

*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



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A Young Adult's Perspective on Worship

The age period between the early 20's up to the early 30's is considered a wasteland for attendance in the church. Often those who are absent in that time period give reasons along the lines that they don't have the time or that the church doesn't fit their needs. When I hear these reasons, as a young adult myself, I have to wonder if people understand the point of worship.

Honestly, why do we wake up early on our precious weekends and make our way to church for an hour of singing old hymns and reading even older passages? What do I get out of attending church Sunday morning? Well the problem is in the questions themselves.

Attending worship has very little to do with us; worship is about God. We allot ourselves time each week to be completely devoted to God. We gather to praise, give thanks, and rejoice for the wonders that have been bestowed on us. When one worships he or she does it as a sign of appreciation and dedication. It's the participation in worship that binds us together into the church. We arise early on Sundays, sing the old hymns of praise to God, and read the even older passages about how amazing our God is. We do all of this not hoping to receive anything but to give thanks for all that we have been given.

Another problem that I see that strikes both the younger and the older members of a congregation is what they define as worshiping. Most associate worshiping with attending a church service. With this view I believe that the bond between us as the body of Christ becomes more ceremonial, there only to simply exist. What I think we are called to do is to not only attend but to participate in worship. It is our participation that takes words printed in bulletins and hymnals and makes them into the living word of God. It is both our actions and our words that we bring forth as praises. Our hands and mouths the tools to bring God glory. It is with participation that we strength our bond as well as better worship our Lord.

A contributing factor with the perception people have of worship stems from how they identify the interactions that take place during service. Most overlook the binding quality that comes from call and response, or don't see how it qualifies as participating. They may comprehend what musicians can contribute, but don't grasp how the music allows others to worship God in ways they might not have before. Some see worship assistants and acolytes as traditional fluff and not as another expression of service and praise. Nor is it often stated that ushers, greeters, and readers offer the opportunity to serve the body of Christ itself. All of these roles are easy to overlook, I know I have myself. But each offers a way to worship that is more than just sitting in the pew and lets us be the church of God.

Church has given me many applicable skills and gifts. It has given me countless friends and inspirations. These are all things that I adore and have helped me to become the person I am today. And it is when I am at church Sunday morning, worshiping, that I praise God for all of those things. Whether I am playing music in the choir, handing out bulletins, reading the first reading, or just responding to the calls, that is what I call worship.

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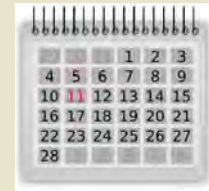
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Stewardship of Creation

Let's play a game. Right now, from where you are sitting, how many steps are you from water?

If you are like me, water is all around you. Your water source may be the bathroom, kitchen or laundry room. Water could even be as close as a cup or bottle of water that is near you.

Today, in the world, 2.5 billion people live without basic sanitation, including access to potable water. In sub-saharan Africa, families, typically women and children, walk over 3 miles on average to draw water for daily use - that's 7,000 steps a day. These families pay a steep price for access to water. **On average, they spend 660 hours of labor per year on fetching water.** That's 2 months of labor on an 80 hour per week schedule. This lost time cannot be used for education, family care, growing crops or generating additional income.

Meanwhile, it seems we cannot walk more than a few steps without coming in contact with a water source. This is not accidental. We all are aware of how critical water is for life. Is it any wonder that water is one of the elements of baptism - a sacrament where ordinary water is applied and brings with it, extraordinary, eternal life?

We, the stewardship team at Christ the King are now taking up this call and ask that you join us in our stewardship of creation and the environment. We ask that you join us to build a well through the [ELCA Good Gifts program](#).

A single well or spring box, costs \$2,500 to build in the developing world - with it, comes clean drinking water, better health and sanitation, opportunities for education and advancement and a better life for those around it.

You may have seen the new display in the narthex. It is the well that we will build, brick by brick. For each \$10 given, a brick will be added to the well. Through this display, we will see how we, the members of Christ the King, build a well, and provide for our fellow man.

