



# Kinsmen

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November 2022

## CONNECTION

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# THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY FEAST



## Thanksgiving Day

11 AM - 1:30PM Meals inside or To Go

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# Pastor's Word

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November 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Joyful Generosity* is the name of our current sermon series. It is also how we envision our lives following Christ. We are called to live with joyful and generous hearts following the example of our God who gives so generously and freely to us!

An important part of life in Christ is participating in God's church. Your participation in the life of Kinsmen Lutheran Church is so very important. By joining together with other members, friends, and mission partners, our congregation continues to share the Good News of God's overflowing grace here and across the country and world!

As we consider our stewardship response this year, we do so knowing that there are many uncertainties. Some of us are in different economic situations than we were last year. However, all of us are recipients of God's love, grace, and generosity. That is certain! For this, we give thanks, we trust in God, and we respond in faith with open hands and joyful hearts.

As you consider your gift to God's church for the coming year, you are encouraged to grow in faith through generous giving. Perhaps an additional \$1 per day or a percentage increase would work for you. Or perhaps you could consider making one additional gift this year to your normal weekly or monthly contributions. Please prayerfully consider how you can grow in joyful generosity.

You will be receiving a Giving Intent Card in the mail. These cards will be received during worship on **Consecration Weekend** November 12-13. At that time, you will have a chance to place your card in the faith chests. (We will also have our **Congregational Meeting** at 9:45AM on November 13.) If you won't be in worship with us that day, please mail in your intent. Or, if you prefer, you can simply go online to fill out your Statement of Intent for 2023 at <https://bit.ly/Annual2023Intent>

Please note, as you consider turning in your card, that a Kinsmen family has generously offered a **Challenge Gift of \$25,000**. When Kinsmen receives 135 Intent cards (or online responses) from different families, this additional gift will be given to the church! So please turn your card in and encourage others to do so as well.

Thank you for all you do to support God's mission at Kinsmen!



Beth Warpmaeker, Senior Pastor,  
Kinsmen Lutheran Church



## ANNUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Kinsmen's Annual Meeting will be held on November 13 at 9:45 AM. Before the Meeting, we will have breakfast (coffee, donuts, tacos, fruit, etc.) in the coffeehouse beginning at 9:20 AM. You may then enter the sanctuary to attend the meeting.

You may attend ONLINE or IN PERSON. However, those attending online will only be able to watch, listen and submit questions via the Chat function. Online attendees will not be able to speak or vote.

Agenda items will include voting on the 2023 proposed budget, the Church Council members and the Nominating Team for 2023. On the weekend of November 5-6, a link to

the Annual Report will be emailed to you. There will be a limited number of hard copies available at the Welcome Center at Kinsmen. A Zoom link for the meeting will be emailed to those on our email list OR you can call Chris Ray at the church office and he will send you a link if you are a voting member. The Kinsmen Constitution defines a Voting Member in the following way: **"Voting members** are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation."





The image we have of God, informs whether we live with clenched fists or open hands. When we understand that God loves us unconditionally and that all we have comes from God's abundance, our lives are filled with joy, gratitude, and generosity. Join us for this 4-week sermon series where we will learn about the generosity of God and the life that will lead us to deeper joy.

## NEW SERMON SERIES!

### November 5-6

Giving Thanks and Giving  
Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

### November 12-13

Be Not Afraid  
Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 21:5-19

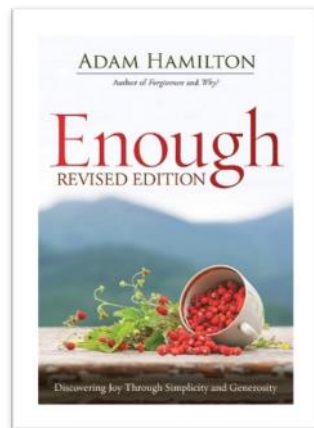
### November 19-20

An Inheritance to be Shared  
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

## Educational Opportunities

Sundays at 9:45AM  
through November 20

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton is a study that invites us to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. Through this study, we hope to discover the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity.



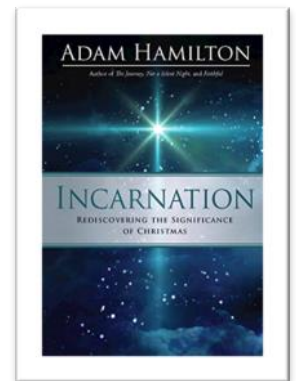
While the book, Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton, is not necessary it will enhance your involvement in the study. You can purchase this book from amazon.com, cokesbury.com, or your favorite online retailer.

