

*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 25, 2015

If you like fall, you'll like this week's Council Corner where Andy Milejczak shares ways we can slow down and find God in this crazy, fun, whirlwind of a season. Read on for more on that, plus everything else that's coming up at CTK in this week's *The Living Stone*.

Have a blessed weekend!

In His Service,
Susan Van Valkenburgh
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Council Corner

Has anyone ever asked you when your favorite time of year is? Well if you were to ask me, it would be the Fall. Comfortable temperatures, the wonderful smell of the fallen leaves especially after a rain, and of course, let's not forget about hunting season, football season, and a lake not full of pleasure boaters and jet skis. Nothing against those folks, it's just hard to fish when you're struggling to stand from all the boat wakes. Unfortunately, for me and my family, fall fades into winter way too fast. School is in full session with at least an hour of homework per kid most nights, not to mention music lessons, sports, choir, girl scouts, the list goes on and before you know it, it's Thanksgiving!

For most of us, fall is a time of preparation as well. Now is the time to prepare our homes and property for the approaching winter. Lucky for us here in Georgia, winters are mild compared to our neighbors to the north,

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but still there is work to be done. As mentioned above, the holidays are just around the corner, and many of us will be finalizing plans for family visits or travel during the holidays as well.

So as a Christian and a member of Christ the King, you may be asking, where is God in all of this? It is my sincere hope that God would play a part in all of it, for all of our brothers and sisters in this community of faith.

One way in particular to involve God in our lives and our community is through Volunteering. We have two events fast approaching here at CTK. One is the Annual Yard Sale (Oct. 2 - 3), hosted by the Outreach Committee, and the other being the Fall Work Day (Oct. 10), headed up by Amy Barish. These events depend on Volunteers to be successful, and in the case of the Fall Work Day, the more helping hands, the more work gets done, and the more benefit to our Church.

In conclusion, while Fall is a busy time of year for everyone, please consider making the time to volunteer at one of these events at CTK. Both events provide a rich opportunity for you to serve God, your community, and our ever growing community of faith here at Christ the King.

Thanks Be To God,

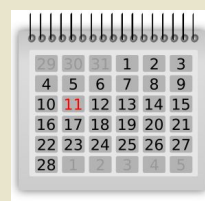
Andy Milejczak



Stewardship Pledge Drive

This past week, a letter was sent out launching the stewardship committee's fall initiative pledge drive that will begin this Sunday, September 27. Our new theme, **Open Minds -- Open Hearts -- Open Hands**, plans to bring some exciting new year round focus to stewardship. You are invited to make gifts during this special time of the year that will support the congregation and its mission.

In thinking about this year's focus we realized it was a time to stop and reflect upon what has been accomplished in 2015 with some of our congregation's stewardship pledge dollars. With your generosity we were able to achieve a new welcome desk, industrial ice machine, upgraded sound system, provided a water well for a village in a third world country, and celebrated our church's 25 anniversary. The stewardship committee challenged each of us to grow spirituality through focus on daily prayer and reading, praying for others with our prayer wall, spreading the word through evangelism, and the sharing of time and talents during the annual ministry fair. We thank you for the ability to accomplish these significant and prayerful achievements.



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What are our hopes to achieve in 2016? Your commitment will help support the continued efforts at CTK to increase the opportunities for spiritual growth, to enable staff growth and to support greater emphasis on youth and children ministries. We are encouraged to make the offerings of praise and thanksgiving from hearts filled with love for God.

Everyone in our congregation now holds in their hands what it means to be a good steward of God, and what a perfect time to reflect individually what this will look like. As we work towards growing as individuals both spirituality and financially within our church in this coming year, we will be setting the foundation of our church and communities future. The stewardship committee hopes that you will feel the pull of the Holy Spirit calling you to be part of the excitement. Let us all listen to what God is telling us by Opening our Minds, Hearts, and Hands. This is our time to rise up and embrace all that we have been blessed with by being a good and faithful steward. Everything that we own belongs to God, we are to manage it for God's glory.

Please pray for our church during this spiritual journey as we approach
Commitment Sunday, October 18.

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Matthew

12:30

Cathy Beard
Vice President Church Council
Stewardship Council Advocate



Large Group Sunday School This Sunday

This Sunday, September 27, there will be large group Sunday school during the Discipleship Hour (10:00 a.m.) for those 3 years old to 5th grade. Middle schoolers and high schoolers not taking part in acolyte training are encouraged to help with the younger children during this time. Please meet in the 3rd - 5th grade Sunday school room. Regular Sunday School Classes and Confirmation Classes will resume next Sunday, October 4.

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.



Annual Yard Sale

It's time for the Annual Yard Sale! Outreach will be setting up next Thursday, 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 this Sunday, September 27 from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and this coming Wednesday, September 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



Fall Landscape Workday

We will have a landscape workday to beautify the church grounds on Saturday, October 10. Come enjoy the cooler weather and help out with pruning, weeding and planting pansies!

No special skills required! We will be working from 9:00 am to noon; come for as much time as you can spare. Contact Amy at amybarish@comcast.net or 770-889-3072 with any questions.



Coat Drive

Once again we are supporting the annual coat drive of **The Place**. Please bring your coat donations to the box in the narthex by Sunday, October 18.

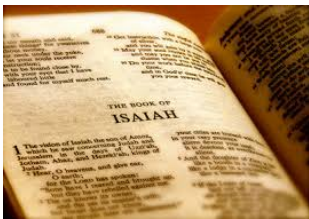
Thank you,

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Celebrate the Joy - Last Sunday to Donate!

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 return your donation with the butterfly/diamond from the tree. All donations are due to the church **this Sunday, September 27, 2015**. If you have questions or concerns please contact: Stephanie Boylan at 404-906-8680 or Stephanie.L.Boylan@gmail.com



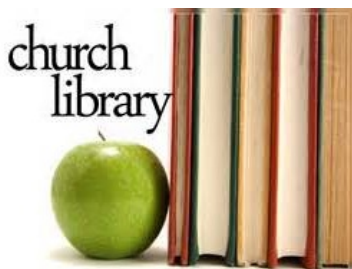
Bible Study: Isaiah

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!



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.



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!



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
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	Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		12:15 - 1:15	Children's Choir/Handchimes
28-Sep	Monday	7:00 - 8:00	Handbells Rehearsal
		8:00 - 9:00	Praise Band Rehearsal
29-Sep	Tuesday	9:00 - 10:00	Evangelism Meeting
		10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
30-Sep	Wednesday	10:30 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
		1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		7:00 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
1-Oct	Thursday	8:00 - 5:00	Preparation for Yard Sale
2-Oct	Friday	8:00 - 5:00	Yard Sale
3-Oct	Saturday	8:00 - 2:00	Yard Sale
4-Oct	Sunday		Nineteenth 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
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		10:00 - 10:45	Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		10:00 - 10:45	New Member Orientation Class
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		12:15 - 1:15	Children's Choir/Handchimes
		4:00	Pet Blessing