

The King's Herald

February 2026



Service Times!

Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Traditional)
10:40 a.m. (Contemporary)

Wednesday

11:45 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!

February 6

Prayer Summit

February 7

Black Belt Regional Mission

February 11

2nd Wind Fellowship

February 13-16

Youth Retreat

February 14

Happy Valentine's Day

February 16

President's Day (CDC Closed)

February 17

Shrove Tuesday

February 18

Ash Wednesday

February 20

Parent Night Out

February 22

Children's Time

Council Meeting

Pastor's February Notes

Still Turning. Still Called. Still Held by Grace.

Dear Christ the King Family,

February arrives with a holy pivot. We are still standing in the light of Epiphany – watching Christ revealed, listening for his call – *and* we are preparing to turn our hearts toward Lent. This season doesn't rush us. Instead, it invites us to notice where God has been at work and where God is gently calling us next.

That turn begins, fittingly, with a table.

On **Shrove Tuesday, February 17**, we'll gather for pancakes, songs, and fellowship in the Luther Room, sharing laughter and stories before moving outdoors for the **burning of last year's palms** – the ashes that will mark our foreheads the next day. It's a holy, humbling moment: joy and repentance side by side, just as the Gospel always holds them.

Then on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**, we will gather again – early, midday, and evening – to hear the ancient words: *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."* These words are not meant to shame us, but to free us. They remind us that our lives are held not by our striving, but by God's mercy. Whether you come at 6:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., or 6:30 p.m., come as you are. There is room for you.

This Lent, we'll journey together under the theme **"Mourning to Joy: A Gospel Journey."** We are preparing a **46-day Lenten Devotional Booklet**, walking from Ash Wednesday all the way to Easter morning. This is a shared work of faith, and we need your voice. Some of you are called to write. Some to speak. Some are ready but unsure. If that's you, know this: you will not do it alone. Support, Scripture, and guidance will be provided – and God will meet you in the offering. If you're willing, speak with Wendi, Amanda, or me.

Even as Lent approaches, ministry continues in beautiful and tangible ways. Our **Senior High youth** are preparing for retreat. Our mission partners are being served through the **Black Belt Regional Mission**. Families are being nurtured as **Children's Church becomes a weekly offering**, and adults are stepping forward to serve in worship through the Altar Guild and Acolyte Ministry. This is what a living church looks like – people showing up, again and again, trusting God with what they have.

And through it all, your generosity continues to tell a powerful story. Because of your faithfulness, prayer is offered, mercy is shared, roofs are repaired, and the Gospel goes out – locally and globally. Thank you for trusting God with your gifts and for trusting one another as we build a stronger house for His glory.

February reminds us that faith is not just about beginnings or endings – it's about the turning. Turning our hearts back to God. Turning toward one another. Turning from mourning to joy.

The journey begins with ashes.

But it never ends there.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Chris

Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.

Children & Youth Ministries

Children's Church

Is now every Sunday during 10:40am Worship!

Children's Time

Friday, February 20 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Parent Night Out \$25/child (assistance available)

Sunday, February 22 12:00pm - 2:00pm. Sunday afternoon fun & fellowship! Let Ms Elizabeth know you are coming!

Wednesday Night

February 25 - Youth-led Worship!

High School Youth Retreat

We're having our retreat over President's Day weekend, Feb 13-16th. Please let Amanda know if your 9th - 12th grader is interested! We still have a few spots available!



Special Reminders:

- Friday, February 13: Valentine's Day parties
- Monday, February 16: President's Day. No children as will be Teacher Workday
- Tuesday, February 17: Shrove Tuesday at CtK. Join in for a Pancake Dinner & burning of last year's palms
- Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday
- Friday, February 20: Parents Night Out - PJ Prayer 6-9pm.

Parent Night Out



Christian Education Classes

Sunday:

“Bible Study Through a Lutheran Lens” led by Doug Sweeney, Ralph Hyatt, Isaac Sagert, Tim Champion, & Pastor Chris in the Luther Room. This class is for everyone.

Oasis with Maizie Nelson and Martha Green in the Luther Room Foyer:

Oasis = An area made fertile by a source of freshwater in an otherwise dry and arid region.

Oasis is a place for God to nurture the wellsprings of our souls. We seek the guidance of Holy Spirit as we grow together toward Christian maturity. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, strengthens the weak, heals the sick, brings back the outcast, and seeks the lost. We study God’s word, Old and New Testament, worship and praise him, sing, pray, and give mutual encouragement to one another. To God be the Glory as he produces fruit for the building up of his kingdom in our homes, the church, community, and the world. All are welcome, on any Sunday, to come for prayer or come for our entire class.

