

*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 18, 2015

Don't forget to join us at the Youth Car Wash this Sunday to get a squeaky clean car and help the youth! Read on for times and details. Have a blessed weekend!



In His Service,
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For Everything There is a Season

"For everything there is a season..." the author of Ecclesiastes famously wrote many years ago. Of course, we know and experience this to be true. Life is full of joy and sorrow, hellos and good-byes, good times and bad. As many of you know, my brother Nathan also serves as a Lutheran pastor. He has served the people of Joy Lutheran Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma for more than nine years now, but this weekend will be his last with that community of faith. He has accepted a new call to serve the people of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

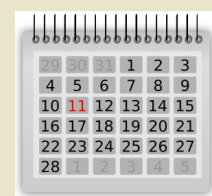
With this new call comes a time of transition for both his family and the congregations involved. Joys and sorrows, hellos and good-byes, good times and bad will be remembered and shared. As Christians in these times of transition we join in prayer and mutual support of one another trusting that even in the midst of change, God's love and care for us as children of God will not change.

And so, I would like to share with you all a prayer that I have shared with him. It comes from the introduction of Dr. Jon Hurty's arrangement of the hymn, *Children of the Heavenly Father*, the signature song at the end of

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Augustana College Choir concerts. May it be for us all a reminder of joy of Christian community and the gift of the communion of the saints.

*Fill our hearts, O God, with Love eternal,
Our song with joy, our life with your sweet grace.
May your divine love, guide our every deed,
For you are Joy and Grace and Mercy to all your children.*

Amen

Grace and Peace,
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Youth Car Wash This Sunday!!

Bring your dust-encrusted vehicles to church **this Sunday**, September 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The youth will be washing cars for donations to help defer costs of 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).



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on Sunday, September 13. It was a huge success and could not be done without you.

We were able to spruce up the grounds around The Place and sorted much of the donated clothing. The place mats were a huge hit for the luncheon this past Tuesday. There were close to 90 people who enjoyed soup, salad and dessert and learned more about The Place.

Once again, thank you.

Donnie & Dottie Culver and Joe & Mary Lambert

*Head to our [Facebook page](#) for more pics!



Christ the King Preschool

Jakima McCall,
Preschool Director



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



Bible Study: Isaiah

Christians in Action (C.I.A.) invites you to join us at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday mornings at Christ the King Lutheran Church for a study of the book of Isaiah. Our slogan is, "We are here to learn about the Bible and each other from each other." And we have fun doing just that. Come join us!



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.

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.

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New Library Books!

We have added a lot of new novels to the Christ the King Library. You will find them on the "New and Featured Shelf." Stop by the library and see what other books might interest you!



Annual Yard Sale

It's time for the Annual Yard Sale! Outreach will be setting up October 1st and the sale will be October 2nd and 3rd. This year's sale will be both in the fellowship hall and the parking lot. Please bring your gently used items to the garage on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until noon. You can also drop off your items on the Sundays of September 20 and 27 from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and the Wednesdays of September 23 and 30 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The funds raised will support Community Outreach during 2016.

Thank you!

The Outreach Team



Pumpkin Painting October 18

The Annual Youth & Children Pumpkin Painting will be October 18 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided! We will be using some of the Pumpkins for decorations for the Octoberfest on Sunday October 25! The students are welcome to take them home at the close of the Octoberfest. Please email Deborah Scarazzo at debbie@ctklutheran.com if you would be available to help pick up pumpkins or help with lunch.



Save the Date!

Join us at the Outreach Congregation Support Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 14. More details coming!



Habitat for Humanity Build

This Fall, Habitat is partnering with Thrivent Financial to do an Ecumenical Build at Village Chase in Woodstock. Thrivent Builds is designed to involve Thrivent Members, Christians and other volunteers in helping provide a "hand up" to people in need of affordable housing, offering them a path to greater economic independence. We will be helping the Uk/Kim Family who are refugees from Myanmar, also known as Burma; a place where human rights violations are notorious. Below are the following build dates:

October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24, November 7, November 14, November 21 and December 5

The day begins around 8:00 a.m. and will finish around 2:00/3:00 p.m. If you cannot commit to the full day, you can volunteer for part of the day. We ask that you register ahead of time to be better able to determine the tasks that need to be completed. If you would like to sign up or would like more information, please call Angela Maurer at 675-475-0350 or email angela.maurer@thrivent.com.

Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

Date	Day	Time	Event
20-Sep	Sunday		Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip On Sale
		9:00 - 12:00	Youth Car Wash
		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
21-Sep	Monday	7:00 - 8:00	Handbells Rehearsal

		7:00 - 8:00	Prayer Band Circle
22-Sep	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		1:00 - 4:00	Piecemaker's Quilt Guild
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
23-Sep	Wednesday	10:30 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
		1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		7:00 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
27-Sep	Sunday		Eighteenth 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	NO Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		12:15 - 1:15	Children's Choir/Handchimes