

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

May 19, 2017

## Greetings,

Please join us this Sunday as we show our appreciation for the teachers that have taught this past year, the musicians that have given us such wonderful music and the singers that have led us in worship. A reception in their honor will be served in Cuthbertson Hall at 10:00 a.m. See you there!!

In Christ,

*Kathy Voerg*, Business Manager



## Before You Go... or...While You Are Gone

For years I have written a newsletter article at the start of summer reminding congregational members that the ministry of the church continues even when members are out of town or traveling on vacation (to be sure offerings were given hopefully prior to travel, etc.). That much hasn't changed. We still need everyone's regular offerings all the time.

What has changed is HOW we give our offerings. In the past most contributions were by cash or

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check. Today we have many more options for giving our offerings.

CTK recently added the on-line giving option to our web page. Thus, even if you aren't in town or nearby, you can still give your offerings electronically and safely.

We now have these options for giving offerings:

- Traditional cash, check or money order
- On-line (see CTK web page and article below)
- Bill pay (most banks offer this option at no charge to their banking clients)
- Direct contribution from an IRA or other retirement vehicle/account (your financial institution will make a direct payment from your retirement account)
- For those 70 1/2 and older, use your required minimum distribution (RMD) to give your offering. When your financial institution/fiduciary makes the RMD contribution directly to the church you do not show additional income, thus probably reducing your income tax liability. Consult with your tax advisor or fiduciary for more details on your particular situation.
- Contribution of appreciated stocks. You get full credit for the appreciated value without having to pay the increase in value (since purchase) and no doubt avoid capital gains and income taxes. Again, check with your tax advisor for more details on your situation.

Bottom line: we have made great progress in making up last year's deficit. But we can't allow the lack of summer contributions to wipe out our gains and progress. We thank our many generous members and non-members who have made this possible.

In spite of that, I have to believe that we still have many members who are giving below their capacity and potential. We pray that each and every CTK member will realize the joys and benefits of God's grace, goodness and generosity and step up to share in the tremendous privilege of supporting proclaiming the gospel thru CTK's many ministries. We need each and every CTK member to give **generously** and **joyfully** and **regularly**.

Stop and think about it: God only asks for 10% off the top. That leaves 90% for us to use responsibly to live.

Thanks for your generous and regular support of the gospel ministry through CTK ministries. Have a safe and relaxing summer. To God alone be the glory!

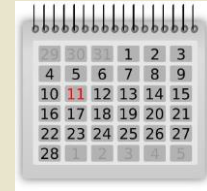
*Pr. Clark*

Vacation Bible School  
2017

Volunteers Needed  
Restock the Pantry

### Ministry Quick Links

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#### Pastor

Rev. Dr. James A. Clark

#### Program Staff

Deborah Scarazzo,  
*Christian Education  
Coordinator*

#### Music Staff

Dr. John Broman,  
*Chancel Choir Director*

Sandra Lutters,  
*Minister of Music*

#### Administrative Staff

Kathy Voerg,  
*Business Manager*



#### Christ the King Preschool

Jakima McCall,  
*Preschool Director*



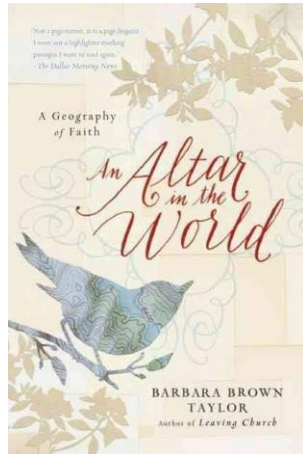
## Christ the King Adds Technology

When was the last time you wrote a check? If you are like most people these days, you had to think about the answer to that question! At Christ the King the Stewardship Team wants to make it easier for everyone to make a

contribution. When you visit the website, [www.ctklutheran.com](http://www.ctklutheran.com), you can now make a contribution online using a credit card, a debit card, or a transaction from your checking/savings account. The "contribute" button is in the bottom left hand corner of the home page - just scroll down.

