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Greetings from the Christ the Servant Church Secretary!

October is Clergy Appreciation month, with October 9th being Clergy Appreciation Sunday. I asked Pastor Gwen if I could write the October letter in place of her.

I marvel everyday at the many duties, jobs, and callings that Pastor Gwen tends to. Webster's Dictionary defines the word pastor as a spiritual overseer. The actual word pastor is derived from a Latin word meaning to lead to pasture, set to graze, or cause to eat. Now I don't know about you, but I certainly have had some very enjoyable conversations over food with Pastor Gwen, as I am sure you have too. However, Pastor Gwen leads us to the pasture and sets us to graze with our hearts, minds, and souls on spiritual food.



Never breaking the confidence entrusted to her, I have witnessed Pastor Gwen's concern for "her people." A cancer diagnosis, death of a family member, loss of a job, or recent pandemic are a few of life's events that will give your Pastor sleepless nights and worrisome days. Her calling is not an 8-hour day/40-hour a week job. Her calling has become her way of life which she does gracefully.

She cares deeply for each one of us. Whenever I am asked to add someone to the prayer list, I can hear the concern in her voice for the individual and their family. After my recent shoulder replacement, I did not have to worry about how I was doing. Pastor Gwen had that covered. She checked in, prayed often and uplifted me on days when I was tired or struggling. I know that many of you have similar stories as well.

The community at large also receives Pastor's blessing. This is so evident in her mission and support to both The Lord's Cupboard and The Backpack Program. If it means bagging food herself or packing backpacks, she is there to do it. When money needs to be raised to support these causes, Pastor is one of the first ones to volunteer her time. She inspires all of us by her example of following the Lord's message – "Truly I tell you I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25: 40)

She welcomes all that come across her path, always making each person feel recognized and heard. Having worked alongside her at The Lord's Cupboard, she always treats those with the utmost respect. I have witnessed her interacting with those needing support, and Pastor has always tended to their needs with the kindest and gentlest of words and actions.

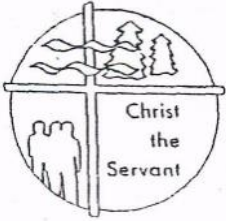
Not only does Pastor Gwen give selflessly of her time, but so does her family. Many a Sunday morning, Rodney has long left to wait in the car, while Pastor tends to various things within in the church—turning off lights, tidying up any last-minute items, and occasionally talking with someone that has walked into the building before the doors were locked. He too gives so that we may be blessed.

When I see Pastor Gwen, I see the beautiful face of God at work here on earth. He has led one of His to shepherd the children of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. In turn, our entire community is touched by the love of His faithful servant, Pastor Gwen.

**Thank you Pastor Gwen for sharing your many  
gifts and blessings!**



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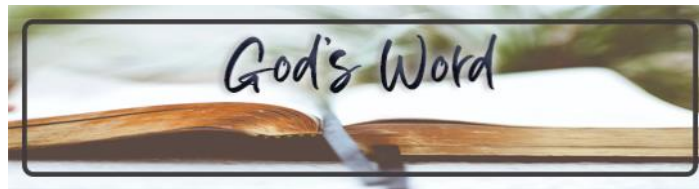


## Pastor Gwen's October Office Hours:

Monday: 1-4PM

\*\*Wednesday: 2-5:30PM

- No Office hours on October 12th and October 17th. Pastor Gwen will be on vacation.
- \*\*Starting October 19th, Wednesday hours are 2-5:00 PM.



