



The Sunday Times

February 16, 2020



Mark Your Calendars for Lenten Services
The 40 days of Lent begin on February 26, 2020 with Ash Wednesday. This year, Christ the King will hold its Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 PM. This service will be a service following the order of worship in the ELCA Worship resource (the Red Book). During Lent, we will celebrate the sacrament of communion on all Sundays in Lent and on Maundy

Thursday. We will not celebrate the sacrament of communion on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday. This will give us the opportunity to focus on the Invitation to Lent on Ash Wednesday and the Imposition of the Ashes as we journey together towards Good Friday and the crucifixion of our Lord.

A Maundy Thursday simple meal (soup and bread) will be held at 6:00 PM followed by worship at 7:00 PM in the Upper Room on April 9. If you are willing to help coordinate the soup/bread meal, please contact Marsha in the office.

Good Friday services will be held at 7:00 PM on April 10.

Ashes to Go

Ashes to Go will be happening again this year at Redeemer Church, 72 Main Street in Binghamton, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Ash Wednesday (February 26).

On Tuesday, February 25 at 3:00 PM, we will be putting together sandwiches here at CTK for Ashes to Go. Everyone is welcome to help!

*The flowers on the altar are given by Marilyn Dawes
in honor of her mother's 100th birthday.*

Christ in Our Home, Christ in Our Hearts –
Worshiping God with a Pure Heart

The devotion reproduced in today's insert—by permission of Augsburg Fortress (I called them)—from last Saturday was brought to my attention. While it speaks of attachments and legalism and can appear to be harsh, perhaps it may also be a comfort to all of us as we go through some adjustments in worship. As I joined you in ministry in December, you had just begun to have one worship service and the pattern of worship that is now in place is all I know of this particular congregation. Nevertheless, other than the Bible, the sacraments, and the theology, the traditions are somewhat foreign to me! As a Presbyterian, I am used to different liturgies and different tunes to specific sung responses and hymns! In many cases, we have the same words to the hymn, but different tunes. It can be uncomfortable to be in a different context; however, we still worship the same God, share one baptism, read and study the same Bible, and have a common theology.

For those who worship at Christ the King and who have regularly attended a 9:00 AM service or a 11:15 AM service, it can also be uncomfortable as styles, tunes, and even words come together. We are all in this together. It was heartwarming to hear the strengths of this congregation and the talents of its people at the Town Hall Gathering last Sunday. I heard a common theme: welcoming, tolerance, sense of community. Those present all committed to walk together during this time of worship transition with love and forbearance. Most importantly, we want to honor God and worship God with pure hearts. We are doing something new as we explore how we might grow together in worship and learn more about our worship. The worship planning team spent some time discussing several ELCA articles about worship. This information will be shared with the congregation along the way so that we may all learn and grow together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Cheryl Ann

God's Work Our Hands – Socks for Homeless Souls

During the month of February, we will be collecting socks and other items for the Southern Tier Homeless Coalition. The Coalition is a collaborative non-profit organization committed to providing solutions for homelessness in the Southern Tier area. They would greatly appreciate supplies for “Outreach Kits” which are given to those in need.

Suggested items for the kits are:

- Insulated Socks (Men size 6-12 & Women size 5-9)
- Gloves/Knit Hats
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Soap/Washcloth
- McDonald's Gift Cards
- Bottled Water

Please bring your items by February 29 and place on the table in the Entry Way. If you have questions, please see Evelyn Goetz.

Rides for Jesus

Rides for Jesus, CTK's ride share ministry, is looking for a driver to provide a ride for Barb Kinney from Sunset Drive (off Glenwood Road) in Binghamton on the following Sundays: March 1, March 22, and April 5. If you can help, please contact Tammy Gow at 240-8210.

Southern Tier Lutheran (ELCA) Churches **Red Cross Blood Drive**

A blood drive will be held at Our Savior, 731 Hooper Road, Endicott on Thursday, February 27 from 2:00 PM. Appointments can be made at www.redcrossblood.org or drop-in to donate.



John Messersmith	2/16
Amanda Westfall	2/17

Readers: 2/16 – Pat Doyle 2/23 – Karen Erdman

Christ the King Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, 2/16 - Worship at 10:00 AM
- Faith Formation at 11:15 AM
- Communion & Worship Assistants meeting at 11:15 AM
- Monday, 2/17 - CMY Isaiah Study at 6:00 PM
- Vinsaya Yoga at 6:15 PM
- Tuesday, 2/18 - CMY Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, 2/19 - CTK Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, 2/20 - Prayer Shawl Ministry at 9:30 AM
- Friday, 2/22 - Friday AM Group at 10:00 AM
- Congregation Mashiach Yisrael at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, 2/22 - Men's Group at 8:00 AM
- Leadership Team Retreat at 10:00 AM
- Sunday, 2/23 - Worship at 10:00 AM
- Faith Formation at 11:15 AM

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