

Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Christ the King is Full of...

Hearts Loved By God
Hands to Serve All
Through Jesus Christ

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We are called by Christ to care for, love, understand, and listen to each other, regardless of race, age, gender and gender identities, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, national origin, or economic status.

Staff

Pastor – AJ Striffler
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Congregational Council

Co-President: Joe Brunt
Co-President: Carol Strano
Secretary: Rich Lindstrom
Treasurer: Randy Kerr
Debbie Doyle Jody Fiorentino
Dennis Chapman Tammy Gow
Todd Eames Kathy Leonard

Financial Secretary: Phil Roberts

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays:

Contemplative Worship at
9:00 AM followed by
Faith Formation

Wednesdays:

Food & Fellowship at 5:30 PM
Faith Formation at 6:15 PM
Worship at 7:00 PM

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The Herald

SUMMER 2017

The ACTS Bible Study

The community of the Christ the King Lutheran Church is invited to participate in a summer-long Bible Study based in the Book of Acts, as it continues down the path of a deepened and renewed sense of identity and ministry.

The study anchors each participant in 4 key areas: **Mission, Purpose, Function, and Principles.**

1. God is actively at work renewing and restoring the world, inviting all of creation into a gracious and healthy relationship through Jesus Christ (Mission).
2. The Church is called into existence by God to tell the story of Jesus, inviting all of creation into this dynamic relationship with God (Purpose).
3. The Church is equipped to act in each and every circumstance – people, place, and time – to share the life-giving story of Jesus with the world around them (Function).
4. Rooted in the Scriptures and in faith in Jesus, the Church makes appropriate decisions that governs its life together and its ministry and witness (Principles).

A critical look at how this was done by the earliest church, correctly informs the ways we accomplish this today.

The ACTS Bible Study is being offered on Sunday mornings after worship (10:30 AM) and Wednesday evenings before worship (6:15 PM).



Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2. We are beginning a ride share ministry for those who are unable to get to worship and/or other church functions here at CTK. Some friends may need regular rides, just evening rides, or occasional rides. We will make a "ride tree" of people in a general area so folks don't have to go too far out of the way. Text/email/phone Jody Fiorentino (607-343-5609, jodyfio@stny.rr.com) to be a driver.

Need a ride? Contact Jody or the Church Office.

Caffeine and Conversation with AJ

Let's keep these great meetings going! I feel like so many of us have connected and gotten to know each other. There's real community building happening!

The summer dates are as follows:

Tuesday, July 25 – 2:00 PM at Panera Bread
 Monday, July 31 – 2:00 PM at Panera Bread
 Tuesday, August 15 – 10:30AM at Panera Bread (morning)
 Monday, August 21 – 7:00 PM at Panera Bread (evening)
 Tuesday, August 29 – 2:00 PM at Panera Bread

I look forward to seeing you there!!!!

~ AJ

Summer-Time Mini Town Hall Meetings

Any and every healthy congregation has open and transparent communication with all its members/disciples. That means that the Leadership of the congregation communicates openly about decisions, visions, and directions that might be explored. It also means that the 'secret and subversive meetings' of small groups (2 or more) within the congregation stop, whether they are in the parking lot, on the phone, or happen right in the middle of worship. These types of meetings are counter-productive, destructive, and antithetical to life together in Jesus.

The question at CTK is how to communicate with one another effectively and in healthy and wholesome ways, so that the community is both informed and strengthened?

This is a conversation that we all need to have together, so there will be two (2) **Town Hall Meetings** this summer. The first will be Sunday, August 6, and the second will be Sunday, September 10. The meetings will immediately follow the worship service.

Please join us, so that we can clarify how to best communicate with one another, speak openly about realistic and unrealistic expectations, and share thoughts, questions and discernment about Transformational Ministry.

REFORMATION 500 at CopperTop Tavern (4700 Vestal Parkway E)

What do you say we get out together, have a lovely (adult) summer beverage, and talk about what it means to be Lutheran? How about Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 PM?

Bring all your Luther, Lutheran, and Reformation questions for AJ. Not only is he an incredible Luther/Reformation geek, but it'd be a super-fun way to help celebrate his birthday!

Aluminum Can Tab Collection Results

Thank you to all who contributed can tabs! The following is from Gary Roller of the Synod Assembly Planning Team.

A couple of tidbits before I give you the final results of the 2017 Synod Assembly Can Tab Collection Project:

- *It takes 1400 can tabs to equal one pound. Across the Upstate NY Synod, we collected 407 pounds of can tabs. If I have done the math correctly, that equates to 569,800 can tabs collected.*

Can tabs come in every color of the rainbow plus the many other colors that are in a box of Crayola Crayons (the 64-variety size box).

Collections were brought to the Synod Assembly in a variety of containers. This included boxes, buckets, animal cracker containers, pretzel containers, contractor trash bags and a couple of glass vases. The total dollar amount that we realized is \$163.79. The Synod Assembly Planning Team will make a decision at our August meeting where the money will be sent. That information will be published when the decision is made.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the collection project.

Soup Kitchen

On Saturday, August 19, we will be serving our neighbors at the Soup Kitchen. Grilled chicken breast, potato salad, tossed salad, rolls and watermelon are on the menu. If you would like to contribute to the meal, please sign up in the Entry Way or contact Todd Eames (hteames@gmail.com or text at 761-3744).

If you would like to help with preparation, serving, and /or cleanup, the Soup Kitchen is held at First United Methodist Church (corner of McKinley and Monroe) in Endicott. Preparation starts at 10:30 AM and the meal is served at noon.

Office Note

The Office will be closed Monday, August 14–Friday, August 18.

Regular hours of 9am–1pm Tuesday–Friday will resume on August 22.

