This Week at Christ the King Church

Reformation Sunday, October 26
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, 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. Holy Communion, RVC nave
2:30 p.m. PRAY Programs, RVC basement adult classroom and 2nd floor youth room
4:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat, RVC back parking lot

Monday, October 27
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online

Tuesday, October 28
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home
6:30 p.m. D&D Meeting, offsite

Wednesday, October 29
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Memorial Drive Campus Luther Room
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, RVC
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir Rehearsal, RVC Music Suite
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 30
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:30 a.m. Piecemakers, RVC 3rd floor conference room
5:45 p.m. Houston Boychoir Rehearsal, RVC music suite & Nave

Friday, October 31
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, RVC in person, 2nd floor youth room and online

Saturday, November 1
8:30 a.m. Veteran Prayer Service, RVC Rice Blvd
12:00 p.m. Usher & Bellringer Training, RVC nave
1:00 p.m. Online Yoga
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Holy Communion, RVC nave

All Saints Sunday, November 2
8:30 a.m. Veterans Prayer Service, RVC Rice Blvd
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Kings Krewe Breakfast, RVC courtyard
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. Holy Communion, 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. To help us connect with you, please scan the QR code to complete our visitor information form.

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 on Sundays? Join the Christ the King Choir! No experience needed—just a love of singing. Rehearsals are **Wednesdays, 7:15–8:30 p.m.** in the Music Suite. Cantor Ben Kerswell will help you get started. Contact Ben at benkerswell@ctkelc.org.

October Mission Offering: Central African Republic (CAR)

Clean water and food security are transforming lives in CAR. The ELC-CAR has already provided clean water to more than 27,000 families and is helping farmers add value to crops like peanuts, improving nutrition and family income. These sustainable projects give dignity and resilience to entire communities. As CAR Month concludes, let us continue to sow seeds of hope together with our companions in Christ.

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 26: Renewing and Refreshing our Spiritual GPS with George Brookover (parish hall) & Godly Play Martin Luther Story (courtyard)
November 2: 2026 Budget Review
November 9: Special Congregational Meetings: Parsonage sale & Synod Lease
November 16: Part One of Annual Meeting to vote on budget and new council members

Trunk or Treat at Christ the King Rice Village Campus!

Join us **Sunday, October 26, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at the Rice Village Campus** in the back parking lot for our annual Trunk or Treat—a safe, fun event for children Pre-K–6th grade and their families. Kids can wear costumes and go trunk-to-trunk for treats provided by CTK members. We'll conclude with a blessing service and pizza at 5:45 p.m. Volunteers and/or questions can be directed to Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Competing in Goodness: Oct.19-Nov. 2

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 on Sunday, November 16.

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.

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 Blvd. and Greenbriar Drive. **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.

Usher and Bellringer Training
All ushers and bellringers (old and new) are invited to attend our fall worship training **on Saturday, November 1 at 12 p.m.** in the nave at Rice Village Campus. Come and learn about the different responsibilities of the ushers and bellringers. For more questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert or Jill Bailer.

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday November 2nd
Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night.

Ofrenda in the Narthex
You are invited to bring photos of loved ones to the narthex by November 2 to place on our community ofrenda, a shared space to honor and remember those who have passed. The ofrenda will be displayed from October 26 through November 9, and photos may be picked up after November 9. If you have questions or would like to help construct the ofrenda, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Bike to Church/Transportation Alternatives Sunday: November 2, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
You are invited to walk, bike, carpool, take the bus to Christ the King Rice Village on Sunday, Nov. 2! Information on transportation alternatives other than driving your personal vehicle is available after each worship service (and maybe some fund giveaways, too!). For more information contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com.

Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 4 at Rice Village Campus 2nd floor youth room
The council will meet on Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Grounded Advent Devotionals: Order by November 5th!
Join us and our friends at Tree 4 Hope and Chica Bean on a caffeine fueled Advent Journey as we marinate in the patient moments provided to us during the time it takes our morning coffee to brew and daily devotions. Each order of Grounded will include four (4) bags of freshly prepared coffee from Chica Bean in Guatemala, shipped fresh to the church right before the beginning of Advent. Each devotional is $50 and payments can be made directly to the church. Sign up to receive your copy in the narthex by November 5th to Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org!

Women in Transitions: Monday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Women in Transitions (women 50+) has a Fall "Quiet Day" Retreat on Monday, November 10, 10 am to 2:15 pm at the Ruah Spirituality Center at Villa de Matel. Suggested donation $25. Deadline to register is 10/31. Contact Beverly Davis to register at bad21a@aol.com.

Seafarer Shoebox Collection: November 1-30, 2025

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers' ecumenical ministry. We encourage members and friends to fill a shoe-box FULL with items such as: combs, soap, shaving cream, disposable razors, lip balm, toothbrushes and toothpaste, pads, pens, puzzles, envelopes, needles and thread, deodorant, heavy socks (no ankle socks), shoe laces, work gloves, knit caps, flashlights, calendars, bottle openers, nail clippers, aspirin, band-aids, key chains, small photo albums, USB memory sticks, Texas souvenirs, playing cards, magazines, hard candy (no chocolate) or something fun. Please pack boxes for men (there are very few women on the vessels). Please bring your filled shoebox to church by Sunday, November 30.

Christ the King Festival 2025 – Deeply Rooted, Always Growing

Join us **Friday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m**. to celebrate 80 years of Christ the King Lutheran Church with food, fun, including Dinner, Auction, Raffles, Wine-Pull, Sociable Sign-ups, and more! Tickets ($25) will be available for sale after worship services on November 2, 9, and 16. To host a Sociable or to volunteer, contact Terri Koehler theresa.m.koehler@uth.tmc.edu or sign up online. All proceeds benefit our 2025 Mission Partners. Visit the CTK website or scan the QR code for all Festival details, ticket purchases, Sociable sign-up, and to volunteer.

Help raise funds to give Thanksgiving Baskets to St. James families

Thanksgiving is on the horizon, and we are once again planning to fund Thanksgiving baskets for the community that St. James serves. We will provide 25-30 families with baskets that will include turkey, yams, apples, corn, green beans and other sides. Baskets cost around $80/basket. We need to raise $2,500 to support this annual endeavor. **You can easily donate online by selecting AMMPARO and designating "Thanksgiving baskets" in the memo.** Please help keep this caring tradition alive that began in November 2022!

Pack Thanksgiving Baskets: Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at St. James

Please help AMMPARO Committee members and St. James staff pack and share Thanksgiving Baskets with community members served by St. James at 1602 W. 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018. We need 10 volunteers — please RSVP to Emily Triantaphyllis, ewtrianta@gmail.com.

Snacks Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for: November 9th & 30th 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!