

*Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood... 1 Peter 2: 4*



The Living Stone



September 4, 2015

Greetings,

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day. The staff of Christ the King wishes everyone a happy and safe Labor Day!

In His Service,

Susan Van Valkenburgh
Communications Specialist



In This Issue



"What Ever Happened To..."

With summer now come and gone, some of you might be wondering, "Whatever happened to the [CAT] survey we took at the beginning of summer?" Please allow me to share: The Church Assessment Tool or CAT was sent out by the Long Range Planning Team this past June as a way to hear from the congregation the most pressing needs and interests that must be taken into consideration when developing a long range plan. In July the results of the assessment were shared with the team in a thirty seven-page document that outlined the results of the 168 separate responses.

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While more details from this assessment will be shared when the long-range plan is brought before the congregation towards the end of the year, it is my joy to share with you that the results of the assessment included many reasons to celebrate! Overall, the results shared that Christ the King is a congregation with both high energy and satisfaction, making us ready to embrace a five-year plan. What's more, we are in agreement across the spectrum regarding our top priorities as we look to the future. These realities should make applying our long-range plan that much easier.

However, some of the most important information that came to light through the survey included honest feedback pertaining to how we see ourselves as a community. Daily devotions, our worship and music life together, involvement beyond worship, friendliness and meaningful spiritual experiences are just a few things that came to the surface as that which shapes our identity at CTK. Obviously, the complete assessment included more details, but where CTK feels most at "home" is when we are sharing many of the traditional hallmarks of Christian community. For me, like many of you, this does not come as a surprise! We are a community that is centered on the Good News of Jesus Christ - the Gospel. Indeed, it is at the very heart of who we are and what we are called to do.

As we look to the future, the long range planning team expects to be wrapping up its responsibilities and presenting council with a plan in the next two months. Council will then take up the reins and guide us in the implementation of what looks to be an exciting and Spirit led future!

Grace and Peace,
Pr. Erik



No Sunday School September 6th

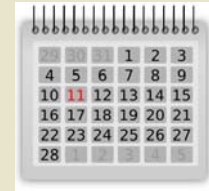
Due to this being Labor Day Weekend, the only class that will meet during the Discipleship hour on Sunday, September 6, is Pastor's Adult Class. This means No Children's Church, Children's Sunday School classes or Confirmation Classes. We look forward to seeing everyone again for Discipleship hour on Sunday, September 13th!

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Ministry Quick Links

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Pastor

Rev. J. Erik Allen

Program Staff

Deborah Scarazzo,
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Kristine Macauley,
Youth Coordinator

Music Staff

Dr. John Broman,
Chancel Choir Director

Sandra Lutters,
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Administrative Staff

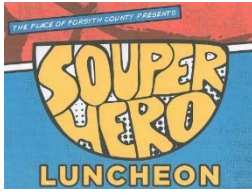
Kathy Voerg,
Business Manager

John Spencer,
Administrative Assistant

David & Susan Van Valkenburgh,
Communications Specialists



Christ the King
Preschool



Soup & Salad Lunch for The Place

You're invited to a soup and salad lunch to benefit The Place of Forsyth. You'll learn about the needs of the Forsyth County community as well as enjoy a silent auction.

When: September 19 from 12 - 1 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Lutheran Church

Cost: \$20 per person in advance

\$25 per person at the door

Table Sponsor: \$250

For tickets or more information, call 770-887-1098.

All proceeds to benefit families in Forsyth County.

Jakima McCall,
Preschool Director

God's work.
Our hands.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday, September 13, 2015

*Service is the rent each of us pay for living. It
is...not something you do in your spare time.*

~Marian Wright Edleman

These words have the opportunity to ring true for us in new ways on September 13, 2015, as the ELCA will celebrate "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Joining other Lutheran congregations across the country we will remember that service for us is not relegated to our spare time, but at the very heart of what it means to live in Christ. Together we will be going out into our communities, cleaning up neighborhoods, collecting supplies, serving those who long for hope when the world has all but forgotten them.

You may have already read about this opportunity in our newsletter, and hopefully you've "saved the date" on your calendar. Now the time has come for us to begin our work together in preparation! Members of Christ the King will have the opportunity to work with The Place of Forsyth County, our local social service agency, in their endeavors to eliminate poverty in the county in one of three ways:

1. Be part of a group working at The Place between 10 AM -1 PM to help with volunteer projects including light/moderate physical activity such as upkeep, beautification of grounds and restocking/organizing shelves.
2. Be part of a group assisting with preparations for the Open Bowl fundraiser to be held later in the week at Christ the King, celebrating The Place's 40th anniversary this year.

3. Be part of a group that stays at CTK and learns more about poverty in our county while participating in hands on work to support the work of the Place. This work will be particularly suited for those children and older adults who have a more difficult time traveling off site.

On this day and beyond, we have the opportunity to be a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work! I sincerely hope that you will consider sharing a couple of hours of your time as we join together and express our gratitude for God's grace in Christ Jesus right here in Cumming!

Grace and Peace,
Pr. Erik



Youth Update

Seventeen youth and family and friends enjoyed God's beauty at Shady Grove Campground on Lake Lanier last weekend. While it threatened to rain the entire time, not a single drop of moisture was felt. The kids swam, fished, played frisbee, ATE and planned events for

the coming year. Pastor Erik join the group in the evening and led a lovely sunset service with communion.

Please stay tuned in the newsletter, bulletin and emails for upcoming events with the youth. There's no paperwork to join and you can participate as often or as seldom as your schedule allows; you are always welcome. Our next event will be assisting with GWOH during the Sunday School hour and then our fall car wash on September 20. We need both parents and youth to help in the car wash so we have enough help during the busy Sunday School hour washing period. Contact Kristine at 678-852-6175 or kristine@ctklutheran.com to let her know you can help.



