

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES

Dennis Chapman

Dennis Chapman is a charter member of Christ the King and participates in the Men's Group, soup kitchen, and musical worship. He has been on the Church Council for the past two years. He has also facilitated Divorce Recovery and served on the Call Committee. Professionally, Dennis has worked as a medical and psychiatric social worker, and he has managed county behavioral health services locally and in a more rural upstate county. Over the past 10 years, he has been a social work educator at universities in New York and Pennsylvania.

Teresa Faughnan

Teresa has been a member of Christ The King since she was a child. She is a wife and mother of 4. She has built her career on the belief that her life's work is to help others. Teresa wants to work towards drawing families back to the church and rekindling the church activities and youth programs that once existed so many years ago.

Kathy Leonard

I have been a member of CTK for approximately 15 years. I have served on the leadership team, on the capital campaign committee, as a confirmation mentor, and am currently a worship assistant. I have attended a Lutheran church throughout my life and am happy to be a part of the strong and active faith community here at Christ the King. My work experience includes 38 years of teaching at the elementary level in the Chenango Valley school district and 20+ years as a volunteer for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I live in Binghamton with my husband Larry and mother Anne.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The 52nd Annual Congregational Meeting of Christ the King Lutheran Church will take place on Sunday, January 27, 2019.

The meeting begins with worship at 10:00 AM
and continues in the

Fellowship Hall with a light brunch at 11:15 AM
where we will celebrate the ministry accomplishments of 2018
and plan for God's mission in 2019.

Interim Pastor Report

As we gather in January to review the year past and plan for the year to come, I offer two important questions:

What do you hear God saying to you? How will you fold this into your life of faith?

Why these two questions?

First, because we often forget that God is speaking to us and guiding each one of us in our work in Jesus' name. Every single one of us! God speaks to each of us, calling us forward towards a life with Christ at its center.

God will use whatever is at hand to get our attention. It can be the words of a hymn, or a conversation with a friend. It can be a Bible reading, the message on Sunday, a comment overheard, or an article you read somewhere. Often it is through prayer, where we approach God and then listen for God's leading.

No matter what the means, God is speaking to each of us all the time. We receive words of comfort and grace, words that prompt great thanksgiving, or that call us to confession and move us towards a more faithful life. We hear words that remind us to love in word and actions.

Every single one of these words is important – not just to you, but for the whole of our community here at Christ the King. We have been called together to be God's people in this place, and we need the discernment of each member of this body in order to discern where God is leading us.

Here is a good example from Luther Memorial. Over coffee, one woman remarked to those at her table. "Last week when it was so cold, I saw two elementary school students waiting for the bus with no hat or mittens. Can you imagine?" From there, research was done, plans were refined, partners in the community were recruited, and 114 used coats, in good shape, were collected throughout the community and shared through 3 agencies.

God is speaking to you...and wants to speak through you to our whole community. Listen for God's word and then share these thoughts with one another.

The second question presses us to action: How are you going to fold this into your life? God speaks in order to help us grow as servants/disciples/ believers. God's word asks us to pay attention. If you have received comfort, then who is in need of a word of comfort from you? If you have been moved to give thanks, then how will giving thanks shape your days? If you have heard God's call to care for our elders, then ask yourself, "Do you need to visit someone? Are there elders with no one caring for them?"

Imagine the conversations we will have when each of us is tuned into God's word to us! Those conversations might be messy, uncertain, and changing direction...but I can assure you that when God's word is at the center, they will be powerful and Spirit filled.

What is God saying to us? What are we to do with that word?

The answers to these questions are more critical than all the rest put together.

