Christ the King Festival 2026



Nov. 20
6:30 PM
Rice Village Campus

Food!
Sociables!
Raffles!
Trivia!

2026 Festival Quilt Raffle presented by the CTK Piecemakers.

This year's quilt, "Supernova," is dedicated to the memory of Jill Bailer, long time CTK member and faithful Piecemaker, who helped craft this quilt.



Tickets are $10 each or 3 for $25. Drawing will be held on Sunday after the Annual Meeting

The quilt is:

- 94 inches square (queen size)
- beautiful fall colors using all cotton fabrics
- totally hand quilted.

Two king-size bed pillows with shams matching the quilt are included.



Program

6:30-7	Registration
7-8:00	Dinner Wine Bar and Mocktail Bar Open Fellowship Sociables Sign-Ups Wine Pull Raffle Tickets
8:00	Announcements Sociables Sign-Ups End
8:00-9	CTK Church Trivia
9:00	Raffle Drawings
9:15	Check-out



Festival Rules

- Sociables: Sign up from 7:00- 8:00 p.m. for Sociable events. Cost is on a per-person basis. Sociables close out when the host's limit is reached. Please print your name clearly.

- Wine Pull: Participants may purchase one cork pull for $25. The number on the cork corresponds to a bottle of wine.

- Trivia cards are $20.

- Trivia teams may be comprised of 1,2,3, or 4 people. Each person on the team must pay $20 to participate.

- Payment by the buyer must be made in full at the end of the evening by cash, check, or credit card unless other arrangements are made with the Festival Chair. Checks should be made payable to Christ the King Lutheran Church. Cash and credit cards are also accepted.

- Quilt Raffle: One ticket will be drawn and winner's name announced. Winner does not have to be present to win. Delivery can be arranged. Drawing will be held on Sunday, November 22 after the Annual Meeting.





As you visit each table...

Please use the catalog insert to track your purchase.

1. Peel off labels for Sociables and place in designated boxes on your checkout sheet. One label equals one slot purchased. (There are extra inserts if you need one).

2. Be sure to write one name only on each line of the Sociable list. Please print clearly. Sociables have limited spots.

3. Write in the number of corks you pulled and the total. ($25/pull)

4. Write in your Raffle ticket purchases and add the amount. ($3 a ticket or 4 for $10)

5. Write in the number of trivia packets you purchased. ($20)

When you are ready to check out later in the evening, you can pay for everything together (Sociable purchases, wine pull, raffle tickets, and trivia cards) by cash, check, or credit card. Please bring your form from the catalog with everything totaled to the checkout table.

Thank you!

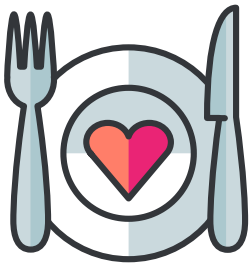


Sociables

Sign up until 8:00 p.m. for Sociable events. Cost is on a per person/unit basis. Sociables close out when the host's limit is reached. Please print names clearly on the sign-up sheet, peel off labels for Sociables, and place in designated boxes. (There are extra inserts if you need one).

S1	Christmas Cookies & Cheer ($30/12 spots) December 5, 2026 9:30 am Hosts: Jenn Belden & Family Step into our Christmas bake shop for a morning of mixing, baking, decorating, and festive fun! Little bakers are welcome to join in the fun decorating gingerbread and sugar cookies. We'll share favorite recipes, spread Christmas cheer, and fill our boxes with a few dozen cookies to share throughout the Christmas season! Age limit: none
S2	First Day Hike ($20/12 spots) January 1, 2027 10 am Hosts: Jim & Irmi Willcockson Join us to explore one of the newest parks – Hill at Sims. A wide paved trail encircles multiple detention ponds and includes an overlook. Bring your coffee for this easy walk, then stay for mulled cider, chili and cornbread. Start your year someplace new. Age limit: none

