

*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



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## *A Message from the desk of Pastor Kerry*

### *Looking Down the Road*



On Sunday, January 31, we bid thank you and farewell to Kelly Edwards, our Youth Ministry Director. After 4 ½ years serving in the position, Kelly has decided to commit more time to her family. We thank Kelly for the marvelous job that she has done during this time and the many wonderful relationships she has forged with our youth members and their families.

I know there are many questions concerning the future of our Youth Ministry program, and I want to assure you that Youth and Children Ministry will be a priority for the future. I have long been convinced that the future for potential growth in any congregation rests on the strength of its Family Ministry program. Here at Christ the King we are blessed to have a significant number of children and youth, and their families. It is a significant emphasis on the ministry that we share in this place.

At the same time I realize that we have a large number of retired members in our congregation and are blessed to live in an area where many retirees relocate. As we look at this aspect of our ministry there is need to provide ongoing ministry and new programming for these members of our congregation as well.

The Personnel Committee has begun to look at several possibilities for staffing our congregation in the near future. Personnel will be making a recommendation to the Congregation Council for consideration at the February 9 meeting. Following the February Congregation Council meeting more details will be provided.

I am truly grateful to all of our staff members who have provided committed service to the ministries of our congregation. Time has a way of bringing changes, and those changes need to be embraced with both thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future.

I am thankful to all in the past, the present and for those to come in the future who are part of the fabric that is the legacy of faith here at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

αΩ *Pastor Kerry*



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

### *New Members and Visitors Luncheon, February 28*

On Sunday, February 28, at 12:15 p.m., we will be having a luncheon for new members and visitors that would like to learn more about membership and the ministry opportunities at Christ the King. In the past three weeks, Pastor Kerry has been preaching on 1 Corinthians 12 and 13 - the many gifts of the Spirit with which each of us have been blessed with several (see the Council Corner article on page 2). We invite anyone that would like to learn more about Christ the King, become more active in the ministries of Christ the King, or have questions about the Lutheran faith to attend. If possible, please RSVP to the office at [ctk1125@ctklutheran.com](mailto:ctk1125@ctklutheran.com) or 770-889-5328. However, if time gets away and you forget to RSVP, please come anyway. We look forward to meeting and getting to know the names of our many visitors and new members!

### *Annual Reports Due February 15*

The Annual Report to the Congregation is due at the Annual meeting on March 21. For inclusion in this, team leaders need to have their individual report into the church office by February 15. If possible, please email the report to the church office at [ctk1125@ctklutheran.com](mailto:ctk1125@ctklutheran.com) in Word format.



## Council Corner

Looking back at my last article for Council Corner that focused on volunteer opportunities within the church, I was drawn back to the idea after the recent catastrophe in Haiti. After seeing all the support from various nations and all types of people, I see that everyone wants to be able to help. Whether it be by traveling to the site to offer help or donating to Red Cross or even helping out with local fundraisers, it is part of all of us to help those that are in need. What may hold us back though is not knowing where we fit in or how we can help.

During a recent sermon, Pastor Kerry discussed the spiritual gifts that we all have been given. He walked us through the list giving us a definition and examples of how these gifts may be used. Here is a summary of those gifts:

Administration	Faith	Leadership	Skilled Craft
Artistry	Giving	Mercy	Teaching
Discernment	Hospitality	Music	Wisdom
Evangelism	Intercession	Serving	Writing
Exhortation	Knowledge	Shepherding	

You may know exactly what gifts you have been given and what you want to do to help others. For those of you that do not know where they are on this list, there is a survey available through the church office to help you identify the spiritual gifts that have been given to you.

During our long transition period between pastors, I think the congregation did a wonderful job at volunteering and stepping up to help within the church. We now have another transition period ahead of us with our youth group. To continue to have such a strong youth group, it will be up to each of us to volunteer and help in various ways.