~ *Pastor Gail Wolling*

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Meeting called to order at 11:25

Todd Eames opened in prayer

Business began with elections for new council members

Four nominees, from whom two will be elected: Rachel Schwartz, Teresa Faughnan, Karen Erdman,
Christy Banner

The annual report was shared and reviewed

Phil Roberts moves to accept the report; Tammy Gow seconds
Motion carries without object

Carol shares papers concerning the various ministries of the Church, asks that people share their name if they are part of a ministry or if they would like to be part of it

Ministry/worship
Shut-ins and hospital visitation
Youth
Faith Formation
Sound Booth
Property
Soup Kitchen
Prayer Shawl/Squares
Choir
Finance
Friends
Media Ministry
College ministry
Rides for Jesus
Coat ministries
CTK connectors
Sock ministry
Counters team

Budget portion of the meeting presented by Todd Eames

Todd discusses the financial report version—notes that it is a narrative budget that describes what the Church does with the numbers

Narrative budget showed that the church spent a lot of money on worship itself, more than on the other two categories (faith formation, role in God's mission)

Also seeking to find ways to share our role in God's mission with other Lutheran churches in Broome County

Promoting radical generosity in stewardship and promoting giving

Also discusses the spreadsheet for the budget; expenses include "pastor reserve," won't pay any pastor from that number until a new pastor comes

took Jim Ford's salary out of contemporary worship because he will no longer lead the music at that service

will continue to use the narrative budget in coming years, as a way of us telling the story of the church
Todd notes that FICA was paid in 2017, but omitted from budget summary from last year. Adds \$3900 to expenses

Congregation discusses budget

Phil Roberts moves to accept the budget; MaryAnn Samsel seconds
Motion carries without opposition

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Joe Brunt announces that Christy Banner and Rachel Schwartz are elected to Council

Kathy Leonard and Deb Doyle are given gifts for their service to the Council as their terms are ended

Floor opened to other business

Anne Guba asks the Bishop and leadership to discuss process of calling new pastor

Carol says that MSP will be tweaked, but not redone, that we need to decide by April 1, 2018 to continue in the covenanted process, wants to think about the transformational ministry process without thinking about the transformational money, will do the listening process in March about going forward with the ministry, will meet with the Congregation before making that decision; Joe promises that communication will be constant during the process

Bishop Macholz speaks and closes the meeting in prayer

David Banner moves to adjourn

Anne Guba seconds

Motion carries

Meeting adjourned at 12:14

Congregation Vital Statistics for 2018

Transfers Out:

Steve and Paula Johnson to Endwell United Methodist Church

Baptisms:

Beauen Barton

Bellamy Barton

Bethany Barton

Funerals:

Geraldine Gitler

William Goetz

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CO-PRESIDENTS

This year started out bumpier than we would have liked. However, since then, Pastor Wolling has joined us, fresh out of retirement. She has helped us to realize what a 50% pastor would look like and to create a clearer path for growth at Christ the King.

We will be starting up the small groups again with the reading of "What is the Bible" by Rob Bell in February. This is a much easier read than our last book and should prove to be a great discussion starter.

We believe that we now have a better understanding of where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Remember that 499 Plaza Drive is just a location of our church. Where the Holy Spirit leads us is the church. We keep hearing that "Something's got to change." Let's have Christ the King members BE the change!!

~ Joe Brunt and Carol Strano

DEACON REPORTS

Todd Eames – During this past year, worship has taken on a renewed focus for my work as a Deacon. We reinvented the 11:15 Worship with a new brand calling it “Organic Worship”. Several people have asked, “What is Organic Worship?” I offer in reply that you consider this: while trying to define all the nuances of a “normal” relationship would be difficult, defining those for a mysterious relationship with the Creator of the Universe would be as unique as we each are one from another, and more than impossible to assemble in a sentence or two. So, an Organic Worship Team came up with a few organizing principles for Organic worship that might help: contemplative, spiritual, informal, spaces for silence, interactive, engaging, open, joyful, and reflective. We seek to bring our relationship with God into our everyday walk. With those as primary guide points, the Organic Worship continues to grow, develop and evolve as does our relationship with God and each other.

A worship team has also begun to plan for our traditional worship service at 9:00 AM. The team is exploring various settings in the ELW, and finding unique traditional worship tones for seasons during the church year, while keeping an ear to the heart of our Traditional Worship service. Both of these efforts are keeping worship at Christ the King fresh and strong in their different styles.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Children’s Ministries

Jesus and Friends met during the year to support the spiritual growth of two elementary students. This was valuable time spent. More than just the two students visited with their friend Jesus - teacher Josh Faughnan led the students while congregation members enjoyed seeing the boys around the church. Jesus and Friends is always available and eager to welcome all.

