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EDITOR'S LETTER

Buen día mis amigas/os/es,



Our October King's Banner, Newsletter of Christ the King Church, focuses on reformation: a renewal and re-visioning of God's Kin-dom in our corner(s) of the Greater Houston area. This month's theme, "And immediately...Jesus is on the move" serves to draw this important connection: the mission of this congregation enacts Jesus' proclamation of the kin-dom. Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali describes this in detail in her Pastor's Desk. The launching of Ekklesia groups on Reformation Sunday allows for us to imagine a more intimate, relational way of being church. The Father-Son Retreat, the Luther League Lock-in, the Interfaith Service, and the weekly D&D group offer our youth the opportunity to experience kin-dom relationships. So, be reformed with us starting this month of October.

Join us, October 14 at 3 p.m., Christ the King Church-Rice Village, for the Installation Service of the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali.

Banner article submissions are due on the 15th of each month. For fuller listing of events and articles, visit our webpage at ctkelc.org.

La Paz,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sergio Rodriguez".

Pr. Sergio Rodriguez
Editor, The King's Banner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel McWhirter".

Rachel McWhirter
Layout Designer

THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Christ the King Community,

One opportunity I have delighted in this fall is spending time with many of you on Wednesday and Friday mornings and on Sunday nights studying the Gospel of Mark together. If you haven't joined in yet, please feel free to hop in anytime and join us for even a chapter or two.



Our attention has collectively been drawn to the abruptness of this gospel and how quickly time seems to go. The Gospel of Mark begins without a birth story, moving rather quickly into the beginning of Jesus' ministry, which is in full swing before the end of chapter one.

And immediately.....Jesus is on the move

The movement of Jesus is emphasized by the usage of a Greek word, εὐθέως, which appears in Mark's Gospel over 40 times, more than double the number in any other Gospel. We are moved along quickly as we are pulled along into the story more as a participant than a passive observer.

I admit, my entry into the Christ the King Community as the new senior pastor has felt a bit like the beginning of the Gospel of Mark. I began this new season of ministry on September 1st with a day of prayer spent in prayer and presence between our two campuses and larger communities. And immediately, a new call was begun which moves daily from community engagement to deskwork to collaboration with staff to individual meetings. Maybe your fall also began abruptly?

I have learned that many from our CTK community move back to Houston or move back into a more regimented routine in the fall.

And immediately.....we are on the move.

When one is “on the move,” intentionality makes all of the difference to one’s faith journey. Intentional pausing creates space for one to grow more deeply in their relationships with God and with others. For this reason, we have been creating some special opportunities that I encourage you to take advantage of, both for individual and communal learning and nourishment.

Ekklesia Groups will be a focus over the coming year. A good Lutheran might ask, “*What is this? What does this mean?*” This Greek word, εκκλησια (ekklēsia), is usually translated into English as “church,” however it carries a meaning that is not attached to a building or specific location. Ekklesia comes from the combination of two words: “εκ” meaning “out from and to” and καλεο meaning “to call together or summon.” So ecclesia literally refers to a calling together or summoning of people out from their everyday contexts, into a gathered community. This is the essence of what we hope to nurture in our small groups at CTK, along with a focus on spirituality and spiritual practices.

Several adult forum opportunities will expand on Ekklesia Groups and spiritual practices. I am especially excited to welcome Bishop Jim Hazelwood who will be teaching us about “Everyday Spirituality.” I look forward to the sacred spaces we are creating together that help us on our journey of continuing to become a spiritual home.



***The Holy Spirit is on the
move....and we are immediately
encouraged to follow!***

Grace and peace and above all hope,


Pastor Jennifer



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

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OCTOBER FEATURED EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

RICE VILLAGE CAMPUS

Oct. 7 at 11 AM

Join us in the courtyard for our annual blessing of pets of all shapes and sizes. We will have light snacks and beverages (for people and animals) afterward.

BSH PRESENS OKTOBERFEST + BACH VESPERS

RICE VILLAGE
COURTYARD, OCT. 7

Schedule of Events:

2:45 PM - Pre-Vespers
Lecture with Dr. Gregory Barnett (Rice U.)

3:30 PM - Bach Vespers
followed by Oktoberfest

6:00 PM -
Contemplative Worship



THE INSTALLATION OF THE REV. DR. JENNIFER HOPE- TRINGALI

RICE VILLAGE CAMPUS

**Oct. 14 at 3 PM in-
person or online**

Please join us for the Installation of Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali as Senior Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church. The color of the day is red. Reception to follow.

