

*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 16, 2015

Join us this Sunday for **Commitment Sunday** as we consecrate our Estimates of Giving for the next year. New member classes continue during the 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour, the children will be singing during the 11:00 a.m. service and afterwards will be painting pumpkins to help decorate for Oktoberfest!

Also, don't forget the coat drive ends this Sunday, so be sure to go through your closets and bring any items you'd like to donate. All the details are below!

Have a blessed weekend!



In His Service,
Susan Van Valkenburgh
Communications Specialist

In This Issue



I Thank My God...

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:3-6)

So begins Paul's letter to the Philippians - his most thankful and encouraging letter in the New Testament. It's a letter that in many ways stands contrary to Paul's other letters to communities who face challenges and hardships all their own. Yet, for as good as we might expect things to

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be in Philippi, most scholars believe that this letter was actually written to the poorest of the churches Paul established.

It is surprising then that at the end of the letter (Philippians 4:10-20) Paul includes such a long acknowledgement and thanksgiving of their gifts. Paul writes, *You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account.* (4:15-17)

Paul accepted the gifts of the church at Philippi because he knew how important it was for them to give. He knew that this act was not for his sake but for theirs. Their commitment to the gospel "from the first day until now" was furthered by their openness to give to Paul.

As we prepare to share our commitments this Sunday, I encourage you to consider how the good news of Jesus Christ challenges you to **Open Minds -- Open Hearts -- Open Hands**. Your openness to making a commitment not only helps us prepare for new ministry opportunities next year; it helps us as a community to respond in love to the needs of those around us!

See you Sunday!

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New Members to be Received on Sunday, October 25

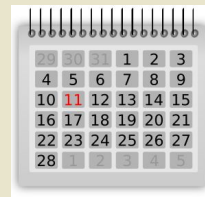
New member classes continue this Sunday, October 18, during the 10:00 a.m. hour. Christ the King will be receiving new members next Sunday, October 25, at all three services. If you have been unable to attend the classes and desire to join Christ the King, please email the church office at ctk1125@ctklutheran.com by Wednesday, October 21.

A reception in honor of all those who are being received into membership will be held during the 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour on Sunday, October 25. We invite everyone to join in welcoming our newest members.

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Ministry Quick Links

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Coordinator*

Kristine Macauley,
Youth Coordinator

Music Staff

Dr. John Broman,
Chancel Choir Director

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*Communications
Specialists*



Pumpkin Painting This Sunday

The Annual Youth & Children Pumpkin Painting will be **this Sunday**, 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.



Christ the King Preschool

Jakima McCall,
Preschool Director



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.



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!



Preschool News

We have had a busy start to the preschool year! Enrollment is up and that means the building is alive with the sounds of laughter and happiness! We do have some important things to share.

First, a huge thank you to all who donated items for the Helping Hands drive! The supply drive was a big success and we really appreciate all of the donations. At the end of last school year, the preschool wanted to identify a way that we could give to the church and help take care of our space. You may have noticed the building and sidewalks looked a little "fresher". We arranged to have the building and sidewalks pressure washed last month. It made our lovely building sparkle even more. Finally, if you have ever been interested in volunteering time at the preschool, we do have an event coming up where we could use volunteers. We are hosting a "trunk or treat" on Wednesday and Thursday, October 28 - 29, and we would love to have more volunteers decorate their trunks and hand out treats. We will finish the event with Miss Spider's Tea Party. Please contact us if you are interested in helping.

ctkpreschool@earthlink.net

Jakima McCall
Preschool Director



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.



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!



First Annual Family Promise Bed Race & Festival

This major fund raising event is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Forsyth Central High School. Karen Taylor, Lu Leeds, and Joe and Mary Lambert (all members of Christ the King) will be manning booths selling hand crafted items and food along with folks manning a number of other booths. The bed races will begin at 10:00 a.m. Our own team, captained by Jim Leeds, will compete against beds sponsored by the Sheriff's department, Chick-Fil-A and a number of other groups. While winning the speed competition will be a highlight of the event, the bed whose team raises the most money for Family Promise of Forsyth County

will be the most important winner. For more information, contact any member of the Outreach team or go to <http://www.familypromiseofforsythcounty.org/>.

Please plan to attend this event and support the members of our church as well as Family Promise.



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.



Evangelism Committee Invite

Are you an individual who is looking to experience a need to be more connected to the church and its community? Then please consider joining the Evangelism Committee who is need of additional input and direction to guide our church's future growth. The

Evangelism Committee works to follow our mission statement to Glorify God, Spread the Word, and Love One Another by ensuring all guests and visitors experience a warm and friendly welcome, and share their faith by inviting others to experience God's family here at Christ the King. Some examples of our work is:

- * Greeting and welcome guests and visitors
- * New Member orientation
- * Training and recruitment of greeters and welcome desk
- * Touchpoint for new members to become involved within church

The committee meets the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the church library. Join us on November 24th. If you are interested please contact Cathy Beard at (770) 205-2987 or by email at cbeard04@ymail.com. Looking forward to having you be part of our committee.



Sounds of Sawnee Concert this Sunday

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.



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 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 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
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
		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
19-Oct	Monday	12:15 - 1:15	Pumpkin Painting/Children's Choir
		7:00 - 8:00	Handbells Rehearsal
		7:00 - 8:30	Ruby/Ruth Bible Study
		8:00 - 9:00	Praise Band Rehearsal
20-Oct	Tuesday	9:30 - 10:30	Evangelism Committee Meeting
		10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle
		5:00 - 6:00	Outreach Meeting
		6:00 - 7:30	Stewardship Meeting
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
21-Oct	Wednesday	10:30 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
		1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		7:00 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
22-Oct	Thursday	6:00 - 9:00	WELCA
25-Oct	Sunday		Reformation Sunday
		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 Reception in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
12:15 - 2:15	Oktoberfest!!