~ *Julie Sifert*

Soup Kitchen, First UMC, Endicott

The Soup Kitchen continues to serve the folks in the neighborhood surrounding the First UMC in Endicott where the meal is provided. You all are great cooks and continued to prepare delectable entrees and delicious desserts! We continue to open each meal with requests for prayer needs and then hold those prayers up during our prayer of thanksgiving for God’s Grace. This year, Thrivent has financed a couple meals affording us the opportunity to go even further towards our goal of providing restaurant-style meals and service to guests who may not be able to afford it. We also added in our December meal, “Lunch with Santa” that brought more than a dozen children who were excited to meet Santa, have their parents take their pictures, and even get a toy (BEFORE CHRISTMAS!!) Their excitement was as obvious as the running hugs that Santa got that day. The folks who come to help serve are an enjoyable crew and are always open to new and interested people to join them.

~*Todd Eames*

Friends’ Dinner

Christ the King has been participating in serving at the Friends’ Dinner since March 2013. The Friends’ Dinner is a weekly dinner for individuals with HIV or AIDS, held at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Binghamton. Every Tuesday the dinner is prepared and served by a different church or community organization, with Christ the King serving once every other month. The dinners offer a place where guests and servers can come together, and share a meal and conversation. In providing these meals, not only are we offering nutritious food, but we are demonstrating our care and support of individuals in the AIDS community. Over time, we are forging relationships with the individuals who attend the meal. Christ the King will be continuing this outreach ministry in 2019. The 2019 dates are: March 5, May 7, July 2, September 3, and November 5. Please contact Angie Crawford, Kelli Cruise, or Carol Strano if you would like to assist with food preparation and/or serving at a future meal.

Thrivent Action Team Summaries

February 14, 2018

Ashes to Go – On Monday three of us went to the grocery store to purchase materials to make sandwiches, etc. On Tuesday, four people make up 150 brown bag lunches. On Ash Wednesday, deacons in their albs from Christ the King and Redeemer Lutheran provided Ashes to Go. This outreach mission takes place in the City of Binghamton in front of Redeemer. The deacons interacted with pedestrians as well as with the drivers of cars who pulled over to receive ashes. Also a bag lunch was distributed to 150 people along with prayer squares. The Action Team spent a total of 87 hours. Thrivent Financial provided \$250 dollars to purchase all materials. Team was made up of 12 volunteers.

March 24, 2018

Doug’s Fish Fry for Youth Trip to Houston, Texas – On Saturday the youth had a bake and food sale and hosted Doug’s Fish Fry. They received \$200 from Doug’s which went to the youth trip. The Thrivent Funds went toward purchase of materials to make the bake goods and raffle items. The remaining funds from Thrivent went to the youth fund. A dozen volunteers assisted in the baking and 100 people came for the bake sale. The Action team spent a total 140 hours.

June 16, 2018

Soup Kitchen – On Saturday the 16th, Christ the King volunteers made and provided lunch at the soup kitchen. The meal was picnic style with hamburgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill and all the trimmings. This is a monthly Lunch Mission that the churches in the area share to serve those in need. On average they serve 60 plus meals each time. If any food is left, the remaining food and condiments are given to the evening group to serve along with their menu. The Action Team served a total of 98 volunteer hours. Thrivent Financial provided \$250 dollars to purchase all materials. Team was made up of 8 volunteers.

August 19, 2018

Sing Along – On Sunday the 19th, Jim Ford with his choir and musical instruments players performed a sing along as a means to purchase new choir music. Some of the new choir music that was purchased was sung by the choir and then the audience has an opportunity to sing along. The Action Team spent 35 total volunteer hours. Thrivent Financial provided \$250 dollars and purchased six new songs for the choir. A total of 96 pieces of sheet music was purchased for Jim Ford. Team was made up of 10 volunteers.