You may give to the well project in one of the following ways:

- Place your giving in a pew envelope, write "well" on the envelope and place in the offering plate.
- Write a check and place "well" in the memo line and place in the offering plate.
- Place your giving in the box located in front of the well (envelopes provided).

Additional Resources:

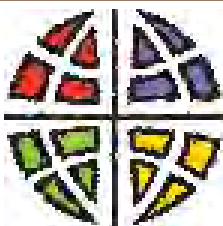
ELCA World Hunger's [Walk for Water](#)
Web of Creation: [Water Shortages](#)

Dan Coates
Stewardship Team



We're Building a Well

The Stewardship Team invites everyone to join us in our stewardship of creation and the environment this season. Help us reach our goal of \$2500 to provide a well for a village in a third world country. Each brick for the well represents a \$10.00 donation. For more information, [click here](#). Current donations: \$655.00.



Live Webcast With Bishop Eaton

Last week members of Christ the King were invited to participate in conversations on racism. The assigned readings while difficult gave many of us different perspectives from which to view the subject. To continue this conversation and have this conversation lead to action, we encourage those who seek harmony among all peoples to take advantage of an opportunity on August 6 to participate in a live webcast conversation between presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the ELCA and William B. Horne II, a lay leader and member of the ELCA church council. For more information on the webcast and how to participate please [click here](#) for the letter from Bishop Eaton. Only through discussion that leads to action will we as a community begin to heal the mistrust and biases built up over our nation's history. Together, with God's help, let us further live into the call to be instruments of God's peace and reconciliation.



"A Very Ugly Crime Against Children"

Human Trafficking Video Presentation

For those who were not able to attend the evening presentation in June, Outreach will present this video on Sunday, August 2, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This Video:

- Tells the whole story
- Is up to date
- Imparts knowledge
- Will empower you to help

We will have copies of the video on DVD available free of charge so that you can help to spread the word to friends, neighbors, and groups.

Paper copies of the presentation and other materials will also be available for you.

If this subject is a passion, or curiosity of yours or disturbs you, please plan to attend.
Let's help to stop this

"Very Ugly Crime Against Children".



Save the Dates!!

Sunday, August 9: 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., "Rally Day!" Discipleship for all ages begins. Please join us for a celebration with delightful treats to eat, games, crafts, and more in fellowship hall. You will also have a chance to meet your teachers as they wait for the students in their classrooms with

treasures!

Sunday, September 13: God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Join others from Christ the King as together with Lutherans throughout the country we roll up our sleeves and get to work in our own communities. There will be various ways to serve, ways to put our faith into action by engaging in service activities. More information to come!



The Women of Christ the King Present: You Are My Sunshine

The Women of the ELCA at Christ the King cordially invite you to their annual Prayer Sister Event to be held on August 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

We will be having a brunch at the church and all ladies are invited. See the signup sheet on the bulletin board. We welcome everyone whether they are in the Prayer Sister Program or not. It is a time of fun and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. If you are interested in the Prayer Sister Program for next year, please complete a

form and return it to Barbara Ayres by August 9, 2015. The forms are on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes.

COME JOIN US AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF NEW AND OLD FRIENDS



Join the Chancel Choir - Rehearsals Start August 5th

The Chancel Choir at Christ the King Lutheran will resume rehearsals Wednesday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. and we would like to invite all interested singers to join us. The choir normally provides special music at the late service (11:00 a.m.) as well as on special occasions during the course of the church year - a Christmas program in December and an annual Church Choir Festival the last Sunday in February are several such occasions, to name a few. Please feel free to "spread the word" as we would like to increase our membership. I would be happy to answer any questions about our church choir.

Thank you very much.

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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.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent Financial member with the ability to direct Choice Dollars? By designating your Choice Dollars to Christ the King Lutheran Church, you can help support our mission to ***Glorify God, Spread the Word and Love One Another***. You can check your current Choice Dollars status, and direct Choice Dollars to CTK, by logging into your Thrivent account online at Thrivent.com. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Voerg at ctk1125@ctklutheran.com or 770-889-5328.