Please consider what your spiritual gifts are and how you can help within the church by volunteering those gifts. This should not be something that is only done during times of need but ongoing throughout the year with the various ministries that Christ the King offers.

*Scott Younhouse, Member at Large*

<u>Description</u>	<u>December 2009</u>	<u>Jan. - Dec. 2009</u>
<b>General Fund:</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 62,147	\$ 39,540
Deposits	35,726	509,851
Disbursements	<u>40,769</u>	<u>492,287</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 57,104	\$ 57,104
<b>Mortgage Fund:</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 15,850	\$ 26,989
Deposits	7,410	65,925
Disbursements	<u>317</u>	<u>69,971</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 22,943	\$ 22,943



### *Our New Spending Plan*

On Sunday, January 24, during all services, Christ the King voted on the 2010 Spending Plan as proposed by the Congregation Council. The Spending Plan has been adopted by the following: 151 yes, 9 no and 1 abstention. The council would like to thank everyone for their participation in the forums on the Spending Plan and voting. We look forward to serving you and Christ in the coming year.

*The Congregation Council*

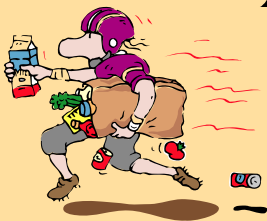
## Congregation News



### Aid for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti

A special thanks goes to Jolean Knop for organizing our Help for Haiti donation drive. Through donations and the bake sale we were able to raise \$678 and counting for the Carroll County Haiti Mission Project for the people of Haiti devastated by the recent earthquakes. In addition over \$2,000 has been raised to send to the ELCA Haiti Disaster Response Fund. It still isn't too late to donate to either organization. Just make your check out to Christ the King and write the name of the organization on the memo line. This coming Sunday, February 7, the youth will again be collecting for **SouperBowl Sunday**. This year those donations will also go to the Haiti Disaster Relief Fund. Please give generously to our brothers and sisters that have been so devastated by the earthquakes, lack of medical care and lack of food and water.

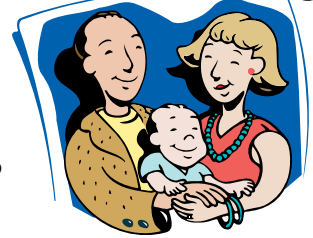
### Souper Bowl Sunday



### Pictorial Directory

During the month of February, we will be taking photographs each Sunday morning of all who attend Christ the King. So, even if you are not a member, we invite you to be a part of our photo family. Photographs will be available on our own password protected website. Do you sit next to someone and can't seem to ever remember their name (even though they have told you it several times)? Well soon you will be able to look it up and greet them by name! So sign up on the brown kiosk in the narthex for a sitting time. Our goal is to have pictures of every family by the end of February.

### Church Photo Directory



Our own, Rick Albrecht, will be taking the pictures. He will be taking about four pictures per family and will use the best of the four with touch ups if need be. Once the pictures are on the website, if you would like to purchase some copies of that photograph, they will be available in various sizes for purchase. 5" x 7" photos will be available for \$15.00 each and 8" x 10" will be available for \$20.00 each. For more sizes and multiple picture orders, please contact the church office at 770-889-5328. All proceeds from the sell of photos will go towards the Organ Fund. No hard sell, sit down sessions with a salesperson!

As the photos are posted, we will be sending out the instructions on how to log into the password protected site of the directory. We ask everyone to review the information on the website for accuracy. Come and be a part of the Photo Directory and learn the name of the "neighbor" you just can't seem to remember!



### Women's Retreat

### Women's Retreat March 5 - 7, 2010

Registration forms for the weekend are available on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes in the Administrative Hallway. Come join us as we explore the "Unforced Rhythm of Grace." Deadline to sign up for the weekend is February 7 and to sign up for Saturday only is February 24.

