



The Sunday Times

February 23, 2020



Lenten Services

The 40 days of Lent begin this Wednesday, February 26 with Ash Wednesday. This year, Christ the King will hold its Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 PM. This service will follow 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!

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.

*The flowers on the altar are given by Mike and Rachael Leonard
in honor of family.*

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

The worship planning team has been discussing patterns of worship in the Lutheran Church and in particular the resources available through the denomination. It reviewed some articles about the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW – the red book) which was published in 2006 (replacing the former *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW – the green book) published in 1978). There is a lot of history in these two worship resources as well as the resources that predate them. The ELW was the first major project and worship resource produced since the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in 1988 from three predecessor denominations: the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. The work on the ELW began in 2000 although many things had already been happening prior to the launch of this project: the Revised Common Lectionary was approved for the ELCA in 1994, *With One Voice* supplemental worship book and song collection was produced in 1995, *The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament* was published in 1997, and *Worship and Praise* (a collection of “contemporary” songs) was published in 1999. These and other supplemental resources are available and are referred to in the Sundays and Seasons worship preparation resource of the ELCA. There is an understanding that one book doesn’t do it all. In fact, yet another hymnal supplemental resource called “All Creation Sings” will launch in the Fall of 2020.

While it is a resource provided by the denomination, the ELW (as the LBW before it) does not carry the “Authorized” status, rather it is “Commended.” Following the Lutheran value of evangelical freedom, the ELW is clear to highlight both freedom and flexibility in worship. In other words, the exact shape of a worship service is not mandated. That is both a joy and a challenge. Each congregation develops its own patterns for worship. As part of the Reformed Tradition, Lutherans have always been concerned with paying attention to new expressions of faith that demonstrate fidelity to and love of God and God’s world. Again, how that is done is up to each congregation. We will continue to explore the concepts of “freedom and flexibility” and how they might apply to our spiritual lives and common worship.

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.

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.

Office Note

The Office will be closed on Wednesday, March 4. Regular hours of 9-1 will resume on Thursday, 3/5.



Sandy Harris	2/24
Althea Zayleskie	2/25
Bob Truman	2/26

Readers: 2/23 – Karen Erdman 3/1 – Mary Lynne Flowers

Christ the King Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, 2/23 - Worship at 10:00 AM
 - Faith Formation at 11:15 AM
- Monday, 2/24 - CMY Isaiah Study at 6:00 PM
 - Vinsaya Yoga at 6:15 PM
- Tuesday, 2/25 - Sandwich Prep for Ashes to Go at 3:00 PM
 - CMY Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, 2/26 *Ash Wednesday*
 - Ashes to Go at Redeemer at 11:00 AM
 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, 2/27 - Prayer Shawl Ministry at 9:30 AM
- Friday, 2/28 - Friday AM Group at 10:00 AM
 - Congregation Mashiaich Yisrael at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, 2/29 - Men's Group at 8:00 AM
 - Bible Study for Preachers at 10:00 AM
 at Pastor's house
- Sunday, 3/1 - Worship at 10:00 AM
 - Faith Formation at 11:15 AM

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