

*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



December 11, 2015

C is for cookie and that's what you'll find - in all shapes, flavors and sizes - tomorrow at CTK from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the annual Cookie Sale! Get there early to get the best selection! Plus, read on for all the Advent and Christmas opportunities and more coming up at CTK.



Have a blessed weekend!

In His Service,
Susan Van Valkenburgh
Communications Specialist

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Christmas Cookie Sale!!! Saturday, December 12 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

This is your chance to select from a huge variety of items!

Just when your time is in short supply and you can't possibly fit in any baking, we'll have loads of goodies for you to share with your friends and neighbors!

Hosted by the Women of Christ the King.

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Christmas Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, December 15 at 10:00 AM, all are invited to a



Christmas Bible study, **"Not A Silent Night: Mary Looks Back To Bethlehem"** by Adam Hamilton. It's a great way to spend Advent/Christmas with Mary, proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission. There's a small cost for the book and video.



Staff Gifts

gifts directly to the individual staff member.

Envelopes are available on the Usher's table in the narthex for those wishing to make a monetary contribution to Staff Gifts. The church does not budget a "bonus" for the employees and so your generosity at this time of year would be greatly appreciated. Should you wish, you may instead send personal

~ In Christ's peace,
The Congregation Council



2015 Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is up in the narthex. This year the emphasis is on clothing but there are non-clothing options as well. We are sponsoring 51 children that would not otherwise be likely to receive Christmas gifts. This year we will not be bundling several Angels representing several items of clothing as we have for the past two years.

1) To provide a gift, please pull white Angel(s) specifying the item(s) as labeled on the Angel(s), purchase the item(s), return them unwrapped with receipts and the Angels, and place them under the tree.

2) White Angels are for the gifts for children. Each child will receive three gifts from our Angel Tree as well as a \$25 gift card to either Target or Walmart. You can purchase the gift cards at the Scrip Table in the fellowship hall.

Please return the gifts unwrapped with the Angels and receipts attached to them as well as the \$25 gift cards by Sunday, December 20. You can place the gift cards in the wrapped box under the tree.

You can also support Outreach efforts for 2016 by donating Publix gift cards, which support families in need, or checks/cash as specified on the green Angels. The Publix gift cards can also be purchased at the scrip

Ministry Quick Links

Calendar



Pastor

Rev. J. Erik Allen

Program Staff

Deborah Scarazzo,
Christian Education Coordinator

Kristine Macauley,
Youth Coordinator

Music Staff

Dr. John Broman,
Chancel Choir Director

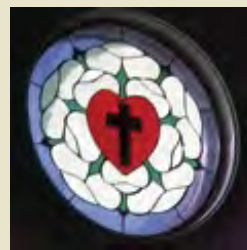
Sandra Lutters,
Music Minister

Administrative Staff

Kathy Voerg,
Business Manager

John Spencer,
Administrative Assistant

David & Susan Van
Valkenburgh,
Communications Specialists



Christ the King Preschool

Jakima McCall,
Preschool Director

table. You can place these donations in the box under the tree.

Thank you for your support of Angel Tree over the years and please consider providing Christmas gifts for needy children during this holiday season.



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.



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.



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

Sunday, January 3: All classes will meet as usual.



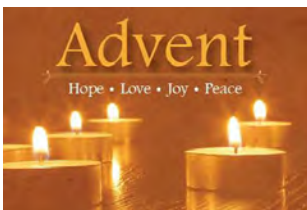
Wednesday Advent Service **December 16**

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.



Sundays in Advent 2015

Sunday Morning Worship December 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 worshiping 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.



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)



Youth Lock-In

Saturday, January 2, bring your friends for an evening lock-in of fellowship and service. We will start at 10:00 p.m., eat our annual Steak-N-Shake burgers and shakes and then back to the church to Lock-In and have fun. The event ends with waffles and attending the 9:00 a.m. service together. Please bring a snack to share and especially packages of non-chocolate snacks to send to soldiers overseas in honor of our members and their

families serving in our armed forces. RSVP to Kristine at
kristine@ctklutheran.com.

Thank you to the families of CTK and the preschool who participated in the Christmas babysitting event. The youth provided this activity for 7 hours and raised money towards their summer mission trip. Good job Brian, Haley, Hunter, Caroline, Sophia and Reecey. ~ Kristine Macauley



**20th Annual Women's Retreat
Registration Open
March 4 - March 6, 2016
Location: Tanglewood Lodge
Helen, GA**

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

Scholarships are available

This will not apply to single bed registration

Limited availability of a single bed at an additional cost

First Come First Serve Basis.