### Irish Dinner & Auction

Outreach is planning another evening of fun and entertainment for Saturday, March 20. Once again we will have Irish songs by Nostalgia, Irish Stew and Corned Beef dinners, a live auction, and a good chance for fellowship. This event was a big success last year and we hope to improve it this time. All proceeds will be donated to The American Cancer Society through Relay For Life. So please mark your calendars. Also, please consider donating items for the auction. If you have something to donate please contact Mike Myers (Box 222). Look for more details in the weeks to come.



### Auction

### Turn down the heat!!!

Please remember to turn down the heat and to turn off lights when leaving a space. The heat has been left on in the fellowship hall, narthex and various classrooms the past several Sundays at 70 degrees. While the people who come in Monday morning appreciate this, our budget doesn't! Unfortunately, the electric bill isn't discretionary and must be paid each month - whether we budgeted for it or not. So help us SAVE and turn down the heat and turn off the lights!

## Youth Ministry News

# KEEP IT 'TOV

### All - Georgia Lutheran Youth Gathering March 12 - 14, 2010

This year the gathering is at the FFA/FCCLA Retreat Center in Covington, Georgia. "Keep it 'Tov" is the theme of the retreat. Registration is currently open and forms are available in the mailbox outside the youth office. Youth currently in grades 6 – 12 are invited.

Registration fees are for both youth and adult leaders. Registration: \$80.00 per person. Fees cover the lodging (Friday & Saturday night), meals (3 meals on Saturday, Sunday breakfast) and programming (guest speaker, band, DJ, snacks and any other operational expenses).

### Calling All Youth and Youth Parents!!!

This Sunday, February 7, at 12:15 p.m., Pastor Kerry invites all High School and Middle School youth and their parents to meet in the Fellowship Hall to brainstorm activities and plans for Youth Ministry this Spring. The Personnel Committee and Congregation Council are committed to providing quality youth ministry programming and are considering several possibilities for adding a staff position to maintain the great work that Kelly Edwards has provided. Come and share your ideas for the future of our Youth Ministry here at Christ the King.



## Family and Children's Ministries

### Valentine's Day Present



Need a babysitter for Valentine's Day? We will have a Parents Night Out/Valentine's Party on Friday, February 12, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. for children up to 11 years old. Cost is \$10 per child and will include dinner (hotdogs and chips), Valentine's games and crafts, a movie (Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs) and movie snacks. Just a couple spots left - so sign up soon! Additional youth kids needed to help with this event.

### Vacation Bible School 2010

Mark your calendars for June 14 - 18 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. for this year's exciting VBS - Baobab Blast!! Your children will delight as we take a safari ride through the Savannahs of Africa with Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, music and drama as we learn God's love and grace. Under the Baobab tree, the people of Africa commune to go to school, church, and visit with their neighbors while cooling off from the hot sun. Cost is \$14 for those who sign up by May 1 (\$18 after May 1) and includes a t-shirt and a week full of fun! We will need lots of volunteers (all ages - adults and youth) to help in the upcoming months, as well as the week of the event. Don't miss out on one of the most fun weeks of the year!! Contact Scott or Janet Wullstein for more information.




Ash Wednesday Services will be held on February 17 at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be the traditional imposition of ashes and sharing of communion offered at both services. Prior to the 7:00 p.m. service, a fellowship meal will be offered beginning at 5:45 p.m. Undesignated offerings during these services will go towards the Organ Fund.

### Wednesday Services and Fellowship Meals during Lent

Wednesday Services during Lent will be held February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals during Lent will only be offered on March 3 and March 17 beginning at 5:45 p.m. Undesignated offerings during these services will go towards the Organ Fund.



