



The King's Herald

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Universal City, Texas

JANUARY 2019

In all we do...
growing disciples for Christ



OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Congregational Meeting of Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1129 Pat Booker Road, Universal City, Texas, for the purpose of electing Church Council members and other business of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at 9:15 A. M. in the sanctuary.

EPIPHANY

This is one of the rare years when Epiphany actually falls on a Sunday! Join us on Sunday, January 6th as we celebrate the wise men coming to see the "King of the Jews".



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

On January 13th we will celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. As part of this festival, we will acknowledge all those who were baptized within the last year with a special recognition and presentation during worship. Watch for more information to come!



During Open Art Ministry and through Lent, Youth and Family Ministry will be focusing on Praying in Color as our Prayer Practice. This is open to all ages. It is a book by Sybil Macbeth. Please take an opportunity to learn more about this January 19 at 5:30—8:00 PM or by taking a look at Mariesa's books. See more about it on the Youth and Family Page.

Each January, youth and families around the countries participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. The movement began when a Youth Pastor in South Carolina, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."



This year in addition to money raised on February 3, Confirmation youth are asking for your gently used tshirts. In February, we will be putting together a service day, assembling shopping bags to be donated to a Food Pantry. Please bring your tshirts and place in the box in the Narthex. There will be more info in coming weeks from our Confirmation youth on this project during announcements. Stay tuned.



This month, we have a “guest” presenter for the article about our focus on spiritual practices. Enjoy these words from Joyce Lucas.
Shalom y’all!
Pastor Mike

“This is something people refuse to admit to themselves: at a given point you can no longer do, but can only be and accept.” – Etty Hillesum

On the Pastor’s Page, Pastor Mike has been discussing spiritual practices: taking time to “be” and to “listen”.

Why are spiritual practices important? I believe they are tools to help us grow in faith and “practice being reformed into the image of God”. We are instructed in Ephesians to “grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.” So how does one do this? The author of Hebrews writes that “solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by *practice* (emphasis added) to distinguish good from evil.”

C.S. Lewis said, “Every Christian is to become a little Christ.”

Using spiritual practices have helped me to move from my *head* to my *heart*, to grow from knowing *about* God to *knowing* God and to ask, “Where is God working in my life now?” When using spiritual practices, we focus more fully on our relationship with God and by His grace make the necessary changes within.

I have learned this is growth of the inner self – a type of transformation. Since I began using spiritual practices, I have experienced improved awareness as well as growth -- realizing it’s not about “me”, becoming less judgmental, less demanding, more humble, more compassionate, more patient, etc.

A spiritual practice is about being in God’s presence, listening, and being mindful or intentional with any activity. Richard Rohr says, “All spiritual disciplines have one purpose: to get rid of illusions so we can be more fully present to what is.” God *is* all around us all the time. I have learned I can be intentional while walking, washing dishes, driving (without the radio on) as well as during a time of meditation. This is especially true during road trips when I often remark to myself, “Just God and I going down the road.”

Using a practice prepares us for the time when we respond without thinking. Whether it is learning to ride a bicycle, play a musical instrument, learning the location of the keys on a keyboard, or playing sports. Practice develops memory and becomes an automatic response when given the opportunity.

In recent years God has shown me that my spiritual life is my everyday experience whether alone, in nature, or with others. I have “walked” with Jesus, “seen” my heart heal, “become” a vessel for God, and begun a spiritual small group, Soulful Conversations.

St Augustine taught, we must “die daily” to our small and separate sense of self. Kathleen Dowling Singh wrote, “We just die into silence. Die to the past. Die to the future. Die to the breath. Completely let go.” Each day I live I’m blessed to begin again. – Joyce Lucas

Youth and Family Ministry Happenings



Confirmation Workshop in January will be on January 13. We will meet in the Choir Room from noon til 3:30 PM. Please remember that this class time is mandatory. This class is when we will also get information on summer camp.