LUTHER LEAGUE LOCKIN

RICE VILLAGE CAMPUS

**Oct. 21st, 6PM – Sun,
Oct. 22nd, 10:30 AM**

all middle school and high school youth are invited to join the Luther League for an overnight of fellowship, fun, getting to know each other, and a time of devotion and service work. Cost of \$20 includes all activities, snacks, and beverages.



BLUES, BREWS, AND GOOD NEWS

RICE VILLAGE CAMPUS

October 20, 7-9 PM

Join us for a beer, enjoy music by Side Pocket, and join in conversation with our presenters on the topic of Caring for LGBTQIA+ Students: The Impact of SB 17 on public institutions of Higher Learning.

OKTOBERFEST + YOUTH FUNDRAISER

RICE VILLAGE CAPUS
**October 7, Volunteers
Needed**

Volunteers are needed starting at noon on October 7 to cook, serve, and help with cleanup for Oktoberfest + the youth brat fundraiser. Read more on pg. 10

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

RICE VILLAGE
PARKING LOT

October 29 at 4 PM

Children may be dressed in their Halloween costumes or not and go from trunk to trunk to go "trick or treating! Blessing of Trick-or-Treaters and Pizza will also be provided at 5:45. Volunteers, candy donations, and/or questions contact Deacon Ben: benremmert@ctkelc.org. We hope to see you there!

LIFE TOGETHER



**Celebratory Reception in
Honor of Rev. Amandus
"Mandy" Derr
12:30 p.m. October 8**

Join us for a celebratory reception as we honor the person and work of Interim Senior Pastor Amandus Derr in the Rice Village Parish Hall. All are welcomed!

RICE VILLAGE

2353 RICE BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TX 77005

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Brief Order of Holy Communion | Sundays, 8:30 AM
Holy Communion | Sundays, 11:00 AM
Contemplative Worship | Saturdays, 6:00 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



MEMORIAL

12211 MEMORIAL DR, HOUSTON, TX 77024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

UMOJA Worship in Fellowship Hall | Sundays, 3:00 PM

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

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

WORSHIP SERVER TRAINING

at the Rice Village Campus
OCT. 21 10-11:30 am

Young Adults (YPA) Monthly Meetup October 22

Contact Pr. Sergio Rodriguez for
Time and Location
sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org

REGISTER FOR A SHIFT!

Register for a shift by following the QR code
The shop is open every Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.
- noon, at 6020 Jessamine #204 in Southwest
Houston.



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Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities

Please be on the lookout for upcoming information about an initiative to become ongoing, monthly supporters of the St. James Family Life Center food pantry and rental and utilities assistance program.

Many volunteer opportunities exist at St. James, including weekly sorters for houseware and food pantry donations, as well as volunteer drivers to assist in houseware donation pick up and drop off. If you have a special interest in volunteering with or donating to St. James Family Life Center, please be in touch with Emily Triantaphyllis via email: ewtrianta@gmail.com.



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OCTOBER MISSION OFFERING: ELC-CAR



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic (CAR) is a thriving community of over 55,000 Lutherans in more than 300 congregations. As we celebrate this month the partnership between our synod and the ELC-CAR, let us continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in CAR, let us gather monies to continue to provide materials, medicine, classrooms, university scholarships, Bibles, and so much more. And let us strengthen one another for life and ministry. **Scan or click to donate online today.**



CHRIST THE KING'S
OKTOBERFEST

FUN + MUSIC
FOOD + BEER
BACH VESPERS

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

VESPERS PRESENTED BY:


**BACH
SOCIETY
HOUSTON**



OCTOBER 7

CHRIST THE KING - RICE
VILLAGE CAMPUS
2353 RICE BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TX 77005

FREE ENTRY!

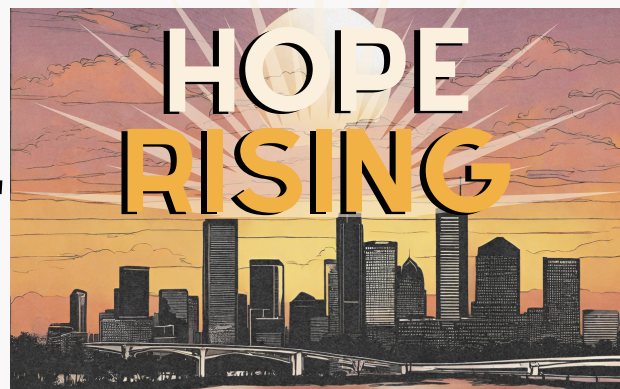
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2:45 PM PRE-VESPERS
LECTURE WITH DR.
GREGORY BARNETT (RICE
UNIVERSITY)

3:30 BACH SOCIETY
HOUSTON'S BACH VESPERS
FOLLOWED BY OKTOBERFEST

6:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE
WORSHIP

CHRIST THE KING FESTIVAL 2023 “HOPE RISING” IS COMING NOVEMBER 17!