September 4, 2018

Back Packs for Kids – The week before the 4th Christ the King requested that the congregation bring to church pencils, rulers, binders, and any school supplies that a kid may need to start school. Thrivent Action Team gave \$250 dollars for the purchase of back packs. Back Packs were filled with school supplies by our congregation after our service on Sunday. The following Tuesday 40 Back Packs were distributed, 20 to Roosevelt Elementary and 20 Wilson Elementary. Both principals were delighted and know which students should be receiving this gift. The kids surprise and excitement made our volunteers very happy.

October 31, 2018

Gathering Potatoes – Due to the floods this year, the field of potatoes that the Southern Tier Tractor Club donates each year to the food banks was destroyed. We challenged the other Lutheran Churches to have members bring one bag of potatoes to church the week of October 29th. With the donation from Thrivent Financial and the help of three Lutheran churches we were able to supply the shelves of the Southern Tier Food Bank. With Thrivent Financials \$250 dollars and WEIS Market donation of \$25 dollars, we were able to purchase 920 pounds of potatoes. The three churches provided an additional 580 pounds making a total of 1500 pounds.

November 22, 2018

Thanksgiving Dinner – Members of Redeemer and Christ the King has hosted and cooked Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. There is no cost to those who attend. We have done this for many years and average feeding 100 people. Thrivent Financial \$250 dollars donation is used to purchase Turkey and Ham, stuffing, potatoes, and of course dessert for the dinner. We have a couple from Redeemer that volunteers each year to cook and Christ the King volunteers to assist all other duties. There were 13 volunteers and they spent 126 hours preparing and serving this meal.

Thrivent Action Team Summaries, continued

December 15, 2018

Christmas Luncheon – Christ the King hosted a Christmas Luncheon at First Methodist Church in Endicott, NY. Volunteers from our church prepared, served and socialized during this meal. This was a Christmas meal for those who otherwise would not have one. Thrivent Financials \$250 dollars donation was used to purchase hams, turkey, potatoes, stuffing and the trimming, plus dessert. Sixty six people were served a good Christmas Luncheon and twelve children received a present from Santa (Teddy Bear). Nine volunteers spent 98 hours preparing and serving, and cleaning up the kitchen.

Total contributions: \$2000; over 600 hours. and over 70 volunteers. Thank you Thrivent and our volunteers!

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Westfall

Thrivent Action Team Members: Corina Allen, Cliff Miller, Lynn Miller, Kathy Leonard, Margo Roberts, Elizabeth Westfall, and Michael Westfall

SMALL GROUP REPORTS

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Just about every Thursday morning you can find a group of ladies gathered around tables in the CTK Café with knitting needles, crochet hooks, Bibles and snacks. These are your prayer shawls. Together they have made hundreds of prayer shawls and prayer squares over the years. In 2018, they gifted people with prayer shawls who were going through difficult times and offered hundreds of prayer squares to worshippers, funeral mourners, nursing home residents, college students, and others in our community. It's not uncommon to find a visitor inspecting the basket with the prayer squares. We also provide baby blankets for infants being baptized.

We when gather, we not only knit and crochet, but we also pray through the Psalms, for people who will receive the prayer shawls and squares, and offer up our own prayer requests.

Need a prayer shawl or know of someone who could use one? Want to be a part of this ministry. See Margie King or Althea Zayleskie.

Friday Morning Group facilitated by Evelyn Goetz

The Friday AM Group meets every Friday from 10 AM to 11:30 AM in the Fireplace Room. Our most recent study has been a book called: "Rediscover Jesus" that we will continue reading and discussing throughout January. Our discussions are casual as we ponder what we have read. All are welcome to join us for our pondering, and refreshments.

STAFF REPORTS

Music Director Report

Once again it must be pointed out that Christ the King has an abundance of musical and artistic talent. The dedication of our choir members is outstanding, and we have soloists who have stepped up so willingly to lead everyone in singing the psalms. During the summer months our singers and instrumentalists share their gifts with us to enhance the worship experience.

