



Christ the King Lutheran Church Universal City, Texas

**OCTOBER
2022**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE!

The Congregational Meeting of Christ the King Lutheran Church at 1129 Pat Booker Road, Universal City, Texas will be held on **Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 10:15 AM in the sanctuary** for the purpose of adopting the 2023 budget and receiving other important updates.

THANKOFFERING WORSHIP SERVICE - Sunday, October 9

We join with the Women of the ELCA in giving thanks for our blessings in worship with a Service of the Word (no communion) on Sunday, October 9th at 9:15 am. Dawn Young will bring us a wonderful message of God's Word. A special Thankoffering will be collected in remembrance of all our blessings.



TRUNK OR TREAT! JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND CANDY!

Friday October 28 5:30—7:00 PM
Hotdogs, Nachos, Chips and Cookies

Fun for the WHOLE family with Games and PRIZES
Cars need to be ready and in place by 6:00 p.m. at the latest. Each car needs to have candy for 100—125 kiddos. Sign-up sheet for car spots may be found on the bulletin board or by texting Mariesa.

Trunk or Treating will begin promptly at 6:15 and run until 7:00.
We would love for ALL AGES to participate in this fun outreach activity for our church and the community. (Our neighbors look forward to this every year!)

REFORMATION DAY / AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Avre Boos and Connor Healey have completed Confirmation and are ready to make their Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 30, which is also Reformation Sunday. Join us that morning for worship at 9:15 and a continental breakfast thereafter to honor these young people as they take the next step in their faith journey.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 6

All Saints' Sunday is when we celebrate our loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant and are experiencing the promises of the resurrection. We will celebrate All Saints' Sunday as we have in the past with pictures of our loved ones. Please bring a picture of any loved one you would like

God uses
where you are
to take you
where you never could have gone.

God uses
what you can do
to accomplish
what you never could have done.

God uses
who you are
to let you become
who you never could have been.

This poem by Philip Brewer is so profound and yet so simple. Think about the ways that God uses you. It may be something as simple as smiling at someone you pass on the street or opening a door for some unsuspecting person who was having a bad day or calling someone just to say hello. We may never fully realize the importance of our actions or how the smallest gesture affected someone else. Even so, everything we do can be used by God to help others. God uses us not only to help others, but also in ways that benefit ourselves. We grow and become different people because of the experiences we have had. God may be using these experiences to strengthen us for something in the future or simply to help us grow into a better person. No matter how we are being used and changed, God loves us. The thing is God loves us just the way we are, but refuses to leave us that way!

“Be sure to do something good for someone today.”
Shalom y’all,
Pastor Mike

ATTENTION ALL WHO WANT TO HELP WITH WORSHIP SERVICES

Signing up for the ministries and dates for which you are available has just become easier. We now have a kiosk in the narthex just to the left of the double doors. It only takes a few clicks with the mouse, and you are done **OR** you can use the QR code.

Instructions for the QR code:

Open the Camera app

Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the
Camera app

Your device will recognize the QR code and show a notification

Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code

Choose your date and ministry



Slots are available through the end of the year. If you have any questions or trouble signing up just

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS - 10:30AM (for all groups)

Sacred Listening

Faith Formation is excited to announce a new offering for CTK's adults. Beginning September 11th, a small group centered around listening will start meeting in the Library following the Sunday worship service.

What does it mean to listen? Merriam-Webster defines listen as "to hear something with thoughtful attention." An unknown author wrote, "The deepest hunger of the human soul is to be understood. The deepest hunger of the human body is for air. If you can listen to another person, in depth, until they feel understood, it's the equivalent of giving them air."

Listening is a practice and Sacred Listening will provide the opportunity to practice the art of sincere listening that promotes relationships. Who will guide these discussions? A committed team of three will rotate as guides - Katharine Barden, Sally Walters and Joyce Lucas.

As Esther de Waal wrote, "To listen closely, with every fiber of our being, at every moment of the day, is one of the most difficult things in the world, and yet it is essential if we mean to find the God whom we are seeking." How well do you listen?

