

*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



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A Message from the desk of Pastor Kerry



What's in a Name?

*Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd;
I know my sheep and my sheep know me."*

As a child I would spend hours pouring over the baseball box-scores in the local newspaper memorizing the names of the players for all the major league teams. To this day I can still name the starting lineup for the 1969 Philadelphia Phillies. I realized later on how important our name was to our identity and to our sense of belonging in the kingdom of God. One of the practices I developed over the years was calling people by their first name when they came to Holy Communion. Having been in my former congregation for so many years I was able to add new names quickly into my memory bank.

However, for the last nine months it has been driving me crazy not knowing all your names. I've been your pastor long enough to recognize faces and to have conversation with most of the folks here at Christ the King. But I don't have names connected to all the faces. And I feel badly about that (although it's not for lack of trying). Now one possibility to help me is to wear your name tag provided to you by the church office. For those who are visiting or are contemplating becoming members of Christ the King, please take the time to talk with me on Sunday morning. It's a busy time, but I'm always more than happy to talk.

Our names are incredibly important to identify who we are. It also is a key to our faith to know that our Lord has uniquely created each and every one of us, and He calls us by name. As your pastor it is my goal to call each one of you by name, but I need your help.

αΩ Pastor Kerry

History Sunday October 11

Plan to attend and be a part of this historical day in the life of our church. We are celebrating 25 years of Lutheran worship in Cumming, Ga. - first as Lanierland Lutheran Church, then Faith Lutherran Church, and now Christ the King. Come and learn about those early beginnings from those who were here during the early years. Visit the "History Museum" in the fellowship hall while you enjoy some Lutheran goodies. We hope to see you here!

Learn to Knit at Christ the King



Have you always wanted to learn to knit, but never had a teacher? Then now is your chance!

Starting October 6, at 1:00 p.m., Edith Vetten will be teaching "How to Knit." If you already know how to knit, come join us and meet new friends. All we ask is that you bring yourself and your knitting needles.



It is time to clean out the garage and donate your "gently used" items for our annual yard sale. Drop-off times at the garage will be on Sunday, October 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.; Monday, October 5, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, October 7, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you need another drop off time please contact Mike Myers at 678-455-0814.

Setup for the yard sale will be on Thursday, October 8. The sale will be on Friday, October 9, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 10, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Once again, the proceeds will go to Habitat For Humanity so come out and support this worthy cause!



Council Corner

Gifts of the Gift Card Program

The last time I wrote an article (as a member of council) I encouraged people to step forward and volunteer. I asked people to get involved and do more than simply attend weekly services. I don't know if my plea had anything to do with it, but I now find myself surrounded by sixteen wonderful and talented volunteers helping make the Gift Card program a reality.

As I write this, we are getting ready for our fourth week of taking orders. The first two weeks were test runs to get everyone trained on the process. It's a good thing we took the time to work out the kinks! This past Sunday – the "Official" kick-off of the program – saw 26 families place orders for almost \$7,000 worth of gift cards.

And that's when I began to see the 'gifts' of the Gift Card program.

From those sixteen volunteers came a host of ideas to improve the process. Note: I did not say 'criticisms' of how we were doing things. I said 'ideas' to improve the process. Believe me, there is a big difference! I also discovered a number of people volunteering to perform certain jobs within the process. Yesterday I trained two of them on how to place the orders with Great Lakes Scrip Center. We already have one volunteer who has taken on the responsibility for communicating with Kroger, Publix, and Ingle's... although Kroger is the only local grocer being used at present. And we have another volunteer who has taken on the responsibility of keeping the order form up to date.

One of the problems we encountered last week was seen as an opportunity by one of our volunteers. To place our orders with Kroger's and Great Lakes Scrip Center, we need accurate counts of the cards ordered, the face value of the cards, and our costs. A couple of simple mistakes in the manual consolidation of the orders led us to an extra two hours of trying to get our numbers to balance. So, what did our youngest volunteer do? He wrote a database program to allow us to key all the orders into a computer and let the computer do the consolidation. Even without mistakes, this will save us a lot of time each week. And no one asked the young man to fix the problem! He saw what needed to be done and he did it. I love volunteers like him!

Now, a word about potential: when we did our initial survey, we estimated that the average family would buy about \$750.00 worth of gift cards per month. With 231 families, we projected a profit (to be used for debt reduction) of close to \$100,000 per year. Based on the first (official) week's sales, our numbers could be much higher. That means my group of 16 volunteers will be kept very busy... unless I can convince some more people to join the effort.