Children & Youth Sunday Education - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Nursery (infant - 3 years old) ~ Main Bldg, preschool nursery

3K & K ~ led by Debbie Fick & Christine George in the John Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ led by Jennifer Minner & Alyson Usher in the Matthew/Mark Room

4th – 5th Grade ~ led by Lydia Pizner & Maureen Lynn in the Disciple Room

Jr High ~ led by Amanda DeGreen & Elizabeth Cooper in the Jr. High Room

Sr High ~ led by Shandra Graf & Kathy Stepanksi in the Youth Room

Tuesday:

Preschool Chapel with Pastor, Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

EVERYONE Tuesday Morning 10:14 - 11 a.m. for everyone, both in person in the Library and on the phone. Those not physically present call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Prayer and Bible study (worship night) Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Wednesday:

Sermon Prep Wednesdays 8:45 a.m. with Pastor and friends in the Library

The Writings & Revelation led by Pastor, Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Middle School Room. All are welcome!

Children's Time (Bible Basic's) each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Jr. High Room

Book Club Book led by Pastor Chris Wednesday's at 5:55 p.m. in the Library. All ages!

Thursday:

Disciple 4 Bible Study, 1:00 p.m. at Barbara Scott's home. A 32-week deeper study of the prophets in the Old Testament and Paul's letters in the New Testament.

The Foundation & Other Financial Information

As of December 31, 2025, the Foundation had total assets of:

PNC Checking Account: \$ 3,269.32

NBC Securities Account: \$ 144,960.94

TOTAL VALUE OF \$ 148,230.26

In 2025 the Foundation was able to distribute the interest and dividends earned in the year 2024. The total amount awarded to applicants was \$ 5,500.00. This year the Foundation has \$ 4,300.00 available to be awarded to applicants for the purpose of: Religious, Charitable, Educational and/or Scientific purposes. These funds will be available for distribution through the application process.

Applications are now available in the church office.

Contribution Statements not picked up have been mailed out. If you do not receive yours, or there are discrepancies, please contact the church office.

Thank you!

*Thank you so much for
your generosity!*

Ways to contribute financially:

Plates are passed during worship, or Give at www.ctkbham.org, or

Mail a check (611 Riverchase Pkwy W, Hoover, AL 35244)

Christ The King
PAINT & FELLOWSHIP
FEBRUARY 8TH 4-6pm



Join us for our next
 Paint Party!!

February 8
 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Adults \$35 11x14 Canvas or Door Hanger
 8x10 option for Kids Child \$25

- No experience necessary
 - Fun for all ages
- All supplies provided including a pre- drawn canvas

611 Riverchase Pkwy Hoover Al
 RSVP: 205-988-5004



Tuesday, February 17 ~ Shrove Tuesday

Join us for our annual Pancake Dinner @ 5:45 p.m. in the Luther Room, including Songs & Fellowship followed by the burning of last year's Palm's for this year's ashes.

Wednesday, February 18 ~ Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion & the Imposition of Ashes will be at:

6:30 a.m.

11:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.



Aaron's Staff

Serving at First Baptist Church of Alabaster, 903 3rd Ave NW, Alabaster.

Aaron's Staff is a monthly respite care ministry to families of special needs children and adults. It is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3:30 to 8:00. We are always looking for volunteers. No experience needed. You will not be responsible for feeding or changing clients. You will interact with clients and assist them with various activities such as music, story-telling, art, sensory, and service projects. Please contact Debbie Fick for further information if you are interested. 205-862-1704

Black Belt Saturdays

Black Belt (Rich Soil Region) Saturday Mission

February 7, 2026 -Midway, Al [Bullock Co.]
The site will be the Person Chapel Family Life Center 100
Orum St Midway, Al 36053.



Websites:

A Promise To Help <https://www.apromisetohelp.com/>

The Black Belt News Network <https://www.facebook.com/The-Black-Belt-News-Network-2313921062224293/>



1st Friday Prayer Summit

7:00 p.m. 02/06/2026!

*Join us in person or call in and be blessed. Call in: 425-436-6342 access code:
328663*

PJ Prayer Time for Kids

Friday, February 20, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

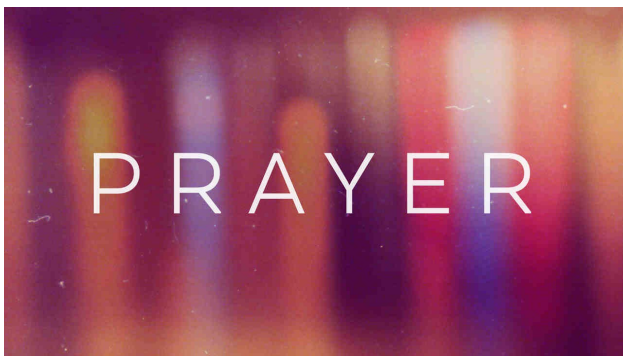
Contact Miss Ashlyn or Miss Elizabeth to sign up! Cost is \$25/child to cover costs (scholarships available).