S3	Coffee Roasting Basics ($40/6 spots) January 9, 2027 10 am Hosts: Michael and Vicki Gorman Roasting coffee is fun and surprisingly simple, with delicious results! Perk up your day with this two hour hands-on session covering all the basics of home roasting. We'll talk about sourcing green coffee from various origins, roasting methods, and types of roasts. We'll roast a few batches, and to keep things lively, pull some shots from an Italian-style lever espresso machine. Don't be a drip - join us! Age limit: none
S4	Wine Cork Crafternoon ($25/15 spots) January 23, 2027 2 pm Host: Wendy Wiker Do you inexplicably collect wine corks with the intent to make something out of them one day? Do you want to have a fun crafternoon with CTK friends? Join Wendy in her home for an afternoon making various crafts out of wine corks while enjoying some wine, charcuterie, and conversation. Get your creative juices flowing while you have fun with paint and glue guns, and take home your new homemade treasure! Age limit: 10 and above



S5	Cocktails, Beer and Board Games ($25/10 spots) January 30, 2027 6 pm Host: Karli McGowen It's time again to join the Beverages and Board Games event! This adult Board Games gathering brings cocktails, beer, and stiff competition to those who love a challenge. The host will provide a plethora of party board games to try, but if you have a particular party favorite, please bring it. We will gather at my favorite neighborhood distillery, Drop of the Creator. A proudly female-owned spirits company featuring the craftsmanship of an accomplished woman distiller, located in the quaint neighborhood of Westbury. Come try one of her cocktails or enjoy a homebrewed beer by her husband and business partner. Wood-fired pizza from the establishment will be provided. Join us for a fun and competitive evening. Age limit: adults
S6	Vertical Revana Cabernet Sauvignon Wine Tasting ($50/10 spots) February 6, 2027 6 pm Hosts: Wendy & Nathan Wiker Join us for a vertical tasting experience celebrating the elegance and evolution of Cabernet Sauvignon across multiple vintages. We will sample 6 different vintages from 2012 to 2019 of Revana Cabernet Sauvignon, grown at the Revana Estate Vineyard in Napa Valley. This limited production 100% Cabernet Sauvignon wine is grown just north of the town of St. Helena, California. This winery was named in the Top 100 in the world by Wine Spectator. This tasting offers an opportunity to explore how seasonal conditions, aging, and winemaking influence the character of the same wine over time. Guests will sample a curated selection of Cabernet Sauvignon vintages, progressing from younger, vibrant expressions to more mature, complex releases. We will enjoy Italian cuisine alongside our selection of wine. Age limit: 21 and up

S7	Sacred Light ($65/15 spots) February 13, 2027 3 pm Host: Judith Richey Inspired by the beautiful stained-glass window in our nave, the painting captures the movement of light through brilliant shades of blue, turquoise, and violet. We'll bring this beautiful design to life with acrylic paints and a special touch to make it sparkle! No painting experience necessary. All the supplies you will need to create your masterpiece, along with step by step guidance will help you create your own interpretation of this meaningful piece of art. Come enjoy a little creativity, connection, and inspiration! Age limit: 15 and up If you would like to BYOS (bring your own sips) please feel free to do so.
S8	Sci-Fi Double Feature ($20/20 spots) February 20, 2027 5:30 pm Host: Ben Remmert Deacon Ben Remmert is hosting the Sci-Fi Double Feature sociable event this year and we are featuring musicals! Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. where we will have an assortment of root beer selections and assortment of backyard games. The first show will begin at 6 p.m. with Little Shop of Horrors (1986) and afterwards will continue with a screening of Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog (2008). We will have dinner and snacks throughout the event and we will have a Sci-Fi Trivia to see who is the champion of all things Sci-Fi. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Age limit: 10 and up (babysitter can be hired)