In fact, I'll ask two things. First, I'll ask everyone to participate in the program by using gift cards for your shopping and gift giving (Christmas is fast approaching!). Second, I'll ask even more people to join our committee. It doesn't take a lot of training, and your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Let's share the load!

Oops! There's one more thing I'll ask you to do. Keep donating to the mortgage fund. The gift card program is designed to supplement the mortgage fund – not replace it. The gift card program is getting merchants to help us pay off our debt, but the debt is still ours. Please continue to donate to the mortgage fund so we can make our regular mortgage payments. Then, shop with gift cards so we can make additional payments on the principle.

Jim Leeds, Council Member At Large

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<u>Description</u>	<u>August 2009</u>	<u>Jan. - Aug. 2009</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>August 2009</u>	<u>Jan. - Aug. 2009</u>
General Fund:			Mortgage Fund:		
Beginning Bal	\$ 26,032	\$ 39,540	Beginning Bal	\$ 18,314	\$ 26,989
Deposits	45,224	321,213	Deposits	6,647	42,298
Disbursements	<u>37,690</u>	<u>327,187</u>	Disbursements	<u>6,332</u>	<u>50,658</u>
Ending Bal	\$ 33,566	\$ 33,566	Ending Bal	\$ 18,629	\$ 18,629

Congregation News

Save the Date - October 25!!!!

On Sunday, October 25, we will be celebrating Reformation Day. There will be an Oktoberfest Celebration immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. More details to come in the next couple of weeks.



Worship On Wednesdays

Put some **WOW** in your week!

Join us each Wednesday beginning at 5:45 p.m. for dinner. We realize it may be difficult for everyone to be here right at 5:45, so dinner will be served until at least 6:15 p.m. However, the confirmation aged children will begin class in the Sanctuary promptly at 6:15 p.m. All other age groups will begin class at 6:30 p.m. or soon thereafter.

WOW will be held the first and third Wednesdays as outlined in the schedule below:

October 7	December 16	March 3
October 21	January 6	March 17
November 4	January 20	April 21
November 18	February 3	May 5
December 2	February 17	

Youth Ministry

WOW!!! It is so exciting to see such an AWESOME attendance at our Wednesday night programming: both Confirmation (Middle School) and High School Classes!!! Parents, we encourage you to attend the adult programming that is happening as well. Pastor Kerry is using the Lutheran Handbook as a guide for some great discussion. It is a wonderful way to meet other adults at Christ the King. Parents that have a child in confirmation; we are using the Lutheran Handbook as well with your students. How cool is it to be able to share some of the discussion that you are having in your classes at your dinner conversation at home. God is so good!!!

The last Sunday in September we had a REEL WORLD NIGHT at Allison Owens home. Reel World Nights are nights that we have dinner and watch a movie followed by a discussion on the theme of the movie. It is amazing how you can watch these movies and find some really great themes and even use scripture for the discussions. If there are any adults that would like to watch Napoleon Dynamite and use the study guide that we used, contact me. I would love to share.

Our Middle School Lutheridge retreat is October 2-4. Middle School youth will pray each part of the Lord's Prayer in ways that engage both brain and heart. Please pray for the students and adult leaders that are attending. Watch for some great pictures in November's newsletter.

Director of Youth Ministries, Kelly Edwards



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

Over the summer and through the month of September, Christ the King has seen many new faces. Please welcome our newest members and introduce yourself to someone new this Sunday!!

- Wayne and Janet Behm
- Ryan and Stephanie Boylan
- Sharon Clark
- James and Karoline DeJarnette
- Michael and Melissa Garrell
with Jay-Michael and Annalise
- Ginny Gordon
- Barbara Kessler
- David and Harriet Kluxdal
- Tom and Jolean Knop
with Kellan and Karenna
- Courtney Meier
- Richard and Natalie Mishoe
with Blake and Lucy
- Lou and Marian Rosswaag
- Charlie and Valerie Schopmann
with Alexis and Dylan
- Mark and Ivy Spraker
with Benjamin and Piper
- Robert and June Wolsin
- Mark and Peggy Zarynoff
with Claire

Attention all Christ the King Veterans

There will be a special recognition ceremony honoring and introducing our veteran members at ALL services on November 1. The services will include a cadre of ROTC cadets from North Georgia College under the direction of Dr. John Broman, paying a musical tribute to the various armed services, i.e. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard with their rendition of the apropos military song. The recognition ceremony will include remarks from Jerry Giglia, son of Wayne and Sheila Giglia, who will be on leave with his parents - soon to return to Afghanistan.

