

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



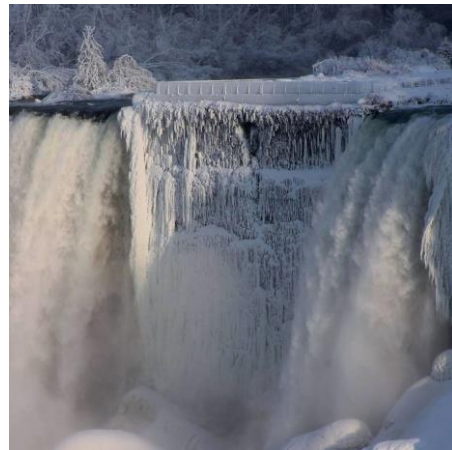
# The Living Stone

JANUARY 5, 2018

## Greetings,

BRRRR!! It's cold outside! I invite you to prepare a warm beverage, cozy up to a fire if you have one and read about all the opportunities for worship, fellowship and service available beginning this week. See you on Sunday!

In Christ's Service,  
Kathy Voerg, Business Manager



## COUNCIL CORNER



When do you take down the Christmas decorations? The Christmas season seems to start earlier every year. Some decorate for Christmas even before Thanksgiving! If you have a real tree, you're lucky if it survives through Christmas Day. For many, Christmas is over on December 26th. The decorations get put away, and ordinary life resumes. Traditionally, the decorations come down and the Christmas season comes to an end on Twelfth Night. In my childhood home, the decorations stayed up until

Epiphany and I have upheld this tradition. Baby Jesus was placed in the manger on Christmas morning and the Wise Men arrived on Epiphany. My mother would place the Wise Men in various places in the living room, moving them closer every day, until they arrived to meet Jesus. My siblings and I would search everyday to see where the Wise Men were on their journey. A little like Elf on the Shelf, minus the mischief. I recently inherited my mother's manger and have upheld her tradition, expectantly awaiting the arrival of the Three Kings.

I confess that I get caught up in the hustle bustle of holiday preparations. It's hard not to. I strive to come up with meaningful gifts, I bake many of my traditional goodies, plan menus, work the CTK cookie sale, host the big Tuten Christmas with 20 or more family members, etc. Every year on the day after Christmas, I always think to myself "Whew! I survived another Christmas! Now it's time to relax and enjoy the Christmas season." I look forward to simply relaxing with my family, admiring the decorations, and awaiting the arrival of the Three Kings. The Christmas season is a time for me to reflect on my many blessings, praise God for sending his Son to earth, and prepare for the new year.

In Christ,

*Wendy Tuten, Council Member at Large*

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## Discipleship Hour Resumes January 7 at 9:45

Please plan to join us during Discipleship Hour as we continue classes for all ages this winter on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

**2 - 3 yrs program: Frolic Nursery** Helps children Nursery - 3 years of age take their first steps in Faith. Parents will receive a monthly parent newsletter with Christian parenting tips. Frolic helps to bring the Bible stories, Faith lessons and music into the hands of young children and Nursery care givers, teachers, and parents.



*The Discipleship Hour*

**K4 - 5th grade: "Whirl Classroom", Old & New Testament.** A curriculum that will cover over 40 key Bible stories and themes from Old to New Testament for the year. These Bible-centered lessons help children understand Scripture and how it applies to their lives.

**6th - 8th grade: "Colaborate", Lutheran Living, New Testament.** Colaborate encourages students to bring their questions and curiosity about Lutheran doctrine and history. Colaborate has hands-on investigation learning that leads to deep engagement with the Bible, church history, and Lutheran theology. We will be using Colaborate in a 3 year cycle in order to cover all the material needed for students to be confirmed at the end of their 8th grade year.

**Adult Class: "7 Christian Rules Every Christian Ought To Break As Often As Possible", led by Pr. Eberhardt.** Never follow a rule that follows your liver, your heart, your pancreas, or any other bodily organ that could conceivably have its mind changed by the shifting of the wind. That is just one of the rules the Adult classes will delve into beginning on January 7th. This 10-week study will challenge our preconceived notions of the church's purpose and will challenge us to assess our own involvement in the church, and to re-evaluate what is central to our own faith commitment. Join us for the opportunity to seek the Lord Jesus and grow in faith, love and obedience to His word.