January 19 from 5:30—8:00, we have another Open Art Ministry. This ministry is open to ALL AGES. We will be watercolor painting, having opportunities to acrylic paint. We will also begin to look at Praying in Color. Pastor and I have been looking at different prayer practices for this year. One of my favorite personal prayer practices is to pray in color, This is a simple technique but a beautiful opportunity to grow in your relationship with God that was first introduced to me at a summer ministry at Texas Lutheran with the High School Youth. It can be used to create public art, but mostly for me to create personal journaling opportunities. Anyone can do it. If you would like to see my books, I will have them in the narthex the through December and January as an opportunity to prepare even if you can't make it. Bring \$10 if you want a journal or to paint other things. Bring your own journal if you want to learn the technique. We will also have food.



On January 20, all Youth are invited to join us at Laser Legend for some amazing fun. There is no school on Monday so we will meet at 4pm and have games and pizza and fun. Cost will be \$15. You may bring friends. Please RSVP with Mariesa at 210-995-4033.



Youth Group will take place on January 27 from 11:45—1:30. Bring \$5 for pizza. We will have a lesson on what it means to have faith and prayer. We will also play Gaga Ball and MUM Ball.



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

A Note of Thanks to Chloe Bardin (Cello), Aliyah Cabacungan (Clarinet) and Megan Cabacungan (Violin) for the instrumental music you added to the Lighting of the Advent Wreath this season. Your music was a wonderful addition to our worship!



Thank you to Al Boos IV for preaching in November when Pastor Mike was at camp.

Thank you to Al Boos III and Robbie Robeson for cutting and sanding wood for the Advent Fair wooden block nativity set.

Thank you to all who helped prepare the sanctuary for Advent—Joe & Stacy Heston, Mark & Carol McClelland, Don Vogt, Brandon Berisha, Tim & Sally Walters, Al Boos, Sheri Boos, Trisha Wolff, Katharine Barden, Robbie Robeson, and Joyce Lamprecht.

Thank you to all who read the Advent wreath blessing and helped in lighting the candles - Glenn Nordin, Healey family, Cathie Theis, Jill Cooper, Lane family, Dale & Patsy Meyers, Connie Hunt, Hazel Knipp, Cindy Bonaccorsi, and Barbara Meurin.

Dear Christ the King Family,

Heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, cookies, and transportation to my medical appointments. It has been a long 64 days, but I'm on the mend!

Blessings
Ken Oxenreider

A big thanks from all of the Christ the King staff for our gifts and the love that you have shown each of us this month in our Christmas gifts and cards and throughout the year. Your prayers and thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

Thank you,
Christ the King staff

Christ the King Family,

I am so very thankful to all of you. All of the food was AMAZING. All of the prayers both spoken and unspoken were felt. I have a ways to go for healing but I feel so much better! Thank you especially to Mary Petermeier, Jan Lindorfer, the McClellands, the Bardens, the Hawkins family, the Hestons, Barbara and Kathy Staley (#1), and Kathy Hanley (#3), Joyce Lucas and Joycelyn Simas for the very yummy food.

Continued prayers and again thank you so much!
Mariesa Robbins and Family

UNDECORATING THE SANCTUARY AND NARTHEX

On Saturday, January 12, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. we will be taking down the decorations in the sanctuary and narthex. Food, fun and fellowship will be provided. Come and join the fun!! For questions, please contact Katharine Barden at 361-522-2868.



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Adult faith formation is just as important as when we were children. Therefore, we have a number of opportunities here at Christ the King for you to get involved. **These are open to everyone. So come join the discussion and bring a friend!**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – meets in the Choir Room

Sunday at 9:15am – We are studying a book entitled “Faith Under Fire:

Exploring Christianity’s Ten Toughest Questions”. Join us as we seek to learn from our discussion of these questions. You can join anytime or pop in and out from week to week.

Wednesday at 10:30am – We are reading and discussing the book “Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived” by Rob Bell. Everyone is welcome to join us and enjoy our interesting discussions. Following the Bible study, all are welcome to join us for lunch (Dutch treat) at La Fiesta Patio Mexican Café on Pat Booker.

Wednesday Night at 6:00 pm

Like the morning class, we are reading and discussing “Love Wins”. Attend one of these two classes for some really interesting and enlightening conversation. **EVERYONE is WELCOME!**



Soulful Conversations

Immediately following the parable of *The Judge and the Widow* Jesus tells the parable of The Pharisee and the Tax Collector. We learn that there were two times for sacrifice in the Temple. At dawn a lamb was sacrificed and at three in the afternoon incense was burned. The afternoon was considered the time for private prayer. Why? The earlier sacrifice of the lamb had covered the sins of Israel so now the faithful could approach God personally. Join our conversation to learn more. We gather in the Library and anyone can pop in anytime. We keep the door closed during our conversations to better hear one another.