Celebrate the Joy

The Women of CTK will be completing a community outreach project by helping our local high schools provide needed hygiene products to needy children. Please take a butterfly or diamond from the tree in the narthex to provide needed items. You can donate items, money, or purchase a gift card from script. Please return your donation

with the butterfly/diamond from the tree. All donations are due to the church no later than Sunday, September 27, 2015. If you have questions

or concerns please contact: Stephanie Boylan at 404-906-8680
or Stephanie.L.Boylan@gmail.com



Youth Car Wash

Youth Car Wash benefiting the summer mission trip on September 20, 2015. Bring your dust-encrusted vehicles to church on September 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The youth will be washing cars that day for donations to help defer costs for their annual summer mission trip. This year they will be

returning to Knoxville, TN and the urban ministries that is offered through WOW (Win Our World).



New Member Classes

Do you have questions about what Lutherans believe? Do you wonder about your gifts for ministry? Want to know more about the ministry opportunities here at Christ the King? Then these classes are for you! Beginning on October 4 and continuing for 3 weeks during the discipleship hour (10:00 am on Sunday mornings), Christ the King will be exploring the answers to these questions and more. Anyone wishing to learn more about Christ the King and/or become a member of Christ the King is encouraged to attend. Each week will be unique in the information shared. New members will be received into the congregation on Sunday, October 25. Please [click here](#) if you plan on attending so that enough materials are provided for everyone. While attendance isn't required for membership, those who choose to attend will learn more about this congregation and meet many of the ministry leaders at the same time.



You're Invited to Via de Cristo

You are invited to attend a "Via de Cristo" weekend. What is Via de Cristo? Via de Cristo is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ." The weekend is a powerful, three-day retreat designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian leaders. The Men's weekend is Sept. 17 - 20 and the Women's weekend is Sept. 24 - 27. For an application form or more information, please see Steve or Sally Campbell,

770-530-6515 or drop by the church office. Also more information is available on the Via de Cristo website: www.alvdc.org.



First Annual Pet Blessing

On Sunday, October 4, 2015, the CTK Fellowship Ministry invites you to bring the four legged members of your family to celebrate with us the Feast Day of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. We will meet at CTK at the outdoor chapel at 4:00 p.m. for a blessing.



Social Security: Strategize to Maximize

Did you know that there are hundreds of options associated with your Social Security retirement benefits?

Join us on September 8 at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm; September 10 at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm at Thrivent Financial, 9875 Medlock Bridge Parkway, Suite 150, Johns Creek to explore how to sort through the choices. Our Social Security Workshop is hosted by Michael J. Clifford, FIC and Kerry P. Maurer, FIC. Help ensure the decisions you make are ones you can live with-for the rest of your life. Contact Angela Maurer at 675-475-0350 or angela.maurer@thrivent.com to RSVP.

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No products will be sold at this event.

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8th Annual Heroes of Hope

Save the date for Lutheran Services of Georgia's 8th Annual Heroes of Hope!

**Thursday, September 17, 2015
6:30pm-9:30pm**

**Historic DeKalb Courthouse
Decatur, GA
Tickets: \$125**

Heroes of Hope is a time to honor a few of the many individuals and organizations that exemplify our mission to serve those in need in our community. All proceeds benefit the programs of Lutheran Services of Georgia.

Please plan to join us for this annual fundraiser. Your support is essential to our work to bring restored hope, transformed lives, and healthy tomorrows to people in need throughout Georgia. Thank you for your commitment to the community.

To purchase tickets today, please visit bit.ly/LSGheroes. For more information, contact Allison Hood at ahood@lsga.org or 404-591-7067.



Thrivent Night at the Braves

**SATURDAY, SEPT 12 vs NEW YORK
METS @ 7:10 PM**

**OUTFIELD PAVILION - \$27 | UPPER BOX
- \$17 | CAR PARKING - \$10**

Please join us for our Annual Thrivent Financial Night at Turner Field, sponsored by The Thrivent Member Network!

The first 500 Thrivent Benefit Members will receive Braves Bucks at the Thrivent table before the game in Monument Park. The Braves Bucks can be redeemed at all the concessions in the stadium. Proof of membership must be given by presenting your Thrivent Membership Card at the Thrivent Table on game day. [Click here](#) for more information.

Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

Date	Day	Time	Event
6-Sep	Sunday		Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip On Sale
		9:00 - 10:00	Alternative/Contemporary Holy Communion
		9:50 - 10:00	Fellowship Time
		10:00 - 10:45	Adult Sunday School only
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
7-Sep	Monday		Happy Labor Day
			Church Office Closed
8-Sep	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		12:00 - 1:30	Finance Meeting
		1:00 - 4:00	Piecemaker's Quilt Guild
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle
		6:00 - 8:00	Council Meeting
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
9-Sep	Wednesday	10:00 - 2:30	LWR Sewcialbee
		10:30 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
		1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		7:00 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10-Sep	Thursday	6:30 - 7:30	Handbells Rehearsal
		7:30 - 8:30	Praise Band Rehearsal
11-Sep	Friday	6:00 - 8:00	Girl Scout Troop 11809
13-Sep	Sunday		Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
			God's Work Our Hands Sunday
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip On Sale
		9:00 - 10:00	Alternative/Contemporary Holy Communion
		9:50 - 10:00	Fellowship Time
		10:00 - 10:45	Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		10:00 - 1:00	God's Work Our Hands Volunteer Time
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		12:15 - 1:15	Children's Choir & Handchimes