### **Volunteers Needed Saturday, January 6**

It's time to take down the Christmas tree and decorations. If you would like to help, please contact Rebecca Conatser at [rsconatser@yahoo.com](mailto:rsconatser@yahoo.com). Plan on meeting at the church at 10:00 am to get started.



### **Bible Study**

The Tuesday morning Bible study group examines the upcoming Sunday's lessons. Please join us each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. beginning January 16.

## **YOUTH CALENDAR**



### **CTK Youth January 7 – February 4, 2018**

- **January 7 at 9:50 – 10:30a.m. Youth Advisory Committee meeting** in the conference room. The Youth Advisory committee would really like to have some **input from the High School students and**

**all Youth Parents! Please email** Deborah Scarazzo to let her know if you are available to attend the **Youth Advisory Committee meeting** on January 7<sup>th</sup>. We need your input and support to develop our youth program at Christ the King!

- **January 14 – Youth Bowling at Stars & Stripes - Cumming GA! 12:30-1:45 ish**  
The cost is only \$10.00 per student and includes one hour of bowling, shoe rental, game card, 2 slices of Pizza & a drink! Siblings and parents are also invited to join us! ***Email Deborah Scarazzo and let her know how many from your family will be attending.*** You are welcome to bring a friend! We will meet at Stars and Stripes. The Youth will have a short meeting to discuss upcoming activities such as a Spring Hike in North Ga, Service projects, activities at CTK, All- GA, Youth Synod Assembly, VBS and more! Committee members are also encouraged to attend!
- **Jan 21 Youth 12:15 – 1:30 Rehearsal with lunch: Instrumentalists, Singers, Readers**
- **Feb 4 – Youth & Adult Instrumentalists & Youth Readers, Ushers and Greeters serve at 11:00 a.m. service. Rehearsal for All Youth & Instrumentalists from 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. in Youth room.**

## F+U+E+L RESUMES JANUARY 10



**(Fellowship + United + Education + Leisure)**

**5:45 – 6:30 p.m. - Dinner Served**

**6:00-8:00 p.m. Nursery/Preschool Available**

**6:30-7:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study Class - Pastor Clark**

“JESUS: Fact or Fiction” Over the past several years much interest has been reawakened over the historical Jesus. Everything from the “Jesus Seminar” to the “Da Vinci Code” has led devout Christians to go far beyond questioning their faith to downright doubt. Next to making hordes of money off such unsuspecting believers, the authors have done little to deepen the faith of the faithful. Come and get the real scoop on JESUS, Son of God, Savior.

**6:30-7:30 p.m. – Children/Youth Bible Story - The Parables of Jesus**

The children/youth will begin a short DVD Bible story series of The Parables of Jesus. A craft will follow the Bible story. The Youth will begin working on a skit from the Parable.

**6:30 -8:00 p.m. Adult 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 let her know which night your team will cover!. Funds are available for reimbursement.

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## JANUARY EVENTS

### Quilting Boot Camp January 10 - 13

Mark Your Calendar!!!

Lutheran World Relief Quilting Boot Camp is coming!

On Wednesday, January 10 – Saturday, January 13 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. we will be designing, sewing and everything in between for our quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

We hope you can join us for 1 hour or 20 hours for this worthy cause. If you would like to join us, bring your sewing machine, thread, scissors, rotary cutter and a lunch if you're staying for the day. Don't worry if you don't know how to sew, or don't want to bring your sewing machine, you can still help out in many ways. If you've never been to one of our quilting opportunities, why not stop by. We're a pretty friendly bunch and have fun along the way.



Any questions, contact Cathie Gibbons at 678-923-2964 or [catherinegibbons4@gmail.com](mailto:catherinegibbons4@gmail.com)

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## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



First Communion Classes will be offered at CTK following the late service in January beginning January 14. Both parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Pastor Clark is willing to meet with any families where there may be questions or concerns in making a decision about a particular child's readiness to attend such classes. Each child attending these classes will be given the opportunity to make their own decision in conjunction with their parent/s at the conclusion of the classes.

