

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

FEBRUARY 9, 2018

Greetings,

Please join us for the annual CTK Chili Cook-off this Sunday following the 11:00 a.m. service in Cuthbertson Hall. All chilies are welcome. Non-chili dishes are welcome as well. Come and help judge the chilies on many different criteria! If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Campbell at 404-357-4434 or nacamp85@gmail.com.



In Christ's Service,
Kathy Voerg, Business Manager

FROM THE SECOND DOOR ON THE LEFT



Dear Friends,

Are all Bible studies created equal? Does it matter what the Bible study leader's denominational/doctrinal persuasion or understanding is? Another way to ask this question might be, does it matter who is leading the Bible study?

To some extent one could respond, "No, it doesn't really matter" or "It depends upon the particular text of scripture that we are studying." Or it may indeed depend on the teacher's religious background.

Walter Harrelson (Baptist) was an excellent Old Testament theologian. Eugene Peterson (Presbyterian, author of "The Message") is a solid translator and interpreter. David J.

Atkinson (Anglican) has done some good biblical and ethical work. Raymond E. Brown SS (Roman Catholic) was one of the finest of all Johannine scholars. Daniel J. Harrington, SJ, (Roman Catholic) was a fine New Testament scholar. Their work tends to be pretty basic and non-denominational and quite excellent.

But how does study of the scriptures play into and support our Lutheran confessions? I believe that one of the reasons that Lutherans lose so many of our young adults to other churches and why many Lutherans become inactive is that we have not linked our catechetical instruction and Lutheran teachings to the scriptures. For too many years, too much catechetical material coming out of denominational publishing houses hinged on cute and often made-up stories – and a lot of memorization of the catechism.

Now don't get me wrong – I think the memorization of the catechism is very important. But we must link it to scripture – as Martin Luther did.

Next Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent – a 40 day observance remembering all that our Lord Jesus went through to accomplish our salvation. The mood of the season is penitence and reflection upon the quality of our faith and life strengthening each believer to come to a new and fuller appreciation of the gift of Baptism.

Traditionally, Lent has been the time that the church instructed new/non-baptized would-be Christians in the faith. The unbaptized were then baptized at the Easter Vigil (or other Easter service). This intense period of instruction gave each catechumen (student) a firm foundation in the faith.

This year during Lent at CTK we will focus on the Gospel of John. Three of the Sunday gospel texts are from John as well as the passion narrative read at the Good Friday services. All of the Wednesday mid-week services will be based on a text from John. Our Bible study following the Lenten service (7:05-7:50) will use both the scripture text AND the movie, ***The Gospel of John***. And we will discuss how John's gospel comes through in our Lutheran teachings. John's gospel was Luther's favorite.

The overall theme for Lent this year is, *The Passion of Christ: According to John: The Trial of Messiah*. John's whole gospel is portrayed as one long courtroom trial with various witnesses coming forward to testify for and against Jesus. John presents a different and exciting story of Jesus. I encourage your participation in all of our Lenten activities.

Pastor James A. Clark, DMin, STS

TRANSITION TEAM



The Transition Team will be holding the final congregation focus group discussions this Sunday, February 11 at the 9:45 AM hour. **"The purpose of our focus groups is to help the CTK Call committee select our new pastor by obtaining input and ideas from our congregation."**

For those of you that have already attended a focus group discussion we sincerely thank you, your input does matter. We had 60 members in attendance during the February 4 focus group sessions, with a majority of those in attendance from the 8:30 service. We would like to have equal representation of input from both worship service times. We do ask that you only attend one focus group to ensure input is not skewed.

The Transition Team hopes that for those of you that were unable to attend last Sunday's groups, you will take the time this Sunday to share your input and make a difference in our search for a newly called Pastor. Please join us your participation is important!

Below is how the process will work:

- At 9:30 AM please proceed through the fellowship hall away from the sanctuary and narthex. Discussions will begin at 9:45 AM sharp.
- Proceed to the double doors leading into education wing. You will stop and receive a colored index card. This card will determine where you will proceed to next.
- Proceed to the color-coded classroom that will be labeled either at the door or on the wall that corresponds with your color of index card.
- Your focus group facilitator will direct you to the next steps. The focus group discussions will be held around five talking points that will impact data for the Ministry Site Profile.
- The focus group discussions will end at 10:45 AM.

Transition Team

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



Ash Wednesday, February 14

12:15 - Holy Communion and Ashes

7:00 pm - Holy Communion and Ashes

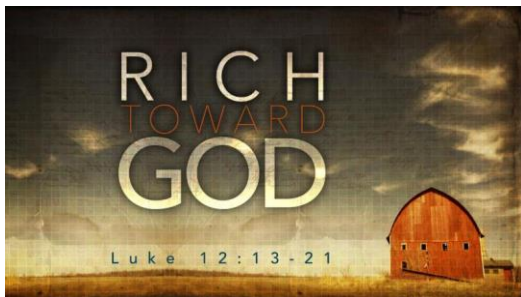
There will be no FUEL or evening meal Ash Wednesday

THANK YOU !!!