Participants can register for this pastor-led study here: [bit.ly/EnoughClass2022](https://bit.ly/EnoughClass2022)

## Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

by Adam Hamilton

Sundays at 9:45AM  
beginning December 4



What's in a name? The prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. His parents gave him the name Jesus. How do these names help us understand who Jesus is and be drawn into a deeper relationship with Him?

Join us this Advent Season as we examine the names of Christ used by the gospel writers and explore the historical and personal significance of his birth. While there is so much that demands our attention during the holiday season, this study will help us refocus on the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness.

You can register for the Sunday, 9:45 AM Pastor-led class here: <https://bit.ly/IncarnationClass>.





JOIN US FOR A  
**thanksgiving  
eve worship**

BILINGUAL WORSHIP AT 7 PM  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23



*'tis the season*

TO DECK THE SANCTUARY. JOIN  
IN THE FUN AS WE PREPARE THE  
SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT AND  
CHRISTMAS ON FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 25 AT 6 PM.  
CONTACT KAREN CRISLER OR  
LYNNAE SCHATZ  
(LSCHATZ@KINSMENLUTHERAN.  
ORG) TO LET US KNOW THAT  
YOU WILL ASSIST WITH THE  
GREENING.

**November 25 at 6PM**

**ABENDMUSIK PRESENTS**

**CHRISTMAS  
ACROSS THE AMERICAS**

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

FEATURING THE MUSICAL ENSEMBLES OF  
KINSMEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 6PM**

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CONCERT



# EMMANUEL

## *God With Us*

### ADVENT

Wednesday Midweek Worships at 7PM

November 30 - Holden Evening Prayer

December 7 - Holden Evening Prayer

December 14 - Las Posadas

December 21 - The Longest Night

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4PM Contemporary Worship

6PM Spanish Worship

8PM Traditional Worship

10PM Traditional Worship

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25th

10:30AM Worship

## Group Ministry

While you cannot know everyone at Kinsmen, we want everyone to have a place at Kinsmen where they feel known as a sister or brother in Christ.

Joining a Group will help you experience what it means to be a part of a family of faith. Groups provide a place to share joys and struggles, read and respond to God's Word, and pray for one another. Our Group ministry includes Small Groups, Bible Studies, and Common Interest Groups.

Sign up and learn more using this form. <https://bit.ly/experiencefamily>



## Naomi Women's Bible Study

### Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith

1st Tuesday of the month, 10AM

Naomi Bible Study will continue its look at nature as our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture. The trees, the soil, and creatures are offering us new perspectives on the character of God and challenging us to deepen our stewardship of God's precious creation. Our November study offers us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust.

We welcome women of all ages to join us. Naomi meets at 10:00 AM on the first Tuesday of each month. Bible study lessons provided from *Gather*, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, form the background for discussion. We combine Bible readings with application to issues in our lives, community and world.

You will find the Naomi Circle to be an informal and caring group of women. Studies have some leader-led direction but a lot of sharing. We meet in the newly remodeled Coffee House in the Community Life Center and also offer online access via Zoom. For any questions, please contact Pastor Mark England.

## Are you interested in a Kinsmen Trip?



The Holy Land, Peru, the Apostle Paul's journeys....

There are several options for trips in the next few years, but Pastor Beth needs to know what interests you.

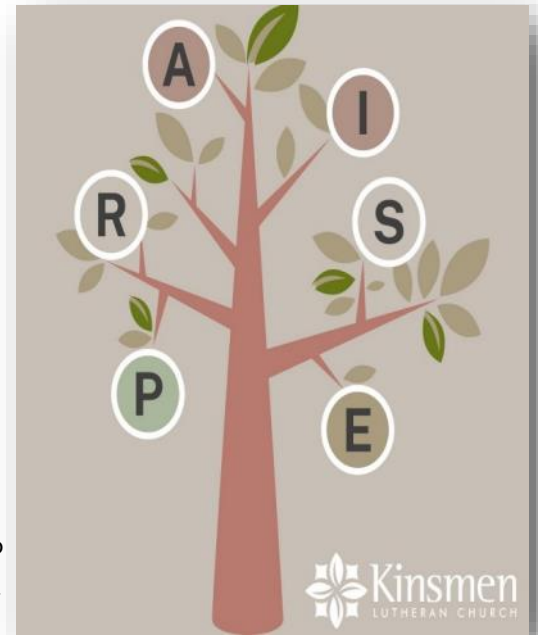
- We have a mission partnership with the church in Peru. Is this a trip that interests you? There is a group traveling there in July or August of this year.
- We have a mission partnership with Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. Would you like to go on a trip and experience the 5<sup>th</sup> Gospel – The Land—by visiting key sites from the Biblical narrative and learning about their history and current relevance? A Trip may be planned in 2024 if there is enough interest.
- Our synod has regular trips that follow the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys. One is scheduled for this April and the deadline for that is Nov. 5. Should we plan to take a group from Kinsmen in the future?