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## WELCA



### WELCA Women's Retreat March 2 - 4, 2018

The 2018 WELCA Retreat theme "A Hearing Heart" is being held again this year at Tanglewood Lodge in Helen, Georgia beginning on Friday, March 2, 2018. If you did not receive a registration form in your CTK mailbox or need an additional form for a friend or family member, there are extras available at the Welcome Desk or contact Sue or Barbara for another copy. Registration forms and the \$25 deposit are due by January 28 with the balance due by February 18. Again this year, Thursday night is free and Saturday only registrations are available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sue Hallman at 301-996-3004 or [sue.hallman@comcast.net](mailto:sue.hallman@comcast.net) ; Barbara Ayres at 770-887-7031 or [bmaptcruiser@comcast.net](mailto:bmaptcruiser@comcast.net) or Wendy Tuten at 770-377-0674 or [wendy2ten@comcast.net](mailto:wendy2ten@comcast.net).

Please join the women of Christ the King for a weekend of fellowship, worship and lots of fun.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Irish Dinner & Auction March 17

Please mark your calendars. This year's event will be on Saturday, March 17, St Patrick's Day. This is a chance to experience great fellowship, tasty food, bid on and win items of your choice. In doing so you will contribute to ministries that help people get back on their feet in many ways. This year you will decide on how the funds that we raise will be apportioned between Family Promise of Forsyth County, Team River Runner, and Wellspring Living. We will communicate much more on this, including a description of these ministries, as the weeks' progress.



Please consider donating your new or gently used items for the auction. We ask that you donate items that are worth \$20 or more. Thank you for considering this, and we hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Myers at 678-455-0814 or [mikeandsigrid@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeandsigrid@hotmail.com).

## OUTREACH MINISTRY



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

## IMPORTANT CHURCH UPDATES

### Church Office Hours

The church office hours are Monday thru Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The church office is closed on Fridays.

### Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

**Deadline for articles for both the bulletin and the newsletter is Wednesday at noon each week prior to publication.** This means if you want something in the newsletter for January 12 and the bulletin for January 14, the article must be in the office by noon on Wednesday, January 10. Please make note of this for future reference..

## CHRIST THE KING WEEKLY CALENDAR

### JANUARY 7 - SUNDAY

#### Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:30 - 9:30 AM Blended Holy Communion

- 9:30 - 11:15 AM Scrip on Sale
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM Discipleship Hour
- 9:50 - 10:30 AM Youth Committee Meeting
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Holy Communion
- 12:30 - 1:30 PM Transition Team
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM Girl Scouts

#### **JANUARY 9 - TUESDAY**

- 10:00 - 11:00 AM CIA Bible Study
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 Piecemakers Quilt Board Meeting
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM Lydia Circle
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM Piecemakers Quilt Guild

#### **JANUARY 10 - WEDNESDAY**

- 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM LWR Boot Camp
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM Mahjongg
- **5:45 - 6:30 PM F+U+E+L Meal**
- **6:30 - 7:30 PM F+U+E+L Classes for all**
- 6:30 - 8:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### **JANUARY 11 - THURSDAY**

- 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM LWR Boot Camp
- 7:00 - 9:00 PM Sonlight Praise Band Rehearsal

#### **JANUARY 12 - FRIDAY**

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM LWR Boot Camp

#### **JANUARY 13 - SATURDAY**

- 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM LWR Boot Camp

#### **JANUARY 14 - SUNDAY**

##### **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:30 - 9:30 AM Blended Holy Communion
- 9:30 - 11:15 AM Scrip on Sale
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM Discipleship Hour
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Holy Communion
- 12:15 - 1:15 PM First Communion Class
- 12:30 - 1:30 PM Transition Team

PASTOR

**Rev. Dr. James A. Clark**

STAFF

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

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



**Esther Rudge**, *Interim Organist / Pianist*  
**Mary Beth Hutcheson**, *Interim Pianist*  
**Kathy Voerg**, *Business Manager*  
**Susan Hudock**, *Admin. Assistant*  
**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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