Christ the King Festival 2023, “**Hope Rising**” is coming!!!! Gather with old friends, new friends, and soon-to-be-friends on **Friday, November 17** as we look forward (and up) to the coming season of Hope at Christ the King. In addition to food and fun, the festivities will include the raffle drawing for the Piecemakers’ quilt, Live auction, Wishing Wall, Wine Pull, and the ever-popular Sociable Sign-ups! If you have an idea for a Sociable or would like more information on how they work, **contact Terri Koehler** at 713-582-4321 or theresa.m.koehler@uth.tmc.edu

FEATURED CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENTS



Father Son Retreat at the Beach: Nov. 3-4

Come for an overnight in Galveston as you invest in your relationships and have some fun! Cost: \$100 per adult, \$80 per child; Ages 2 & Under: Free; Family Maximum: \$360
Contact Deacon Ben:
benremmert@ctkelc.org



Luther League Oktoberfest Brat Fundraiser

Volunteers are needed starting at noon on October 7 to cook, serve, and help with cleanup for Oktoberfest. Food & beverage proceeds will benefit the Luther League Travel Fund for summer trips. We need adults to help serve adult beverages. For more information, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Trunk or Treat

October 29
4-6 pm

Candy - Pizza - Fun for All!
Costumes Optional. Pizza and Blessing of Trick-or-Treaters at 5:30 PM
Contact Deacon Ben: benremmert@ctkelc.org

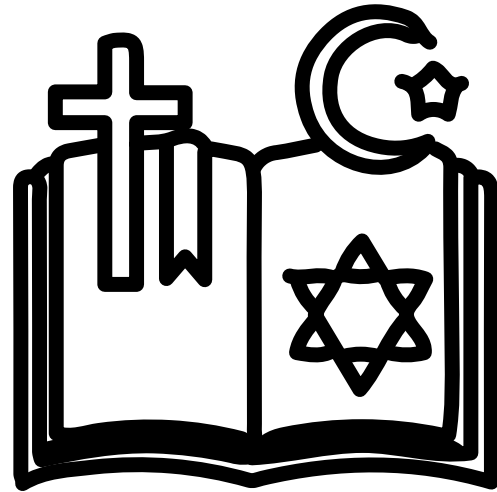
Rice Village

Christ the King Rice Village Parking Lot
2353 Rice Boulevard,
Houston, TX 77005



Luther League Fall Lock-In: Saturday, October 21-22

all middle and high school youth are invited to join the Luther League for an overnight of fellowship, fun, getting to know each other, and a time of devotion and service work. Our devotional theme for the evening is, **“Created to be BRAVE.”** **Spots are limited.** \$20 includes our evening activities, snacks, and beverages. **RSVP Deacon Ben by Oct. 19:** benremmert@ctkelc.org



Interfaith Service Day at Church: Sunday, October 15 at 9:30 -11:30 AM

High school youth are invited join our Jewish and Muslim youth from across Houston as we gather for a service project with Freewheels Houston, talk about the differences between the Christian denomination, and make new friends with your brothers and sisters of the Abrahamic faith. Contact Deacon Ben: benremmert@ctkelc.org



LUTHER LEAGUE D&D MEETINGS
OCTOBER 4 & 11 AT 6:30 PM
CONTACT DEACON BEN:
BENREMMERT@CTKELC.ORG



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

EKKLESIA GROUPS

The earliest followers of Christ gathered in homes, by rivers, in deserts, and public spaces. These communities understood themselves as ***Ekklesia***.

Ekklesia is a Greek term meaning a gathered assembly. This term served to define these Christians as groups of believers coming together for prayer, the breaking of bread, and the teaching of the apostles. Be it at Corinth, Antioch, Jerusalem, or Rome, church was expressed then as small groupings of believers united in their walk with Christ.

In the same Spirit, Christ the King Church has vibrant groups gathering to express their walk with Christ in many ways. Here are a couple of examples (not exhaustive): House Churches, Houston Food Bank Group, Knitters, Piecemakers, the choir, Young Adults, Lectio Divina, AMMPARO team, New Member Groups.