Our "Sing In" in August proved to be a fun event, and because of it Thrivent (with Rick Westfall's assistance) made a contribution to our music budget that allowed us to purchase several new anthems for the choir.

Pastor Wolling brings a wealth of new ideas for worship to Christ the King. It is a joy working with her.

The start of the new church year on the First Sunday of Advent was very memorable. Bob Tomanek of Congregation Mashiach Yisrael (which holds services Friday evenings at CTK) opened the service with a Call to Worship first in Hebrew, then in English followed by a blast on a shofar (ram's horn).

~ *Jim Ford*

STAFF REPORTS, continued

Church Administrator Report

January 7, 2019 marked my 5-year anniversary as Church Administrator. Although some things in the Office have changed, I've enjoyed those years and look forward to many more!

In my role as Church Administrator I wear many hats: bulletin and insert preparer, *Crossings* (the weekly e-newsletter) and the *Herald* (the monthly newsletter) writer and preparer, supply and flower orderer, mail sorter, media booth technician as well as many others that administratively support the ministries of Christ the King.

Thank you to all who make each day in the Church Office a positive one. I want to give a "shout out" to Lorna Kinsman who comes in every Friday to fold the bulletins and inserts for the week.

Let me know if you ever have questions or suggestions, or just want to say "hi". Office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM – 1:00 PM.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

With God's Grace the following projects were completed (not in chronological order):

- Cleaned gutters—Spring and Fall
- Installed screens in downspouts
- Repaired adjoining bathrooms from water leak including vanities
- Repaired thermostat for upstairs Fellowship Hall
- Install CO₂ detector
- Replaced furnace filters
- Water pump checked and re-set
- Patched vent boot on roof
- Sealed and striped parking lot
- Repaired upstairs foyer light
- Spot clean and repair sanctuary carpet

We will continue to be as proactive as possible with church and grounds in the coming year. We thank God for this opportunity to serve.

We also would like to thank the following for their work and support:

- The Leadership Team
- Bob Truman for the restoration/rebuilding of both bathroom vanities.
- Linda and Bob Truman and Debbie Doyle for the new rods and valances for the narthex.
- To all who jumped in and helped when they saw something that needed to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

~ *Pat Doyle, Larry Leonard, and John Lurenz*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

		Inc	Exp	Net/Yr	Net Cuml	
	2015	\$38,528	\$28,704	\$9,824	\$9,824	
	2016	\$35,494	\$3,610	\$31,884	\$41,708	
	2017	\$23,416	\$1,800	\$21,616	\$63,324	
	2018	\$7,075		\$7,075	\$70,399	
	Totals	\$104,513	\$34,114	\$70,399		
	Plan	\$175,000				
	Diff	-\$70,487				
			Expenditures			
Per May/June 2015 Herald			Plan	Actual	Year	Diff
	1. LED Lights through the building		\$2,532	\$2,272	2015	\$260
	2. Windows in interior doors		\$600	\$800	2015	-\$200
	3. Mold abatement					
	4. Cleaning all carpets		\$1,600	\$1,600	2015	\$0
	5. Repair of ceiling in sanctuary		\$2,775			
	6. Removal of dead trees near parking lot	No est.	\$750	\$750	2015	\$0
	7. Snowbirds (to stop ice jams in gutters)		\$1,500	\$1,500	2015	\$0
	8. Sealing of parking lot	No est.	\$3,170	\$3,170	2015	\$0
	9. New door for old building est.		\$5,000		2016	\$5,000
	10. Repair/replace handrails on old building stairs		\$500	\$1,600	2016	-\$1,100
	11. Hot water heater – tankless? on demand for sinks?		\$4,000			
	12. Windows in original building 16 windows x \$500		\$8,000			
	13. Boiler est.	\$35,000	\$65,000			
	14. Organ		\$25,000			
	15. Roof of original building (incl snowbirds)		\$16,500			
<i>Other items in no particular order (note: items without estimates are expected to be minimal)</i>						
	Upstairs Bathroom		\$15,000			
	Media booth computer and projector		\$2,500	\$970	2016	\$1,530
	Refurbish/redesign fellowship hall ceiling					\$0
	Redesign lighting in Entrance Way					\$0
	Redesign lighting in Café					\$0
	Paint offices					\$0
	Paint Café					\$0
	Paint Entrance Way			\$1,800	2017	-\$1,800
	Maintenance of sheds					\$0
	Mortgage Payment					\$0
	Tithe a gift to the world		\$17,500			
Not in Plan						
	Capital campaign costs		\$0	\$2,045	2015	
	mission investment		\$0	\$7,682	2015	
	Clean Heating System		\$0	\$1,182	2015	
	gutters		\$0	\$2,500	2015	-\$2,500
	painting multiple years		\$0	\$5,203	2015	-\$5,203
	microphone upgrade		\$0	\$1,040	2016	-\$1,040

