

*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



November 20, 2015

Praying for safe travels for all those going out of town this week. And with Christmas right around the corner, we've got all the dates and times of our Advent and Christmas offerings below. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Have a blessed weekend!

In His Service,
Susan Van Valkenburgh
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The Beauty of a Gift

Several weeks ago I received a phone call from Pr. Mike McCormack, the first called pastor of Christ the King. It was an unexpected surprise with the offer of an unexpected gift. Pr. McCormack's wife, Ann, had finished a painting that she thought was appropriate for Christ the King and she wanted to gift it to the congregation. I really had no idea what to expect, other than it reminded

Ann of CTK.

When I saw it I

instantly knew why it reminded her of us - the crowns of Jesus Christ -- our King -- were all there, radiantly on display. Majestic crowns, the crown of thorns, crowns packed with meaning, yet all stacked up as if to remind us of the many crowns our Savior wears to redeem this world. Staring at the painting, I began to wonder, "Did Christ know all the crowns He would wear?" "Could others see the crowns then like we can in Ann's painting now?"

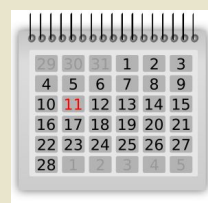
"What crown am I trying to picture on Jesus, and for whose sake am I doing it -- for others? My own?"

At this point I'm not sure I have answers to all those questions. And yet, as I turn to our readings for this Sunday -- appropriately Christ the King Sunday -- I realize that I'm not alone. Pilate and others were thoroughly confused about the nature of Jesus' kingdom. Likewise, the disciples were still on a journey of discovery, not knowing where Jesus was leading them - only that he was!

The next time you are in church and have a few extra minutes, I encourage you to head to the library and spend a few minutes with our newest gift. Consider its creativeness, skill and meaning for it truly is a beautiful gift.

Grace and Peace,

Pr. Erik



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Sunday School Sundays, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

As the church prepares to enter the season of Advent, please note the class schedule for the youth and children of the church:

Sunday, November 22: The ONLY Sunday school class being held this Sunday is the Adult Class on the lessons for the day. All other classes will NOT be meeting in light of the Thanksgiving break.

Sunday, November 29: All classes will meet as usual.

Sunday, December 6: All classes will meet as usual.

Sunday, December 13: Rehearsal for the Youth & Children's program for



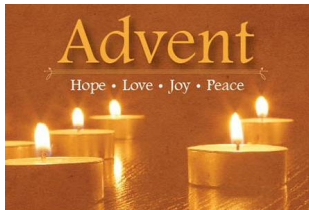
Christ the King Preschool

Jakima McCall,
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participants. All other classes will meet as usual.

Sunday, December 20: Rehearsal for the Youth & Children's program for participants. All other classes will meet as usual.

Sunday, December 27: No Sunday school classes. There will only be ONE Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. that morning.



Sundays in Advent 2015

**Sunday Morning Worship November 29
and December 6, 13 and 20
8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Advent is a time of anticipation. All are welcome to join us as we prepare for the anticipated arrival of the Christ child.

Chancel Choir Cantata Sunday

December 13 at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

The program presented by the Chancel Choir will consist of six choral selections and one men's quartet piece. Pastor Allen will be putting together a script for the occasion based on the texts found in the seven selections. The quartet will consist of Dr. Jack Broman, Rev. Erik Allen, Rich Grimshaw, and Dr. Mark Spraker. The program will be accompanied by Sandra Lutters.

Youth & Children Program Sunday

December 20 at 11:00 a.m.

This year's Advent Program begins with preparing for the coming of the Christ child and concludes with us worshipping Christ with all our talents each and every day. The short musical portrays the Advent story with readings from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew and Advent songs. Please join the Children & Youth of Christ the King as they prepare us for the coming of the Christ child this Advent season.

Potluck following the Children's Program

December 20 at Noon

Ruby/Ruth Circles will be hosting a Saint Lucia Potluck for the congregation honor of our Youth and Children directly following the children's Christmas musical at 11:00 a.m. Families are asked to bring entrees, appetizers, and side dishes to share. The Ruby/Ruth Circles will be providing children-friendly entrees and treats. Please email Wendy at wendy@kraby.com if you have any questions or would like to help.



Wednesdays During Advent December 2, 9, and 16

6:00 p.m. Advent Meal

Join us for a time of fellowship prior to Advent services on Wednesday nights. Simple meals of soup and sandwich will be sponsored by the various ministries of the church. Come and meet some of your fellow worshippers!

7:00 p.m. Advent Service

Evening Prayer Reflections

Join us as we use The Holden Evening Prayer service setting to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus.



Christmas Eve 2015

Thursday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Family Service

Bring the whole family!

Scripture, Carols, Holy Communion

Nursery care available for children under

the age of 3.

8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Special music begins at 7:30 p.m.

Scripture, Carols, Candlelight, Holy Communion

Nursery provided for children under the age of 3.

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Special music begins at 9:30 p.m.

Scripture, Carols, Candlelight, Holy Communion



First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 27 10:00 a.m. Service ONLY

Carol Sing with Holy Communion. Pick and sing your favorite Christmas carols from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)



The Scrip Program at CTK - What is it?

