



The Sunday Times

February 11, 2018

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

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Christ the King Lutheran Church will take place on February 25, 2018.

Congregational Meeting



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will begin with a joint worship service on February 25 at 10:00 AM. After beginning our time together in prayer and thanksgiving, we will discuss the mission of the church, including ministry opportunities, election of Church Council and the adoption of the 2018 church mission proposal.

On the Sunday before the meeting, February 18, an Informational Session on the mission proposal will take place in the sanctuary between services.

All members and friends of Christ the King are invited, and encouraged, to attend both the Annual Congregational Meeting and the Information Session.

We thank Pastor AJ Striffler for his ministry at Christ the King over the past year. We wish him well with whatever God has in store for him next.

Thank you to Pastor Lori Kochanski for acting as the representative of the Synod at our Worship service today.

*The flowers on the altar are given by the Millers and the Westfalls
in honor of Valentine's Day.*



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.

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.

Socks for Souls

Recently, 30+ men's socks were gratefully accepted by the Rescue Mission. The Friday Morning group is currently collecting women's and children's socks to be donated to RISE (formerly the SOS Shelter). In addition, donations of toothpaste and soap are always appreciated. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Café.

Leadership Team Update

The Leadership Team met on February 8, 2018. Discussions are continuing with Synod leadership on the transition towards new pastoral leadership. The Leadership Team will be engaging in a listening campaign to help assess the congregation's desires and goals for the next pastor. Lifelong Faith Formation is continuing in various ways. The Leadership Team encourages the groups who have finished *Slow Church* to continue meeting. Copies of *Lutheran Basics* will be available as another study option. Education hour between services will continue studying that book. The Wednesday evening bible study is studying the *Reformation* book. The date for the annual meeting will be February 25, 2018 at 11:30 AM. There will be a discussion of the budget on February 18, 2018 between services. Christ the King and Redeemer Lutheran Church will work together during Lent, delivering ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thrivent has provided funds to make bag lunches to pass out on that day. Volunteers are needed to put together the lunches at the Church at 3:30 PM on February 13. There will be a sunrise Easter service at Highland Park, combining the area Lutheran churches.

Sunday School Teacher Needed

Would you like to help CTK children grow in faith? There is a need for a Sunday Teacher for a class that is currently made up of two young boys. All the curriculum is provided and the previous teacher (Meg Burczynski) is willing to talk with whomever is interested. Please let either Carol Strano or Joe Brunt know if you're interested.

Southern Tier Lutheran Churches Blood Drive

Our Savior Lutheran Church Community Room

Thursday, February 22, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

To make an appointment, please call Red Cross 1-800-RedCross or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

The Forsyth Family

The following is an excerpt from a note from Shona Forsyth:

"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 email is forsyth.shona153@gmail.com and cell number is (607) 744-8399.

9:00 AM Readers: 2/11 – Rich Lindstrom 2/18 – Corina Allen

Christ the King Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, 2/11 - Worship at 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, 2/13 - Sandwich Prep for Ashes to Go at 3:30 PM
- Wednesday, 2/14 *Ash Wednesday*
- Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, 2/15 - Prayer Shawl Ministry at 9:30 AM
- Friday, 2/16 - Friday AM Group at 10:00 AM
- Saturday, 2/17 - Men's Group at 8:00 AM
- Band Rehearsal at 10:00 AM
- Soup Kitchen at 10:30 AM
- Sunday, 2/18 - Classic Worship at 9:00 AM
- Informational Session at 10:10 AM
- Progressive Worship at 11:15 AM

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