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.



Youth Fun in the Sun This Weekend!

July 25 - 26 Lake Lanier Gathering: Camping is optional, but you'll have the BEST time if you do! We are going to meet around 4 pm on Saturday, have supper around 6 to 6:30 with an evening meeting and bonfire/s'mores and night

swimming. If you want to camp overnight, let's do it! We'll have our own Sunday service in the morning with the birds singing and the sun just rising over the horizon (my favorite kind of service, sorry, pastor). Those brave enough to camp overnight will have a hungryman breakfast cooked in a dutch oven and fresh rolls and pastries with fresh OJ (am I enticing you enough). We can stay at the campsite until 2 pm on Sunday so we can have another day of games, swimming, etc.

At this event we'll be wrapping up the 2015 school year and begin planning for our 2015-16 year.

Kristine Macauley
Youth Coordinator



Lifeline Preventive Screening

Christ the King Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at the church on 8/20/2015 from 9am to 5pm. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Life Line Screening is working with us to provide our members a \$10 discount off of the package members choose. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount) or only the 4 vascular tests from \$139 (\$129 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Also, we are happy to announce that **in addition** to the \$10 off, Lifeline will make a \$10 donation

to Christ the King Lutheran Church for each appointment made in one of three ways:

You must sign up on either the provided registration sheet (available on flyers inserted into weekly bulletins) or by calling the special Helping Hands registration number, which is 1-800-324-9458, or visit the exclusive Helping Hands website:

www.helpinghandsforhealth.com. You must sign up one of these three ways in order to get both the \$10 discount as well as the \$10 donation for our organization.



New Library Books

Lots of new books have been added to the Christ the King Library Collection! We now have over 1,200 books in our collection! For summer reading you may want to consider the following novels:

FIC DAV *Nothing to Hide* by Susan Davis
FIC DAV *A Thousand Words* by Susan Davis
FIC GRE *Words of Wisdom* by Carolyn Greene
FIC HAN *All Things New* by Pam Hanson
FIC RIL *A Mother's Love* by Kelly Ann Riley
FIC ROD *Home for Christmas* by Anne Marie Rodgers
FIC TAN *A Classic Case* by Cathy Tang
FIC TAN *Something Borrowed* by Cathy Tang
FIC TAN *Tracks and Ties* by Cathy Tang

New nonfiction books are the following:

133.9 BUR *Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo
220.7 ROE *Concordia Self-Study Commentary: an Authoritative In-Home Resource for Students of the Bible* by Walter Roehrs
225.95 WEI *Earliest Christianity* by Johannes Weiss
230.04 VAN *The Story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Radical Integrity* by Michael Van Dyke
234 LUC *Grace* by Max Lucado
241.4 DEM *Choosing Gratitude* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss
248.32 MAX *Partners in Prayer* by John Maxwell
248 OMA *Praying God's Will for Your Life* by Stormie Omartian
248.84 BUF *Finishing Well* by Bob Buford

294.3 KYO *The Teaching of Buddha* by Bukkyo Kyokai
 348.32 YAN *Prayer* by Philip Yancy
 641.5 CHR *Our Favorite Recipes* by Christ the King
 809 ALT *The Literary Guide to the Bible* by Robert Alter

Happy Reading!

Sigrid and Martha

Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

Date	Day	Time	Event
26-Jul	Sunday		Ninth 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
		9:45 - 11:00	Fellowship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
28-Jul	Tuesday	9:00 - 4:00	Piecemaker's Quilt Guild
		10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
29-Jul	Wednesday	8:00 - 5:00	4H Portfolio Workshop
		1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		7:00 - 8:30	Financial Peace University
30-Jul	Thursday	7:00 - 8:30	Praise Band
2-Aug	Sunday		Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip On Sale
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