Email or call Pastor Beth at the church if you are interested in taking a trip with other members and friends of Kinsmen.

## Ways to Grow in your Faith as a P.R.A.I.S.E Disciple

**P**assionatE Worship, **R**adical Hospitality,  
**A**dventurous Service, **I**ntentional Faith  
Formation, **S**ensitive Evangelism,  
**E**xtraordinary Generosity

Because we want to connect you to concrete ways to grow in your faith, we have developed a Discipleship Path at Kinsmen. The Discipleship Path will help guide us as we grow in our faith through **worship**, hospitality, faith formation, service, sharing your faith, and generosity.



Fill out this form to be connected to ways to grow in your faith this season through **Passionate Worship**.

<https://bit.ly/KinDPWorship>

## Common Interest Group – Resetting the Table

Do you ever avoid certain topics with people with whom you disagree? I think we can learn skills to help us better engage in conversations even around tough political issues.

Join us as we learn and practice these conversational skills even around potential divisive issues. A group is forming that will meet for conversation at various area restaurants and breweries around a chosen topic of conversation. You can indicate your interest in this group through the Group Interest Form at <https://bit.ly/experiencefamily> and you can contact Pastor Mark [mengland@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:mengland@kinsmenlutheran.org) for more information.

Wouldn't it be great if the next time a divisive issue was introduced in conversation you felt like you had the tools to engage in conversation?

I believe one of the ways we can live out our call is to be members of our community who bring people together in a seemingly divided world. Join us as we share in this ministry of reconciliation.





# THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY FEAST



kinsmenlutheran.org

## Thanksgiving Day

November 24, 2022

11 AM - 1:30PM

Meals inside or To Go

at Kinsmen Lutheran Church

12100 Champion Forest Drive  
Houston, TX 77066



### What are you doing Thanksgiving morning?

Join in the fun with a 5K or 10K Run/Walk for your Turkey at 8 AM.

Register today at [kinsmenlutheran.org/run-for-your-turkey](https://kinsmenlutheran.org/run-for-your-turkey). #KinsmenRun4Turkey.

### Race day

is Thanksgiving Day, November 24 at 8 AM. The race will begin at Kinsmen Lutheran Church.

### Packet Pick Up

will be at Kinsmen Lutheran Church on November 20 from 1 - 4 p.m.

### Register

by October 31, 2022 to be guaranteed a T-shirt.

Registration (Deadline: Nov. 20) - \$30.00

Proceeds benefit Kinsmen Lutheran Church Community Thanksgiving Feast.





## Take Action On A Cause You Care About!

# thrivent®

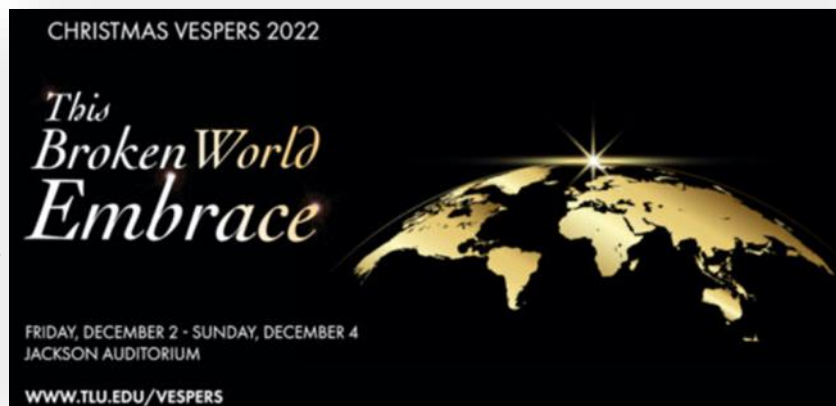
If you have a Thrivent membership, you have the opportunity to help transform the places where you live and work. Start with an idea to support a cause you care about. Simply choose a nonprofit organization you're passionate about, ask a representative there for their top needs, and offer to lead a volunteer team in a fundraiser, service project or educational event.