If you have served in a branch of the US Military or another Ally military force, we are including a form for you to fill out with your name, rank, branch of service and the years in which you served. Also if you have a photo you can lend to the church of your time in uniform, we would like to do a photo display on November 1 as part of our recognition time. IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE EVERY SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNIZED! Please return the form to the church office or to Pastor Kerry on Sunday morning.

After filling out the following, please return to the church office. Don't forget a picture!!

Name _____

Rank _____

Branch of Service _____

Dates of Service _____



All Saints Sunday Memorial Banner

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 a bell attached 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, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate by October 18. These names will also be listed in the bulletin on November 1.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Death: _____

Relationship: _____

Name of Person Making Request: _____



What is All Saints' Day?

The festival of All Saints, also sometimes known as All Saints' Day, All Hallows or Halloween ("hallows" meaning "saints," and "mas" meaning "Mass"), is a feast celebrated in the honor of all the saints, known and unknown. Halloween is the day preceding it, and is so named because it is "The Eve of All Hallows." All Saints is also a Christian formula invoking all the faithful saints and martyrs, known or unknown.

The festival was retained after the Reformation in the calendar of the Church of England and in many Lutheran churches, such as the Church of Sweden, it assumes a role of general commemoration of the dead. On the Swedish calendar, the observance takes place on the first Saturday of November. In many Lutheran Churches, it is moved to the first Sunday of November.

Women's Ministries News

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who made items and collected items for WELCA to give to Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Ministries of GA and the women's prison ministry. We packed a big box of baby clothes, another of knit and crocheted blankets, a box of pop tabs, 106 school kits, several boxes of items for the prison ministry and 37 quilts.



Everyone who receives and uses the items will be blessed by your generosity of time, talent and treasure!

Four women went to the SE Synod WELCA convention in Savannah in September: Barbara Ayres, Stacey Fredenberg, Sonnie Kopp and June Wolsin. Ask them about their trip - they have a lot to share about the meeting, the fellowship and, of course, the fun!



Here are some dates to save for upcoming women's events:

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| Mon, October 19 | Circle meeting at Sonnie Kopp's home |
| Mon, November 16 | Circle meeting at Debbie Harker's home |
| Sat, November 28 | We'll be setting up the Chrismon tree and decorating the top part with the Altar Guild in preparation for the Hanging of the Green during Sunday's services. Look for more details soon, but plan on coming and we can all go to lunch afterwards. Always a good time! |
| Sun, November 29 | Hanging of the Green: the church is decorated for Advent during the 3 services on Sunday morning. More details soon, but if you'd like to read, put up a wreath or help in some other way please let me know via email. |
| Mon, December 14 | Women's Christmas party at June Wolsin's home - more details coming. (Note this is the second Monday, not the usual timing!) |
| Sat, December 19 | Cookie Walk: dust off your rolling pins, pull out the cookie cutters, break out your recipes and save your pizza boxes - it's cookie time!! Pizza boxes? They make great boxes to transport the cookies to church. This is the annual fundraising event benefiting women's ministry. Come to the fellowship hall Saturday for the best selection! |

Come as your schedule allows and know that everyone is welcome wherever they can participate. Please keep women's ministry and the women at CTK in your prayers.


Please let me know your thoughts and questions either by emailing me at gardengail@comcast.net or call me at 404-822-4378.

Family and Children's Ministries

We are off to a great start for this Sunday School year. We welcomed over 80 kids on our Kickoff Sunday, September 13, for ages 5th grade and under. We have an awesome team of Lead Teachers and assistants dedicated to teaching our youngest members. It was so wonderful to see the familiar faces of children returning to classes, as well as seeing so many new faces of kids just starting classes with us for the first time. It's great seeing everyone, and we hope to see you each Sunday. Bring your friends with you too! We love meeting new people and sharing God's message and love with them!

Trip to Cagle's Dairy Farm Sunday, October 11, the Children's and Youth Ministries are going to the farm!! All families are encouraged to attend. We will be going through the famous Corn Maze, going on a hayride, and enjoying hot dogs and s'mores on the bonfire. What a great time for fellowship - all for the low cost of \$10 per person! We will leave the church at 3:00 p.m. and return around 8:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet located in the narthex or contact Janet Wullstein or Kelly Edwards for more information. We hope that you will join us!!