Where Mom’s Connect

Are you a MOM? Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am for an hour of discussion about topics that are relevant to those of us raising children or who have raised children - is there really ever an end? This year’s theme ... A Year of Adventure. Topics will include: guilt free time, self-worth, autism, spiritual growth, the art of listening, and teen adventures. The coffee is hot and the

COME ON, Ring those Bells!!

The handbell group wants to expand in number and we need your help! Will you please come join us? No prior experience required. Beginners are welcome! Handbell rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm! Please see Merrikay Compton, Cindy Bonaccorsi or Sally Walters for more information. Sally’s email is: sjcwalters@gmail.com.



RACAP FOOD NEEDS



Tomato products, Canned meats(no tuna), cereal, jelly, green beans, corn, spaghetti sauce, dry beans, jello, mixed vegetables

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the ELCA Christmas Tea was a great success with a total of 75 members and guests participating. A special thank you to the table hostesses who did such a great job of decorating their tables for Christmas: Dinah Ryson, Dawn Young, Sally Walters, Lisa Lopez, Kathy Staley, Cathie Theis, Joanne Swansiger, Marion Weishaar, Barbara Kovacich, Patsy Meyers, Cindy Bonaccorsi, Carmen Hawkins, and Leona Hietala. The Parish Hall was beautiful, and many wonderful comments were heard about the decorations. The play "No Room in the Inn" with participants Lisa Lopez, Dawn Young, Dinah Ryson, Sally Walters, Joycelyn Simas, Cindy Bonaccorsi, Carmen Hawkins, and Margaret Vogt was enjoyed by all. We even had a visit from Santa! Actually, he visited us twice, but the first visit wasn't scheduled!

Congratulations to the newly installed officers: Carmen Hawkins, President; Leona Hietala, Vice President; Cindy Bonaccorsi, Secretary; and Lisa Lopez, Treasurer. They were installed by Dinah Ryson, President of Southwestern Texas Synod Women of the ELCA.

Thank you to the women for the beautiful flowers! I have really enjoyed being your President. I know Carmen will be a great leader this year. Just wonder what we are going to do next year to top this year's Christmas Tea!?

Just a reminder that our first Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held on Monday, January 28th, at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please come out and support these new officers and see what exciting projects are in store for 2019. Valentines will be available for purchase at the January meeting.

Many blessings,

Margaret Vogt, Immediate Past President



CHOCOHOLIC FROLIC Christ the King will again be participating in the Chocoholic Frolic. It takes place February 3. Registration is \$35. Get your name to Mariesa soon so she can register you. The race benefits Morgan's Wonderland and is tons of fun. Even better, we can be back when church starts at 10:30.



NEWSLETTER AND BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Articles for the February 2019 newsletter are due **NO LATER THAN the 20th of January** and may be sent to Margaret Vogt at ctkadm@sbcglobal.net or brought to the church office.

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office no later than 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

We remember in prayer:

THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS:

Gene Bielke	Sherry Bielke
Aina Blake	Doreen Bowers
Darlene Christiansen	Sally Cooke
Alma Geyer	Annette Gohlke
Ernie Gohlke	Marjorie Lemire
Lisa Lopez	Ken Oxenreider



THOSE IN CARE FACILITIES:

Anna Harman	Margaret Morgan
George Papajohn	

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF CTK:

