

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 –

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Congregational Council

Co-President: Joe Brunt
Co-President: Carol Strano
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Todd Eames Rachel Schwartz

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

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Peanut Butter & Jelly

The term “Transformissional Ministry” has taken on an ill-favored identity for many of us at Christ the King. It might be safe to assume that the “Transfor-mission-al Goals” that were rolled out about a year ago, have dropped in the popular polls as well. Among the early decisions we will need to make, as a community of faith, which is part of a broader church that is committed to working God’s mission in the world, is our continued pursuit of the goals. However, I cannot see a path for Christ the King that “keeps things the way they used to be” since the world around us is not the way it used to be. I would like to propose a change in mindset around them: let’s rename the entire idea. Let’s never again use the term “Transformissional Ministry” and begin anew with exploring our sense of place within God’s mission. I propose we call them “Peanut Butter & Jelly”. The acronym PB&J can be re-purposed to mean: People Brought to Jesus. My actual point is that we can name it whatever we want, the work will still be necessary.

As a broader church, we will have to make decisions about our current path, as the current trend is one of decline. Decline not only in attendance, but in mission-spending as well. Decline not only in numbers of leaders, but of societal influence. Fear not, the Holy Spirit will never be lost, and God will always be with us – but, countless people may not learn of the power of those realities. Generations will lose the witness of you and I thriving in the work of God’s mission. Those changes in the broader church start within the walls of every community of Faith. Those changes start with us!

The first step we need to take is to establish goals for our future. Alice in Wonderland’s Cheshire Cat famously said, “If you don’t know where you are going, any road will get you there.” Might I suggest some food for thought; some questions for pondering our future: How can we prepare confident organizers, guides, and innovators? How can we increase involvement in our community here at 499 Plaza Drive? How can we make sure that worship experiences connects us deeply with God and reminds us He is our audience? How can we foster life-long discipleship? How can we shift to life-wide view of stewardship? How can we connect with our neighbors and those in our valley to better our world?

If we don’t develop leaders, increase interactions with our community, worship well, enhance our discipleship, and broaden our stewardship, then what would we do? Does God have some other mission that I may be missing? If so, let’s talk about it!

~Todd Eames



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday begins the sacred drama of Holy Week. There will be Traditional Worship at 9:00 AM and Progressive Worship at 11:15AM.

Maundy Thursday, March 29

We gather at 7:00 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church for a service of Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, March 30

Good Friday's brief noon service, "Litany of the Cross", moves around the Sanctuary as though we were walking with Christ through the Stations of the Cross. The 7:00 PM service involves *Tenebrae* ("shadows") with the ministry of Jesus being retold and Christ's words from the cross and sense the darkness of death. The evening ends with silence and time for personal prayer and meditation.

Easter Day, April 1

We celebrate Christ's victory over death beginning with a Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM at Highland Park in Endwell, followed by Easter services at 9:00 and 11:15 AM here at Christ the King. On Easter Sunday, there will be no Sunday School/Youth Education Hour held between services.



Order beautiful tulips in honor or in memory of a loved one and help decorate Christ the King's worship center for our Easter services. These lovely tulips will be delivered fresh to the church just prior to Easter and will be available for you to take home after worship on April 1. A special insert of tulip dedications will be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Price: \$8 per tulip plant (assorted colors)
Order Deadline: March 11

Order forms are available at the Welcome Center and are due by Sunday, March 11. Place form, along with payment, in the offering plate or in Marsha's mailbox. *Make checks payable to Christ the King Lutheran Church and write "Tulips" on the memo line.*

Monday Faith Formation Group

Interested in growing in your faith as part of a short-term group? Beginning Monday, March 12 there will be a group getting together to study portions of the book *He Still Moves Stones* by Max Lucado. Meetings will be held for bi-weekly for four weeks (3/12, 3/26, 4/9 and 4/23). All materials will be provided. Please see Denise Scalzo (phone 754-3781) if you're interested.

**Time to Clean House!**

Everyone's help is needed to get our church ready for Easter. A cleaning and sprucing up day is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 AM until noon.

List of tasks include:

- Dusting and knocking down cobwebs
- Wiping down pews and altar railing
- Refilling pew envelopes and sharpening pencils
- Cleaning coat rack area
- Cleaning the windows

Please bring dust rags, sponges, wood cleaner, and buckets. Let's band together and create an inviting atmosphere for our visitors, friends and family as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Please sign-up in the Entry Way. Also, if you're interested in heading up the clean-up, please see Carol Strano or Joe Brunt.

Following cleaning, don't forget to stop at Doug's Fish Fry Youth Fundraiser!

Doug's Fish Fry Youth Fundraiser

Doug's Fish Fry, Bake Sale and Raffle Fundraiser

for our teen trip to Texas

Saturday, March 24, 11am-6pm

at Matthews Planet Pre-owned on The Parkway

Pre-event tickets will be on sale soon.

Proceeds will help pay for travel expenses to the ELCA Youth Gathering.

See Julie Sifert with questions and ideas.

Friends Dinner

The next Friends Dinner hosted by Christ the King will be held on Tuesday March 6 at 5:30 PM. The Friends Dinner is a weekly dinner for individuals with HIV and AIDS that is hosted by various churches in the community and is held at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Binghamton.

The menu for the next dinner includes macaroni and cheese, goulash, rolls, salad, and dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet in the entrance hall, if you would like to contribute to the meal and/or help to serve the dinner. If you have questions, contact Angie Crawford (727-6497), Kelli Cruise (349-8557), or Carol Strano (725-6635).

Soup Kitchen

On Saturday, March 17, we will be serving our neighbors at the Soup Kitchen. Ham & cabbage, carrots, bread and cakes 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.

