

This Week at Christ the King Church

Epiphany Observance: Sunday, January 4

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:45 a.m. Music Gathering, Sunday School, Confirmation Class, RVC
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, RVC parish hall
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

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting, online
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, RVC
6:30 p.m. D&D Meeting, offsite

Wednesday, January 7

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
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, January 8: Office Closed

Staff/Council Retreat, offsite
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, January 9: Office Closed

Staff/Council Retreat, offsite
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home

Saturday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Houston Food Bank, offsite
1:00 p.m. Online Yoga
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Holy Communion, RVC nave

Sunday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Kings Krewe Breakfast, RVC courtyard
9:45 a.m. Music Gathering, Sunday School, Confirmation Class, RVC
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, RVC parish hall
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

King's Breakfast Krewe: Enjoy Breakfast every Sunday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., between the services. **There is no Kings Breakfast on Jan. 4.** Scan the QR code to volunteer to help out the King's Breakfast Krewe. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Oliver Doolin or Ron Siemers.



Sunday Forum 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.

January 4: Property Rewind: Review of property completions in 2025 and peek at property projects in 2026

January 11: Lutherhill Report and Celebration

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Join us on January 4, to bless our “church house” with the blessing of the magi for the 2026 year. We will celebrate the occasion with king cake at coffee hour. A printed prayer rite and chalk can be taken home to inscribe and bless one’s own house or door.

Church Office Hours / Staff and Council Retreat

The church office will be closed January 8–9, 2026, while the church staff and Congregation Council attend their annual retreat at Lutherhill Galveston. The retreat will take place January 8–10, focusing on planning and development for the upcoming year.

Bible Studies at Christ the King Church: Led by Pastor Derr

- **Memorial Drive Campus (Luther Room):** Wednesday Bible Study resumes January 14, 2026, concluding the Gospel according to Luke. Gathering at 10:00 a.m.; study from 10:30–11:30 a.m.
- **Rice Village Campus (Second-Floor Council/Youth Room & Zoom):** Friday Bible Study resumes January 16, 2026, offered in person and on Zoom, focusing on the Book of Enoch. Gathering at 10:00 a.m.; study from 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Community of Hope Training: Deadline to Register January 10, 2026

Monday evenings Feb. 2 to March 23 and Saturday mornings on Jan. 24, Feb. 28 & March 28.

The Community of Hope training awakens participants to God’s call on their lives through experiential discovery and a journey into wholeness. This 9-session 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. Three classes will be held on a Saturday, in-person: January 24, February 28, and March 28. All other classes will be held online on Monday nights from February 2 to March 23, 2026. For more information, contact Beverly Davis at email bad21a@aol.com or 713-557-0092.

Registration deadline Jan 10, 2026.

Houston Food Bank Service Day: Saturday, January 10 from 8 a.m. - noon

We’re preparing for the Christ the King group’s volunteering outing to the Houston Food Bank located at 535 Portwall St, Houston, TX 77029. Make sure to wear closed-toe shoes, pants, sleeved shirt (short or long sleeves). Contact ctkhfb@gmail.com for more information. Carpooling request? If needed, it will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 am. Please specify if you wish to carpool so we can be sure to send someone there before heading to the Houston Food Bank.

Mitzvah Day: Sunday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Youth and parents are invited for a special community day of doing good with our brothers and sisters of our Abrahamic faiths. On this special morning together, we will explore the ways each of our faiths understand the idea that God works through our hands. We will meet at church at 9:30 a.m. and will carpool over to Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism, 801 Bering Dr. We should be done at noon. We are hoping to bring a group of 10 so please RSVP so that we know how many drivers we need by **Sunday, January 4**.

Lutherhill Rally Day: Sunday, January 11 at Christ the King Lutheran Church

Come and join us for a special Sunday as Lutherhill will come to Christ the King to preach and be in with us to talk about the ministries our outdoor partner has to offer this season during the Sunday Forum hour. This is a great opportunity to come and hear from our partners in outdoor ministry.

Language Milestone Celebration: Sunday, January 18

In the transition from infant to toddler language plays a crucial role. It is also a main factor in the shaping of the Christian faith which proclaims God to be the Word made flesh who was born first a wordless infant. We therefore recognize the Milestone of Language, which children reach somewhere along their second and third years. Families with three-year-old children (and siblings) may approach the altar rail during the liturgy to receive a copy of Luther's Small Catechism. The Catechism is a guidebook for parents to help their child learn the beginnings of formed language such as the Lord's Prayer, table grace, and prayers for morning and evening. The members of Christ the King Lutheran Church take this annual opportunity to express their support for the important work that parents do at home and at church in the area of faith. RSVP to Deacon Ben Remmert **by Sunday, January 11th** of your attendance.

2026 Houston Marathon Weekend Events

The 2026 Marathons and 5K race will take place on Saturday, January 10, and Sunday, January 11,

2026. The general proximity of the races may lead to traffic delays. For more details, visit:

<https://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com>.

- On Saturday, January 10, 2026, 7:30 am to 10:00 am, the "We Are Houston 5K" course will utilize McKinney, Fannin, Rosalie, San Jacinto and Lamar streets,
- On Sunday, January 11, 2026 beginning at 6:30am, the 2026 Chevron Houston Marathon and the Aramco Houston Half Marathon will start at Congress and Fannin. Race maps are available at: <https://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com/race-weekend/course-info>.

Are you running in any of these? Please let us know.

Transitions Meeting: Monday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Bring your New Years resolutions, hope, dreams, plans for the coming year. Meeting will be at Liz

Lunden's home. If you are interested in attending, please contact Liz Lunden.

German Language Conversation: Monday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. Rice Village Campus, Narthex

Would you enjoy using your German with friends? Christ the King Lutheran Church and Houston Leipzig Sister City Association host a German Language Conversation Group. This is an opportunity to use, improve, and enjoy speaking German! Alle sind willkommen! Contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org for more details or to sign up.

Sign Up for Family Service Day at CCSC: Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us for a day of service that your entire family can participate in! During Family Service Day, families will learn about the work happening at CCSC and pack hygiene kits for CCSC food pantry clients. Shifts are 1.25-hour shifts from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Family service day is designed for families with children in kindergarten through 6th grade. You can sign up here: <https://ccschiouston.org/get-involved/events/family-service-day/>

2026 Flower Sign Up

We invite you to sign up to provide the altar flowers for our weekend services. Please note these changes which will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

- Members of our altar guild will no longer be delivering flowers to anyone after January 1.
- The person who has given the flowers may take them home following the 11:00 a.m. service (around 12:30) each Sunday.
- There will be no altar flowers in Lent 2026 (February 18 [Ash Wednesday] to April 3, 2026 [Good Friday]), as we follow the ancient tradition of giving up festive items (Alleluias, Hymns of Praise, etc.) during Lent.
- There will be no altar flowers during Advent 2026 (November 28 – December 24) as we follow a similar ancient tradition which emphasizes the Advent Wreath as the only floral greenery in the nave during that season. You may sponsor Advent Wreath on Advent weekends.

To donate flowers in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for a person or an event, please find available dates by scanning the QR Code or email your preferred date to Cheryl Gaspard (cherylgaspard@ctkelc.org). Flower arrangements are \$70.00 per weekend.



Checks may be made out to Christ the King Lutheran Church with Altar Flowers on the memo line or you may submit a payment online at www.ctkelc.org.



Snacks Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 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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