S9	Rice Holistic Garden Tour ($30/15 spots) February 27, 2027 10 am Hosts: Terri Koehler and Ed Nikonowicz Take a tour of the Betty and Jacob Friedman Holistic Garden at Rice University. A team of experts in fruit, vegetable, and flower horticulture will guide you through this neighborhood gem. Learn how in the holistic garden, interactions among gardeners, plants, animals, and the environment produce results greater than the sum of individual parts. As a bonus, CTK's own Henry Vanichek, a Rice student and honey bee expert, will give us a mini-lesson in bee-keeping! After the tour, enjoy light snacks and beverages. All participants will receive a 2- or 4-inch pot with a young plant to take home. Age limit: none
S10	Grown-Up & Me Art Class: Inspired by Matisse ($25/10 spots) February 27, 2027 2 pm Host: Whitney Vaughn Adams & Leo Adams Calling all artists, young and young at heart! Join us at the parish hall for a mini art history lesson on Henri Matisse, then make your own Matisse-inspired artwork in a guided project using materials from Open Eyes Studio in Houston. Designed for children ages 3 and up, this workshop is a chance for kids to explore art and create alongside a parent, grandparent, or another special grown-up in their lives. Each registration covers one child and one adult and includes the lesson, guided project, and all materials. Age limit: 3 and up



S11	*Ashes to Ashes ($30/20 spots)* *March 8, 2027 11 am (NOTE: This is a Monday.)* *Hosts: Terri Bourne and Cliff Helmcamp* *Did you know that Houston is home to the National Museum of Funeral History? Join us for this guided tour of the museum. With 19 permanent exhibits, the museum offers an unrivaled educational and historical experience. The guided tour will include the exhibit that features a certified copy of the Shroud from the Archdiocese of Turin as well as displays discussing the established history and scientific studies of the Shroud. Other exhibits feature Dia de los Muertos, presidential funerals, the lives and deaths of the popes, jazz funerals of New Orleans, and more. We'll also see what Cliff Helpcamp has donated to the collection.* *We will meet at Bradshaw Carter Funeral Home. After a brief tour there we will travel by limousine – with police escort – to the museum. Following the museum tour we will return by limousine to the funeral home, and meet at the home of Terri and Darden Bourne for refreshments and conversation.* *Please note that the date may be subject to change based on Bradshaw Carter's availability; we will provide as much advance notice as possible if a change becomes necessary. Age limit: parental discretion*
S12	*Thrifting Adventure ($40/12 spots)* *March 20, 2027 9:30 am* *Host: Alicia Goodrow and Jessica Locheed* *Join Alicia Goodrow and Jessica Locheed for a morning of Houston thrifting at local charity shops then share your finds with friends over brunch. Age limit: 10 and up*

S13	Bat Tour Aboard the Bayou Breeze ($40/22 spots) April 2, 2027 7 pm Hosts: Jim & Irmi Willcockson Join us for a Private Bat Tour! We'll take the 'Bayou Breeze' pontoon boat from Allen's Landing to Waugh Bat Bridge to watch the emergence. Irmi will talk about bats as you enjoy drinks and snacks. This tour is from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Children over the age of 4 are permitted. If you have mobility challenges, please talk to Irmi before signing up. Age limit: Ages 4 and above are allowed on board
S14	Cocktails and Canapés in the Belle Epoque ($40/14 spots) April 3, 2027 6 pm Hosts: Jessica Locheed and Tom Frank Travel back in time to an evening in the Belle Epoque, the heyday of French glamour and fun. Music, wine, cheese and treats frame a magical night. Savor your Kir Royal or Mocktail while listening to music from the Fin de Siecle. Dress in French attire from this Period is encouraged but not required. Age limit: 21 and up
S15	Birding at Brazos Bend State Park ($25/12 spots) April 10, 2027 8 am Host: Andrea Salas Do you enjoy watching birds in your backyard but feel ready for more? Unsure where to find birds or how to spot them? Ever heard the terms lifer, fallout, or hotspot and wanted to know more? Join Andrea for a day of birding at Brazos Bend State Park and get your questions answered while we explore one of the many great birding locations within an hour's drive of Houston. (We may even get to see some 'gators, too!) Age limit: none