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring last Sunday! \$943.61 was raised to help feed those in need. This money will be given to The Place of Forsyth County to help stock their food pantry. Again thank you and well done! ~ The Stewardship Team



STEWARDSHIP



Being Rich Toward God

The society in which we live tells us that more is better. We're told that in order to be happy we must have the best things. People foolishly believe that money provides a lifetime of security, so they spend their time and resources chasing after it. Unfortunately, even if they are successful in their pursuit of money and the things money can buy, their

lives are often filled with loneliness, misery and despair.

Rather than being rich toward money, God wants you to be "*rich toward God.*" In Luke 12:21, Jesus is telling his listeners that, if we store up things only for ourselves and are not "*rich toward God,*" we will have the same fate as the Rich Fool. Acknowledge that God is the

source of all that you have. You can use money in ways that glorify God by leading others to Christ. In this way, you will be *“rich toward God.”*

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to develop a right and proper attitude toward the money that you have entrusted to me. Help me to see my money as a tool to help others. In Jesus' name I pray. **Amen.**

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

FEBRUARY EVENTS



Sewcialbee February 14

Our next Lutheran World Relief quilting Sewcialbee is Wednesday, February 14th from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. As you know this is Ash Wednesday and there is a 12:15 p.m. service. Don't hesitate to come for quilting in the morning, attend the service and then return to

quilting in the afternoon.

We had great participation for our quilting boot camp last month with many newbies who enjoyed the experience. So if you're coming for the Ash Wednesday service and have never worked with our group, stick around and see what we're all about. As usual, bring your sewing machine, or not, scissors and a lunch.

Also, thank you to those that have tied the quilts and returned them. If you have taken a quilt to be tied but have not returned it, please do so as soon as possible so that we can get them ready for delivery.

Yard Work Day February 17

Come help beautify our church grounds on Saturday February 17! For our winter landscape workday, we will be pruning Crepe Myrtles, Roses and other shrubs. No special skills required! Enjoy fresh air and fellowship as we work

together. We will be working from 1:00 to 4:00 pm; come for as much time as you can spare. Contact Amy at amyobarish@gmail.com or 770-889-3072 with any questions.





Youth Movie and Pizza February 25

All youth are invited to a movie and pizza on Sunday, February 25 at 12:15 p.m. in the youth room. Middle School & High School students are encouraged to bring a friend! We plan to show the original version of **Jumanji** with Robin Williams. The cost is \$4.00 per student. We

need an adult volunteer to assist.

Let us know how many from your family will be attending!

Please email Deborah Scarazzo at debbie@ctklutheran.com

MARCH EVENT

Irish Dinner & Auction March 17

Attendees will decide how we donate the proceeds between these three ministries

Family Promise of Forsyth County

The Family Promise mission is to help homeless and low income families achieve sustainable independence through a community based response that includes a temporary home with food, counseling, and fellowship.



Team River Runner—Georgia

Through volunteers this ministry serves returning veterans and others that have mental and/or physical injuries with healthy adventure, recreation, and camaraderie to promote healing and renewed outlooks on living.



Wellspring Living

Wellspring provides trauma informed care to survivors of human trafficking through physical, emotional, and spiritual restoration. The care includes therapy and education. Healing is supported by staff and volunteers.



If you have any questions, please contact Mike Myers at 678-455-0814 or mikeandsigrid@hotmail.com.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Christ the King Lutheran Preschool is continuing registration for the 2018-2019 school year. We offer classes 2-5 days per week, for children who are walking through five years of age. CTK Preschool provides a quality social and educational experience in a safe, warm, and loving Christian Environment. Christ the King Lutheran Church members receive a \$20 per month discount on tuition and also priority registration. Church Members may register beginning Tuesday January 30, before registration opens to alumni and the public later that week. There are also still limited spaces available in some classes for the remainder of the 2017-2018 School Year. Brochures and Registration Forms will be available at the Welcome Desk. More information can be found on the website at www.preschoolctk.com or by calling Jakima McCall, Director at 678-513-4338. Even if you don't have children of your own, we depend on grass roots advertising and would appreciate you passing the word along to a friend or neighbor who has small children. We also welcome volunteers during the school year and you may contact the preschool office for opportunities.