FINANCE TEAM REPORT

This year’s rallying cry for Finance has become, “Something’s Gotta Change!”. You can find the rows and columns of Christ the King’s financial story elsewhere in this annual report. But, the stark Mathematics only provides a limited view of the work of the Holy Spirit and Her compelling us to a place of Radical Generosity. Many of us may be praying for the Holy Spirit to provide Christ the King the resources necessary to support our ministries that we believe are part of our role in God’s mission in the world. What if we have these prayers reversed? What if we should be praying for more ministry opportunities, knowing full well that the Holy Spirit will provide, and always has provided, for those ministries to which God calls us in His mission? Our focus will shift from the numbers in the pews, to the hearts in our community.

Since 2015, our financial contributions to various local and global mission efforts has increased as a percent of the total offerings we receive (from 13% to 16%), but, the total dollars has declined from \$17,281 in 2015 to \$14,562 in 2018. The 2019 budget has hope that our mission dollars increase to \$16,500, or 18% of our offerings. That’s the change. That’s the call. Who will answer?

Historical Actual

	2015	2016	2017	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2019-2018 Budget
Mission Support	\$ 4,204	\$ 4,697	\$ 6,420	\$ 7,140	\$ 8,933	\$ 9,640	\$ 707
The Wider Church	\$ 17,281	\$ 14,096	\$ 16,639	\$ 17,750	\$ 14,562	\$ 14,500	\$ (62)
Ministry Support	\$ 13,751	\$ 22,975	\$ 8,982	\$ 12,195	\$ 13,431	\$ 6,525	\$ (6,906)
Pastor	\$ 46,238	\$ -	\$ 76,264	\$ 52,965	\$ 43,019	\$ 49,462	\$ 6,444
Staff	\$ 42,374	\$ 44,123	\$ 46,672	\$ 34,509	\$ 36,582	\$ 36,041	\$ (541)
Operating Expenses	\$ 11,357	\$ 9,568	\$ 9,978	\$ 9,700	\$ 7,834	\$ 10,398	\$ 2,564
Facilities	\$ 33,398	\$ 30,143	\$ 38,786	\$ 33,282	\$ 35,249	\$ 35,282	\$ 33
Total Expenses	\$ 168,602	\$ 125,602	\$203,740	\$ 167,541	\$ 159,609	\$ 161,848	\$ 2,240
Identified Offerings	\$ 161,331	\$ 147,835	\$148,517	\$ 155,000	\$ 145,924	\$ 145,000	\$ (20,924)
Other Income	\$ 10,867	\$ 5,240	\$ 27,207	\$ 13,490	\$ 20,293	\$ 9,340	\$ (10,953)
Total Income	\$ 172,198	\$ 153,075	\$175,724	\$ 168,490	\$ 166,216	\$ 154,340	\$ (31,876)
Total Expenses	\$ 168,602	\$ 125,602	\$203,740	\$ 167,541	\$ 159,609	\$ 161,848	
Total Income	\$ 172,198	\$ 153,075	\$175,724	\$ 168,490	\$ 166,216	\$ 154,340	
Overall Total	\$ 3,596	\$ 27,473	\$ (28,016)	\$ 950	\$ 6,608	\$ (7,508)	
	2.09%	17.95%	-15.94%	0.56%	3.98%	-4.86%	