Ladies Bible Study

All women are invited to join for bible study and discussion on Sundays in the Disciples Room & via Zoom. The group is scheduled to begin discussing Max Lucado's "How Happiness Happens" on October 23rd. Contact Carmen Hawkins with questions.

Dwelling in the Word

In order to have maximum impact for attendees, we have decided to stop offering the Dwelling in the Word class. So, please join the Ladies study or the Sacred Listening class (or better yet, volunteer to help with the children or youth classes!).

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday morning with Pastor Mike

We are jumping back into studying Isaiah. Bring your Bible and join the discussion. We meet in person in the Disciples' room and offer the online Zoom option as well. If you would like the Zoom link, please contact Pastor Mike. **Everyone is welcome** to join us and enjoy the lively conversations. (You never know where we end up with some of them. :D)

Thursday Evening Bible Study with Thomas

Thomas Hawkins will lead a Bible Study on every Thursday at 6:15 pm. The current study will be on Prayer. The study will work to discover the adventure God desires prayer to be, and to deepen our relationship with Him through it. The study will also work through a scripturally-based understanding of the vital importance of prayer for the Christian life and review several practical strategies for pursuing it. In addition, the study will look to understand the priority God places on prayer. If you are interested please reach out to Thomas Hawkins at thomashawkins2003@vchcc.com or (513)

sanctuary building and the learning ministries building. We have been assured that both are completely safe to use, but we are gathering more information to present in the future (possibly at the congregational meeting in October). We are also dealing with aging air conditioning / heating units that will need to be replaced as well. If you have any questions, please ask a council member, Pastor Mike or Mariesa. Watch for more information to come.



SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The next Second Sunday Breakfast will be held on October 9th after the 9:15 am worship service. Everyone is invited to stay for good food and fellowship. If you have any questions or would like to help out, see Susan Abbey.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Friday Night Fellowship will take place Friday, October 21st at 5:30 pm at Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant at 14535 Nacogdoches Road. Please RSVP by October 16th so that a large enough space can be reserved. You may sign up at on the bulletin board, let Susan Abbey know you will be attending, or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/FNF-Oct21st>.

BUNCO NIGHT!

We won't be playing Bunco in October, but mark your calendars for Monday, November 21st. We need at least 8 to play. No need to sign up: just let Susan Abbey or Lisa Lopez know if your can join us. Never played before? Don't worry – we'll teach you! If you can count, you can play! Bring your \$6, your drink, and a snack to share. A minimum of eight (8) players are needed every month.



HARVEST BRUNCH POTLUCK

Mark your calendars now! Join us for a Harvest Brunch Potluck on Sunday, November 6th at 10:30 am. Bring a dish to share (breakfast, lunch, or something in between!) and canned goods for RACAP (Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program).

LIVING LUTHERAN: ELCA GATHERS TO “EMBODY THE WORD”

From Aug. 8-12, more than 800 voting members of the ELCA gathered in Columbus, Ohio, for the 2022 Churchwide Assembly under the theme “Embody the Word.” The ELCA also recognized the 35th anniversary of the ELCA constitution. The September issue of *Living Lutheran* features a [roundup](#) of memorials, reports, speeches and important moments from the assembly. You can also [learn more](#) about our newly elected vice president, Imran Siddiqui.

The Cookbook Committee is happy to announce that our Cookbooks have been ordered! Thank you so much for sharing your treasured recipes with us. We have placed our order and the cookbooks should arrive by October 16th. We will have samples available to view a couple weeks before and will be taking pre-orders in the Narthex.

We are approaching that wonderful time of the year . . . The Holidays! While this is a cherished season of gathering and celebrating over special meals for most of us, there are those who struggle financially, making the holidays an especially stressful time for families with tight budgets. For this reason, WELCA is sponsoring 2 meals for 2 families through RACAP (Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program). Each of the two families will receive meal baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas complete with turkey or ham. Can you help? Volunteers are needed to purchase a turkey or ham for 1 family, purchase refrigerated items for 1 family, or to deliver a meal basket to 1 family in our area for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Please contact Carmen Hawkins if you are able to help.