Back by Popular Demand! The Annual Fall Festival for children ages 3-10 will be held on Friday, October 23, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Join in the games, the crafts, the snacks, and a trip down "Treat Street" - sure to delight everyone. Admission is a large bag of candy to share with others. Bring your friends, neighbors, and siblings to a great evening of Fall fun. Please RSVP to Janet Wullstein, Director of Family and Children's Ministries, by telephone at 770-889-5328 or email at wullstein@bellsouth.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2009</h1>				1 6:30 Nostalgia 7:30 Cont. Choir	2 5:30 Lutheridge Middle School Retreat	3 7:30-Thrivent 11:00 Meeting 10:00-FOCUS 2:00 7:00-Iglesia 9:00 Biblica
4 9:30 Sunday School Classes 1:00-Iglesia 3:00 Biblica 2:30 Middle Schoolers Return	5 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Stephen Ministry	6 10:00 Christians In Action 1:00 Knitting Class 7:00 Barbershop Singers	7 5:45 WOW Worship On Wed. dinner 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Classes 7:30 Chancel Choir	8 9:00 Yard Sale 5:00 Set Up 6:30 Nostalgia 7:30 Cont. Choir	9  7:00-YARD 5:00 SALE	10 9:00-Landscape Workday 7:00-YARD 3:00 SALE 7:00-Iglesia 9:00 Biblica
11 9:30 Sunday School Classes 1:00-Iglesia 3:00 Biblica 3:00-Cagle's 8:00 Dairy Farm	12 5:00 Finance Meeting 6:00 Handbells	13 10:00 Christians In Action 10:00 All GA Youth Planning 12:00-Piecemaker 4:00 Quilt Guild 1:00 Knitting Class 7:00 Barbershop Singers 7:30 Garden Club	14 7:00 Chancel Choir	15 6:30 Nostalgia 7:30 Cont. Choir	16	17 7:00-Iglesia 9:00 Biblica
18 9:30 Sunday School Classes 11:00 First Bibles 1:00-Iglesia 3:00 Biblica	19 6:00 Handbells 7:00 WELCA SON Circle 7:00 Stephen Ministry	20 10:00 Christians In Action 1:00 Knitting Class 5:00 Outreach 6:30 Council Meeting 7:00 Barbershop Singers	21 5:45 WOW Worship On Wed. dinner 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Classes 7:30 Chancel Choir	22 6:30 Nostalgia 7:30 Cont. Choir	23 5:30-Cool Kids 7:30 Fall Festival	24 5:00-High Scl Ghost Tour 7:00-Iglesia 9:00 Biblica
25 9:30 Sunday School Classes 12:00 Oktober- fest 1:00-Iglesia 3:00 Biblica REFORMATION SUNDAY	26 6:00 Handbells	27 10:00 Christians In Action 12:00-Piecemaker 4:00 Quilt Guild 1:00 Knitting Class 7:00 Barbershop Singers	28 7:00 Chancel Choir	29 6:30 Nostalgia 7:30 Cont. Choir	30	31  7:00-Iglesia 9:00 Biblica

October 2009

We would like to thank all those who have volunteered to serve during the month of October. Please take this list and post it as a reminder during the month for your date of service. If you are unable to serve during your scheduled time, please find a replacement and notify the office as soon as possible as to the new server.

Thank you!!