Registration forms are available on the bulletin board next to the
mailboxes in the Administrative Hallway

Registration Deadline: January 10, 2016

Late Registration Deadline: January 17, 2016

Questions please contact: Stephanie Boylan

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



**Financial Peace University and
Generation Change**

Financial Peace University and
Generation Change (for pre-teens and
teenagers) will be offered for 9 weeks
beginning Sunday, January 10, at 5:30
p.m. While the adults explore the benefits
of FPU, the teens will have their own

class geared to helping them navigate the intricacies of the financial waters
as they mature. To sign up or for more information on Financial Peace
University please visit the website at daveramsey.com/findaclass. For
more information on Generation Change please contact Youth Coordinator,

Learn God's ways of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University! The average turnaround is \$8,000 in just the first three months!



January Quilting Bootcamp

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our January quilting boot camp. The dates are Thursday, January 14 - Saturday, January 16 from 10 - 2:30 each day.

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



Confronting Racism: A Holy Yearning - January 14

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Racism remains an enduring crisis in the United States. As Lutheran Christians, we must continue our involvement in and commitment to the important work of naming racism as a sin - a violation of God's intention for humanity.

Please join me for another live webcast on "Confronting Racism: A Holy Yearning" - Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. (CST). This conversation will focus on offering a variety of perspectives on the U.S. criminal justice system. As with the previous webcast, we will continue to ground the webcast by two commitments. One is this church's proclamation of Christ and the confidence that this good news brings to set us free from the captivity of racism. The second is this church's enduring commitment to address the complexity of racism and end discrimination.

Joining me once again for this conversation is host William B. Horne II, an ELCA member from Clearwater, Fla. Together we welcome:

Judge Yolanda Tanner, an ELCA member and an associate judge for the Baltimore City Circuit Court.

Leonard Duncan, an ELCA member who will share his experience of incarceration, poverty and homelessness. Duncan is a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and an ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship recipient.

Charlene Guiliani, an ELCA member and former police sergeant. Guiliani is a student at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, and an ELCA

Fund for Leaders scholarship recipient.

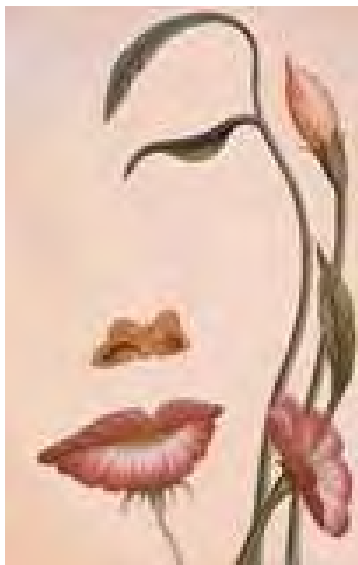
Through our church's social statements "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries" and "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture," the ELCA collectively has expressed its calling to confront racism and advocate for justice and fairness for all people. You can access these social statements [here](#). In addition, I have made several public statements on behalf of the church on the subject. Those statements are available [here](#).

You may read more about this webcast at www.ELCA.org/webcast, where a link to the live webcast will be provided. A live stream also will be available at [www.Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://www.facebook.com/Lutherans). If you would like to submit a question to be considered during the live webcast, please send it to livinglutheran@elca.org and provide your name and your congregation's name, city and state.

Join me for this important conversation.

God's peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

Date	Day	Time	Event
13-Dec	Sunday		Third Sunday of Advent
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip On Sale
		9:00 - 10:00	Chancel Choir Cantata/Holy Communion
		9:50 - 10:00	Fellowship Time
		10:00 - 10:45	Youth/Children's Program Rehearsal
		10:00 - 10:45	Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Chancel Choir Cantata/Holy Communion
14-Dec	Monday	12:15 - 1:15	Children's Choir & Hand chimes
		7:00 - 8:00	Handbells Rehearsal
		8:00 - 9:30	Praise Band Rehearsal
15-Dec	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle (knitting)
		5:00 - 6:00	Outreach Meeting
		6:00 - 7:00	Stewardship Meeting
16-Dec	Wednesday	10:30 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
		6:00 - 7:00	Advent Meal
		7:00 - 7:30	Advent Service
		7:30 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
20-Dec	Sunday		Fourth Sunday of Advent
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip On Sale
		9:00 - 10:00	Chancel Choir Cantata/Holy Communion
		9:50 - 10:00	Fellowship Time
		10:00 - 10:45	Youth/Children's Program Rehearsal
		10:00 - 10:45	Sunday School/Discipleship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Youth/Children's Program & Holy Communion
		12:00 - 1:15	Ruby/Ruth Circle Reception/Potluck
		12:00 - 1:00	Outreach Meeting
		2:30 - 5:30	Scarazzo Recital