

*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



February 19, 2016

Greetings,

Tonight is Family Game Night! Come one, come all for an old fashioned night of board games and fellowship. Then on Saturday, grab your work gloves and head over to CTK for Winter Landscaping Day to get our grounds prepped and ready for spring. See below for times and details! Have a blessed weekend!

In His Service,

Susan Van Valkenburgh
Communications Specialist



In This Issue

Council Corner



Through my work with the council and the Personnel Committee, I have gotten to know many of our wonderful staff and have learned to deeply appreciate their work and their commitment to Christ the King Lutheran Church. The church functions so well and so seamlessly that I often find myself falling into the trap of taking our staff's work for granted.

For example, over the last three years the church's external communications, web presence, Facebook page, and newsletter, as well as many other things too numerous to mention here, have undergone a transformation led by Susan and David Van Valkenburgh. I enjoy reading the newsletter each week and have used the

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website frequently to catch up on the church calendar and other relevant information. Between this and our frequently updated Facebook page, I never feel too far away from CTK. It is amazing what the Van Valkenburghs have been able to accomplish in just a few hours per week.

Recently, I was saddened to learn that they would be leaving our staff, because of some very nice changes in their work lives. They will still be worshipping at Christ the King, but feel that they can no longer devote the time needed to continue as our Communications Specialists. I know that we will all miss their work. When you see them on Sundays, thank them for everything that they have done for the church. A plan is in place to continue the work that they have so ably begun. Some of the work will be given to existing tech-savvy staff and Sue Johnson has agreed to do contract work for CTK to update the website, our brochure publications, and to design logos and other artistic creations to continue to make our public face attractive and welcoming. We are so lucky to have so much talent in our congregation. Thank you to the Van Valkenburghs and thank you, Sue Johnson.



Family Game Night Tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Family Game Nights sponsored by the Youth are the 3rd Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. which for February is tonight. Come! There will be card games, classic board games, foosball and more. All we need now is YOU and YOUR family! Future dates are March 18 and April 15.

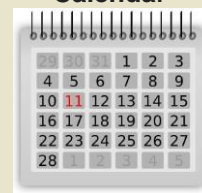


Landscape Workday Tomorrow, February 20, at 1:00 p.m.

Come help beautify our church grounds tomorrow! For our winter landscape workday we will be pruning Crepe Myrtles, shrubs and roses. No special skills required! The fresh air and exercise will be invigorating! **Please note the later start time: 1:00 to 4:00 pm;** come for as much time as you can spare. Contact Amy at amybarish@comcast.net or 770-889-3072 with any questions.

Save the Date

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



**Fourth Annual Chili Cook-Off
Sunday, February 21, following the
11:00 a.m. service.**

All entries are welcome!! Come, eat and vote for your favorite!

Contact Natalie Campbell, nacamp85@gmail.com with any questions.



**Craft Night Out - Women's Ministries
Monday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m.**

Come join the women of CTK for an evening of crafts and fun at **All Fired Up** in Alpharetta on Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. We'll have two choices for the evening: the beautiful Fused Glass Cross pictured or your choice of a ceramic item to paint and design. The Fused Glass class has a set price of \$35. The cost for the ceramics is based on the piece you choose. The only thing you need to

bring is your imagination. The studio does allow snacks and beverages to be brought, so bring your wine, cheese, and crackers, and have a great evening with friends new and old.

To reserve a space or for more information, contact Sue Hallman at sue.hallman@comcast.net or 470-297-3098. Looking forward to a fun night out.

All Fired Up, 53 South Main St., Alpharetta, GA 30009



**Reception for New Members,
Sunday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m.**

On Sunday, February 28, Christ the King will be receiving new members during the worship services. Everyone is invited to a reception in their honor during the 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour. Join us in fellowship and get to know

someone new!



Holy Communion Instruction

For years Lutheran churches have been in the practice of offering first communion classes during the season of Lent. On Sunday, February 28 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall a pizza lunch will be provided and Pastor Erik will lead a special training time for children receiving their first communion. Please note that children

of all ages are welcome to the class and parents are encouraged to be a part of this training hour. Please RSVP to ctk1125@ctklutheran.com. This information is needed prior to February 28 so that materials may be provided that are age appropriate to each participant. First Communion recipients will be recognized on Sunday, March 20, which is also Palm Sunday.

If you have any questions or desire to know more of the particulars of the class feel free to speak with or email [Pastor Erik](#). If February 28 does not work for you please let him know.



