

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

June 30, 2017

Greetings,

The staff of Christ the King wishes everyone a wonderful and safe Fourth of July holiday. Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4, in celebration of the holiday. Happy Fourth!!!



In Christ,

Kathy Voerg, Business Manager



From the Second Door on the Left

These are busy and exciting times for Christ the King congregation. As I indicated in my pastoral letter in *The Living Stone* several weeks ago, we will soon be embarking upon a major appeals drive. I cannot stress how important this is. This is truly the first step in the process of calling the next pastor for CTK.

I am also recommending that a transition team be formed soon to get the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) underway. This is the second step in the process of calling a pastor for CTK. This will not be the call committee. Members of this committee will not be precluded from serving on the call committee but at the same time will have a definite function to get the MSP in process.

The information contained in the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is valuable for helping a candidate understand the opportunity to serve that your

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congregation presents. What you learn about yourselves and your opportunities for ministry as you gather information and consider the questions posed in the MSP is also valuable. When a pastoral vacancy occurs, congregation leaders sometimes think that they can pull out a copy of their last MSP and merely update the information. There are two problems with this. The first is that in as little as three to five years, conditions in a congregation's service area and in a congregation can change dramatically. When change occurs, there is often a need for change in a congregation's mission focus. The second, and perhaps more important problem with "brushing up the old MSP," is that your congregation will miss the opportunity to be renewed in its call to mission that the process of creating an MSP provides. (**Congregational Call Manual, SES**)

Both of these steps will need to be completed prior to the selection of a call committee.

We will also need to grow in numbers from where we are now. We will also have to raise the level of commitment of present members. Worship attendance and involvement in adult education are two necessary areas of growth. When visitors attend and find only a half (or less) filled church, they are not likely to return. When people with children attend and do not see other families or all gray heads they are not likely to return - unless they are shopping for such a congregation, which most are not.

Evangelism is everybody's business. We must all be alert and attentive to possibilities to invite friends, family members and other acquaintances to CTK. Irish Dinner, congregational picnics, vacation Bible school, Sunday worship, quilting circle, Bible study, etc. are just some of the opportunities. We intend to snail mail a letter to all VBS participants thanking them for attending and inviting them to return if they have no congregation where they regularly worship. When you have weekend guests, bring them to worship with you. They can fill the space of others who may be absent. A good portion of my time at present is being spent visiting: members and visitors.

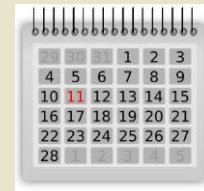
And please be sure to continue to give your offerings even if you cannot be here in person.

If you are in charge of a particular area of ministry, do not hesitate to reach out to others to solicit their involvement, especially if they seem to have expertise in your particular area of ministry. Don't be bashful. Be willing to risk rejection. Above all, let God lead you. Pray for guidance. Pray for our congregation. God will bless our efforts and endeavors.

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Ministry Quick Links

Calendar



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





Phone System Problems

Please note that Christ the King is having significant problems with the phone and voice mail systems. Right now we are unable to retrieve any

messages left on the system nor can we change the message you hear to let you know that we are unable to retrieve messages! We have been assured repeatedly by Comcast that the code we need to switch over our phone system has been sent to us, but have yet to receive it (it was first requested on June 13!). We are working to correct this situation and ask everyone's patience. In the meantime please try to call Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. THANK YOU!

Vision 20/20 Needs You! Sundays, July 9 & 16 at 10:00 a.m.

- Are you wondering about the direction of CTK?
- Would you like to have your voice heard?
- Would you like to know what the other people around you each Sunday believe to be important to the future of CTK?



Then we encourage you to join the council on Sunday, July 9, and/or Sunday, July 16, at 10:00 a.m. in Cuthbertson Hall for such a conversation.

In 2015 a recommendation was made by the Long Range Planning Team to have a Three Year Appeal Drive to raise funds to enhance the ministries and mission of Christ the King. The Sunday morning meetings will provide everyone who attends the opportunity to be a part of that process. The Leaders' Team will then take all the ideas from these meetings, consolidate the information and develop a program for this fall. Our annual stewardship program will integrate the information into one appeal with two separate financial commitments - our annual commitment for the 2018 budget and a 3 year commitment looking towards 2020. One Appeal - 2 Commitments.

So join us July 9 and/or July 16 as together we discuss and discern the future direction for Christ the King as we continue our journey in Christ.

To God be all the glory!
Christ the King Council

Hospitalization Reminder

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



Did you know
Christ the King is
on Facebook?
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on the web.
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Youth of CTK we need your help! Sunday, July 16

Help us assemble Back to School packets for the Homeless Youth of Forsyth County!