Then, visit [thrivent.com/actionteam](https://thrivent.com/actionteam) to complete and submit your project application. Once your application is approved, they will send you a kit that may contain T-shirts for volunteers and a Community Impact Card loaded with up to \$250 in seed money to kick-start your project. If you need help from Thrivent, contact Erin at 979-836-0693 Opt. 1 or at [erin.omalley@thrivent.com](mailto:erin.omalley@thrivent.com). If you need help deciding on a project at Kinsmen, contact any of the pastors or Lynnae.

## Texas Lutheran University CHRISTMAS VESPERS 2022

We live in troubled times; a broken world that's crying for peace, harmony and hope. In our own backyard we are assaulted by the slaughter of innocents, deeply entrenched racism, divisions in our civic lives and a lingering pandemic. Christmas Vespers 2022 seeks to bring a sense of peace, harmony and hope to the listener. The service, "This Broken World Embrace," is taking its title from a commissioned work by composer William Averitt.

Poet Robert Bode created a new text for the well-known Swedish hymn tune *Tryggare kan ingen vara* for this new arrangement by Averitt. It will receive its world premiere performance during Christmas Vespers December, 2, 3 and 4 in Jackson Auditorium and on December 11 at Saint Martin's Lutheran Church in Austin, TX.



Other commissioned works that will receive their premieres at this service of will include "De colores," arranged by Mari Esabel Valverde and "Coventry Carol," arranged by Douglas R. Boyer. Dr. Liliana Guerrero, Director of Vocal Studies at TLU, will join the TLU Choir, the TLU Treble Choir and Kantorei Chamber Choir as soprano soloist. The Orchestral Winds and Brass, under the direction of Professor Richard Herrera, will also be joining the choirs for the service. San Antonio actress, Sam Carter Gilliam, will lead the listener through the service of music and word.

Additional works to be performed include pieces for steel drum and choirs influenced by music of the Caribbean, a traditional lament from Ukraine, a movement from a Congolese style mass, and traditional pieces by J.S. Bach, Undine Smith Moore, and Susan LaBarr, among others. We hope you will join us for a service that seeks to lift hearts and spirits with peace, harmony and hope.

### Reserve Tickets (Available Starting November 1)

Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. ♦ Saturday December 3, at 7:30 p.m. ♦ Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m.

# C h i l d r e n ' s M

## Sunday School and Children's Choir

For Kinder-5<sup>th</sup> Graders:

9:45-10:30 AM– Sunday School in the Great Room

10:30-10:55 AM – Children's Choir in the Choir Room

For Preschoolers (ages 3 and 4):

9:45-10:45 AM – Sunday School in the Green Room

Ready to join us? Register today! <https://bit.ly/SS2022-23>



## Advent Retreat at Lutherhill

A gathering for 1st-5th grade youth to explore the joy of advent. Christmas is coming! Let's get ready...Advent is the sacred time in our church year that helps us prepare for Jesus to be born into our world, again. It's a time of holy anticipation and preparation. At this mini-retreat, campers gather for an action-packed 24 hours at Lutherhill. We will get ready for Christmas as we explore the story of Jesus' birth and prepare space in our lives and our hearts for Jesus to come.

This is a great retreat to try out Lutherhill before summer camp!

Let Sara know you're interested by Thanksgiving.

\$60 per camper

Are you a caring adult that will travel with us for the 24 hours of action-packed fun? Let Sara know!  
[sray@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:sray@kinsmenlutheran.org)



## Stewardship Milestone

November 6

Join us as we learn together about this weird church word – stewardship!

When: Sunday, November 6 from 12-2 PM

Who: Parents and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders

Where: Community Room

We all have things and people we take care of – our pets, our families, our toys, our friends – but what does that have to do with God? All these gifts come from God, and we want to be good stewards of them.

Please let Sara know you plan to attend so we can have enough pizza! [Sray@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:Sray@kinsmenlutheran.org)





# ministry News

## Playground Playdate

Saturday, November 5 at 10 AM

We'd love to help parents to connect with other families in the same life stage while kiddos connect with others their age.

Snacks and water bottles are provided!

