

## 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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Sexton – Gary Robertson

### 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:*

Dinner & Faith Talk at 5:30 PM

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# The Herald

# FEBRUARY 2018

January 25, 2018

To my sisters and brothers at Christ the King Lutheran Church:

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

By now you all know that I will be leaving CTK in a few weeks. February 11 will be my last Sunday. The week of February 12-16 I will spend cleaning out the office.

Although I understand this has come as a surprise to many of you, please know that the Leadership Team at CTK and I made this decision with all of our best interests at heart. The decision was, of course, affirmed by the Bishop and DEM of the Upstate New York Synod.

I thank you for the last year of ministry together. Building an 'intentional' Christ-centered community, as well as being an 'intentional' follower of Jesus is never easy. It is, however, the role and work of the Church. I am confident you will use everything you've learned this past year to continue growing deeper and deeper in the Lord.

I will hold you all in my thoughts and prayers as you transition to this next phase of your life and ministry together. I ask that you pray for me too, as I listen for what and where God is preparing for me.

In the time we have left together, let us continue to rejoice in the abundance of God's goodness and blessing. It is to that perfect abundance I commend you and the ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church, in the powerful and transforming name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most sincerely,

*The Rev. AJ Striffler*



**Ash Wednesday Worship – February 14**

**12:00 Noon at Redeemer Lutheran, Binghamton  
and  
7:00 PM at Christ the King Lutheran Church**

Worship with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

**Ashes to Go**

On Ash Wednesday (February 14), we will again be offering “Ashes to Go” in front of Redeemer Lutheran (corner of Chapin and Main Streets). The practice is a modern spin on the tradition of receiving a cross of ashes at the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Instead of sitting through a service, churches offering Ashes to Go give the Christian sign of penitence, a smudged cross of ashes on the forehead, to anyone who seeks it – even through a rolled-down car window. We will also provide bag lunches for those who need them.



**Note from Shona Forsyth**

Hi David [and CTK],

Thank you for the wonderful expression of love. It means a lot that our CTK family feels love for us and is hurting with us.

But we are insured well and up to this point we have not had a need that has not been met. The American Red Cross was there to help the day of the fire. And our insurance company has been there with a hotel for temp housing and they are paying for the current rental. We have been able to save most of our clothes.

Our biggest problems are the stress of change, rebuilding our home, and few things feeling normal. The most important thing people from CTK can do is pray for these problems. Emails to say hi and check in or a phone call now and then would also help. There may be needs that will come up. But the sound of the voice of an old friend either through the phone or emails can help reduce the stress and share the emotional burden.

Shona's new cell number (607) 744-8399.

Kinaed's for youth or adults who might want to call(607)205-9971.

House phone (607) 444-1049

You have my email.

Love and thank you for your emails,  
Shona

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 13, 5-7 PM

Sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church to be held at:

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
731 Hooper Rd., Endwell, NY  
Freewill Offering

Proceeds used to purchase New Testaments for NY State Fair booth  
Grace Church

**OR**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 PM

Redeemer Lutheran Church (Centennial Room)  
72 Main St., Binghamton, NY  
Freewill offering

Proceeds go toward Redeemer Renewal Fund  
If you are planning to attend, email:  
Redeemer\_lutheran@hotmail.com  
phone: (607) 748-0840

**Sandwich Prep for Ashes to Go**

On Tuesday, February 13 at 3:30 PM, we will be putting together sandwiches for Ashes to Go. Thrivent is providing everything, just come and assist. Afterwards, we will take the sandwiches to Redeemer and eat a pancake dinner. Everyone is welcome!

**Soup Kitchen**

On Saturday, February 17, we will be serving our neighbors at the Soup Kitchen. Beef stew, bread/biscuits, salad and cookies 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.

**Can Tabs for Synod**

During Synod Assembly in June, aluminum can tabs will be recycled and the funds received for them will go to a worthy cause to be determined. Bring your tabs and place them in the container on the Welcome Center.

**Amazon Smile**

Do you shop Amazon? Here's an opportunity to have donations made to Christ the King while you shop! Just use this link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-1183344>

For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will then donate 0.5% of the purchase price to CTK.