Traveling this summer and unable to make it to church? No worries! Just go to the website to make your contribution. In giving everyone options for making a contribution, the Stewardship Team hopes to decrease the "summer slump" that Christ the King usually experiences in giving each summer.

Have questions? Call the church office at 770-889-5328 and we will help.



## Ruby/Ruth Circle Bible Study Monday, May 22 7:00 p.m.

The next Bible Study on "*An Altar in the World*" will be Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. We will be studying Chapter 7, The Practice of Living with a Purpose.



## Lydia Circle Offsite Meeting

Lydia Circle will be having a picnic at Poole's Mill Park this Tuesday, May 23. We will meet at the church at 11:00 and carpool to the park. Please bring a sack lunch and a folding chair if you would like to sit by the water. Knitting is optional!



## Hospitalization Reminder

Please remember if you or another member of Christ the King has been admitted to the hospital, please notify the church office.



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on the web.  
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## New Members to be Received on June 4, 2017

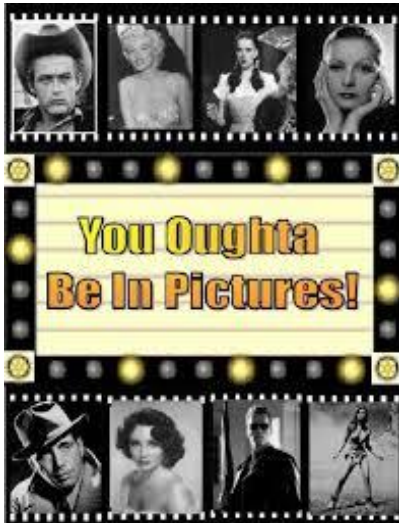
For all those wishing to join with Christ the King, we ask you to please let Pastor Clark know by filling out a membership form. Forms are available at the Welcome

Desk and can be turned in at the office.

## GET YOUR RED OF STUFF

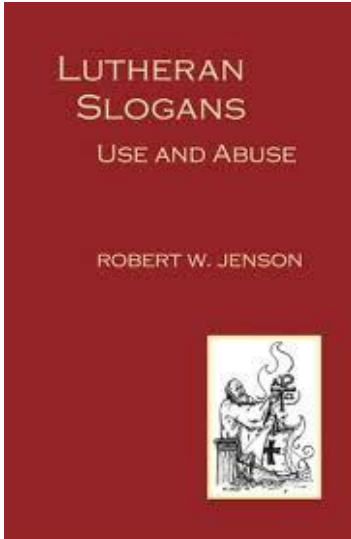
### Yard Sale Items now being received!

The garage is open on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for your yard sale donations.



### Do You Have Pictures that You are able to send CTK?

Christ the King is looking for pictures of any of the events we have had in 2017. Did you take pictures on Easter, or at the church picnic or at another church event? Please share them with us by sending to [Kathy Voerg](#) and make sure that you have something in the subject line and body of the email so the office knows who is sending them. Your help is greatly appreciated!!



**Adult Class continues this  
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
May 28 and June 11**

***Lutheran Slogans Use and Abuse***

The members of Christ the King who have been attending our adult class on Lutheran slogans have been learning a great deal about what Lutherans believe and what is important for the Lutheran witness to the Word of God. It not too late to join us in learning more about Lutheran beliefs that have been expressed and summarized in these slogans that go all the way back to the Reformation itself. What better way to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our heritage by takin another look at these important theological statements. In the

remaining 3 classes we will be taking a look at the slogans; "Real Presence," "Scripture Alone," and Simultaneously Saint and Sinner." Join us for a time of inquiry and spiritual growth.



**A Letter about Family  
Promise - Sign Up for  
June NOW!**

*Members of Christ the King*

Many families and individuals in our community go without proper food, shelter, and essential medical care every day due to a variety of factors

including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, age, domestic violence, or divorce. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children are at the most risk. Right now there are over 500 children homeless in Forsyth County.

Would you like to help us make a difference? We need people like you to donate time, energy, and experience in a variety of areas. We need volunteers to make and serve meals. Volunteers to mentor, play games and at times tutor children. We also need overnight volunteers to stay with the families.