Since September 2009, Christ the King has been selling gift cards. The church is able to buy the cards at a discount from many sources. Members buy the cards at

their face value to purchase anything from groceries to gas to a night out. The profit made by Christ the King is then used to reduce the principal on the mortgage on the church. This Christmas Season why not help us pay down our mortgage by using gift cards to not only give as gifts, but to also purchase the gifts you are going to give. Together we can make help pay down in our mortgage.

For more information or to volunteer to help with the program, please contact Scott Younghouse at scotttn_1@hotmail.com.



Kids Play While You Shop Away!

Saturday, Dec 5 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Do your Christmas shopping on Saturday, December 5 and let Christ the King Youth Group and parents give your children a fun day of holiday activities! You can drop off anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. We will play games, watch cartoons and seasonal

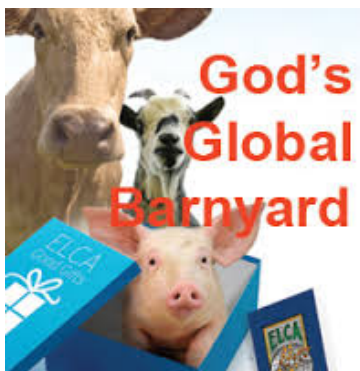
movies, have snack time and other fun activities. Click [here](#) for the form to fill out. Either email it to Kristine Macauley at kristine@ctklutheran.com or drop it off at the church office.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!

Sign up and tell us when you are able to help on Saturday, December 5, to play with the kids. Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parents of youth are also invited to help. Please contact Kristine if you are able to help.

God's Global Barnyard

Again this year Christ the King will be providing families with pigs and cows, ducks and chicks! This year your donations can again change lives: a chick for eggs, a cow for milk, a sheep for wool. With God's Global Barnyard, you may choose an animal or make a donation that will



help to go for an animal with other donations. You are welcome to donate an animal in memory and/or honor of an individual, ministry or organization. Please write Global Barnyard on the memo portion of the check and place with the flyer in the offering plate. This year make a difference that will last into the future of the lives of the people that receive this precious gift. If you would

like more information on God's Global Barnyard, please see the flyer on the Welcome Desk in the narthex.



Poinsettias

Order forms for poinsettias for the chancel area are available in your bulletin or on the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Please submit your orders by December 13. Poinsettias will be used to decorate

the chancel area on Christmas Eve and the First Sunday of Christmas. Donors are asked to pick their flowers up after the service on Sunday, December 27.



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!



Save the Date - Christmas Cookie Sale!

The annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be here Saturday, December 12th!!

For those new to the congregation, the Christmas Cookie Sale is an annual fundraiser benefiting the women's ministry. Bakers in the congregation donate delicious cookies, candies and individual homemade treats; the women's group decorates and sets everything up for the event in the fellowship hall.

Christ the King members and the general public are invited to attend and purchase the delicious treats. When you arrive you'll pick up a box to hold your goodies and set off to tour the trays to select whatever catches your eye. The boxes are weighed at the end and you pay the cashier accordingly. There are many who wait for the sale to purchase a special gift for teachers, neighbors, co-workers and family. The beauty of the Cookie Sale is the wide variety of items from which to select. Certainly more than most of us would make at home! There are also some special categories such as no nuts, sugar free and egg/gluten free.

The best selection is Saturday. If you cannot join us at the sale we will pack up any remaining cookies into 1-pound variety boxes. These will be available for sale between services the next day. Previous years' items have included traditional frosted sugar cookies, biscotti, buckeyes, pecan tassies, peanut brittle, church mice, thin mint cookies, meringues, Swedish cookies, gingerbread men, Mexican wedding cookies and others too numerous to list. You just need to come see for yourself!

To all you wonderful, dedicated bakers - more details will be published soon and I'm looking forward to seeing all the offerings. (Hint: Pizza boxes are a great way to transport your cookies to the church!)

Cookie sign-up sheet and drop-off forms for donations will be posted on the bulletin board next to mailboxes.

For questions, contact June Wolsin 770-889-0908





Ruth/Ruby Circle

What is Ruby and Ruth Circle?

This is a group open to ALL women (of all ages) in the church to get to know each other and support each other under the love of God. We meet once a month for either dinners out, enrichment meetings or for service to the church. Come whenever you can!

Here is our schedule for the year:

Sunday, Dec. 20: We host a St. Lucia reception for all the kids of the church. (Amy B. hosts)

January (TBA): Dinner OUT (Amy B. hosts)

February (TBA): Craft Night OUT (Sue H hosts)

March 4-2-5: WOMEN's RETREAT in N. Georgia Mountains

April Sunday (TBA): Write to Military Members of the church with the children

May (TBA): Hike up Sawnee Mountain

June (TBA): Taco Night at Vacation Bible School

July (TBA): Dinner out (Planning Meeting)

September (TBA): Fall kick-off

Have questions or ideas?

Wendy Kraby, wendy@kraby.com

Amy Barish, amybarish@comcast.net

Ruby/Ruth CIRCLE

A virtuous woman who can find? For her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:10

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay.

Ruth 1:16



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

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Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

Date	Day	Time	Event
22-Nov	Sunday		Christ the King 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	Adult Sunday School only
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
23-Nov	Monday	7:00 - 8:00	Handbells Rehearsal
		8:00 - 9:30	Praise Band Rehearsal
24-Nov	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		1:00 - 3:00	Piecemaker's Quilt Guild
		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
26-Nov	Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED
27-Nov	Friday		OFFICE CLOSED
29-Nov	Sunday		First Sunday of Advent
		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