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## MEETING GOD

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase.

He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer.

Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug.

He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God."

But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

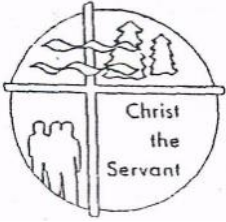
He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring.



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## Pastor Gwen's September Office Hours:

Monday 1-4 PM

Wednesday 2-5:30 PM

No Office Hours on Sept 2nd, 4th and 9th.



Woman's Group meets every  
Tuesday from 10AM -2PM.



Men's Group will meet  
Saturday, September 7th at 8AM.



## September Bible Readings

### September 1, 2024 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15	
Second Lesson	James 1:17-27
Gospel Reading	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### September 8, 2024 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146	
Second Lesson	James 2:1-10, 14-17
Gospel Reading	Mark 7:24-37

### September 15, 2024 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9	
Second Lesson	James 3:1-12
Gospel Reading	Mark 8:27-38

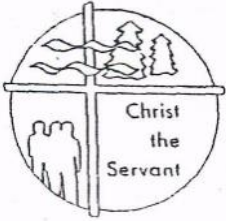
### September 22, 2024 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54	
Second Lesson	James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Gospel Reading	Mark 9:30-37

### September 29, 2024 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29
Psalm 19:7-14	
Second Lesson	James 5:13-20
Gospel Reading	Mark 9:38-50

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE AND REQUESTS IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

**Health/Concerns:** Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Nancy, Bob, Carol, Lori, Mary Jo, Debra, Carl, Autumn, Shirley, Jere, Mary, Leigh and Joe.

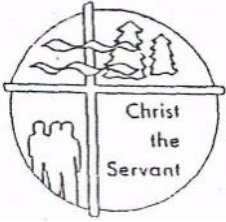
**Military:** Anton, Autumn, Ryan, Josh, and Natalie.

**Groups:** CTS Church Council, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, those who are struggling with hunger and injustice in the world and the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Ministry.



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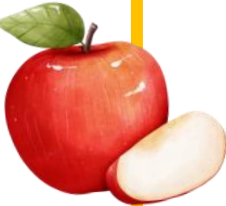


## Announcements



**Bible Study:** Come and join the Spirit! Sunday, September 22nd will conclude our summer bible study. Watch for details on the new bible study for Fall beginning on Sunday, September 29th.


**Men's Group:** Men's group will be meeting over coffee and pastry on September 7th at 8 AM. The topic of study will be on Philip Yancey's *What's So Amazing about Grace*. See Scott Carpenter for a book. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!



**Sunday School:** Sunday school will begin on Monday, September 16th at 4:00 PM, every other week. If you know a child that is hungry for Jesus, please let me know so I can contact them. Currently, we have 3 children signed up to start. Please keep these young hearts in your prayers as they learn about their Lord.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation continues on Wednesdays this year for Lauren. Our topic for the first semester of the year is the New Testament. Any adult in the church is welcomed to join us. Please continue to keep Lauren in your prayers as she travels through her Confirmation Journey.

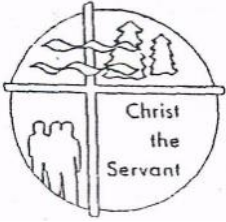
**Out of Town:** Pastor Gwen will be out of town with her daughter on Monday, September 2nd. If you have a spiritual emergency, please call our council president, Kurt Wolff. Pastor Terri Blomberg will be filling in on September 8<sup>th</sup> for worship. Please keep Leigh in your prayers.



**Plastic, Plastic, Plastic:** We are still collecting plastic bags and film. We did receive one bench which is outside next to the sidewalk. We would like to get a matching bench for the other side. We will need to collect an additional 1000 pounds.



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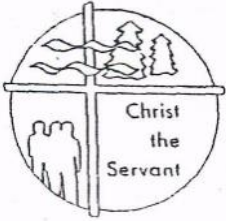


**WELCA:** Our WELCA group this year has asked for a blessing of quilts and kits before they are sent on their way to Minneapolis/St Paul and beyond. This year they have made: 50 School Kits, 18 Personal Care Kits, 14 Baby Kits and over 65 quilts. Nine of the quilts have gone to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, one to a nursing home resident and one to Luther Park for their annual fundraiser auction. These good and faithful women surely have the love of God in their hearts!



**Sleep In Heavenly Peace:** This ministry in Park Falls continues to need donations of pillows, beds in a bag, quilts, and sheet sets. They are all twin size beds for youth, age 4 through 17, in our community with no bed of their own. To volunteer in the ministry, please see the Melvolds. To donate money, see Beth Melvold. Bedding can be dropped off any time in the church office.

**The Lord's Cupboard:** The pantry could use more volunteers to work once a month on a Saturday morning from 8:30 – 11:00 AM. You must be able to lift 35 pounds and work on your weekend! See Pastor Gwen if you are interested.



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## Volunteer Schedule September, October & November 2024

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
September 1st	Barb Schindhelm		Chuck & Barb Schindhelm	
September 8th	Jann Clark			
September 15th	Mary Rusch			
September 22nd	Kurt Wolff			
September 29th				
October 6th				
October 13th				
October 20th				
October 27th				
November 3rd				
November 10th				
November 17th				
November 25th				

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