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Dear Friends in Christ,

The trees have buds, and the grass is green. Flowering crab trees and tulips are blooming. My lilac bushes are probably a week away from gorgeous purple flowers. God is easily seen everywhere in His creation. Spring is a wonderful awakening out of a cold and dark winter. In our Northwoods, many species will soon have new life as babies will be born in the next few weeks. God is awakening and ready to burst forth with new life and goodness.

A few weeks ago, there was a leak from the Supreme Court that they were about to overturn Roe v. Wade. The abortion issue is once again front and center and complete with protests and lots of controversy. Several of you have asked what our church believes as far as abortion is concerned. For the ELCA full statement on abortion, I urge you to go to www.elca.org and type in the search bar "abortion". You will find the full statement as well as a summary. There is also a Bible study guide that I might consider using on Sunday mornings in September.

Thirty-four years ago, I was told that the child I was carrying had a high likelihood of having spina bifida, a very debilitating disease. I remember clearly as if it were yesterday, how devastated I was. My first thought was abortion and second was adoption. Knowing myself or maybe just being selfish, I knew that I was not fit to deal with a child that had such a disability. But before the diagnosis could be verified through genetic testing, the time was up for having an abortion in Wisconsin. I would have to travel to another state. After many hours of discussion, Rodney and I decided to have the child. Frank, my lucky boy was born totally healthy on 8-8-88 at 8:08 am. (He did weigh in at more than 8 pounds!) And what a blessing he is today!

Through that experience, I understand some of the emotions that go along with deciding about abortion. It is not an easy choice and one that lives with you for your entire lifetime. I believe as a church we need to be compassionate about the abortion issue. In the Summary of the Social Statement on Abortion it says, "The statement reminds this church of its call to be a compassionate community that recognized the moral complexity of individual situations." So, I hope as this issue heats up that we can come together in compassionate listening and talking about this issue. Life is a gift from God!

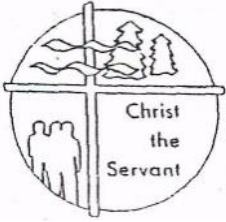
The Abortion Social Statement ends with this paragraph.

The church seeks to shape attitudes and values that affirm people in whatever circumstances they find themselves. Its pastoral care, compassionate outreach and life-sustaining assistance are crucial in supporting those who bear children, as well as those who choose not to do so. Through these and other means the people of God seek to be truly supportive of life. p. 11

God's peace to you,

Pastor Gwen

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June Bible Readings

June 5th—Day of Pentecost

First Lessons Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Lesson Romans 8:14-17
Gospel Lesson John 10:22-30

June 12th—Holy Trinity Sunday

First Lesson Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Second Lesson Romans 5: 1-5
Gospel Lesson John 16:12-15

June 19th—2nd Sunday of Pentecost

First Lesson Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Second Lesson Galatians 3: 23-29
Gospel Lesson Luke 8:26-39

June 26th—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Second Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Gospel Lesson Luke 9:51-62



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

James 5:16.

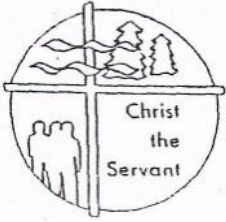
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/Concerns: Sheila, Cyndi, Bernice, Tim, Jessica, Allen, Bev, Scott and David

Military: Anton, 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, Ukrainian people and those struggling with the Coronavirus.





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Pastor's Office Hours

June 6th	1:00-4:00 pm
June 8th	2:00-5:30 pm
June 13th	1:00-4:00 pm
June 15th	2:00-5:30 pm
June 20th	1:00-4:00 pm
June 22nd	2:00-5:30 pm
June 27th	1:00-4:00 pm

Women's Group—Tuesday

June 7th	10:00 am-2:00 pm
June 14th	10:00 am-2:00 pm
June 21st	10:00 am-2:00 pm
June 28th	10:00 am-2:00 pm

Confirmation—Wednesday

June 1st	4:00pm-5:00 pm
June 8th	4:00pm-5:00 pm
June 15th	4:00pm-5:00 pm
June 22nd	4:00pm-5:00 pm

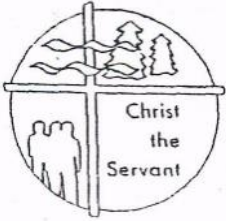
Men's Group – Thursday

June 2nd	5:00 pm –6:00 pm
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*From the rising of the sun to
its going down the Lord's name
is to be praised.*