If your kiddo is too young to run and play, we encourage you to bring a blanket or a stroller so you can still enjoy the adult fellowship. We will meet in the North Parking Lot (the small lot off of Pinewood Springs).

This event is aimed at those 5-years-old and younger and their caring adults, but all are welcome!



## Kinsmen Children's Academy Before & After School Program

We will be open for Holiday Care from 9 AM to 4 PM, December 19-22 and 26-30. Please contact Dennisse Mejia-Cruz ([dmejia-cruz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:dmejia-cruz@kinsmenlutheran.org)) before December 14 if you are interested in care for school-aged kids during Christmas break. The cost is \$125/week for 9 AM to 4 PM. Before and after care are available.

Register today for early bird pricing through November 30.

<https://bit.ly/KCADec22>



# MINISTERIO LATINO



Sagrada  
Familia

## Day of the dead Altar

Day of the Dead altars known as *altares de muertos* or *ofrendas* are set during the Day of the Dead celebrations on November 1st and 2nd to honor the children and adults who have died.

by Pastor Gabriel Marcano

*Ofrendas* are an essential part of the Day of the Dead celebrations. The word *ofrenda* means “offering” in Spanish. They are also called *altares* or altars, but they are not for worship.

Some people mistakenly think that Mexicans that set up *ofrendas* for their deceased relatives are worshipping them. Nothing could be further from the truth. Most Mexicans are Christian Catholics, so they only worship God.

Day of the Dead celebrations are based on the belief that the souls of the ones who have passed can come back to this world on these days.

Day of the Dead altars are arranged with different elements:

**Pictures** - of the loved ones are placed on the altar to make them present and revive their image.

**Flowers** - the altar is decorated with the *cempasuchil* or *flor de muertos* (flower of the dead). It is one of the most used flowers during the celebration; in some places its petals are set to make a path from the house door to the altar thus showing the way to the returning souls.

**Different Levels** - some altars are made with two levels that symbolize heaven and earth;

**Chiseled Paper** - the *papel picado* or chiseled paper are paper flags chiseled with saints' figures or skulls and skeletons that are placed like a table cloth on the altar. To some people they represent the element of air for the way they move.

**Day of the Dead Bread** - or *pan de muertos* is one of the most important elements in the altar as it is a fraternal offering to the souls in the catholic sense.





**Food** - a good example is the turkey with mole; these dishes are expensive and most of the families in the rural areas only make them for this occasion. Tamales, *atole*, fruits like oranges and apples and desserts like the *calabaza en tacha* (candied pumpkin) are also part of the offering.

**Spirited Drinks** - tequila, mezcal and *pulque* (fermented agave juice) are offered to the adults so they can relax and enjoy with their family.

**Candles** - show the souls their way to the altar and back to the dead world; they symbolize the light, hope and faith.

**Religious Elements** - the most common are crucifixes and Virgin Mary and patron saint images.

**Water** - a glass of water is set on the altar to calm the souls' thirst after their long journey.

**Salt** - a small plate with salt is set on the altar as a purifying element.

**Personal Objects** - in some areas, the honored person's tools, clothing or toys are added to the offering to make them feel at home.

The souls will only take the essence out of the food and drinks so at the end of the celebration, or in some places during the event, the family will gather and eat and drink the offered goodies and often share them with community members.



To have a better understanding of this day, you may want to watch the movie, *Coco*!

# YOUTH NEWS



S.W.A.T. (our high school ministry) gathers twice a month so that we can grow in faith and friendship. Students have an opportunity to lead bible studies, lead games and icebreakers, plan fellowship outings, and pray for one another.

Our gatherings in November will be November 13 and 27 at noon.

(register at <https://bit.ly/KinSWATNov13>)

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Kristen at [kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org).

## Mentors

One of the greatest requests from schools are for mentors. Mentoring a child not only benefits the child, which is most important, it is also a huge help for teachers. As much as they wish they could, teachers cannot spend as much one-on-one time as certain children need.

Might you have 30 minutes to share with a child a week at a local Klein or Aldine school? Interested in learning more? Contact Lynnae Schatz

## Youth and Family News

Are you receiving the Tuesday Middle School and High School Youth Ministry News?

These emails are one of the primary ways you will stay in the know on all things, especially Confirmation (Middle School) and SWAT (High School) happenings.

If you are not receiving the Tuesday email, please contact [Pastor Mark](mailto:mengland@kinsmenlutheran.org) at [mengland@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:mengland@kinsmenlutheran.org)

## Save the Date

Worship, Lead, Serve @ Lutherhill

February 17-19

A gathering for 6th-12th grade youth to practice daily discipleship.