Date/Volunteer	8:15 Service	9:30 Service	11:00 Service
Oct. 4, 2009			
Communion Prep.	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Rebecca Conatser
Worship Assistant	Tony Gulla	Linda Forbes/Wally Weihe	Mary Jane Skidmore
Worship Assistant	**	Matt & Claire Perko	Joe Bertini/Doug Linebarger
Reader	Tony Gulla	Linda Forbes	Ken Anderson
Acolyte	**	**	
Crucifer	**	**	
Ushers	Johnnie & Susan Tanner	Herman & Joann Radke	John Briggs /Elmer Davis
Ushers	**	**	Gabe Campbell
Greeters	Bob & Marilyn Young	Paul & Peach Hochstetler	Fred Hodoval/Bob Christman
Monday Help	Sigrid Myers		
Thursday Crew-10/8	Jerry & Karen Feist	Pat Brown	Janet Behm
Counters	Jan Grimshaw	Estie Belvin	
Oct. 11, 2009			
Communion Prep.	Linda Gulla	Linda Gulla	Sally Campbell
Worship Assistant	Carol Dover	Jim & Kathy Voerg	Barbara Ayres
Worship Assistant	**	Dawn McCloskey	Paul & Sonnie Kopp
Worship Assistant	**	Debbie Harker	**
Reader	Carol Dover	Jim Voerg	Barbara Ayres
Acolyte	**	**	
Crucifer	**	**	
Ushers	Dick & Sandy Kornewald	Jerry Feist/Betty Young	Chris Fulton/Laura Lewis
Ushers	**	**	Bob Buck/Donnie Culver
Greeters	Clint & Jeanne Matthews	Ed & Carol Terry	Tim Lewis/Irene Larson
Monday Help	Laura Lewis		
Thursday Crew-10/15	Roy & Joan Plemmons	Pat Brown	Janet Behm
Counters	Ellen Brown	Maryalyce Wilson	
Oct. 18, 2009			
Communion Prep.	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Dane Marshall
Worship Assistant	Marilyn Young	Don & Doris Drury	Tony Stuchel/Fred Hodoval
Worship Assistant	**	Ellen Brown/Jennifer Kelley	Pete Thompson
Reader	Marilyn Young	Debbie Harker	Tony Stuchel
Acolyte	**	**	
Crucifer	**	**	
Ushers	Tony & Linda Gulla	Kathy Newell/Sarah Spitzer	Doug Linebarger
Ushers	**	**	Steve Kiester/Phyllis Richter
Ushers			Woody Wilson
Greeters	Edith Vetten/Vickie Shultz	Mike & Fran Hoehn	David & Jean Kennedy
Monday Help	Karen Krussow		
Thursday Crew-10/22	Alaine Linebarger	Pat Brown	Janet Behm
Counters	Jan Grimshaw	Chris Fulton	

Date/Volunteer	8:15 Service	9:30 Service	11:00 Service
Oct. 25, 2009			
Communion Prep.	Susan Tanner	Susan Tanner	June Wolsin
Worship Assistant	Tom French	Bob & Bobbie Dees	Jill & Paul Schneider
Worship Assistant	**	Natalie Campbell	Libby Tilghman
Worship Assistant		Scott Younghouse	
Reader	Tom French	Bill Taylor	Jill Schneider
Acolyte	**	**	
Crucifer	**	**	
Ushers	Clint & Jeanne Matthews	Paul Hochstetler/Jolean Knop	Mike Myers /Paul Bauer
Ushers	**	**	Chris Fulton/Roberta Gally
Greeters	Waylon & Amy Iddings	Sarah Spitzer/Sandra Norrid	Sigrid Myers/Libby Tilghman
Monday Help	Connie Gantt		
Thursday Crew- 10/29	Fred Hodoval	Pat Brown	Janet Behm
Counters	Ellen Brown	Jerry Feist	

Ministry Leaders

Ministry	Leader	Phone Number
Readers & Worship Assistants - Traditional Services	Lu Miller	770-205-1525
Worship Assistants - Contemporary Service	Linda Forbes	770-888-8139
Communion Preparation	Dane Marshall	770-887-9818
Acolytes and Crucifers	Kelly Edwards	770-886-1935
Ushers - 8:15 a.m. service		
Ushers - 9:30 a.m. service		
Ushers - 11:00 a.m. service		
Greeters	Sandra Thomas	678-455-1133
Monday Helpers	Sigrid Myers	678-455-0814
Counters	Barbara Ayres	770-887-7031
Thursday Helpers	Kathy Voerg	770-889-5328



- Chris Barish
- Isabella Bertini
- Larry Bosley
- Stephanie Boylan
- Richard Cochran
- Carl Dorn
- Gabrielle Feinzig
- Kenny Hiers
- Marcie Hodoval
- Paul Kopp
- Ron Larson
- Sigrid Myers
- Jill Schneider
- Kelsey Thompson
- Chloe Upchurch
- Ken Upchurch
- Gladys Walker
- Jessica Younghouse

Holy
Baptism

During the month of September we welcomed these newest members to our community of faith:

Blake Richard Mishoe
Lucy Fay Mishoe

Happy Belated September Birthday Wishes to Barbara Donohue

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**Announcement deadlines for
Bulletins and *The Living Stone***

The deadline for announcements to be printed in the Sunday bulletin is 12:00 p.m. on the preceding Wednesday. The deadline for the next *Living Stone* is Friday, October 23, at 10:00 a.m.