This Reformation Sunday (October 29), Christ the King Church is launching an intentional time of Small Group Ministry. There will be opportunities for you to participate in new Small Groups, called Ekklesia Groups, and/or space for you to launch groups which you have on your heart. Here are some potential ideas: Spiritual Practices 101, Everyday Spirituality, Justice in Community, Empty Nesters, Families with Young Children and Young Adults with no Children.

For those groups already formed, our ministerial leadership will be providing intentional resources to you around spiritual practices as we continue to become a spiritual home.

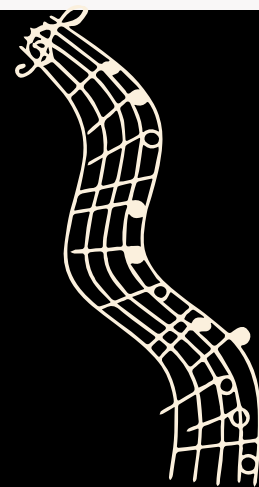
What groups would you like to grow in your connection with God, self, and neighbor?



BLUES, BREWS, & GOOD NEWS

OCTOBER 20, 7-9PM

RICE VILLAGE PARISH HALL
FEATURING PR. JERRY WIRTLEY'S BAND
SIDE POCKET!



GUEST SPEAKERS:

REV. MORGAN GATES

HOUMIN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

REV. ASHLEY DELLAGIACOMA

CENTRAL COUNCIL DEAN, ASSOC. RECTOR AT ST.

STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TOPIC:

CARING FOR LGBTQIA+ STUDENTS: THE IMPACT OF
SB 17 ON PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
LEARNING



NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Christ the King Church offers new member classes after worship at 12:30 PM at our Rice Village campus. All are welcome!

October 22
November 12



TO SIGN-UP, CONTACT
REV. SERGIO RODRIGUEZ:
SERGIORODRIGUEZ@CTKELC.ORG

SOCIAL STATEMENTS

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WE CONTINUE THIS
ONGOING SERIES
HIGHLIGHTING THE
ELCA'S SOCIAL
STATEMENTS SHARED
AS SUMMARIES BY
REV. GEORGE
BROOKOVER.



FAITH, SEXISM and JUSTICE (adopted 2019)

Note – This Social Statement appears on the ELCA website in two versions: Short and Full. The combined content is eighty-two pages. So, this month's "share" is provided as an overview of the reasons for the statement.

The primary issue(s) being addressed by this social statement is *patriarchy*.

Patriarchy is a system of relationships, beliefs, and values embedded in political, social, and economic systems that structure gender inequality between men and women.

Attributes seen as "feminine" or pertaining to women are undervalued, while attributes regarded as "masculine" or pertaining to men are privileged.

The intent of this social statement IS NOT to replace patriarchy within the church and society with a matriarchy. But to strive for a focus on equality among all persons in our church and in society.

The following items are an overview of the content of this social statement:

FAITH, SEXISM and JUSTICE

I. Fundamental Teaching:
God desires abundant life for all.

II. Analysis of the Problem:
Sin subverts human flourishing in many ways.

III. The Christian Tradition:
It is both a challenge and a resource.

IV. Response:
The ELCA is called to new commitments and action as a church.

V. Response:
The ELCA calls for action and new commitments in society.



RUN FOR HERMANN PARK! OCTOBER 21, 2023



Saturday, October 21, 8 AM

Hermann Park 6001 Fannin St., Houston 77004

Meet up with other runners/walkers for a fun 5K in Hermann Park in Houston. There is also a kids' 1K at 9 a.m. Hermann Park not convenient? You can also do a virtual run/walk in a location that suits you, any time between Oct. 8 and Oct. 23. The run benefits Hermann Park, one of Houston's great public greenspaces. Learn more/register at: www.hermannpark.org/run-in-the-park

To meet up with other runners/walkers, contact Lisa Brenskelle at brenskelle@aol.com

HallowQueen: A Celebration Honoring TX-LA GCS Becoming an RIC Synod October 27 at 6:30-9:30 PM



Join us at Kindred Lutheran Church to celebrate the TX-LA Synod becoming RIC. This is a ticketed event benefiting the work of TX-LA synod in creating safe spaces for LGBTQIA+ folks. A portion of the proceeds will benefit HouMin Campus Ministries.

Age restricted (18+)



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