

## 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

### Worship Schedule

*Sundays:*

Classic Worship at 9:00 AM  
Education Hour at 10:10 AM  
Progressive Worship at 11:15 AM

*Wednesdays:*

Coffee & Faith Talk at 1:00 PM  
Dinner & Faith Talk at 5:30 PM

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# The Herald

# OCTOBER 2017

### Slow Church Small Group Study

Beginning this month, the CTK community will take part in a Small Group Book Study. We are going to look at the book *Slow Church*, and explore ways to build healthier relationships (with God and each other) and create an even stronger community of faith.

Meeting times and facilitators are:

- \* Tuesday, 9:30 AM (Tues AM Group – Jan Prentice) – start 10/10/17
- \* Thursday, 9:30 AM (Prayer Shawl Ministry – Margie King & Althea Zayleskie) start 10/5/17
- \* Thursday, 7:00 PM (Angie Crawford) – start 10/5/17
- \* Friday, 10:00 AM (Friday AM Group – Evelyn Goetz) – start 10/6/17
- \* Friday, 7:00 PM (Bob & Linda Truman) – start 10/13/17
- \* Friday PM (Joe & Kathy Brunt) – start 10/13/17
- \* Saturday, 8:30 AM (Men's Group – Dennis Chapman)

With so many opportunities, there's one to fit your schedule! Sign-up sheets are in the Entry Way.

### Fall Faith Formation

On October 4, we will be starting Faith Formation Wednesdays. There will be two opportunities for learning and conversation – 1:00 PM and 5:30 PM. This will be an opportunity to discuss matters of faith, learn more about Lutheran identity and Reformation history, and delve deeper into the scriptures. We will be spending most of the Fall discussing matters of Lutheran identity, history, and relevance.

Coffee will be provided at 1:00; feel free to bring some cookies or treats to share. AJ will lead the conversation. At 5:30, we are keeping the dinner model that we began over the summer. Rich Lindstrom and AJ will co-lead that time together.

As with all the things we are doing at CTK now, this is an experiment. We hope that more folks will have the opportunity to engage in Faith Formation by not rushing to have it between two services on a busy Sunday morning, and that we can take the time needed to intentionally engage in faith development and community. Why not give it a try? See you there!



### New Format for 11:15 AM 'Progressive' Worship

Beginning this month, the 11:15 AM service will adopt a more intimate tone and setting. We will meet in the upstairs Fellowship Hall and explore worship along the lines of the early Church. There will be music and Communion, but outside of the 'stage' and 'theater' of the sanctuary, we will have the opportunity to discuss, reflect, pray, and remember in ways that are new, maybe deeper, and possibly more authentic. We are going to need a couple of months to figure out the correct flow - we want the experience to be organic and meaningful - so you are welcome to be part of the exploration and discernment, or wait until we have the recipe where we want it. Either way, YOU ARE INVITED!

## 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary OF THE REFORMATION

### Martin Luther Program and Dinner

A program celebrating Martin Luther, his beliefs, his music and the impact of his actions and beliefs will be presented at Our Saviour on Reformation Sunday, October 29th at 2:30 PM. The program will be followed by a German dinner. The event is free and open to all members of the community. Members of the church will do readings about Martin Luther and the Reformation. A PowerPoint program will highlight the people, places and things discussed in the readings. Martin Luther said, "Next to the Word Of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music." So, familiar and less familiar music written by Martin Luther will be an integral part of the program.

### The Reformation Commemoration

**The Reformation Commemoration** will be held at Christ the King on November 19 at 4:00 PM. Bishop Macholz will be preaching and Jim Ford will be leading the music. Light refreshments will be available following the service. If anyone would like to head up the refreshment committee, please see Carol Strano or Joe Brunt.

### Fall Assembly

The Southern Tier Conference Fall Assembly will be Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 PM at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Corning. We are encouraged to have our treasurer and some council members attend the meeting. This is to be a highly informative and interactive assembly as the Synod Bookkeeper Karen Eaton and the Assistant to the Bishop for Operations, Patsy Glista, will be there to present financial and other items pertaining to church finances. They will discuss, among other items, the responsibilities of Council members, treasurers, and pastors to comply with appropriate laws and regulations, including Security payroll laws, fraud protection and ELCA resources available for congregations. Any member of our congregation is eligible to attend and is encouraged to do so.



### Coats for The Floating Hospital

It's that time of year again! The weather will be turning colder and warm coats are needed for all. Please donate funds to buy coats for homeless children in New York. You can place your donation in the jar on the Welcome Center, or place your donation in the collection plate. Be sure to mark your donation for The Floating Hospital.

Later this month, Helga, Linda T., and Julie will be traveling to Pennsylvania to drop off coats. Thank you, Christ The King, for keeping this ministry alive!

### Community Garage Sale

Saturday, October 7th, 8am-2pm

Tables have been reserved! Come browse this Saturday!! There will also be a bake sale with funds going towards the ELCA youth gathering in Houston, Texas next summer. If you would like to bake some goodies, we'd love to sell them! Questions? See Julie Sifert -752-0395 (text) or [jsifert@stny.rr.com](mailto:jsifert@stny.rr.com).

### Soup Kitchen

On Saturday, October 21, we will be serving our neighbors at the Soup Kitchen. Lasagna, French/Italian bread, tossed salad, and cake 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](mailto: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.

### CTK Wine Tour Update

The itinerary for CTK's third annual wine tour on Saturday, October 28 is available in the narthex. We will be leaving CTK at 8:30 AM and returning at 4:30 PM. **Plases confirm your plan to attend.** There are still a few seats on the bus available if you'd like to sign up. Any questions, please see Kathy Leonard. Hope you can join us for a day of fun and fellowship!

### Socks for Souls

The Friday Morning group is collecting all varieties of socks and toiletries. These items will be distributed at the Soup Kitchen on October 21. Donations can be placed in the bin at the Welcome Center.