Safety & Security

February 2026	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
8:00 a.m.	Cole Remillard	Dave Demsky	Todd Vegter	Dennis Stanek
10:40 a.m.	Jake Daniel	Jeff Minner	Robbie Wahl	Gerhard Graf

February 2026	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Children Time				
8:00 am	Patsy Scott	Patsy Scott	Patsy Scott	Patsy Scott
10:40 am	Maureen Lynn	Binnie Myles	Binnie Myles	Emma DeGreen
Lector				
8:00 am	Connie Kasper	Sherry Gilbert	David Walter	Laurel Stanek
10:40 am	Alyson Usher	Casey VanKralingen	Eric Hoaglund	Doug Sweeney
Prayers				
8:00 am	Daphne Phillips	Carla Demsky	Maizie Nelson	Lydia Pizner
10:40 am	Caden DeGreen	Shandra Graf	Gerry Roden	Maureen Lynn
Ushers				
8:00 am	Cole Remillard, Sherry Gilbert	Dave & Carla Demsky	Lee & Joy Sherrill	Steve & Connie Owen
10:40 am	Elizabeth Cooper	Gerhard Graf	Jeff Minner	Jake Daniel
Communion				
8:00 am	Mike & Matsy Remillard	Todd & Wendi Vegter	Ranae & Mikal Remillard	Dick & Cheryl O'Brien
10:40 am	Bernie Gregson, Amanda DeGreen	Camille Stanek, Shandra Graf	Eric & Amy Hoaglund	Doug & Wilma Sweeney
Crucifer				
8:00 am	Mikal Remillard	Vera Moore	Aubrie Nagel	Judy Roberts
10:40 am	Cate Wahl	Olivia Durbin	Ella Grace George	Arden Melton
Acolyte				
8:00 am	Ranae Remillard	Russell Moore	Cole Remillard	Lydia Pizner
10:40 am	Camille Stanek, Kendall Cross	Megan Durbin	Mason Fleming	Gabe Swysgood
Banner				
8:00 am	Lydia Pizner, Chaplain Kathy	John & Judy Roberts	Gracelyn Zeeh	John Roberts
10:40 am	Volunteer	Volunteer	Resse Fleming, Wyatt Usher	Volunteer



3:33 Prayer

Please join our 3:33 prayer ministry by stopping each day at 3:33 to pray, "Lord please bring/continue revival in this nation and your church, and start/continue your revival in me."

40 Days of Prayer

As God has led us in this chapter of our life in Christ, when in 2003, it was put on our hearts to daily pray together the 3:33 prayers. So too, it's only through prayer that we can see where God would lead us now. Please join together in daily prayer:

1. *Dear God, help me to see with your eyes, (Matt. 14:14; 15:32) and reach out with your hands, (Mark 13:16; Luke 8:54) and be your body. (1 Cor. 12:27)*

And

2. *Lord God, I pray for Christ the King Lutheran Church, along with the surrounding community you've given us to serve. Show us your way, both dismantling what you didn't start, and also removing the opposition in each of us so that you can accomplish, through us, the ministry that you want to do.*

Please join us in stopping to pray EVERY DAY at 7:14 am and 7:14 pm and pray and act in accord with this command of God from 2 Chronicles 7:14 – "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Spread the word!



February Memory Verse:

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

1 John 4:7

Let's Celebrate!!

February Baptisms



2/1 Maureen Lynn
2/1 Patsy Scott
2/2 Sharon Grimes
2/3 Mike Hamner
2/17 Elli Graf
2/19 Zack Vegter
2/27 Nell Betz

February Birthdays

2/1	Ella Gilbert	2/17	Cate Wahl
2/2	Steve Owen	2/17	Deila Zeeh
2/4	Rich Camlic	2/18	Diane Hagemeyer
2/4	Binnie Myles	2/19	Len Thorson
2/5	Gerhard Graf	2/21	Donna Vogel
2/8	Caden DeGreen	2/21	Lucy Nethery
2/9	Danielle Grossmann	2/24	Shirley Gordon
2/10	Connie Owen	2/25	Luanne Dubble
2/11	Nikki Wahl	2/26	Flaviano Armando
2/11	Lyn Franks	2/27	Petra Wilson
2/13	Bradley Moore		
2/14	Pam Nagel		
2/14	Connor Nethery		
2/17	Laura Durbin		
2/17	Aubrie Nagel		



February Anniversaries

2/6 Bob & Connie Kasper 55 years
2/9 Dan & Lynn Phifer 40 years
2/10 Steve & Connie Owen 53 years





2025-2026 Church Council

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JESUS
LOVES
YOU!



A stylized graphic design featuring the text "JESUS LOVES YOU!" in a bold, black, hand-drawn font. The word "JESUS" is at the top, followed by "LOVES" in the middle, and "YOU!" at the bottom. Above "JESUS" is a cross with radiating lines. To the left of "LOVES" is a leaf-like symbol, and to the right is a triangle. Below "YOU!" is a heart shape. The entire design is set against a white background.



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Please join us for Worship:

Wednesday:

11:45 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Traditional
10:40 a.m. Contemporary

Other ways to connect with or worship with us:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/ctkbham

YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g)

Instagram

[ctklutheranbham](https://www.instagram.com/ctklutheranbham)

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