S16	2027 Literary Cafe ($50/16 spots) April 24, 2027 6 pm Hosts: Donna Olson-Salas and Federico Salas-Isnardi Let us celebrate our passion for literature! Short stories, poems, a song, perhaps a page from a novel or a play. Once again, the Salas Family invites you to celebrate our passion for the written and spoken word with friends, wine and cheese, appetizers, coffee, dessert, and music. Bring a paragraph you want to read. A letter you find interesting. A magazine article that speaks to you. A story you want to tell. A poem you would like to share. A page that moves you. It does not matter who the writer is, what the genre is, or why you like it. What matters is to share the emotion, the interesting content, and the beauty of the language. Even if you don't want to read, come to hear what others share. We will have an opportunity to talk about each piece. Note for veterans: We are not collecting books this year. Age limit: Not for young children. Pre-teens and teens into literature are welcome.
S17 A	Lasagne Stories ($60/18 spots) April 30, 2027 6 pm Hosts: Ron and Jane Brownlee Dinner Party serving different kinds of Lasagne. Age limit: none
S17 B	Lasagne Stories Catering ($30/5 spots) April 30, 2027 5:30 pm Hosts: Ron and Jane Brownlee Catering Crew for Lasagne Stories Dinner Party. Age limit: none



S18	Champagne, Charcuterie, and Chocolates ($50/12 spots) May 16, 2027 4 pm Hosts: Larry Foust and Christine Wagener Happy Hour from 4 to 6 pm at our home. Featuring French Champagne, gourmet charcuterie and chocolates. Age limit: 21 and up







RAFFLE
$3/Ticket or 4/$10



CTK Parking Spot

Do you get to church right as the bells toll and find that there is no open parking spot? What if there was always a spot JUST FOR YOU?

The winner of the parking spot raffle will have a dedicated parking space in the Greenbriar lot beginning tomorrow until the 2027 Festival. Value: Priceless

Correa Houston Astros City Connect Jersey

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Astros fans, this item is for you! Show your H-Town pride with a chance to win a Houston Astros City Connect Carlos Correa Jersey! This XL jersey features the City Connect color scheme.

Celebrate the spirit of Houston and rep your favorite team in style with this awesome piece of Astros gear. Whether you're cheering from the stands or watching from home, this jersey is a must-have for any Astros fan! Value: $125





RAFFLE
$3/Ticket or 4/$10

The Superb Photograph Prints by Chuck Alexander

Here's your chance to win an original photographic print of the beloved The Superb, The Church Ship.

Capture and celebrate a special piece of our church's history with these unique photographs. More than just a beautiful image, it is a meaningful keepsake that honors our memories, our journey, and the moments that have brought our church family together. Value: Priceless







Valrhona Three-Layer Chocolate Cake

Indulge in the ultimate chocolate experience with a delicious 8-inch, three-layer Valrhona Chocolate Cake!

Made with luxurious Valrhona chocolate, this decadent cake features rich chocolate flavor and layers of irresistible goodness. Perfect for celebrations, sharing with loved ones, or simply treating yourself to something special! Serves approximately 12–14 people. The winner can redeem the certificate for a cake at a later date. Courtesy of Chef Catherine.Value: $120



RAFFLE
$3/Ticket or 4/$10

Tasco 675 Power Telescope

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure with a Tasco 675 Power Telescope!

Whether you're a budding astronomer, a curious explorer, or simply fascinated by the night sky, this telescope offers a fun opportunity to discover the wonders above. Enjoy a closer look at the moon, stars, and celestial sights while exploring the beauty of the universe! Value: $160







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Festival Partners

This year, all proceeds from the CTK Festival Dinner will benefit our International Partners. We are pleased to help support the following organizations:

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic

Lutheran Church in Peru

The Ministry of Rev. Dr. David Brondos and the Theological Community of Mexico

ELCA Ministries in Germany





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