

*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



August 21, 2015

Greetings,

We're so close to our goal of Building a Well - read about how close and what you can do to help in Pastor Erik's message below. Plus, get a reminder of all that's new and upcoming at CTK in this week's **The Living Stone**. Have a great weekend!

Susan Van Valkenburgh
Communications Specialist



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Well Done? Or Well Done!

It doesn't seem like much of a difference - to go from a question mark to an exclamation point. Visually it's just straightening out the curve of the question, but as we all know, they couldn't be farther apart in meaning.

Take for example our current well building project. For the past few weeks we have moved closer and closer toward meeting our \$2500 goal. As we enter into the last weekend of the project, we are only \$350 away from meeting that goal. Or to put it another way we are only \$350 away from changing the question into an exclamation:

"Is the well done?" to "The well is done!" Each sentence uses the same words but I think we can all agree there's more joy to be found in the latter!

We heard when we began the project, building a well in a community that lacks clean drinking water is an amazing gift. Not only does it save time and provide opportunities for continued community development, it also saves lives. The gift of clean drinking water is the first step in eliminating water born illness and reducing the approximately 840,000[1] water related disease deaths a year.

This week we can make a difference worth shouting about. Each \$10 donation adds a brick to our well and furthers the good work that we, through the ELCA, are doing around the world. Let's respond to God's call together. Let's hear our Master say, "*Well done*, good and faithful servants!"

Grace and Peace,
Pr. Erik

[1] <http://water.org/water-crisis/water-facts/water/>



Youth Outing

On August 29, join us after 4:00 p.m. to enjoy water fun, games and planning for the year. There will be a supper and sunset service. If you choose, stay overnight. This is an RSVP event so we can insure we have enough food and camp space. Contact Kristine Macauley at Kristine@ctklutheran.com or (678) 852-6175.

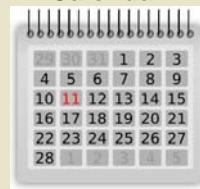
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Rev. J. Erik Allen

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Christian Education Coordinator

Kristine Macauley,
Youth Coordinator

Music Staff

Dr. John Broman,
Chancel Choir Director

Sandra Lutters,
Music Minister

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**Christ the King
Preschool**

Jakima McCall,
Preschool Director



Preschool Helping Hands Supply Drive

Our children's outreach ministry, Christ the King Lutheran Preschool, will be holding the annual Helping Hands Supply Drive for two more Sundays. The supply drive helps to stock the Sunday School and Preschool classrooms with much needed items such as tissues, paper towels, wipes, etc. From the easel in the Narthex, grab a hand which will indicate a supply that can be donated. Return the donated supplies back to the "Supply Wagon" in the Narthex. Support the Scrip program **and** the Preschool by choosing a hand with a gift card value on it. The gift cards are used to purchase supplies throughout the year. Our Preschool provides a loving and spiritual early education to approximately 75 students each year, Monday through Friday. For questions or more information please contact Jakima McCall, the Preschool Director, at 678-513-4338.

**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



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.



Family Promise Give Back Event at Chili's -This Tuesday!

Let Chili's do the cooking while we support Family Promise of Forsyth County at the same time. With [each flyer](#) presented on

Tuesday, Chili's will donate 10% of the event day sales back to this great organization.

The Family Promise of Forsyth County Give Back Event is August 25th, from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Chili's Cumming location only:
874 Buford Rd.
Cumming, GA 30041-2716
678-947-3165 - www.chilis.com



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.



Staff Updates

Please welcome Sandra Lutters as the new Director for *Soli Deo Gloria Ringers* - the Bell Choir. She brings a vast resume of experience as a director; from opera to musicals to the sacred. In addition to the Bell Choir, Sandra is the Director of the Praise Band and Singers for the 9:00 a.m. service, provides organ and piano music for the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services and accompaniment for the Chancel Choir. If you would like to join the bell choir, please contact Sandra at sjlutters@icloud.com.

Congratulations to Deborah Scarazzo, our Christian Education Coordinator. This fall she has taken a fulltime position as the Music/Band director at Fellowship Christian Academy in Roswell, Georgia for the elementary grades. Deborah will continue to serve as the Christian Education Coordinator here at Christ the King utilizing after hours and Sunday to carry-out her duties of the position. If you have any questions and/or would like to congratulate Deborah, please contact her at debbie@ctklutheran.com.



We rejoice with Sandra and Deborah in their new positions. May they find fertile ground in which to "seed" their gift of music!



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 1 at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm; September 3 at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm; 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.



Lutheran Campus Ministry Low Country Boil

It's a Low Country Boil for Lutheran Campus Ministry Atlanta, and we need your support! LCM serves GA Tech, Georgia State, Emory and Agnes Scott.

Please come to our fun event on Saturday, August 22nd, at Living Grace Lutheran Church in Tucker (1812 Cooledge Rd.) at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$50/person, and anyone under 21 is admitted free!

Tickets are available online at the LCM Atlanta webpage (www.gracepeople.org).

Can you donate an auction item for the silent auction? Any questions, please contact Evelyn Cannon (epcmail@bellsouth.net).



Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

Date	Day	Time	Event
23-Aug	Sunday		Thirteenth 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	Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		12:15 - 1:15	Christian Education Committee Meeting
24-Aug	Monday	5:00 - 7:00	Mutual Ministry Meeting
		7:00 - 8:00	Handbells Rehearsal
25-Aug	Tuesday	9:00 - 10:00	Evangelism Meeting
		10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		10:00 - 12:00	Preschool Open House
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle
		1:00 - 4:00	Piecemaker's Quilt Guild
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
26-Aug	Wednesday	10:00 - 11:00	Staff Meeting
		1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		7:00 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
27-Aug	Thursday	7:00 - 8:30	Praise Band Rehearsal
		6:30 - 7:30	Castleberry HOA Meeting
30-Aug	Sunday		Fourteenth 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	Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		12:15 - 1:15	Children's Choir & Handchimes
		4:00 - 6:00	Long Range Planning Meeting