Ava Anderson, *granddaughter of Glen & Alfrieda Anderson*
 Kim Buford, *friend of Eddy & Doreen Bowers*
 Howard Carlson, *cousin of Gene Carlson*
 Veronica Carlson, *wife of Gene Carlson*
 Jacque Donaldson, *friend of Cindy Patterson*
 Joe Dougherty, *friend of Dinah Ryson*
 Lupe Godoy, *friend of Kathy Hanley*
 Chris Gohlke, *grandson of Ernie & Annette Gohlke*
 Jimmy Heston, *Joe Heston's Dad*
 Ronald Jensen, *Joanne Swansiger's friend*
 Matthew Johnson, *son-in-law of Rob Robeson*
 Betty Ann Jones, *cousin of Kathy Staley & Barbara Kovacich*
 Bill Kermavner, *nephew of Joanne Swansiger*
 Marty LeMarr, *Sally Zimmerman's brother-in-law*
 Darren McArdle, *nephew of Ginny & Al Boos*
 Tom Mowers, *friend of Kathy Hanley'*
 Diedre Morin, *Steve Lerum's sister*
 Leigh Paliwoda, *Rob Cooper's daughter*
 Darren Rackler, *friend of Eddy & Doreen Bowers*
 Nancy Rajanen, *friend of Don & Joyce Nellermoe*
 Ed Roehrig, *Mike Roehrig's brother*
 Heather Ruiz, *former member of CTK*
 Donna Scheel, *Susan Abbey's cousin*
 Julie Schmidt, *friend of Joanne Swansiger*
 Ben Sears, *friend of Michael & Jessica Anderson family*
 Randy Smith II, *friend of Richard & Marilyn Grooms*
 James Thompson, *Pastor Mike's cousin*
 Kurt Weinelt, *Louise Cruz's brother-in-law*
 James Weishaar, *son of Marion Weishaar*
 Travis Wilchar, *grandson of Ernie & Annette Gohlke*
 Shannon Wright, *friend of Joanne Swansiger*
 Easton Zane Zunker, *grandson of Larry & Marsha Zunker*
 Grace Lutheran Church, Giddings

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Lopez	2
Aina Blake	3
Jan Dunevant	3
Hazel Knipp	7
Jacob Walters	7
Paul Hines	8
Payton Lopez	9
Joy Brown	11
Megan Walters	11
Al Boos IV	12
Cheryl Craig	13
Dawn Young	13
Joyce Venske	14
Harold Henk	15
Jan Rittiger	15
John Hatzel	17
Kaidon Mattison	17
Jan Lindorfer	20
Chloe Barden	21
Doretta Checote	21
DJ Schultz	26
Grant Lopez	28
Leona Hietala	31



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jody & Mariesa Robbins	2
Richard & Melissa Gutierrez	11



JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
USHER TEAMS IN October	TEAM 1 Brian Donlea Ray Lopez Barbara Ward Linda Dowda	TEAM 10 Tyler Wilburn Bridget Laguna	TEAM 2 Leonard Geyer Sally Zimmerman Dale Meyers Patsy Meyers	TEAM 6 Don & Joyce Neller Andy Andermann Ken Oxenreider	TEAM 3 Robert Robeson Erika Robeson John Hatzel Cindy Hatzel	TEAM 7 Tim Walters Glen & Alfrieda Anderson Mike Roehrig
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:30 Phoenix NA <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">PASTOR MIKE—VACATION</div>	2 7:00 Choir 8:30 Phoenix NA	3 8:00 LEAP 5:00 Via de Cristo Reunion Group, Sea Island 7:00 Hermann Sons, Parish Hall	4 6:00 Council Party at Carmen & Thomas Hawkins' 8:30 Phoenix NA	5 3:30 Choir Rehearsal at St. John's, San Antonio 5:00 Conference of Bishop's Worship, St. John's, SA
6 <i>White</i> EPIPHANY Noon Missional River Team, Choir Room Noon Choir Party, Pompeii Italian Rest. 8:30 Phoenix NA TEAM 1 TEAM 10	7 <i>Pastor's/ Mariesa's Day Off</i> 7:00 Boy Scouts	8 1:00 Dominoes, Learning Bldg 5:00 Girl Scout Troop 476 7:00 Worship Committee, Choir Room 8:30 Phoenix NA	9 10:30 Bible Study 10:30 Shine, Parish Hall 1:00 LWR Quilting 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Choir 8:30 Phoenix NA	10 8:00 LEAP 5:00 Via de Cristo Reunion Group, Library 6:00 Bell Choir, Choir Room	11 8:30 Phoenix NA	12 9:00 Undecorate the sanctuary and narthex
13 <i>White</i> BAPTISM OF CHRIST 9:00 2nd Sunday Breakfast 12:00 Confirmation Workshop 8:30 Phoenix NA TEAM 2 TEAM 6	14 <i>Pastor's/ Mariesa's Day Off</i> 6:30 Bunco, Parish Hall 7:00 Boy Scouts	15 8:00 Star Academy 1:00 Sewing, Learning Bldg 8:30 Phoenix NA	16 7:30 Men's Breakfast, Los Arcos 10:30 Bible Study 1:30 Naomi Circle 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Choir 8:30 Phoenix NA	17 8:00 LEAP 5:00 Via de Cristo Reunion Group, Library 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 DAV, Learning Bldg.	18 8:30 Phoenix NA	19 Open Art Ministry 5:30—8:30 PM
20 <i>Green</i> Youth Laser Legend Late Night 5:00 PM 8:30 Phoenix NA TEAM 2 TEAM 6	21 7:00 Boy Scouts	22 8:00 Star Academy 1:00 Dominoes 5:00 Girl Scout Troop 476 6:30 Council 8:30 Phoenix NA	23 10:30 Bible Study 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Choir 8:30 Phoenix NA	24 8:00 LEAP 5:00 Via de Cristo Reunion Group, Library 6:00 Bell Choir, Choir Room	25 6:30 Friday Night Fellowship (to be announced) 8:30 Phoenix NA	26
27 <i>Green</i> 9:15 Annual Congregational Meeting Noon Youth Group 8:30 Phoenix NA TEAM 3 TEAM 7	28 <i>Mariesa's Day Off</i> 6:45 WELCA Quarterly Mtg., Parish Hall 7:00 Boy Scouts	29 8:00 Star Academy <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">PASTOR'S THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE IN GALVESTON</div>	30 7:00 Choir 8:30 Phoenix NA	31 8:00 LEAP 5:00 Via de Cristo Reunion Group		

