in Courtyard

11:00 Worship



FEATURED CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENTS



LUTHER LEAGUE D&D MEETINGS Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Youth are invited to join the Deacon for an adventure online through Dungeons and Dragons on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm**. 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 (benremmert@ctkelc.org) before our **first meeting on Wednesday, September 6**.



Scan the QR code for more upcoming children and youth events coming at CTK or visit: www.ctkelc.org/programs/youth-and-children



CHILDREN'S CHOIR + SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's New Sunday School Program, Sept 17: Musical Gatherings and Godly Play Classes

Beginning on Sunday, September 17, Music Gatherings with Cantor Ben Kerswell and volunteers will meet with all children (ages 4 and up) in the Music Suite to have fun and learn music until 10:00 a.m. After the musical gatherings, children will go to their Godly Playrooms to hear a story, work, and have a feast together. Godly Play classes will be done at 10:45 a.m. where parents pick up their children. For more information, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

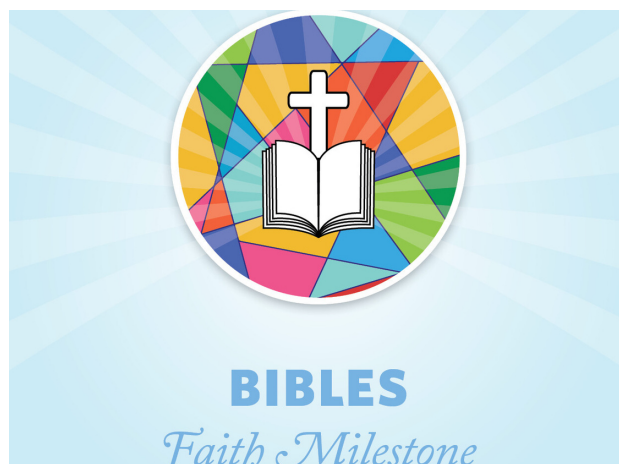


LUTHER LEAGUE FLOAT TRIP IN NEW BRAUNFELS

September 15-16

7th-12th grade youth are invited to our summer trip to float the Comal River in New Braunfels.

We will leave Friday, September 15 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 at benremmert@ctkelc.org by Wednesday, September 13.**



MILESTONE: BIBLE PRESENTATION

**Sunday, September 10 During
Worship at Rice Village**

All new third grade and new confirmation students will be presented with Bibles during worship. This milestone celebration will take place during worship at the 11:00am Rice Village service.

If you have a 3rd grader in your family, please **contact Deacon Ben Remmert** at benremmert@ctkelc.org by **Wednesday, September 7.**



FRESH START BACKPACKS

AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BY PETER BRYANT



The project aims to collect 300 backpacks filled with new school supplies and donate them to CTK and AMMPARO ministry partner, St. James Family Life Center.



Fellow CTK member, Peter Bryant, is actively working on completing his Eagle Scout Project - and needs your help! With one more scheduled collection date at CTK on September 10th, you can help students achieve academic success by donating school materials/backpacks in-person or online, or by contributing funds to purchase these critical supplies.

These students have already overcome many difficulties, please help make their fresh start in their new Houston-area school a little easier by contributing today!

Scan the QR Codes on this page for the full article, IG page, more important information and links where you can help Peter reach his goals.





BLUES, BREWS, & GOOD NEWS RETURNS SEPTEMBER 15, 2023, 7-9PM RICE VILLAGE PARISH HALL

THE BAND THIS MONTH IS SIDE POCKET, LED BY LUTHERAN
CAMPUS MINISTER, REV. JERRY WHIRTLEY, FROM TREEHOUSE
MINISTRIES AT TEXAS- A&M AND BLINN COLLEGE



RELIGION IN HOUSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES FACING CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS



NEW MEMBER CLASSES RESUME

Starting this fall, Christ the King Church will offer new member classes at 12:30PM at our Rice Village campus. All are welcome! Here are the topics for each of the sessions:

1. September 17: What is Lutheranism?
2. October 22: History of CTK
3. November 12: Membership in Action



TO SIGN-UP, CONTACT
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WE CONTINUE THIS
ONGOING SERIES
HIGHLIGHTING THE
ELCA'S SOCIAL
STATEMENTS SHARED
AS SUMMARIES BY
REV. GEORGE
BROOKOVER.



The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the cries... Adopted in 2013

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) affirms the fundamental principles of the U.S. criminal justice system such as due process of law and the presumption of legal innocence. Yet, this church hears people's cries that reflect the current system's serious deficiencies. We are compelled by a "holy yearning" to address the need for a change in public mindset and for dramatic reforms in policies and practices.

This statement calls upon Christians to strengthen or take up ministries of compassion and justice.

Drawing on evidence and data, it affirms some current efforts at improving the system while identifying numerous other reforms that urgently need implementation.

Guided by historic "marks" of the church, the ELCA is called to renewed ministry

on behalf of those whom the system affects: victims of crime and their families, the incarcerated and their families, affected communities, those who work in the system, and many others.

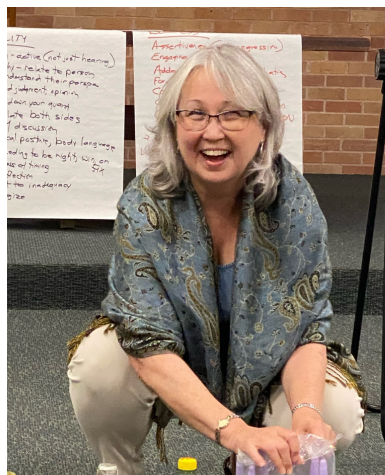


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THE FULL ARTICLE OR
READ IT ON CTKELC.ORG

THANK YOU INTERIM PASTORS!



We are extremely grateful for the faithful service given to us by Interim Senior Pastor Amandus Derr (and Carole!), Intentional Transitional Pastor Beth Marie Halverson, and Supply Pastor Shelli Williams. Thank you for walking alongside us with love and grace.



Save
the
Date

JOIN US AT RICE VILLAGE
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
REV. DR. JENNIFER HOPE-TRINGALI
AS SENIOR PASTOR OF
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 AT 3PM

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