Gather together with Jr. High and Sr. High youth from Texas, Louisiana and beyond for a weekend at the Hill in La Grange. We'll explore practical discipleship in daily life. What does it look like to follow Jesus at work and home? We'll practice discipleship as we eat community meals, explore our faith and engage in meaningful conversations. And don't worry! We'll have plenty of time for all your favorite camp activities and some random improvised ones, too.







### Upcoming events:

**Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Noon – Lunch**  
Hickory Hollow Restaurant 8038 Fallbrook Dr Houston,  
register [HERE](#)

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> Noon – Community Room**  
Potluck lunch with a white elephant exchange  
register [HERE](#)

**January Bishop’s Palace – TBA –**  
Basement to Attic tours \$37.85 per person  
Rosenburg Library Museum – Free

For more information contact Colette at [cedwards@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:cedwards@kinsmenlutheran.org)



**DR. ELAINE HOWARD ECKLUND**  
SPEAKER

World-renowned scholar, Christian leader and acclaimed author, Dr. Elaine Howard Ecklund was honored as the 2018 presenter of the Gifford lectures in Scotland.

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

### WHY FAITH AND SCIENCE NEED EACH OTHER TODAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022 AT 7 PM

Christ the King Lutheran Church - West Campus  
12211 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX

Wine and cheese reception will follow.

First 50 people to register will get a free book and can have it signed!

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL: [CHERYLGASPARD@CTKELC.ORG](mailto:CHERYLGASPARD@CTKELC.ORG)

## A NOTE FROM KINSMEN’S CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

This upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season is a time to celebrate God continually bestowing his many gifts upon the world. In this season of thanksgiving, we traditionally give gifts to recognize the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. The pastors and staff of Kinsmen have been a blessing to us all throughout a year that has been filled with joys and many challenges. They have repeatedly risen to the occasion and exemplify what it means to be disciples of Christ.

We continue the tradition of making a monetary gift to our pastors and staff who have faithfully and diligently served our church throughout the year. Please join us in marking your donation as “Pastors and Staff” and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church. On behalf of our Kinsmen Council, have a wonderful season of celebration with family, friends and Kinsmen Lutheran!!!!

Peace in Christ,  
Eric Fidler  
2022 Church Council President

## Budget Discussion Open House

If you would like to walk through the proposed 2023 budget with Kinsmen's treasurer, Mark Hanson, and other church council members, will be available to meet with you at the following times:

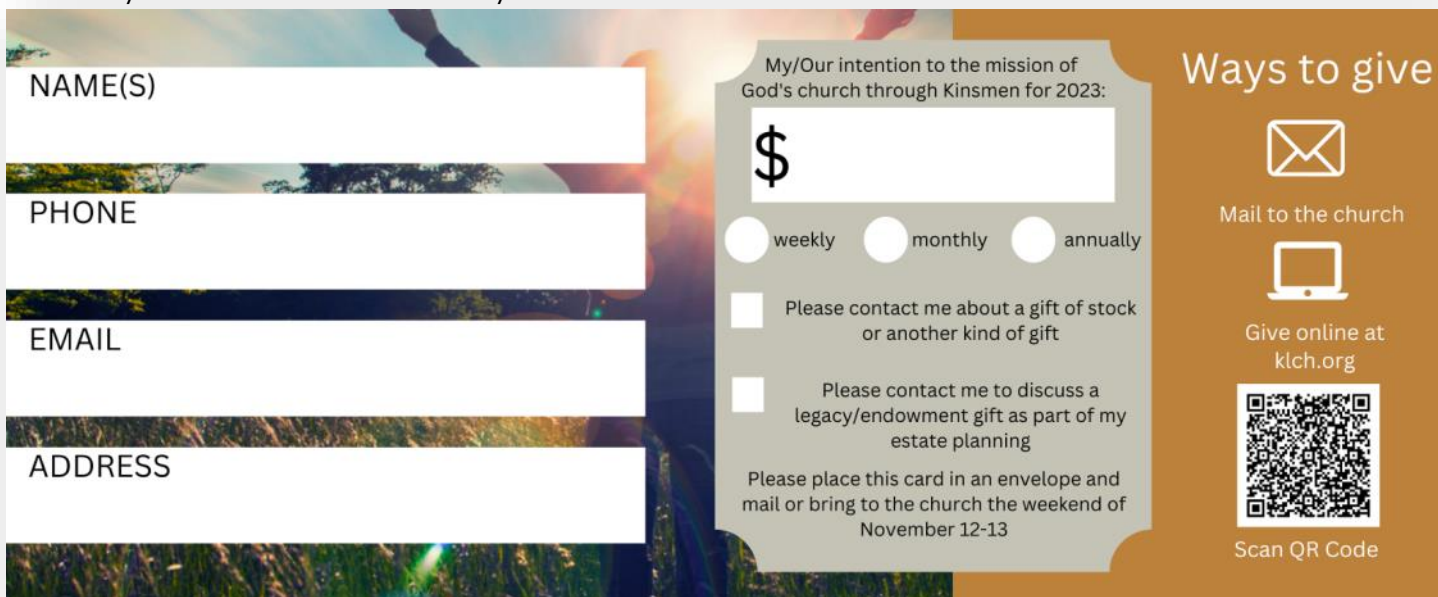
Nov. 5 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room ♦ Nov. 6 at 9:45 AM in the Conference Room