On Sunday, March 28, we will welcome ELCA Southeastern Synod Bishop, Julian Gordy. Pastor Gordy will be preaching at all services as we celebrate together Christ's triumphal ride into Jerusalem and subsequent journey to the cross.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  6:00 Handbells	2 10:00 Christians In Action 1:00 Knitting 7:00 Stephen Ministry 7:00 Barbershop Singers	3 1:00 Mahjongg 5:45 WOW Dinner 6:15 Classes 7:30 Chancel Choir	4  6:30 Nostalgia 7:30 Cont. Choir	5	6 10:00-FOCUS 2:00  7:00- IBNP 9:00
	7 8:15 Souper Bowl Sun. 9:00 Scrip on Sale 9:30 Sunday School 12:15 Meeting with Youth Parents 1:00 IBNP	8  6:00 Handbells	9 10:00 Christians In Action 12:00-Piecemaker 4:00 Quilt Guild 1:00 Knitting 6:30 Council Meeting 7:00 Barbershop Singers 7:30 Cumming Garden Club	10 1:00 Mahjongg  7:00 Chancel Choir	11 4:30-Girl 6:00 Scouts  6:30 Nostalgia 7:30 Cont. Choir	12  5:30-Parent's 8:30 Night Out
14 9:00 Scrip on Sale  9:30 NO Sunday School  1:00 IBNP 4:00 Wedding	15  6:00 Handbells 7:00 SON Circle	16 10:00 Christians In Action 1:00 Knitting  5:00 Outreach Meeting 7:00 Stephen Ministry 7:00 Barbershop Singers	17 12:15 Ash Wed. Service 1:00 Mahjongg 5:45 WOW Dinner 6:15 Classes 7:00 Ash Wed. Service 7:30 Chancel Choir	18  6:30 Nostalgia 7:30 Cont. Choir	19  5:00-Kopp 11:00 Family Function	20  7:00- IBNP 9:00
21 9:00 Scrip on Sale 9:30 Sunday School  Bible Training 1:00 IBNP	22  6:00 Handbells	23 10:00 Christians In Action 12:00-Piecemaker 4:00 Quilt Guild 1:00 Knitting 7:00 Barbershop Singers	24 1:00 Mahjongg  7:00 Lenten Service 7:30 Chancel Choir	25 4:30-Girl 6:00 Scouts  6:30 Nostalgia 7:30 Cont. Choir	26  KLICK Game & Movie Night	27  7:00- IBNP 9:00
28 9:00 Scrip on Sale 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Dist. Of Bibles 12:15 New Member Luncheon 1:00 IBNP	<p><b><i>Christ the King Lutheran Church</i></b>  <b>1125 Bettis-Tribble Gap Road</b>  <b>Cumming, GA 30040</b>  <b>Phone: 770-889-5328 Fax: 770-205-9713</b>  <b>www.ctklutheran.com</b></p>					

## February 2010

*We would like to thank all those who have volunteered to serve during the month of February. Please take this list and post it as a reminder during the month for your date of service. A list of those who serve on Christmas Eve will be scheduled soon. If you are unable to serve during your scheduled time, please find a replacement and notify the office as soon as possible as to the new server. Thank you!!*

