

*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



October 9, 2015

Head over to the church on Saturday to help prepare the church grounds for winter. Any help is appreciated! Read on below for all the details and much more in this week's *The Living Stone*.

Have a blessed weekend!

In His Service,
Susan Van Valkenburgh
Communications Specialist



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Open Minds -- Open Hearts -- Open Hands

*This past Sunday Christ the King continued our Stewardship Initiative of **Open Minds -- Open Hearts -- Open Hands**. Donnie and Dottie Culver shared with the congregation how their open hearts inspired them thirty three years ago to establish a Lutheran presence in Cumming. Read on to learn more about their truly Open Hearts...*

Thirty three years ago twelve excited people joined us in our living room to begin a new adventure together in Forsyth County. We all opened our hearts and minds and worked and planned together to establish a Lutheran presence in Cumming. We wanted to be able to worship in our own community in our own way.

What began as a dream soon turned into a reality when services began in

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the Ingram Funeral home chapel. The Ingrams opened their hearts to us by providing this space at no charge and would even stop by on Sunday mornings on their way to services at the Baptist church to place an offering in the plate. We were blessed!

After worshipping there for several years, the ELCA sent a mission developer who scouted out an old storefront for us to move into. Again, hearts were opened to the possibilities of a new worship space. A lot of blood, sweat, and tears from the members went into the preparation, and once again we experienced the open hearts of various congregations who donated necessary worship items and money. Once again, we were blessed!

Several years later the parade through town from the storefront to this property where we worship now was a site to behold! A bunch of crazy Lutherans carrying banners and singing made quite a stir. Our hearts were full as the ground was broken, signifying a new chapter in the life of CTK. We were blessed!

God provided us with a group of wonderful people - the mission builders who came from across the country to open their hearts to our small congregation and lead us in the building of this beautiful structure. Together with so many who opened their hearts and hands to construct this building, our physical church became a reality. The next time you enter these doors, remember that the floors, windows, trusses, trim, electrical, and paint were all acts of hope and love by members of CTK who generously opened their hearts. Easter Sunday just before construction was complete, we decided to worship in a building with sunlight streaming in through an unfinished roof. We thought our hearts would burst! We continued to be blessed and grateful!

Today we are a church of opportunities. WE have a vibrant ministry that has evolved over the years. We have many more open hearts that will enable us to do God's work. We are blessed to have musicians, teachers, chefs, caregivers, business leaders, organizers, artists, time givers, youth, children, adults, seniors. We give thanks with grateful hearts.

From living room to what you see today - a testament to God's love and your open hearts. What does the future hold for Christ the King? The possibilities are endless! Our open hearts will enable us to do more of God's work in our community. Thanks be to God!
We are blessed!

Ministry Quick Links

Calendar



Pastor

Rev. J. Erik Allen

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*Christian Education
Coordinator*

Kristine Macauley,
Youth Coordinator

Music Staff

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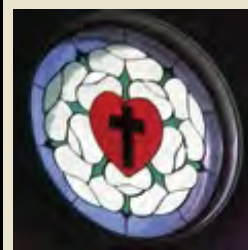
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Music Minister

Administrative Staff

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Business Manager

John Spencer,
Administrative Assistant

David & Susan Van
Valkenburgh,
*Communications
Specialists*



Christ the King Preschool

Jakima McCall,
Preschool Director



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.



New Member Classes - Continuing This Sunday

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! Classes meet during the discipleship hour (10:00 a.m. 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.



October Sewcialbee

Our next quilting sewcialbee will be **this Saturday**, October 10, 2015 from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Please bring your sewing machine, walking foot (if you have one) and any other tools you think you will need. We have a number of quilt tops that need to be layered and then sewn together.

So if you would like to help a worthy cause, please join us. Don't forget to bring your lunch if you are staying for the day.

Any questions contact Cathie Gibbons 678-923-2964 or catherinegibbons4@gmail.com.



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.



Oktoberfest October 25, 2015

The youth group invites everyone to join them on Sunday, October 25, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service for fun, food and fellowship!

The menu will include:

- Brats and hotdogs
- Sauerkraut
- Side dishes

Entertainment will be provided

There will be a scavenger hunt for fall candy after lunch for the children.

A free will offering will be taken during the lunch. All proceeds will benefit the youth programs.

