

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

## Greetings,

This Sunday begins our new schedule! Please join us at **8:30 a.m.** for a Blended Holy Communion service. At **9:45 a.m.** this week we will be in the fellowship hall participating in God's Work Our Hands by putting together "snack bags" for the first responders in our area. At **11:00 a.m.** is the Traditional Holy Communion service. We hope to see everyone on Sunday!



In Christ's Service,  
Kathy Voerg, Business Manager

## FROM THE SECOND DOOR ON THE LEFT



Dear Friends in Christ,

This week's gospel is Matthew 18.15-20 and the second lesson is Romans 13.8-14. I encourage you to read these two passages prior to worship this Sunday.

Sin and forgiveness are two things we all struggle with. We wound; we are wounded. Forgiveness can be hard, especially in communities such as the church and a local congregation. I believe more people have **left** churches over unresolved

conflicts than those who have joined. That may be an exaggeration but not by much.

When we bear grudges and carry around hurts **we** are the ones who really suffer. Why would I want another person to take up negative space in my heart and life without paying any rent? By forgiving I release that space for another who needs my respect and attention.

Unresolved guilt over lack of resolution after another person has died is a major cause of mental anguish.

People do hurt us emotionally -- sometimes intentionally and sometimes unintentionally. Jesus' teaching implies that if we are aware of such an infraction that **we** should be the ones to make the first movement toward resolution. Holding grudges or even just "hurt feelings" can be a cause of major physical illness. It's simply not worth it!

Staff member **Sandra Lutters** related the following story in her monthly report to the congregation council. I believe it is a good example of what we are talking about. And a great personal story.

*I would hope that people are aware that while they may have a strong dislike for a certain song or style of music, that another person on the same pew may love that piece of music and find it very meaningful.*

*Neither person is right or wrong in my opinion. I do believe that to be kind towards each other, not insulting but tolerant, understanding and not judgmental, would go a long way in making our services the beautiful worship experiences they are meant to be.*

*I will share with you why I learned to be tolerant of other people's musical tastes when I was asked to accompany a singer at a funeral in Atlanta when I was only sixteen. She was a fine singer with many accolades in her honor. She was asked to sing what she referred to as "a schmalzy old chestnut that didn't need to be heard again." That old chestnut happening to be "Abide with Me." She performed it beautifully and afterwards one of the family approached her with eyes brimming with tears to thank the soprano for her meaningful rendition of the hymn. The soprano cut her off before she could even complete her sentence with a proud and indignant "Oh, I usually sing much better music than that! I don't know why they chose that old thing!"*

*The woman looked very crest-fallen to have been slapped in the face for a compliment and to be told that her musical taste lacked sophistication. She wandered off whispering about her mother singing it to her when she was a little girl. I followed her but she disappeared very quickly into the crowd and I was left feeling very sad for her but a lot wiser regarding what not to say.*

*The experience made a deep impression on me and I am frequently saddened by how cruelly we treat each other in our efforts to be clever or erudite, myself included.*

Thank you, Sandra, for a fine example of how we should treat each other with love, respect and dignity.

Come Sunday and hear the "rest of the story."

In Christ,  
Pastor James A. Clark, DMin, STS

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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS



**God's work.**  
Our hands.

### **God's Work Our Hands This Sunday at 9:45 a.m.**

It's here! Come help us this Sunday beginning at 9:45 a.m. putting together "snack bags" to deliver to the first responders in our area.

It isn't too late to contribute - just bring some of the following snacks with you and we will add them in to the mix.

- single serving chips
- power bars
- fruit chews
- Single serving cookies
- anything else that is sealed and considered a snack

**"God's work. Our hands."** Together we can reach out to those beyond the walls of Christ the King to show the love of Christ among us.