SUNDAYS	LITURGIST	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	USHERS	OFFERING COUNTERS
January 6 8:00 AM	Cindy Bonaccorsi	Erika Robeson	Jill Cooper Cathie Theis	Megan Cabacungan	Linda Dowda	Team 1	Leonard Geyer Cindy Hatzel
	Joyce Lucas	Glen Anderson	Al Boos III Dinah Ryson	Sophia Alvarado Evelyn Healey	Jan Lindorfer	Team 10	
January 13 8:00 AM	Rich Patterson	Glenn Nordin	Joy Brown Robert Robeson	Raven Taylor	Linda Dowda	Team 2	Susan Abbey Lisa Lopez
	Lana Marthijohni	Justin Craig	Leona Hietala Mary Petermeier	Chloe Barden	DJ & Kent Schultz	Team 6	
January 20 8:00 AM	Lisa Lopez	Cindy Patterson	Linda Dowda Susan Abbey	Cade Robbins	Don & Margaret Vogt	Team 2	Jay Shuler Thomas Hawkins
	Al Boos IV	Pete Ryson	Bobbye Dorow Mary Petermeier	Brendan Healey Connor Healey	Joanne Swansiger	Team 6	
January 27 8:00 AM	Kathy Staley	Ana Ofsdahl	Barbara Kovacich Lisa Lopez	Kaidon Mattison	Kathy Hanley	Team 3	Joy Brown Dinah Ryson
	Stacy Heston	Steve Lerum	Joyce Lucas Lana Marthijohni	William Hale	Marion Weishaar	Team 7	

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Staff and Ministry Team Leaders

Staff

Pastor	The Rev. Michael Widner
Director of Youth Ministries / Parish Administrator	Mariesa Robbins
Administrative Assistant	Margaret Vogt
Organists	Carol Bearce & Louise Cruz
Pianist	Rose Garcia
Choir Director	Sally Walters
Nursery	Melanie Vogt
Custodians	Reinaldo & Irene Diaz
Bookkeeper	Suzanne Schroeder
Financial Secretary	Leona Hietala
Treasurer	Dale Meyers

Church Council

President	Thomas Hawkins
Property, Building, & Grounds	Tim Walters
Fellowship/Secretary	Susan Abbey
Education	Sheri Boos
Evangelism	Kathy Hanley
Finance	Jay Shuler
Mutual Ministry	Ryan Agrella
Outreach	Kathy Staley
Worship/Vice-President	Stacy Heston

Ministry Team Leaders

Dominoes	Leona Hietala	Women of the ELCA	Carmen Hawkins
Men's Group	Don Vogt	Via de Cristo Reunion Group	Mary Petermeier/ Dinah Ryson
Soulful Conversations	Joyce Lucas		