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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, here we are in August already. Our summer came early with warm weather and continues with hot temps, high humidity, torrents of storms and brutal rain. I have been hearing two statements lately. The first is that folks can hardly wait for winter to come; enough is enough. The second is that we should just scrap 2020 and start over. Between Covid 19 and racial unrest, the year has been a disaster.

And I have to admit that I can easily find my way into both of those camps.

I don't know about you but I am tired of hearing about the pandemic. Enough about face masks, ventilators, social distancing, testing, vaccines and stay at home orders. I am frustrated by all the racial unrest, tearing down statues, and wanting to rewrite our countries history. So how do we handle all that is going on in the world?

One good answer comes to us on in our Gospel reading of August 9th from Matthew 14:22-33 where Jesus walks on water. Jesus has just gone out to pray after a long day teaching the crowds that follow Him. Prayer is always a great way to end the day! And then, Jesus goes to the fearful disciples, as a storm wages around them. Jesus walks on the water toward them. And after recognizing Him, Peter wants what Jesus has, the ability to walk on water too! And so Jesus invites him to step out of the boat and walk toward him.

Peter does just that and as he is walking on the water, Peter noticed the strong wind and began to sink. After Peter asks for help, Jesus takes his hand and saves him from the raging storm. The disciples are amazed at what they have witnessed and know for sure that Jesus is truly the Son of God.

Notice that Peter can walk on water at Jesus' command. But, as soon as he takes his eyes off Jesus he begins to sink. The same is true of us. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus to get through whatever we are challenged with: hot sticky weather or a pandemic. Jesus commands us to follow Him and to love Him. When we do that we will find it easier to deal with the unpleasant things that come up in life. Just knowing that God is in control, would do us all good as we comes to grips with COVID 19 and a summer that seems less than spectacular.

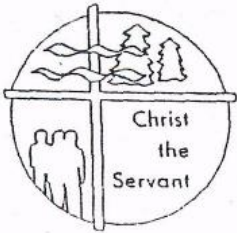
And so I pray that you will keep your eyes on Jesus. Pray without ceasing, worship weekly, read Scripture often, encourage others in their faith walk, serve your neighbor and give accordingly are all marks of discipleship that will help you to keep your eyes on Jesus. Seeing Him as the center of all you do will make your walk on your daily water easier.

God's peace to you,

Pastor Gwen



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Office Hours for Pastor - August 2020

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| August 3rd | 1:00-4:00 pm |
| August 5th | 2:00-5:00 pm |
| August 10th | 1:00-4:00 pm |
| August 12th | 2:00-5:00 pm |
| August 17th | 1:00-4:00 pm |
| August 19th | 2:00-5:00 pm |
| August 24th | 1:00-4:00 pm |
| August 26th | 2:00-5:00 pm |
| August 31st | 1:00-4:00 pm |

Men's Group—Thursday

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| August 6th | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| August 13th | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| August 20th | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| August 27th | 5:00-6:00 pm |

Bible Study Sunday following Worship

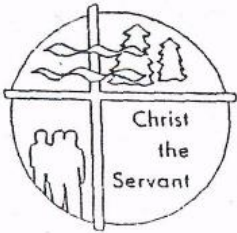
August 2nd
August 16th
August 23rd
August 30th

Women's Quilting Group—Monday

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| August 6th | 1:00-4:00 pm |
| August 13th | 1:00-4:00 pm |
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August Bible Readings

August 2, 2020 –9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9,14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9th, 2020 –10th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16, 2020 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

August 23, 2020 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30, 2020 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jerimiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed... James 5:16.

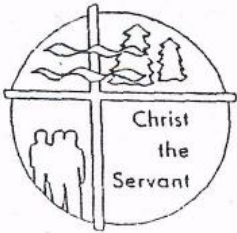
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Nancy, Tom, Jim, Keisha, Darlene, Fred, Dina, Liam, Davis, Rodney, and Kris.

Military - Anton ,Claire, Allesa Marrie and Natalie.

CTS Church Council, Men’s Group, WELCA, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, AIDS orphans in Malawi, Hunger and poverty in the world, and those struggling with the Coronavirus.

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Farmer's Market is held in the church parking lot on Wednesday from 2:00 pm—5:15 pm. The doors to the church will be kept locked to the public.

Music :

August 2 & Aug 16 Deb Hyde will be bringing us special music.

August 9 Karen Heins, Music Director and Jill Konicek, Stephen Ministry Leader will be coming to enhance our worship with their music and preaching. They are from Holy Cross Lutheran in Menomonee Falls, WI.

August 23 Michelle Pride, ELCA storyteller and her band from Eau Claire will be visiting to enliven our worship with their music. Michelle will also be bringing us the message that morning.

August 30 is open. If you would like to bring us special music that day please see Pastor Gwen.