## Stewardship/Generosity

*We enjoy shade from trees we did not plant and water from wells we did not dig. - Deuteronomy 6:11*

You have been generous stewards of the many gifts God has entrusted to you—time, energy, skills, passions, and financial resources. THANK YOU. This month **you will receive a 2023 Annual Stewardship Intent card**. If we have an email for you, you will also receive a link to an online form/card. If we have your correct address, we will mail it to you. The Intent cards will also be available at church on Consecration weekend. Please prayerfully consider how you might give back to God the abundant gifts that have been given to you. You may fill out the paper card or the online card here: <https://bit.ly/Annual2023Intent>

If you choose the paper option, you may bring it with you to worship on Consecration Weekend–November 12/13. You may also mail it to the church at any time.



NAME(S)

PHONE

EMAIL

ADDRESS

My/Our intention to the mission of God's church through Kinsmen for 2023:

\$


weekly  monthly  annually


Please contact me about a gift of stock or another kind of gift


Please contact me to discuss a legacy/endowment gift as part of my estate planning

Please place this card in an envelope and mail or bring to the church the weekend of November 12-13

Ways to give

 Mail to the church

 Give online at [klch.org](http://klch.org)

 Scan QR Code

## Christmas Shopping Can Benefit Kinsmen

### AmazonSmile

If you are shopping online for Christmas, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. On your first visit to AmazonSmile you need to select Kinsmen Lutheran Church to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation to Kinsmen. Easy! And it will all help the church!

### Kroger Rewards Program

We encourage you to link your Kroger rewards card to Kinsmen. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more you shop and use your rewards card, the more money Kinsmen will earn! From May to August, 35 households used their card at least once for a total donation of \$76.25.



## Noisy Offering—ELCA World Hunger

This month's Noisy Offering is ELCA World Hunger

Did you know that more than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry?

**ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need because of their work through congregations and other partners. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, the gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

### Hunger facts\*

- 821 million people around the world - that's more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.
- According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population.
- 39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$25,094.
- This month's Noisy Offering will be collected on November 12 and 13. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to share grace.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger>

## Food Distribution

### Saturday, November 12

In partnership with Bridging for Tomorrow and the Houston Food Bank we are serving as a Mobile Food Distribution Site twice a month.

Visit: [kinsmenlutheran.org/fooddistributionvolunteers](https://kinsmenlutheran.org/fooddistributionvolunteers) to sign up to volunteer.

The food is available for anyone on a first come, first serve basis. Contact [Lynnae Schatz](#) if you have any questions.



## NAM – Holiday Toy Bags

We have an opportunity to help provide Christmas for children in our neighborhood. Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) receives requests from families to help provide Christmas for their children. NAM Holiday Toy Bags will be available in the narthex for you to take and bring back filled beginning November 12/13.

The filled bags will be returned to Kinsmen on December 4.