Fall Events & Activities:

Lutheran World Relief (LWR): We are collecting soap (4 ounce bars), toothbrushes, and nail clippers for personal care kits. Quilt and Kit Dedication Sunday will take place on October 23.

Book Club: The book club will be meeting on October 3 to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing (Novel) by Celia Owens. The book was selected by Joanne Benson. The book club meets at 1:00 pm at the church in the Disciples Room and again at 6:00 pm at the American Legion, Post 667.

Thankoffering Service: Our Thankoffering service is scheduled for October 9th.

CTK Cookbook Sales: Cookbooks will be available for \$12 at church beginning Sunday, October 16th

CTK Market Day: We are hosting our first market day on October 22nd. Please help us spread the word by sharing this information. We also need volunteers to help oversee the event. The sign-up sheet is located on WELCA bulletin board.

Business Meeting: Our next business meeting will be on October 24th at 6:45PM in the fellowship hall.

LWR Ingathering: on November 2nd at St. John Lutheran Church, Marion TX from 9 am – 3pm.

Cards and Crafts Sale

The next sale will be on Saturday, November 12th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

MARKET DAYS

A Fall Market Day will be taking place at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Saturday, October

Fall Yard Sale
Saturday October 8
from 8 AM—1PM

Youth will be raising money to give back to the Mission and Vision of Christ the King. If you would like to help out at this sale, please let Mariesa know.



Youth Ministry began a challenge for the members at CTK. We want to fill up 200 envelopes with \$100 each.

Envelopes are often how we raise money for our Youth Trips each summer so this was a great way we could turn around and work toward that again.

We have filled 5 envelopes so far with Cade filling the 1st envelope.

Each of these envelopes helps us see a way to continue the mission and vision of Christ the King. We want to see how we can be a part of that and will be filling up the Yard Sale money into envelopes.



Preschool and Elementary Youth Picnic and afternoon at the Park!!!

After Sunday School time on October 9th, we will join together and head over to Northview Park to play at the playground and enjoy some fun. Everyone bring lunches and drinks. We will plan to play and have fun til around 1:00 PM. (Weather permitting and if they haven't turned it off for the year, we can even play at the splashpad of course).

Confirmation Workshops —

Confirmation Workshop this month will be October 23 from 11:30—3PM. Remember attendance is mandatory at these events. Your work will be made up at a later date if you miss.

Please make sure to bring a lunch. Snacks will be available during class.

ALSO, confirmation youth are expected to be a part of Faith Formation each Sunday as it is where you will learn your Bible portion of Confirmation.



Join us the afternoon of October 1st from 3PM—6PM for a **Family Fall Paint**

Night. We will be painting a pumpkin painting and other fun fall options

**Middle School Retreat—
Camp Chrysalis**

November 11-13
6th—8th grade

\$60 Registration due by October 28.

This will be an amazing weekend of renewal





celebrate, please let the committee know by contacting Don or Margaret Vogt, Committee Co-Chairs.

C — Caring for Others
T— Thankful for Blessings
K—Keeping the Faith

RACAP NEWS (Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program)

The food pantry is in need of the following items. Please add these to your shopping list when filling your basket at the store with your own groceries.

Soup (No Cream Soups)
Tomato Paste
Spaghetti Sauce

Meat Helpers
Tomato Sauce
Mac and Cheese

Jelly
Diced Tomatoes



In addition, it is time to begin preparing for the annual holiday baskets. A flyer is available in the Narthex with the items needed for the holiday baskets, or if you are interested in sponsoring an entire meal for a family in need, Sponsor Applications are also available. If you have any questions, see Kathy Staley, Barbara Kovacich, or Leona Hietala.

ALL ARE WELCOME - OPEN MEETINGS

All members of CTK are welcome to attend **all** Church Council and Worship Committee regular meetings.

The Church Council has general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation. Everything is done following the mission of CTK (Serving God by loving others), the Word of God, and the faith and practice of the ELCA. Regular meetings of the Church Council are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the disciples room with a Zoom option available. Please get in touch with Pastor Mike for the Zoom link to the council meeting.

