

*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 30, 2015

Don't forget... Daylight Savings starts this Sunday, so set your clocks back one hour Saturday night. Have a safe and happy Halloween!

In His Service,
Susan Van Valkenburgh
Communications Specialist



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Payette Bible Collection - Private Preview This Saturday!

This Saturday, 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 Payette Collection which includes many printed in the 16th century.

Reservations are still available!! If you would like to attend, please contact Kathy Voerg at ctk1125@ctklutheran.com with your wish to attend and how many.

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Open Minds -- Open Hearts -- Open Hands

The stewardship team has offered many opportunities for enrichment this past year to the congregation. We need your commitment to continue our journey with spiritual enrichment, staff growth, and to support greater emphasis on youth and children ministries.

**Ministry Quick
Links
Calendar**

Recently you received a letter from Pastor Allen asking for your financial commitment for 2016. Will you join us in achieving our goal of increasing our financial commitments by \$50,000 over last year?

I know that writing a financial commitment that is in balance with your life requires a great deal of reflection, and the pledge itself is deeply personal. However, your commitment will help shape and guide our ministries for the coming year. Without your estimate of giving, we cannot live up to our full potential as a church to serve as our Lord commands.

We encourage you to place your Estimate of Giving Card in the offering plate this upcoming Sunday, November 1. You may also mail it or drop it off at the church office on or prior to that date.

Again, we ask that you prayerfully consider your commitment as God continues to work through the people of Christ the King with Open Minds -- Open Hearts -- Open Hands. Please join us as we become a truly generous congregation in all aspects in order to "Glorify God, Spread the Word, and Love One Another."

Yours in Christ,
Jack Schlea
Chairman Stewardship Committee



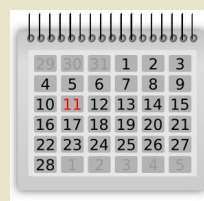
Sunday School Foster Child

Christ the King Lutheran Sunday School sponsors a foster child through Compassion. Our sponsored child is Ruthalha Joseph from

Haiti. She is in 10th grade. Through our monthly donations she is able to attend the Montry Child Development Center in Haiti. There Ruthalha receives her meals, medical care, education, and Christian leadership. She is surrounded by extreme poverty in her family and community.

The Pastor who ministers to Ruthhala has requested that we send her encouragement through cards, pictures, and letters to stay in school and continue her Christian journey of faith. We are collecting cards, pictures, and letters to send Ruthalha from Christ the King. **Please drop off your cards, cards letters and pictures at the church office by November 1st.** You may also make a donation if you like.

For more information about Ruthalha please contact Deborah Scarazzo at debbie@ctklutheran.com.



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Concert of American Songs and Spirituals

On Sunday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m. at Christ the King, the congregation is invited to a free concert with Indra Thomas, soprano, singing Gershwin

tunes and different types of spirituals. Ms. Thomas is considered one of the foremost Aidas in the world today. Ms. Thomas has appeared at many of the world's great opera houses, such as the Metropolitan Opera and the Vienna State Opera; and prominent venues in France, Germany, Spain and England, including the Royal Albert Hall.

There will be a reception following the concert.



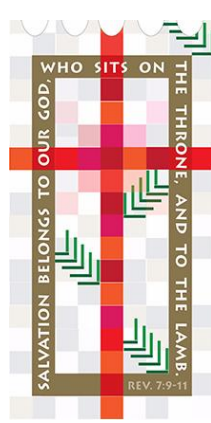
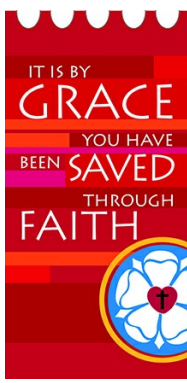
Let's Go to the Corn Maze!

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!



New Reformation and All Saints Banners

We have new banners to celebrate the commemoration of the Reformation and the centuries-old remembrance of those saints who are now in glory on All Saints Day.

The Reformation banner is designed in various shades of red, the liturgical color for special celebratory Sundays. It features the Scripture verse from Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV, *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast."* Salvation by grace was the central theme of Martin Luther's call for reform in the church. In remembrance of Dr. Luther, a representation of his seal which he designed, is also on the banner. An explanation of this seal is presented on the picture of the Luther Seal stain glass window display in the Narthex.

The Reformation Banner was generously given by Tony and Linda Gulla.