YOUTH CALENDAR

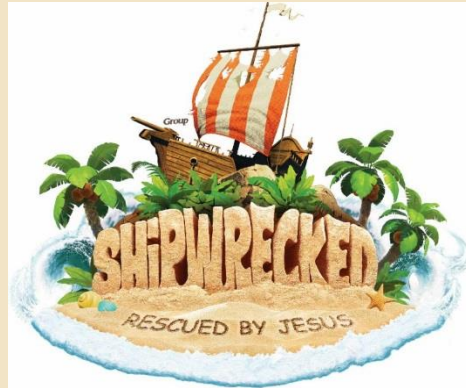


CTK Youth Calendar thru June 2018

- **February 25 from 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.- Movie and Pizza**
- **March 4 from 12:15 – 1:45 ish - Prepare for Palm Sunday Service**
- **March 9-11 - ELCA Southeastern Synod Youth Assembly – Lutheranch**
- **March 17 - Irish Dinner – Youth help with serving food, decorations, music, games.**
- **March 18 from 12:15 – 1:30 ish - Prepare for Palm Sunday & April 22 Youth Service**
- **March 25, Palm Sunday - Youth Participate in Palm Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.**
- **April 1 - Youth Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Spring Hike Desoto Falls- North GA. – date to be announced soon!**
- **April 8 from 12:15 -2:00 p.m. - Lunch/ work on VBS Decorations and leading activities**
- **April 15 from 12:15 – 1:30 ish - Prepare for April 22 Youth Service**
- **April 22 Youth & Children service at the 11:00 service - Good Shepherd Sunday**
- **May 6th – Church Picnic – Youth in charge of Games/Activities and help serving food.**
- **May 20 – 8th grade Confirmation Students Confirmed**
- **June 10-14th from 5:30 - 8:15 - Vacation Bible School “Shipwreck”**

If you would like more information on these events, please contact Deborah Scarazzo at debbie@ctklutheran.com or 770-889-5328.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Save the Date!

**June 10-14th VBS Shipwrecked – “Rescued by Jesus”
Sunday - Thursday 5:30 - 8:15 pm**

Send Your Kids/Youth on an impacting Island Adventure! At shipwrecked VBS, each student will discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that they see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciencey-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, Kid Vid Cinema, and tasty treats are just a few of the standard activities that help faith flow into real life. Students will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life - something we call God Sightings. We need lots of Youth and Adult volunteers as; crew leaders, Bible story, Art, Music, Dram leaders and the Decorations for VBS! We also need people to help with the dinner 5:30 -6:00 p.m. Contact Deborah Scarazzo at debbie@ctklutheran.com if you can help with VBS.

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 currently needed: canned chili and**



meals in cans (beef stew, chef boyardee). This is a great way to involve the whole family in a much needed effort. Thanks for your support!

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Church Choir Festival February 25

A Church Choir Festival, featuring the Chancel Choir from Christ the King Lutheran, the Sanctuary Choir from Dahlonega United Methodist, the Fellowship Presbyterian Church Choir (Jasper), and the University of North Georgia Singers, Le Belle Voci, and Patriot Choir & Singers Men, will be presented Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Dahlonega United Methodist

Church beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Chancel Choir will sing My Song In The Night by Mack Wilberg and I Want To Be Ready by Howard Helvey during the afternoon program. The Festival Mass Choir will present The Meditations Of My Heart by Elaine Hagenberg, Who But The Lord? by Craig Courtney, The Battle Hymn by Peter J. Wilhousky, and then will conclude the concert by performing Christ We Do All Adore Thee by Theodore Dubois "in the round." The Festival Director is Dr. John Broman and Mary Beth Hutcheson is the Festival Accompanist. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of Presidents Day. Normal church office hours are Monday thru Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The church office is closed on Fridays.

Did You Know?

Approved Council minutes and financial statements for the church are posted on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes in the administrative hallway. You are encouraged to keep up with what is happening here at CTK!

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 February 16 and the bulletin for February 18, the article must be in the office by noon on Wednesday, February 14. Please make note of this for future reference..

CHRIST THE KING WEEKLY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 11 - SUNDAY

Transfiguration 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 / Focus Group
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Holy Communion
- 12:15 - 2:00 PM Chili Cook-off

FEBRUARY 12 - MONDAY

FEBRUARY 13 - TUESDAY

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM Preschool - Donuts for Dad
- 10:00 - 11:00 AM CIA Bible Study
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM Lydia Circle
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM Piecemakers Quilt Guild

FEBRUARY 14 - WEDNESDAY

- 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM LWR Quilting
- **12:15 - 1:15 PM Ash Wednesday Service**
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM Mahjongg
- **7:00 - 8:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service**
- 8:00 - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 15 - THURSDAY

- 7:00 - 9:00 PM Sonlight Praise Band Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 16 - FRIDAY

- **OFFICE CLOSED**

FEBRUARY 19 - SATURDAY

- 1:00 - 4:00 PM - Yard Work Day

FEBRUARY 18 - SUNDAY

First Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 - 9:30 AM Blended Holy Communion
- 9:30 - 11:15 AM Scrip on Sale
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM Discipleship Hour / Focus Group
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Holy Communion

- 12:15 - 2:00 PM Chili Cook-off

PASTOR

Rev. Dr. James A. Clark

STAFF

Deborah Scarazzo, *Christian Education Coordinator & Youth Coordinator*

Dr. John Broman, *Chancel Choir Director*

Patricia Wall, *Guest Organist*

Melissa Loggins, *Guest Pianist*

Mary Beth Hutcheson, *Chancel Choir Accompanist*

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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