**NORTHWEST ASSISTANCE  
MINISTRIES**  
*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*



**Holiday Market**

DECEMBER 2, 2-7PM  
DECEMBER 3, 5-7PM  
DECEMBER 4, 9AM-2:30PM; 4-6:30PM  
IN THE COFFEE HOUSE



## November Birthdays

Floyd Blackwell	11/01	Natalie Rall	11/10	Virginia Bladel	11/18	Hope Agard	11/24
Gregory Ray	11/01	Judy Hellman	11/10	Lisa Ebner	11/19	Jill Henze	11/24
Archie Coote	11/01	Sharon Smith	11/11	Chase Wolter	11/19	Abigail Clifford	11/24
Vicki Beecher	11/01	Roslyn Potcinske	11/11	Sophia Herwig	11/19	Anne Jackson	11/25
Pamela Roth	11/02	John Miller	11/12	Patrick Covington	11/19	Ashley Kobmann	11/25
Morgan Shelor	11/02	Don Alewine	11/12	Timothy Stolz	11/19	Ashley Moore	11/25
Anne Morrow	11/03	Weldon Kuhn	11/12	Lexi Sanchez	11/19	Nancy Gealow	11/26
Zoe Kolkhorst	11/04	Lori Holloway	11/13	Leia Sanchez	11/19	Cheryl Ray	11/26
Johnathan DeLuca	11/04	Lisa Nott	11/13	Karen Crisler	11/20	Mike Nash	11/26
Cheryl Hope	11/04	Gretta Karker	11/14	Margaret Richardson	11/20	Emily Rawcliff	11/26
Katrina Hock	11/05	Carleigh Sartor	11/14	Kirsten Williamson	11/21	Sue Durrett	11/27
Charlotte Landgraf	11/05	Evelyn Ann Mills	11/14	Dan Sell	11/21	Joie Folkers	11/27
Brian Williamson	11/06	Michael Ford	11/15	Robert Kirkwood	11/21	Katie Kolkhorst	11/28
Mark Hanson	11/06	Trudi Trainor	11/15	Hayleigh Maisel	11/21	Jana Ray	11/28
Amanda Taylor	11/06	Katelyn Ford	11/15	James Hughes	11/21	Margie Fanaff	11/28
Harlan Martens	11/07	Beth Hilpert	11/16	Ethan Sewell	11/21	Kristian Simpson	11/28
Michael Henze	11/07	Laurel Adams	11/16	Bradley Young	11/22	Stephanie Brady	11/29
Karen Nielsen	11/08	Janice Gumm	11/16	Norma Cox	11/22	Ray Bradsby	11/29
Marie Douglas	11/08	Samantha Lyons	11/17	Karla Harms	11/22	Tina Metting	11/30
Linda Martens	11/09	Miranda Blackbourn	11/18	Shawn McAnear	11/23	Brenda Sewell	11/30
Kaela Moseley	11/09	Marilyn Blackbourn	11/18	Anna O'Neal	11/23		
Matthew Jones	11/09	Tim Jackson	11/18	Marilyn Bradsby	11/24		
Gabriella Leija-Avalos	11/10	Robert Rall	11/18	Lara Nott	11/24		



# GLIMPSES of GRACE



## KINSMEN BUDGET UPDATE - CHURCH ONLY OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS FOR September 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Income	112,704	114,856	2,152
Total Expenses	121,409	153,881	32,471
Net	(8,705)	(39,024)	(30,319)
<b>Year-to-Date (2022)</b>			
Total Income	1,188,006	1,232,319	44,313
Total Expenses	1,187,022	1,179,559	(7,463)
Net	984	52,760	51,776

## GIVING UPDATE

Thankoffering	Budget	Actual	Variance
September 2022	84,004	73,438	(10,566)
Year-to-Date (2022)	900,806	872,751	(28,055)
<b>Total Pledges</b>	124		
Against Pledge	118		
Rec'd in '21	1		
Non-Pledged	222		
<b>Total Households Giving</b>	341		

## GLIMPSES OF SHARING GRACE CARE MINISTRY

October 2022	
Flower Deliveries	24
Prayer Shawls	1

## GLIMPSES OF GRACE

September 2022	
Noisy Offering—TLU	\$1,689.37
General Mission Support	\$6,977.82
Designated Mission Support	\$217.20
KCA Scholarships	\$137.50
Good Samaritan Fund	\$1,893.00
September TOTAL	\$10,914.89
YTD TOTAL	\$117,921.62

# IN PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

## INFORMAL WORSHIP

Saturday  
5:30 PM

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sundays  
8:30 AM

## EDUCATIONAL HOUR

Sundays  
9:45 AM

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sundays  
11:00 AM

## MISA en ESPAÑOL

Domingos  
12:30 PM

## ESCUELA DOMINICAL

Domingos  
12:30 PM

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Contact Pastor Beth, Pastor Mark, or  
Lynnae Schatz for more information.