Please bring a dessert to share and come join the youth for an afternoon of fun!



Peyette Bible Collection - Private Preview

On Saturday, October 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Christ the King will be hosting a viewing of some of the rare bibles in the Peyette Collection which includes many printed in the 16th century.

Attendance is by RSVP only. If you would like to attend, please contact

Kathy Voerg at ctk1125@ctklutheran.com with your wish to attend and how many. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis and will be limited so that those in attendance will have the ability to view the bibles closely.



All Saints Sunday

On All Saints Sunday, November 1, we will lift up the lives of those who have gone before us, since last All Saints Sunday. We will, again, use a special banner with bells to celebrate the memory of each friend or family member who has departed this life to share in the eternal feast that God has prepared for all his children.

If you would like your loved one, who passed away in the last year, honored in this way, forms are available at the church in the narthex on the table next to the office window. You are also welcome to email the information (name of the deceased, date of death, relationship to person making the request, and the name of the person making the request) to ctk1125@ctklutheran.com by October 25. These names will be listed in the bulletin on November 1.



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.



Sounds of Sawnee Concert

The Sounds of Sawnee are presenting a concert entitled "Broadway Scores Again" on Sunday, October 18th at Midway United Methodist Church. All proceeds go to Family Promise of Forsyth County. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased from Carol Terry or Jim or Lu Leeds.



Let's Go to the Corn Maze!

The youth group wants the whole congregation to join them on Sunday, November 1, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We will be at Forsyth county's ONLY corn maze at Warbington Farms. Tell them you are with CTK Lutheran and get the group rate of \$2 off gate price. Walk their maze for \$8, do both the corn maze AND the fun park for \$13 for kids or \$10 for adults. We will have a spot reserved in the party barn for CTK for those that just want to come and share in the get-together.

Calling all BRAVE youth members. On Friday, October 30, we will go to Uncle Shucks "Haunted Corn Maze," best enjoyed by high school and middle school aged kids that don't frighten easily. We will meet at 8:30 at night. Purchase your tickets individually, but enjoy the maze together. Bring your flashlights because we'll have a race to see who can finish the standard maze in the dark first! Tickets are \$16 for both mazes. Tell them you are with CTK Lutheran group for \$2 off your admission price.

In all, email Kristine@ctklutheran.com to let her know you plan to attend, but RSVP's are not required. Come on the spur of the moment if you want!



Congregation Appreciation Dinner

The Outreach and Hospitality teams will sponsor an Italian dinner on Saturday November 14 starting at 6:30 PM. Dinner will include entrees, salads, drinks, and desserts. Musical entertainment will also be included. Please mark your calendars. You will see more on this in the coming weeks.



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 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.



Retire Wisely Workshop

Will you have enough to retire? Will your retirement income last? Are your assets protected? Join us on the following dates and times: October 15th at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm; October 22nd at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm; October 27th at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm. Workshops will be held at Thrivent Financial, 9875 Medlock Bridge Parkway, Suite 150, Johns Creek. Thrivent Financial representatives, Michael J. Clifford, FIC and Kerry P. Maurer, FIC will share how to manage six risks all retirees face: outliving income, inflation, unpredictable events, market volatility, income taxes and rising health care costs. To RSVP, contact Angela Maurer at 678-475-0350 or angela.maurer@thrivent.com.

No products will be sold at this event.

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Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

Date	Day	Time	Event
11-Oct	Sunday		Twentieth 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
		10:00 - 10:45	New Member Orientation Class
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		12:15 - 1:15	Christian Education Meeting
12-Oct	Monday	10:00 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
		12:00 - 1:00	Finance Meeting
		7:00 - 8:00	Handbells Rehearsal
13-Oct	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle
		1:00 - 4:00	Piecemakers Quilt Guild
		6:00 - 8:00	Council Meeting
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
14-Oct	Wednesday	10:30 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
		1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		7:00 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
15-Oct	Thursday	1:00 - 4:00	Forsyth County Christmas Sign Up
		7:00 - 8:30	Prasie Band Rehearsal
16-Oct	Friday	6:00 - 8:00	Girl Scout Troop 11809
18-Oct	Sunday		Twenty First 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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		12:15 - 1:15	Pumpkin Painting/Children's Choir