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### **LWR Sewcialbee Wednesday, September 13**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this last year's quilting sewcialbee and boot camps a great success. We made and delivered 143 quilts to Lutheran World Relief and 14 quilts to Family Promise. That was 7 quilts over our goal! We have begun our new year of quilting and our next quilting sewcialbee is Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring your machines, scissors and lunch. Any questions contact Cathie Gibbons at 678-923-2964 or [.catherinegibbons4@gmail.com](mailto:catherinegibbons4@gmail.com)



### **Women's Ministries Meeting, Monday Sept. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.**

There will be a Women's Ministries Meeting on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Cuthbertson Hall, for anyone who is interested in participating in the planning for the annual cookie sale and women's retreat. If you would like more information, please contact either Sue Hallman ([sue.hallman@comcast.net](mailto:sue.hallman@comcast.net)) or Barbara Ayres ([bmaptcruiser@comcast.net](mailto:bmaptcruiser@comcast.net)).



### **F+U+E+L continues each Wed. at 5:45 p.m.**

F+U+E+L continues each Wed. Here is the line-up:

- **5:45 p.m.** - Food & fellowship time. Come and share a meal and sit with someone you don't know very well.
- **6:25 p.m.** - Share a few songs as a group prior to ending the meal time.
- **6:30 p.m.** - Adult Bible study with Pastor Clark - "An oft requested study on the Gospel of Mark, video based with time for questions and discussion."

- **6:30 p.m.** - Children and Youth meet with Ms. Deborah Scarazzo to participate in service projects and fun activities.
- **6:30 p.m.** - Chancel Choir rehearsal

**We are in need of committees, groups and individuals to sponsor a meal for our Wednesday night program.** Meals should be simple and easy such as soup and salad or chicken tenders and fruit. Your help is vital to this program! Please contact [Deborah Scarazzo](#) to schedule a date. Funds are available for reimbursement.

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## VISION 2020 APPEAL



# VISION 2020

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

It is said that 20/20 vision is being able to see clearly, Vision 2020 is clearly seeing the future of our CTK congregation and being a part of that future, while helping to make this church a thriving congregation that many in the community want to be a part of.

Many of you were introduced to Vision 2020 while attending one of the recent interest meetings where members expressed concerns and

made suggestions as to the future of CTK. Hearing our members, the Stewardship Committee and Vision 2020 Committee met to evaluate these concerns and thoughts to determine how best to address them in conjunction with the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee from 2015. In the coming weeks, the Vision 2020 team will be moving forward with the Vision 2020 Appeals Campaign, urging members to pledge for a three-year commitment to meet specific objectives. This commitment would allow our congregation to move forward with the calls of a Senior Pastor as well as a full time Associate Pastor, renovate the church campus, grow membership and enhance the children, youth and senior programs.

Vision 2020 Committee Members include, Tim Beard-chairperson, Dottie Culver, Wayne Giglia and Clint Mathews, please feel free to contact any team members with questions, concerns or most importantly to volunteer.

As a church of volunteers, we need to rely heavily on the expertise, talent, energy, passion and enthusiasm of our members. That is why we need YOU! Now is the time to step up and connect. God promises to guide us.

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Psalm 32:8 *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go with my eye upon you.*

Will YOU be part of our SUCCESS Story?

*Tim Beard*, Chairperson

## OPPORTUNITY AND TRAINING



### **Family Pictures being taken September 17 & 24**

Rick Albrecht, our very own photographer, will be taking pictures beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Cuthbertson Hall (formerly the fellowship hall). If your family picture for the church needs updating or if CTK does not have a picture of you, please take advantage of this opportunity. It is easier for everyone



### **Crucifer and Acolyte Training on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 10:15 a.m.**

**Attention 6 - 8 graders!** Acolyte and Crucifer training will be Sunday, Sept. 10, at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join Pastor Rodney Eberhardt so when it is your turn to serve you will "know the ropes."



to get to know you better if they can put a face to the name.