## October Bible Readings

### October 2, 2022—17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
 Psalm 37:1-9  
 Second Lesson 2 Timothy 1:1-14  
 Gospel Lesson Luke 17:5-10

### October 9, 2022—18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
 Psalm 111  
 Second Lesson 2 Timothy 2:8-15  
 Gospel Lesson Luke 17:11-19

### October 16, 2022—19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Genesis 32:22-31  
 Psalm 121  
 Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
 Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8

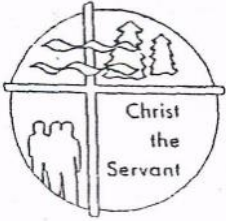
### October 23, 2022—20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
 Psalm 84:1-7  
 Second Lesson 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
 Gospel Lesson Luke 18:9-14

### October 30, 2022—Reformation Sunday

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Psalm 46  
 Second Lesson Romans 3:19-28

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



Please see the announcements for  
Men's Group info.



*Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.*

I PRAY FOR THEM.  
I AM NOT PRAYING FOR  
THE WORLD, BUT FOR THOSE  
YOU HAVE GIVEN ME,  
FOR THEY ARE YOURS.

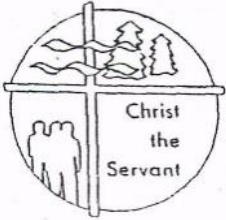
JOHN 17:16

**Health/Concerns:** Shelia, Cyndi, Allen, Angie, Meg,  
Connie, Dina, Denise, Jill W. and David..

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

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

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## Sunday Monday School

- **Dates:** Oct 10th & Oct 24th
- **Time:** 4:15-5:15PM

## Confirmation

- **Dates:** Oct 19th & Oct 26th
- **Time:** 4:00-5:00 PM



IF YOU KEEP YOUR EYES  
OPEN ENOUGH, OH, THE  
STUFF YOU WILL LEARN. OH,  
THE MOST WONDERFUL STUFF



WHY FIT IN WHEN YOU WERE  
BORN TO STAND OUT?



## Dr. Seuss Quotes

We all need a reminder that

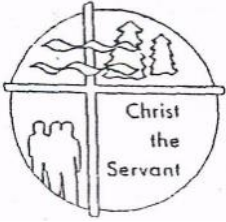
TO THE WORLD, YOU MAY  
BE ONE PERSON, BUT TO  
ONE PERSON YOU MAY  
BE THE WORLD.

YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD.  
YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES.  
YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF ANY  
DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE.

TODAY YOU ARE YOU, THAT IS  
TRUER THAN TRUE. THERE IS  
NO ONE ALIVE WHO IS YOUER  
THAN YOU.



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**Men's Group**—We are still looking for a men's group leader. So for now the men's group will remain on hold. Stay tuned for details or talk to Pastor about volunteering your leadership today!

**Bible Study**—Bible study on Sunday mornings continues. There are only a few more weeks of Romans and we will then move on to another study topic.

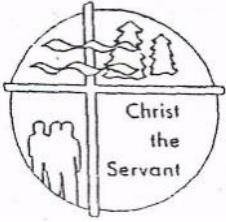
**Needed**—Please sign up on the Opportunities sheet hung near the office. We need assisting ministers, ushers, coffee hour people and altar guild each week. If you have not been and would like to be trained for any or all of these service opportunities, please see Pastor Gwen. We need your help to make our worship experience on Sunday mornings meaningful.

**Farmer's Market**—Farmer's market is in our parking lot on Wednesdays from 2-5:30. Oct 12 is the last scheduled day.

**Stewardship Month**—October is Stewardship month at Christ the Servant. You will be receiving some information and a pledge card in the mail. We ask that you return the completed pledge cards as you will be asked to bring them to the altar during worship on October 30, 2022. That day we will also have a pot luck meal and you may sign up on the board outside of the office door. The theme is "Red". So be creative and bring a red dish to pass. It is also Reformation Sunday!



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## Volunteer Schedule October –November

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
October 2nd	Mary Rusch		Chuck & Barb Schindhelm	Rick & Patty Knutson
October 9th				
October 16th	Kurt Wolff		Sarah Wolff	David Shaw Mary Rusch
October 23rd	Barb Schindhelm			
October 30th	Mary Rusch			
November 6th				David Shaw Mary Rusch
November 13th				
November 20th				
November 27th				

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