Plan to join us **Sunday, July 16, at 12:15 p.m.** in the Youth room for lunch and to assemble Back to School packets for the Homeless Youth of Forsyth County. You are encouraged to bring a friend!

There are many Youth in Forsyth County that cannot afford the school supplies they need to return to school. **Help us show God's love to these students!** Please email Deborah Scarazzo, debbie@ctklutheran.com, if you can join us, and if you can donate any school supplies. Please see the list of supplies needed below.

The entire congregation is encouraged to donate the following supplies:

New Book Bags	3 Ring Binders
Scissors	Colored Pencils
Pens / Pencils	College & Wide-Ruled Paper
Calculators	Rulers
Crayons	Highlighters
Folders	



Nursery Attendant Opportunity

Do you love working with children? Christ the King has an opening for a nursery attendant on Sunday mornings for two Sundays a month. Applicant must be over 21 years of age and have a love of babies and toddlers. Hours are from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Please contact Business Manager, [Kathy Voerg](#) or call 770-889-5328 if interested.



Youth Coordinator Update

The Personnel Committee has believed for some time that staff coordination with the youth ministry program at CTK is vital for its success. After seeing that she did such an outstanding job of leading the recent Vacation Bible School, the committee has asked Deborah Scarazzo to serve as the interim coordinator for the youth ministry program. The plan is to capitalize on the wonderful response of so many of our young people to the request to volunteer for the VBS. All young persons and their friends are encouraged to participate. The next activity will be July 16. Please see the following article for details!



Summer Office Hours Closed Fridays in July

you to the church this summer.

The church office is closed today, June 30 and all Fridays in July. Please make note of this when your travels bring



Bags of Love

Outreach is helping with the "Bags of Love" again this year. These are lunches that are delivered during the summer to children that get free lunches during the school year. Without 'Bags of Love Lunches' these children would not have anything to eat during the summer.

We will be supplying 100 lunches the weeks of July 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. Below are the ways you can help.

- Pray for these children and their families.
- Volunteer to help make the lunches any of the above Sundays. We will be making lunches Sunday mornings in the kitchen.
- Donate one or more of the following items and place them in the bin in the Narthex:
- Ham (lunch meat for sandwiches) please place in the refrigerator in the kitchen and mark "Bags of Love."
- Juice boxes
- Lunch size bags of chips

- Cookies (pre-packaged)

Items (except ham) can be placed in the plastic bin in the Narthex marked "Bags of Love." We will be assembling the bagged lunches on Sunday mornings beginning July 2 at 9:00 a.m. and continue for the next 3 Sundays. Outreach and the children of Forsyth County thank you for your generosity. For more information please contact Lu Leeds at 770-315-7113 or luleeds@comcast.net.
God Bless



**LWR Quilting Boot Camp
July 12 - 14, 2017
9:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

Our final chance to make our goal of 150 quilts will be at our boot camp. This is our big 3 - day event. This year we will be quilting on WEDNESDAY, July 12 - FRIDAY, July 14th. We will be quilting from 9:30 - 2:30 each day. Bring your sewing machine, scissors, thread and your lunch. We have many opportunities for YOU to help. You don't need to know how to sew. So, try to join is for any or all of the days. Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Any questions contact Cathie

Gibbons at 678-923-2964 or Catherinegibbons4@gmail.com

**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.



Stephen Ministry training being offered by First Baptist Church

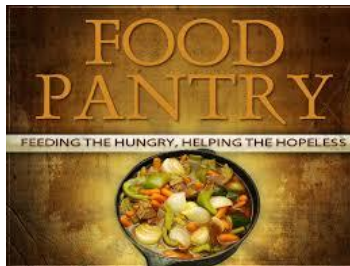
Beginning on Sunday, September 10, and continuing for 20 weeks, First Baptist Church of Cumming will offer Stephen Ministry Minister training. Stephen Ministry is the one-on-one layperson caring ministry that takes place in congregations with an active Stephen Ministry. For more

information please contact [Pastor Clark](#).



Life Line Screening

Life Line will again be at Christ the King on Thursday, July 20, 2017. Life Line offers five screenings using advanced ultrasound technology that looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup. For more information and to make an appointment, please find the forms available on the Welcome Desk in the narthex.



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.

July Canned Fruit

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	Date	Date	Event
2-Jul	Sunday		Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
		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	Fellowship Hour
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion
3-Jul	Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
4-Jul	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
5-Jul	Wednesday	1:00 - 4:00	Mahjonn
6-Jul	Thursday	7:30 - 9:00	Sonlight Praise Band Rehearsal
7-Jul	Friday		OFFICE CLOSED
9-Jul	Sunday		Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
		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	Congregation forum
		11:00 - 12:00	Holy Communion