Date/Volunteer	8:15 Service	9:30 Service	11:00 Service
<b>February 7, 2010</b>			
<b>Communion Prep.</b>	Linda Gulla	Dane Marshall	June Wolsin
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Marilyn Young	Debbie Harker	Tony Stuchel/Pete Thompson
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	**	Bob & Bobbie Dees	Mary Jane Skidmore
<b>Reader</b>	Marilyn Young	Don Fair	Tony Stuchel
<b>Acolyte</b>	**	**	Luke Delaney
<b>Crucifer</b>	**	**	Jimmy Googer
<b>Ushers</b>	Clint & Jeanne Matthews	Herman & JoAnn Radke	<b>John Briggs/Laura Lewis</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	**	**	Gabe Campbell
<b>Greeters</b>	Dick & Sandy Kornewald	Paul & Peach Hochstetler	Faye Moran/Connie Gantt
<b>Monday Help</b>	Laura Lewis		
<b>Thursday Crew</b>	Jerry Feist	Briggs/ Vanderhoff	Skidmore
<b>Counters</b>	Jan Grimshaw	Estie Belvin	
<b>February 14, 2010</b>			
<b>Communion Prep.</b>	Susan Tanner	Betty Young	Rebecca Conatser
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Tom French	Dawn McCloskey	Barbara Ayres
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	**	Jennifer Kelley/Ellen Brown	Sue Johnson/Ryan Boylan
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	**	Natalie Campbell	**
<b>Reader</b>	Tom French	Suzanne Price	Barbara Ayres
<b>Acolyte</b>	**	**	Madelyn Brown
<b>Crucifer</b>	**	**	Grace Edwards
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Young	Jerry Feist & Betty Young	<b>Bob Buck/Elmer Davis</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	**	**	Fred Hodoval
<b>Greeters</b>	Johnnie & Susan Tanner	Bob & Bobbie Dees	Shan Simons/Gladys Walker
<b>Monday Help</b>	Karen Feist		
<b>Thursday Crew</b>	Joan Plemmons	Briggs/Quattlebaum	Vanderhoff
<b>Counters</b>	Ellen Brown	Maryalyce Wilson	
<b>February 21, 2010</b>			
<b>Communion Prep.</b>	Fred & Lucy Monks	Debbie Harker	Sally Campbell
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	James Weikel	Linda Forbes/Scott Younghouse	Paul Kopp/Libby Tilghman
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	**	Matt & Claire Perko	Mary Jane Skidmore
<b>Reader</b>	James Weikel	Elmo Price	Mary Jane Skidmore
<b>Acolyte</b>	**	**	Jason Hiers
<b>Crucifer</b>	**	**	Austin Kurz
<b>Ushers</b>	Dick & Sandy Kornewald	Kathy Newell	<b>Doug Linebarger/Steve Kiester</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	**	Sarah Spitzer	Phyllis Richter/Woody Wilson
<b>Greeters</b>	Tony & Linda Gulla	Sandra Norrid	Bob Christman/Loretta Brown
<b>Monday Help</b>	Connie Gantt		
<b>Thursday Crew</b>	Alaine Linebarger	Briggs/Quattlebaum	Skidmore
<b>Counters</b>	Jan Grimshaw	Chris Fulton	

<b>Date/Volunteer</b>	<b>8:15 Service</b>	<b>9:30 Service</b>	<b>11:00 Service</b>
<b>February 28, 2010</b>			
<b>Communion Prep.</b>	Linda Gulla	Dane Marshall	June Wolsin
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Tony Gulla	Wally Weihe/Kathy Voerg	Fred Hodoval
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	**	Natalie Campbell	Roy & Joan Plemmons
<b>Reader</b>	Tony Gulla	Bill Taylor	Mark Spraker
<b>Acolyte</b>	**	**	Rebecca Fischer
<b>Crucifer</b>	**	**	Kylie Jefferis
<b>Ushers</b>	Johnnie & Susan Tanner	Paul Hochstetler	<b>Mike Myers</b> /Chris Fulton
<b>Ushers</b>	**	Jolean Knop	Roberta Gally
<b>Greeters</b>	Clint & Jeanne Matthews	Mike & Fran Hoehn	Phil & Barbara Claudy
<b>Monday Help</b>	June Wolsin		
<b>Thursday Crew</b>	June Wolsin	Behm	
<b>Counters</b>	Ellen Brown	Phil Claudy	

### **Ministry Leaders**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Readers & Worship Assistants - Traditional Services	Lu Miller	770-205-1525
Worship Assistants - Contemporary Service	Linda Forbes	770-888-8139
Communion Preparation	Dane Marshall	770-887-9818
Acolytes and Crucifers	Kelly Edwards	770-886-1935
Ushers - 8:15 a.m. service		
Ushers - 9:30 a.m. service		
Ushers - 11:00 a.m. service		
Greeters	Sandra Thomas	678-455-1133
Monday Helpers	Sigrid Myers	678-455-0814
Counters	Barbara Ayres	770-887-7031
Thursday Helpers	Kathy Voerg	770-889-5328