Together, we will be able to help many of these families and individuals not only to meet essential daily needs, but to work toward a brighter future through Family Promise. Our volunteers say they feel rewarded many times over for the help they provide in making a difference in the lives of others. For more information you may contact us at 678-246-9789 or email us at [joelambertsr@gmail.com](mailto:joelambertsr@gmail.com).



Thank you, and God Bless,  
Mary & Joe Lambert

[Click here](#) and you will be taken to the website to sign-up for many of the volunteer opportunities available during the week that the families are here at Christ the King. Our volunteers for February helped make this ministry successful. The following are the remaining host weeks for Christ the King in 2017:

Jun 11<sup>th</sup> thru Jun 18<sup>th</sup>  
Aug 6<sup>th</sup> thru Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

Sep 24<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 1<sup>st</sup>



**Hero Central  
Vacation Bible School  
June 4 - 8, 2017  
5:30 - 8:15 p.m.**

Christ the King invites ALL Children & Youth to soar with us at VBS Hero Central Vacation Bible School! This superhero adventure experience includes music that will energize your ears, Bible fun, super science and cool crafts, mission hero work, great games, and delicious dinners and snacks!

We need lots of Adult and Youth Volunteers to have a great VBS at Christ the King! Please contact [Deborah Scarazzo](#) to sign up as a volunteer or for more information.

In Christ,  
Deborah R. Scarazzo  
Christian Education Coordinator  
[debbie@ctklutheran.com](mailto:debbie@ctklutheran.com)

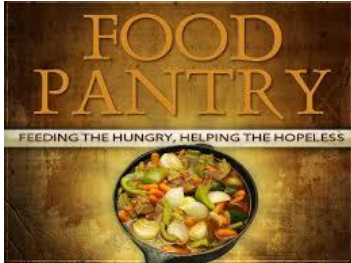


**Vacation Bible School  
June 4 - 8, 2017**

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner!  
We need volunteers for VBS Teachers, Crew Leaders, Registration, Games, and Decorations. Also, help is needed with nightly dinners

and snacks. A sign-up sheet with all the positions available is on the door to Deborah Scarazzo's office (last office on the left down the administrative hallway),

For more information, to sign up via email or questions, please contact Deborah Scarazzo at [debbie@ctklutheran.com](mailto:debbie@ctklutheran.com).



### Help needed to replenish the Food Pantry at The Place

Congregations throughout Forsyth County are working together to support our local agency - The Place. Their goal is to have a sustainable pantry for families in our county. They presently serve over 300 families each month in their food market.

You can be a part of this effort by providing needed items. Each month will feature a certain item. Just grab a can or two before you leave for church each Sunday morning. There will be a container in the narthex and the kids will bring their donations forward during the children's sermon. A representative from The Place will pick up the food items bi-weekly.

**May Cereal**

This is a great way to involve the whole family in a much needed effort. Thanks for your support!

*The Outreach Team*

## Calendar of the Week at Christ the King

Date	Day	Time	Event
21-May	Sunday		<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip on Sale
		9:00 - 10:00	Contemporary Holy Communion
		10:00 - 10:45	Reception for Educators & Musicians
		10:00 - 10:45	Discipleship/Fellowship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
		2:30 - 6:30	Scarazzo Recital
22-May	Monday	7:00 - 8:30	Women's Bible Study
23-May	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	Christians In Action (CIA) Bible Study
		12:30 - 4:00	Piecemaker's Quilt Guild
		1:00 - 2:00	Eucharistic Ministers Meeting
		1:00 - 3:00	Lydia Circle

		7:00 - 8:00	Nostalgia
24-May	Wednesday	1:00 - 4:00	Mahjongg
		7:00 - 8:30	Chancel Choir rehearsal
25-May	Thursday	7:30 - 9:00	Sonlight Praise Band Rehearsal
28-May	Sunday		<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
		8:00 - 9:00	Early Holy Communion
		8:30 - 11:15	Scrip on Sale
		9:00 - 10:00	Contemporary Holy Communion
		10:00 - 10:45	Confirmation Rehearsal
		10:00 - 10:45	Discipleship/Fellowship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
29-May	Monday		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>