The Worship Committee meets and helps carry out the vision of CTK (Welcoming All, Leading to Faith, Shepherding for Life, Serving Neighbors Near and Far, in all we do, Growing Disciples for Christ) through the way it worships. The committee plans the ways the church will worship. Regular meetings of the Worship Committee are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm via Zoom. Please get in touch with Katharine Barden for the Zoom link to the worship meeting.

BUILDING KEYS

We are trying to update our records of who has keys to our buildings. If you have keys to any (or all) of the buildings, please contact the church office and leave that information with Dawn. Thanks!



Choir and Handbell Rehearsals on
October 5, 12, 19, 26

Worship Band Rehearsals on October 20, 27

October 14, Hymn Festival at Zion

October 23, Band-led Service

David Cherwien will play a hymn festival
at Zion Lutheran Church

(9944 Leslie Rd, San Antonio, TX 78254)

on Friday, October 14 at 7:30 pm

The program is mostly hymns from the ELW,
plus readings of Susan Cherwien's poems in between.

The theme is

“To Everything There is a Season.”

Quote: "As a renowned church organist, conductor, composer and improviser, David Cherwien brings creativity to hymns of various traditions and styles. He has won national acclaim as a leader of congregational song with hymn festivals that are always inspiring. With innovative merging of organ, piano, instruments and voices, his music enfolds the participants and transports them to an encounter with the sublime. Through this expression of faith, Dr. Cherwien bears witness that music is a glorious gift of God." Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Fine Arts Series, Indianapolis.

I encourage everyone to attend! *Sally*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our Year to Date income versus expense totals at the end of August were: total income = \$222,258.54 and our total

Income vs Expenses
as of August 31, 2022

celebrate with ELCA World Hunger wherever you are!

Join the celebration **Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. Central time**. Registration is not required; simply visit the ELCA's [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) page to attend. Can't stream it live? The recording will be available on Facebook and YouTube after the event is over.

PUBLIC RESPONSE PERIOD: SOCIAL MESSAGE ON CLIMATE CARE

A draft of the ELCA's forthcoming social message on climate change and how we are called to respond has been posted, and the public comment period is open through Friday, Dec. 2. The draft will be edited in response to your feedback and brought to the ELCA Church Council for a vote this spring. To read the draft and provide your input through our online form, go to elca.org/climatecare.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

One of the benefits of our community is the way we lift each other up and celebrate with one another in prayer. If you have prayer concerns, want to be included in the email prayer chain (or if you have questions about it), please call the church office or email Dawn at ctkadm@sbcglobal.net.

Additionally, if you find that you haven't been receiving any email notifications from us, please let us know that as well. You can also self-select what notifications you would like to receive via Flocknotes. Talk with Mariesa or Pastor Mike about this great communication avenue.



**A Sign-Up Kiosk for
Volunteer Opportunities
is available in the Narthex!**



NEWSLETTER IN YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX

Would you like to save the church a little postage and have your printed copy of the monthly newsletter placed in your church mailbox? That is definitely a possibility and all you need to do is contact the church office. Call Dawn at 210-658-2254 or email the church office at ctkadm@sbcglobal.net.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:15 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship / Coffee time

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|---|----------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Dawson Felsing | 1 | Laila Roehrig | 5 | Anna Harman | 19 |
| Raven Taylor | 3 | Lola Roehrig | 5 | Will Jackson | 19 |
| Sally Walters | 3 | Russell Christiansen | 9 | Sissie Mirhashemi | 19 |
| Ann Faulkner | 4 | Gene Bielke | 14 | Trudy Seaman | 19 |
| Madilynn Sauseda | 4 | Lisa Carlson | 14 | Mary Donlea | 26 |
| Ashley Honchell | 5 | Annette Gohlke | 17 | | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Richard & Becky Cabacungan | 1 | Terry & Andrea Hale | 26 |
| Dale & Patsy Meyers | 15 | Ralph & Kaitlyn Espinoza | 29 |
| Tim & Sally Walters | 15 | | |