Psalm 113:3





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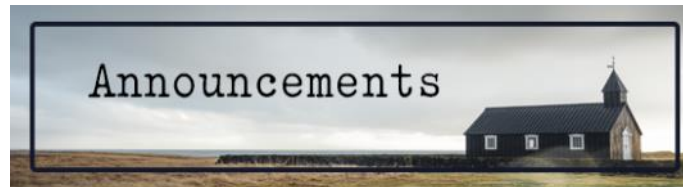
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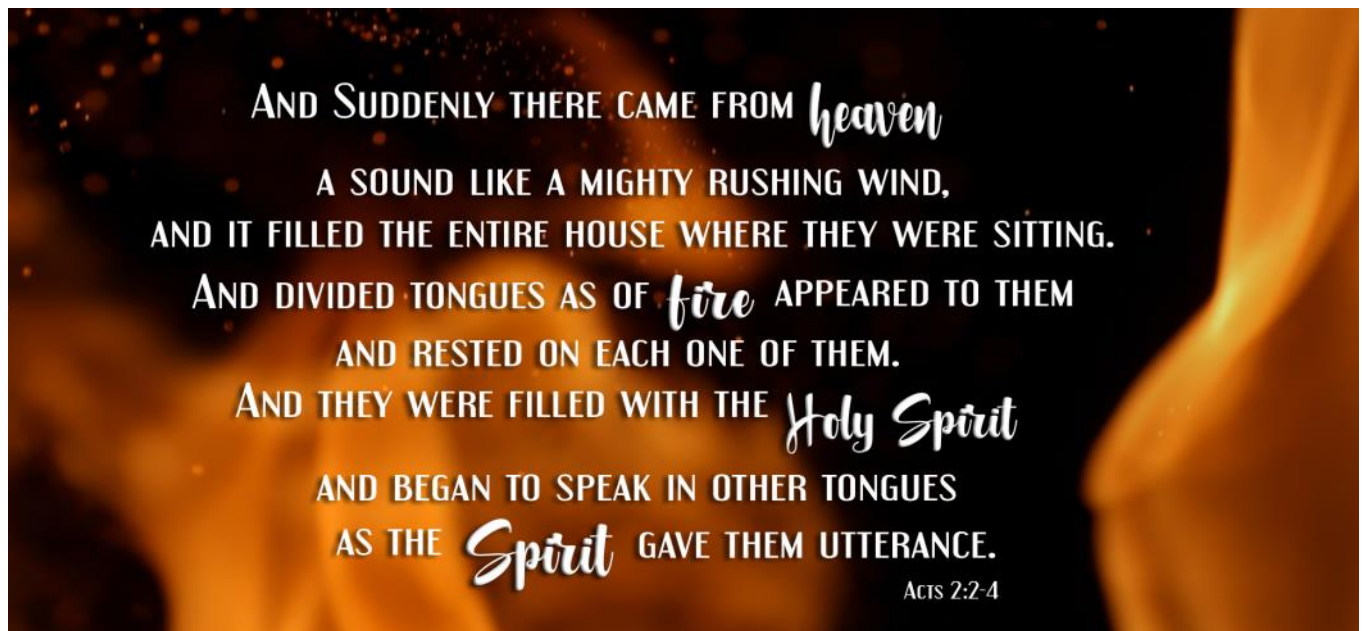
Bible study—Bible study continues on Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Please come and join us. Our study on the book of Romans continues but it is never too late to join in the learning. See Pastor Gwen for details.

Men's Group—The men's group will meet on June 2nd from 5-6:00PM and take the rest of the summer off. Watch for starting date in September.

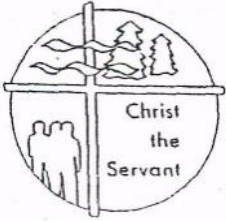
Volunteer Opportunities—Please sign up on the Opportunities sheet hung near the office. We need assisting ministers, ushers, coffee hour people and altar guild each week. If you have not been and would like to be trained for any or all of these service opportunities, please see Pastor Gwen. We need your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

Farmer's Market—Farmer's Market will be held in the church parking lot every Wednesday from 2-5:30PM.

Sacred Music in Sanctuary— Come join us Wednesday from 2-4PM for Sacred Music in the Sanctuary. Stop in during your lunch, on your way to the farmer's market or on your way home.



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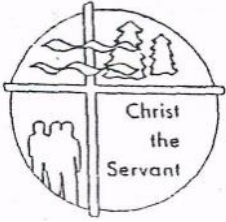
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Our Loving Father

GOD TOOK THE STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN THE MAJESTY OF A TREE,
THE WARMTH OF A SUMMER SUN, AND THE CALM OF A QUIET SEA..
THE GENEROUS SOUL OF NATURE & THE COMFORTING ARM OF NIGHT,
THE WISDOM OF THE AGES AND THE POWER OF THE EAGLE'S FLIGHT,
THE JOY OF THE MORNING IN SPRING & THE FAITH OF THE MUSTARD SEED,
THE PATIENCE OF ETERNITY & THE DEPTH OF A FAMILY NEED,
THEN GOD COMBINED THESE QUALITIES,
WHEN THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO ADD,
HE KNEW HIS MASTERPIECE WAS COMPLETE,
AND SO, HE CALLED IT... 'DAD!'



~Unknown



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Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
June 5th		Jann Clark	Fred & Carol Matson	Paul & Nancy Miller
June 12th	Jann Clark		Dave Shaw & Mary Rusch	Dave Shaw & Mary Rusch
June 19th	Liz Carpenter		Paul & Nancy Miller	Paul & Nancy Miller
June 26th		Mary Rusch		RB & Beth Melvold
July 3rd			Liz Carpenter	
July 10th	Beth Melvold		Dave Shaw & Mary Rusch	Dave Shaw & Mary Rusch
July 17th	Mary Rusch			
July 24th				
July 31st				
August 7th				
August 14th				
August 21st	Beth Melvold		RB & Beth Melvold	
August 28th				

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