Wednesdays During Lent

February 24 and March 2, 9, & 16

Worship 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

"I Am With You"

Meditations on God's presence throughout the hours of the day.

February 24 - *Noonday*

March 2 - *Afternoon*

March 9 - *Evening*

March 16 - *Night*

Wednesday Dinners 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a time of physical nourishment and fellowship. We will begin serving at 6:00 p.m. Come and join us as you are able. Meals will be simple soup and sandwiches in keeping with the simplicity of the Lenten Season. Different ministries of the church will be sponsoring each meal.



Irish Dinner & Auction

Please mark your calendars. The 2016 Dinner and Auction will take place on Saturday, March 19. The silent auction will start at 5 PM and the dinner at 6:15 PM. We will have entertainment, baby sitting, a 50/50 raffle, and the silent and live auctions. Tickets will be the same price as 2015; \$20 for adults, \$10 for teens, no charge for children 12 and under. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$25. This year the funds raised will be split evenly between Family Promise of Forsyth County and Wellspring Living, a shelter and rehabilitation center for human trafficking victims. Please consider donating to the auction. Goods donated should be either new or like new. You can bring them to the church. We must have your donation by Wednesday, March 16. Thank you.



Annual Church Choir Festival

The annual Church Choir Festival will be held Sunday, February 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m. at Dahlonega United Methodist Church. The Christ the King Lutheran Chancel Choir will join groups from Bethel United Methodist Church (Dawsonville), Dahlonega United Methodist Church, Parkway Presbyterian Church (Cumming), and the University of North Georgia in presenting an afternoon concert of sacred music. The Festival Director is Dr. John Broman and Mary Beth Hutcheson is the Festival Accompanist. The CTK Chancel Choir will present All Praise To Thee by Elaine Hagenberg and Spin The Wheel Toward Heaven by Pepper Choplin. The 150+ voice Festival Mass Choir will conclude the afternoon program by presenting Hallelujah! Thine The Glory by Mary McDonald, When I Survey The Wondrous Cross by Gilbert Martin, The Battle Hymn by Peter J. Wilhousky, and Christ We Do All Adore Thee by Theodore Dubois. The public is cordially invited to attend.



Save the Date
2016 Ministry Fair
Sunday, April 10, at 10:00
a.m.

The Stewardship Committee
is Volunteer Raising!

More details and information to follow.

Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

| Date | Day | Time | Event |
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| 21-Feb | Sunday | | Second Sunday in Lent |
| | | 8:00 - 9:00 | Early Holy Communion |
| | | 8:30 - 11:15 | Scrip On Sale |
| | | 9:00 - 10:00 | Contemporary Holy Communion |
| | | 9:50 - 10:00 | Fellowship Time |
| | | 10:00 - 10:45 | New Member/Visitor Class |
| | | 10:00 - 10:45 | Sunday School/Discipleship Hour |
| | | 11:00 - 12:00 | Holy Communion |
| | | 12:15 - 1:15 | Christian Education Committee Meeting |
| 23-Feb | Tuesday | 9:30 - 10:30 | Evangelism Meeting |
| | | 10:00 - 11:00 | Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study |
| | | 10:00 - 12:30 | Cluster Lutheran Pastors meeting |
| | | 12:30 - 4:00 | Piecemaker's Quilt Guild |
| | | 1:00 - 3:00 | Lydia Circle |
| | | 7:00 - 8:00 | Nostalgia |
| 24-Feb | Wednesday | 10:30 - 11:30 | Staff Meeting |
| | | 12:15 - 12:45 | Lenten Midweek Service |
| | | 1:00 - 4:00 | Mahjongg |
| | | 6:00 - 6:45 | Lenten Midweek Meal |
| | | 7:00 - 7:30 | Lenten Midweek Service |
| | | 7:30 - 9:00 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| 25-Feb | Thursday | 10:00 - 11:00 | Finance Meeting |
| | | 6:00 - 7:00 | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| | | 7:30 - 8:30 | Praise Band Rehearsal |
| 26-Feb | Friday | 6:00 - 8:00 | Girl Scout Troop |
| | | | All Georgia Youth Gathering |
| 27-Feb | Saturday | 7:00 - ??? | Bishop Gordy at Good Shepherd LC |
| | | | All Georgia Youth Gathering |
| 28-Feb | Sunday | | Third Sunday in Lent |
| | | | All Georgia Youth Gathering |
| | | 8:00 - 9:00 | Early Holy Communion |
| | | 8:30 - 11:15 | Scrip On Sale |
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| | | 12:15 - 1:15 | Children's Choir/Hand Chimes |