The All Saints banner, (which appears with the Reformation banner since it was on the eve of All Saints Day that Martin Luther posted his controversial "95 Theses" on the church door) is designed predominantly in white, the liturgical color of the festival of All Saints. The banner is a collection of white squares representing the multitude of saints as the "hosts dressed in white". Over these white squares is a red cross depicting that *"they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."* (Rev. 7:14) The encircling gold band contains a portion of Scripture from Rev. 7:9-11 NIV *"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'"* The bells on the previous All Saints banner, that were given in remembrance of our loved ones who had passed away, have been carried over onto this new banner in the form of bell tassels.

The All Saints Banner was generously given by Darlene Gordon and Sue Hallman in memory of their mother Doris Geare.

Both banners were designed and crafted by Sue Johnson.

20th Annual Women's Retreat Save the Date!

March 4 - March 6, 2016



Location: Tanglewood Lodge
Helen, GA

Come Thursday, March 3, 2016 and stay for free.

Stay the weekend or just come Saturday for the study!

Scholarships are available.

(This will not apply to single bed registration.)

Changes Coming for 2016:

Limited availability of a single bed at an additional cost.

The study will begin on Friday night.

Registration will open December 2015

Questions please contact:

Stephanie Boylan

Stephanie.L.Boylan@gmail.com or 404-906-6560.



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 Congregation Appreciation Dinner menu has been expanded: The Outreach and Hospitality teams will sponsor an Italian dinner on Saturday November 14 starting at 6:30 PM. The menu has been expanded to include Primavera, Bolognese, and Chicken Parmesan as well as green and Caesar salads, garlic cheese biscuits, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, and Spumoni ice cream. Musical entertainment will also be included. Gluten free meals will be provided upon request. Transportation and/or parking assistance will be available upon request. Please make your needs known when you RSVP or contact the church office. This event is a thank you to the congregation for supporting outreach efforts at Christ the King.

Please mark your calendars!



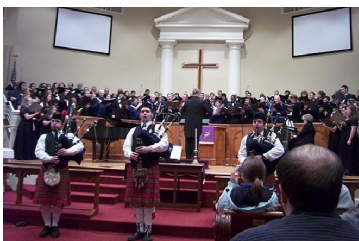
Save the Date: 1st Annual Ornament Exchange!

On Saturday December 5th, 2015, from 2 - 4 p.m., the Fellowship Team invites you to the 1st Annual Ornament Exchange!

Bring the whole family and join us for

- * Ornament exchange for older kids, youth and adults
- * Arts and Crafts for the younger kids (coloring and ornament making)
- * Finger Foods
- * Warm Beverages (hot apple cider, hot cocoa, tea, and coffee)
- * Various varieties of Christmas music

Mark your calendars for this fun event!



Upcoming UNG Choir Concerts

The University of North Georgia Patriot Choir, under the direction of Dr. John Broman, will present its fall concert Monday, November 2, 8:00 p.m. in Gloria Shott Performance Hall. The UNG Men's Quartet (Dr. John Broman, Randy Barker, Rich Grimshaw, Dr. Mark Spraker) will be the guest performing ensemble. Patriotic music, love songs, folk song arrangements, and sacred music will be presented during

this evening concert. The program is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The University of North Georgia Singers and Le Belle Voci will present their fall concerts Monday, November 9 at Dahlonega Baptist Church and Tuesday, November 10 at Dahlonega United Methodist Church. Both programs will begin at 8:00 p.m. and are free to the public. Singers will present The Sunrise Mass by Ola Gjeilo with strings and a few other shorter compositions. Le Belle Voci will perform part of its program to be presented January 28, 2016 as part of the Georgia Music Educators Association Conference in Athens, GA. This select women's ensemble was invited to perform after undergoing a rigorous audition process this past summer. Dr. Mark and Ivy Spraker are members of the University of North Georgia Singers.



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:

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
1-Nov	Sunday		All Saints 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
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		12:15 - 2:15	Children's Choir/Handchimes
		2:00 - 4:00	Warbington Farms Corn Maze
2-Nov	Monday	5:00 - 7:00	Mutual Ministry Meeting
		7:00 - 8:00	Handbells Rehearsal
3-Nov	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
4-Nov	Wednesday	10:30 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
		1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		6:00 - 7:00	Personnel Committee Meeting
		7:00 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5-Nov	Thursday	7:00 - 8:30	Praise Band Rehearsal
6-Nov	Friday	6:00 - 8:00	Girl Scout Troop 11809
8-Nov	Sunday		Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip On Sale
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		9:50 - 10:00	Fellowship Time
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		4:00 - 6:00	Indra Thomas Concert