This Week at Christ the King Church

Sunday, October 12
8:30 a.m. Worship, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Kings Krewe Breakfast, RVC parish hall
9:00 a.m. UMOJA Worship, Memorial Drive Campus
9:30 a.m. Music Gathering, RVC music suite
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, RVC 2nd floor youth room
10:00 a.m. Godly Play, RVC
10:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, RVC nave
11:00 a.m. Worship, RVC nave
12:15 p.m. Luther League Meeting, RVC 2nd floor youth room
2:30 p.m. PRAY Programs, RVC basement adult classroom and 2nd floor youth room

Office Closed/Indigenous Peoples' Day
Monday, October 13
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online
1:00 p.m. Transitions meeting, offsite

Tuesday, October 14
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, RVC
6:30 p.m. D&D Meeting, offsite
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting, RVC 2nd floor youth room

Wednesday, October 15
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Memorial Drive Campus Luther Room
12:00 p.m. Godly Play Network Meeting, RVC 3rd floor conference room
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir Rehearsal, RVC Music Ste
7:00 p.m. Brass Quintet Rehearsal, RVC parish hall
7:00 p.m. Prayers Shawl Knitters, online
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, music suite

Thursday, October 16
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:30 a.m. Piecemakers, RVC 3rd floor conf. room
5:45 p.m. Houston Boychoir Rehearsal, RVC music suite & Nave

Friday, October 17
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, RVC in person, 2nd floor youth room and online

Saturday, October 18
11:00 a.m. Terence Vinson private inurnment, RVC narthex, public reception in parish hall
1:00 p.m. Online Yoga
3:00 p.m. Bach Oktoberfest Vespers, RVC nave
4:30 p.m. Community Oktoberfest, RVC courtyard
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, RVC nave

Sunday, October 19
8:30 a.m. Worship, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Kings Krewe Breakfast, RVC parish hall
9:00 a.m. UMOJA Worship, Memorial Drive Campus
9:30 a.m. Music Gathering, RVC music suite
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, RVC 2nd floor youth room
10:00 a.m. Godly Play, RVC
10:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, RVC nave
11:00 a.m. Worship, RVC nave
12:15 p.m. Luther League Meeting, RVC 2nd floor youth room
2:30 p.m. PRAY Programs, RVC basement adult classroom and 2nd floor youth room

Thank you for joining CTK in worship today. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member, please email us at ctk@ctkelc.org.

King's Breakfast Krewe

Enjoy Breakfast every Sunday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., between the services. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Oliver Doolin or Ron Siemers. Scan the QR code to volunteer to help out the King's Breakfast Krewe.

Christ the King Choir is Always Accepting New Members!

Love singing hymns here on Sundays? You already have what it takes to join the Christ the King Choir! No prior choir experience is needed. If you enjoy singing, you'll fit right in. We have rehearsal Wednesdays from 7:15–8:30 pm in the Music Suite (basement). Cantor Ben Kerswell will help you find your voice part and get comfortable quickly. Come add your voice to the joy of our worship! Contact Ben at benkerswell@ctkelc.org.

October Mission Offering: Central African Republic (CAR)

Access to healthcare in CAR is extremely limited, and in many areas the church is the only provider. The ELC-CAR operates two health centers and mobile outreach teams, serving mothers, children, and remote villages with essential care. In 2025, two fistula surgery camps at Emmanuel Health Center restored the dignity of 63 women with free, life-changing surgeries. Your prayers and gifts make such healing ministries possible!

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. We invite you to grab some breakfast from our Breakfast Krewe and join us in the parish hall for meaningful and fun forums and events.

Upcoming Topics:

October 12: Renewing and Refreshing our Spiritual GPS with George Brookover, parish hall
October 19: Budget Conversation, parish hall
October 26: Renewing and Refreshing our Spiritual GPS with George Brookover (parish hall) & Godly Play Martin Luther Story (courtyard)

Renewing and Refreshing our Spiritual GPS Sunday, October 12 & 26 at 9:45 a.m.

This discussion will explore how each of us follows a spirituality mindset and mode—our *Spiritual GPS*. Like the apps on our phones or laptops, there are times when we need to renew or refresh the GPS that guides our connection with God and the faith in Christ experience. We'll consider times when, as siblings of Christ, we are weary, grieving, or unclear about our journeys, and recognize that spirituality is not something we own or control, but a gift from God needing recognition and focus. We'll reflect on events or persons that have sucked hope out of us, or energized us, as we grow forward in faith and hope.

A Brief Celebration of Santiago's 25 Years of Faithful Service: Sunday, October 12

Join us this Sunday between services in the foyer as we celebrate Santiago's 25 years of faithful service at Christ the King. Stop by for a piece of cake and a quick moment of recognition.

Church Office Closed: Monday, October 13

The church office will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Transitions Meeting: Monday, October 13 at 1:00 p.m.

The October Transitions meeting will be held at Gretchen Miertschin's house. Mary Wilt will share her experiences in a prison ministry program; if you are interested in attending, contact Linda Siemers.

Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 14 at Rice Village Campus 2nd floor youth room

The council will meet on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Studies at Christ the King Church

Wednesday Bible Study – Memorial Drive Campus, Luther room

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for an in-person Bible study led by Pastor Derr, titled *"Jesus and the New Age,"* on the Gospel according to Luke.

Friday Bible Study – Rice Village Campus, 2nd floor youth room and online

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for a Bible study led by Pastor Derr, titled *"We believe, teach and confess"* on the Augsburg Confession, the primary statement of Lutheran teachings from 1530.

Inurnment for Terence Vinson: Saturday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Rice Village Campus

A private inurnment will take place on Saturday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the narthex and columbarium. A public reception will follow in the parish hall.

Sew Loved Quilts Collection Display: October 18-19, Rice Village Campus nave

A collection of Sew Loved Quilts will be in the nave, October 18-19. The quilts are machine quilted or tied, not hand quilted like the archival quality quilts that Piecemakers create each year. Each quilt will be given to someone facing difficult life challenges, including people undergoing medical treatment or entering care homes, those grieving losses, domestic abuse victims, and survivors of natural disasters. The group has gifted over 100 quilts since forming in 2023, including eight we've distributed this year. If you think you might like to learn how to make a quilt or help someone else to do so or if you just want more information, please contact Gretchen Miertschin, gnmier@swbell.

Bach Vespers and Community Oktoberfest: Saturday, October 18 at Rice Village Campus

Vespers 3:00-4:30 p.m. (nave); Community Oktoberfest 4:30-5:30 p.m. (courtyard & parish hall)
Opening our season with Cantata *Gott der Herr ist Son und Schild,* BWV 79 performed with period instruments and historically informed musicianship. Community Oktoberfest follows with bratwurst from CTK youth group, beer, and a brass band.

Budget Conversation with Congregation Council: October 19 at 9:45 a.m.

Join Congregation Council in the parish hall for a discussion of the budget for 2026 year.

Competing in Goodness: Oct.19-Nov. 3

Christ the King Lutheran Church is joining The Minaret Foundation and participating in Competing in Goodness, a competition between faith centers to see who can raise the most food for our local food banks. The competition officially kicks off on October 19th and ends on November 2nd, bring your food donations to Christ the King during this period. The program's conclusion is a potluck of competing congregations at the Buffalo Soldier's Museum on Sunday, November 3rd from 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Luther League Renaissance Fair Trip: Saturday, October 25 at 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Youth are invited to join Deacon Ben Remmert for a day at the Texas Renaissance Fair on Saturday, October 25. We will gather at church to carpool and head over for a day of fun at the nation's largest Renaissance Fair. Cost is $25 for tickets and participants bring money for snacks, games, or souvenirs. For more details, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Trunk or Treat at Christ the King Rice Village Campus!

Our annual Trunk or Treat experience will be on Sunday, October 26, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at our Rice Campus. This safe and fun activity is for kids Pre-K through 6th grade and the whole family. Children may be dressed in their Halloween costumes or not and go from trunk to trunk in the back parking lot to go "trick or treating" safely together. CTK members will host this event and provide the treats. Babies in strollers and grandparents are also welcome! We will end our Trunk or Treat festivities with a blessing service at 5:45 p.m. to bless the trick or treaters. Pizza will also be provided at that time. Volunteers and/or questions can be directed to Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Veteran Suicide Awareness Prayer Services: November 1–11 at 8:30 a.m. at Rice Village Campus

From **November 1 to 10**, we will meet each morning at 8:30 a.m. for a brief time of prayer, giving thanks for and lifting up military service members and veterans. Their "journey home" is not complete until we, the people they have served, open our ears and hearts in welcome, support, and gratitude. Join us for these daily "prayer moments" held outside at the corner of Rice and Greenbriar. **On Tuesday, November 11 at 8:30 a.m.**, a special Veterans Day Worship Service will be held in the nave featuring prayers of thanksgiving and intercession to honor and remember all who have served.

Christ the King Festival 2025 – "Deeply Rooted, Always Growing"

Join us Friday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. as we celebrate 80 years of Christ the King Lutheran Church with food, fun, and fellowship! This beloved annual event features dinner, the Piecemakers' Quilt Raffle, Auctions, Wine Pull, and the return of Sociable Sign-ups. Festival tickets are $25/person and include dinner—bring a dessert or bottle of wine to share. Free childcare is available with RSVP by Nov. 14. If you're interested in hosting a Sociable or would like more information, contact Terri Koehler at theresa.m.koehler@uth.tmc.edu. **All CTK Festival details, including ticket purchases and Sociable host sign-up, can be found on the CTK website. Scan the QR code to go directly to the CTK Festival page.**

Snacks Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for: November 9, 23, 30 at 11:00 a.m. You can sign up by scanning the QR Code. Plan to provide snacks for 30 people. All monetary donations received at the snack table will benefit ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for signing up!

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