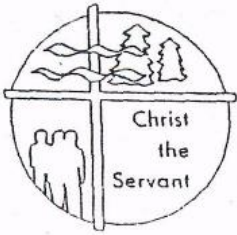


As you might have noticed, the volunteer schedule has a few empty spots. We did not have enough people to fill all the spots. The chart is on the bulletin board next to the office, if you would like to add your name and help us out. Questions can be directed to Pastor Gwen.



Barb Schindhelm will be opening up the building to quilters on Wednesday afternoons beginning at 1 pm. There are many quilt tops that need to be tied, sewn and some ironing to do. If you are interested please check with Barb to make sure that the women will be around each Wednesday.

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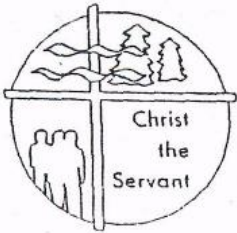
Our In-Person Safety Team has reviewed their recommendations which are included in this newsletter and decided to continue with our policy. Masks are not required but are **highly recommended**. Social distancing of 6 feet should also be observed while you are in the building. Masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are available throughout the building. If you should have any questions about the policy of how we are dealing with COVID-19 please see one of the safety teams members. Barb Schindhelm, RB Melvold, Dr Scott Carpenter or Pastor Gwen will be happy to answer your questions.

Bible study continues on Sunday mornings after worship. Since there is no organized coffee hour, we can start shortly after worship ends. We will continue with the DVD series from Tim Wengert. It is a wonderful study of the tenants of our faith as Lutherans.

Men's group is back to meeting on Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. All men are welcome to join. You can call Mike Roberts or Terry Tarras for more information.



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BARBECUE

BASEBALL

BEACH

BEES

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BLUE SKY

BOATING

BREEZE

CAMPING

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GARDENING

GOLF

GREEN GRASS

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ICE CREAM

JULY

JUNE

MOSQUITOES

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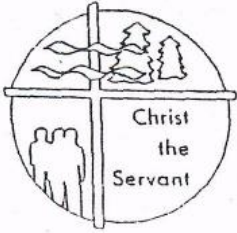
UV RAYS

WASPS

WATER FIGHTS

WATERMELON

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To: Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Congregation
From: Return to In Person Worship Safety Team

After prayerfully reviewing current science and medical information from the Center for Disease Control we are making the following recommendations to the Church Council for approval.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church shall return to in person worship beginning on **July 5, 2020**.

During worship there will be:

NO sharing of the "peace".

NO singing (we will try to get special music for each service).

A basket placed at the entrance to the sanctuary to collect the offering.

Communion will be continuous with social distancing being observed.

The following guidelines will be in place for the safety of our worshipping community:

Face masks are highly recommended and will be provided by the church if guests do not have one.

At all times social distancing of 6 feet will be observed.

There will be no coffee hour after worship.

If people want to visit, they should do so outside or move to the Fellowship Hall as long as they keep social distancing at 6 feet.

High contact surfaces will be disinfected prior to and after worship.

We ask that you wipe down contact surfaces when you leave other areas of the building.

High risk individuals will still be able to worship on line by listening to parts of the service and the sermon on the churches Facebook page after noon on Sunday or they may read the message posted on the church web site.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church shall provide the following for the congregation as needed:

One-time use face masks.

Hand sanitizer.

Anti-bacterial soap.

Anti-bacterial wipes.

A no contact thermometer.

We ask that all those who would gather in our building:

Use social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Stay home and do not enter the building if you are not feeling well.

Use common sense in wearing masks, hand washing, and disinfecting areas used.

Thank you for your help in making our church building a safe and welcoming place to come.

Return to In Person Worship Safety Team

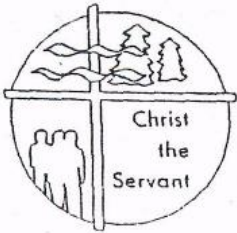
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CTS Worship Volunteers August –September 2020

| Date | Assisting Minister | Altar Guild | Greeter/Usher |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| August 2nd | Liz Carpenter | Ann Wojcieszak | Mary Rusch Dave Shaw |
| August 9th | Terry Tarras | Patty Tarras | Barb Schindhelm Chuck Schindhelm |
| August 16th | Barb Schindhelm | Pat Brosier | Chuck Schindhelm Need volunteer |
| August 23rd | Mary Rusch | Ann Wojcieszak | Need volunteers |
| August 30th | Liz Carpenter | Patty Tarras | Patty Tarras Terry Tarras |
| September 6th | Chuck Schindhelm | Need volunteer | Ann Wojcieszak Friend of Ann Wojcieszak |
| September 13th | Pat Brosier | Ann Wojcieszak | RB Melvold Beth Melvold |
| September 20th | Terry Tarras | Jill Nelson | Patty Tarras Terry Tarras |
| September 27th | Mary Rusch | Margaret McCulloch | RB Melvold Beth Melvold |

*Thank you to all that have
volunteered to assist during worship
service on Sunday morning!*

We appreciate all of you!

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