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER 2022

| DATE | LITURGIST | READER | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | USHERS | OFFERING COUNTERS |
|--------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| OCT 2 | Lisa Lopez | Sheri Boos | Jill Cooper Cathie Theis | AJ Boos Kathy Hanley | Leona Hietala Evelyn Lewis |
| OCT 9 | Carmen Hawkins | Susan Abbey | No Communion | Patsy Meyers Margaret Vogt | Joy Brown Dinah Ryson |
| OCT 16 | Rich Patterson | Glen Anderson | Cindy Bonaccorsi Joyce Lucas | Alfrieda & Glen Anderson | Glen Anderson Jill Schulz |
| OCT 23 | Kathy Staley | Margaret Vogt | Joy Brown Bruce Lemire | Dale & Patsy Meyers | Leonard Geyer Cindy Hatzel |
| OCT 29 | | | | | |

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Pastor Mike will be on vacation from October 6 until October 11. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the church office or contact Mariesa Robbins on her cell phone.

Boy and Cub Scouts—Bldg 3
Phoenix NA—Bldg 3
Hermann Sons Life—Bldg 2
DAV / DAVA—Bldg 3
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Band Practice—Sanctuary
Bell Practice—Disciples Room
Adult Bible Study—Disciples Room

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Convention, Gonzales Information Workshop k NA | 26 Pastor's/Mariesa's Day Off 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 27 6:30pm Council | 28 10:30am Bible Study 1:00pm LWR Quilting 5:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 29 6:15pm Bible Study/Zoom 7:00pm Worship Band | 30 Set up for Coat Distribution | 1 9:00am Coat Distribution 3:00pm Family Night |
| Information k NA | 3 Pastor's/Mariesa's Day Off 1:00pm Book Club 6:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 4 6:00pm 60th Anniv. Planning Committee, Disciples Room | 5 10:30am Bible Study 5:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 6 5:30am Via de Cristo Fellowship 6:15pm Bible Study/Zoom 7:00pm Hermann Sons Life | 7 | 8 8:00am YOUTUBE SALE |
| Breakfast Offering Information k NA | 10 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day Pastor's/Mariesa's Day Off 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 11 6:30pm Worship Committee by Zoom | 12 10:30am Bible Study 1:00pm LWR Quilting 5:15pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 13 6:15pm Bible Study/Zoom 7:00pm DAV/DAVA | 14 Women's Retreat at Camp Chrysalis 7:30pm Hymn Festival at Zion Lutheran | 15 Women's Retreat Chrysalis |
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DATED MATERIAL

PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY

Staff, Church Council and Ministry Team Leaders

Staff

Pastor Rev. Mike Widner
 Director of Youth Ministries /
 Parish Administrator Mariesa Robbins
 Administrative Assistant.....Dawn Young
 Organist Carol Bearce
 Pianist/Choir Accompanist Vanessa Jackson
 Choir & Worship Band Director Sally Walters
 Nursery Melanie Vogt
 Custodians.....Reinaldo & Irene Diaz
 Bookkeeper.....Suzanne Schroeder
 Financial Secretary Leona Hietala
 Treasurer Dale Meyers

Church Council

President.....Rich Patterson
 Education/Faith Formation Sheri Boos
 Fellowship/Secretary.....Susan Abbey
 Finance.....Tyler Wilburn
 Mutual Ministry/ Vice-Pres Dinah Ryson

Ministry Team Leaders

Education / Faith Formation Ministries
 Sunday School Superintendent
 Disciples Room Adult Bible Study... Thomas Hawkins
 Via de Cristo Reunion Group Dinah Ryson
 Ladies Bible Study Carmen Hawkins

All Other Ministries
 Men's Group.....Don Vogt
 Women of the ELCA.....Carmen Hawkins
 LWR Kits/Quilts.....Erika Robeson
 Prayer Shawls.....Kathy Hanley
 Bereavement Barbara Kovacich

Stewardship Team.....
 Mission Endowment FundJohan Rakotoniaina

Fellowship Ministries

Bunco Lisa Lopez
 Dominoes Leona Hietala
 Friday Night Fellowship.....Susan Abbey
 Second Sunday Breakfast.....Susan Abbey