**The schedule for the school year will be sent out that next week.**

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## OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATE



### **Family Promise Needs You!**

September 24 - October 1 is CTK's last week of 2017 to host the families of Family Promise. Your help is needed to spend the night, cook meals, help with set up and take down of beds, and supervise families on Saturday and in the weekday evenings. Please go [Sign-Up Genius](#) to sign up or see Joe or Mary Lambert. We thank you in advance for your help. Let's show our families a BIG welcome from CTK.

### **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 150 families each month in their food market. The Place is experiencing shortages in many staples. The following items are needed: canned soups, canned vegetables (except green beans), canned beans, tuna helper, dry pasta, boxed cereal, and canned pasta (like spaghettios and ravioli). This is a great way to involve the whole family in a much needed effort. Thanks for your support!

### **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. If you need a home pickup for large items, please call Joe Lambert at (678) 341-9305 or leave a note in one of their mailboxes. The yard sale itself will take place on October 19, 20 & 21.

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## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**Lutheran Disaster Response e-Alert**

Dear friends,

Hurricane Harvey, one of the most powerful storms to hit the United States in years, made landfall earlier this week, threatening millions of our neighbors in Texas and Louisiana with heavy rain, wind and rising tides.

The National Hurricane Center calls the storm's effects "life-threatening, devastating and catastrophic" with long periods of rain and flooding, along with massive power outages. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still ongoing, and thousands of people will be housed in shelters for extended periods of time.

We have an opportunity to accompany our neighbors during and after this disaster, in Jesus Christ's name.

**Your gifts are needed now to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.** Your support through Lutheran Disaster Response will bring hope and healing to those who have been or will be affected by this hurricane. Lutheran Disaster Response is already collaborating with our affiliates to initiate recovery efforts.

**[DONATE NOW](#)**

With gratitude,  
The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## **SERVING OTHERS**

### **Nursery Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers that are 21 years or older, to sign -up for a 1 hour, or longer, time slots in the nursery as we continue to look for nursery staff. Please let us know if you know anyone that would be interested in this position. However, we need our volunteers to help cover the nursery beginning Sept 10 while we are looking for new staff. Please email [Deborah Scarazzo](#) if you are able to volunteer in the nursery.



## CHRIST THE KING WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 10 - SUNDAY

#### *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 8:30 - 9:30 AM Blended Holy Communion
- 9:30 - 11:15 AM Scrip on Sale
- 9:30 - 9:45 AM Fellowship time
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM God's Work Our Hands
- 10:15 - 10:45 AM Acolyte/Crucifer Training
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Holy Communion
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM Girl Scouts

### SEPTEMBER 11 - MONDAY

- 6:30 - 7:30 PM Women's Ministries Meeting

### SEPTEMBER 12 - TUESDAY

- 10:00 - 11:00 AM CIA Bible Study
- 12:30 - 4:00 PM Piecemaker's Quilt Guild
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM Lydia Circle
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM Council Meeting
- 7:00 - 9:00 PM Cumming Garden Club
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Nostalgia Rehearsal

### SEPTEMBER 13 - WEDNESDAY

- 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM LWR Sewcialbee
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM Mahjonn
- **5:45 - 6:30 PM F+U+E+L meal**
- **6:30 - 7:30 PM F+U+E+L classes for all ages**
- 6:30 - 8:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### SEPTEMBER 14 - THURSDAY

- 6:30 - 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 - 9:00 PM Sonlight Praise Band Rehearsal

### SEPTEMBER 17 - SUNDAY

#### *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 8:30 - 9:30 AM Blended Holy Communion
- 9:30 - 9:45 AM Fellowship Time
- 9:30 - 11:15 AM Scrip on Sale
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM Discipleship Hour
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Holy Communion
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM Girl Scouts

PASTOR  
Rev. Dr. James A. Clark

STAFF

**Deborah Scarazzo**, *Christian Education Director & Youth Director*

**Dr. John Broman**, *Chancel Choir Director*

**Sandra Lutters**, *Minister of Music*

**Kathy Voerg**, *Business Manager*

**Jakima McCall**, *Preschool Director*



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

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