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Dear Friends in Christ,

January 24th, we had our annual meeting at Christ the Servant. It was a time to review 2020 and a time to look to the future. Many of you might agree with the thinking that 2021 has not started off any better than 2020 left off. Yes, the pandemic still looms large in our daily lives, but we can be assured that according to Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever." He will continue to walk with us no matter what crosses our life's path. That promise has helped keep me on the right side of sanity for the last several months. No matter how bad things get, Jesus is there helping me through.

If you were unable to make it to the annual meeting, please stop by and pick up a Annual Meeting Booklet. It is a very good expression of where we have been and where we hope to go in the year to come. Our budget, which I prefer to call a "Ministry Plan", passed without question and so I am confident that good ministry will continue to happen here and by our congregation in 2021.

I have also come to realize that we do have much to be thankful for. Our church family has been a big support for all of us that continue to gather and be a part of what is happening at CTS. We are very much alive and well in spirit, despite the tough times. We are blessed that we can meet in person, not only in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings but also in our groups to study Scripture, quilt and have fellowship. There is life happening at CTS! The Holy Spirit is working in and through us and for that I give thanks.

The season of lent begins February 17th on Ash Wednesday. I am excited to bring a sermon series for the 5 Wednesdays following that will have us consider deepening community. We will look at what it means to be in community with each other, with our neighbor, with creation and with God. I hope that you will join us in-person on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. or look for my messages on Facebook the following day. We are blessed to have Mark Donner lead our sung worship service each of those nights, called "Holden Evening Prayer". Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we are not able to enjoy conversation over soup supper, as had been our tradition. However, I have invited the folks from the Congregational Church, to share in these services with us this Lent.

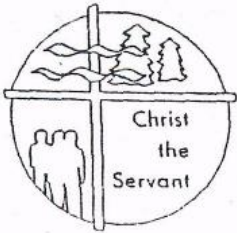
So I urge you to be come and join us. Lent is a great time for the deepening of community where we can support, guide and love each other well beyond 2021.

God's blessings,

Pastor Gwen

A Journey Through Lent

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Office Hours for Pastor - February 2021

February 2nd	2:00-5:00 pm
February 4th	9:00-12:00 pm
February 9th	2:00-5:00 pm
February 11th	9:00-12:00 pm
February 16th	2:00-5:00 pm
February 18th	9:00-12:00 pm
February 23rd	2:00-5:00 pm
February 26th	9:00-12:00 pm

Men's Group—Thursday

February 4th	5:00-6:00 pm
February 11th	5:00-6:00 pm
February 17th	5:00-6:00 pm
February 24th	5:00-6:00 pm

Bible Study

Sunday following Worship

February 7th
February 14th
February 28th

Women's Quilting Group—Thursday

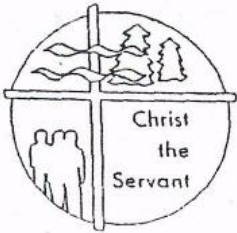
February 4th	9:30 am
February 11th	9:30 am
February 18th	9:30 am
February 25th	9:30 am

Confirmation

February 2nd	2:30-3:30 pm
February 9th	2:30-3:30 pm
February 16th	2:30-3:30 pm
February 23rd	2:30-3:30 pm



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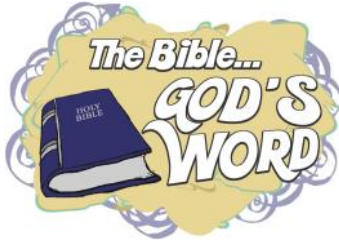
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February Bible Readings

February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:29-39

February 14, 2021 Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:2-9

February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

First Lesson Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

Second Lesson 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:9-15

February 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

First Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:31-38

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.

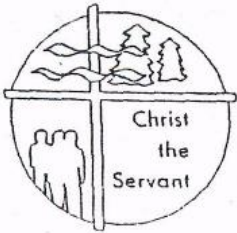
Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Tom, Mary, Angie, Steve, Sally, Gerry, Gail, and Pete.

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, and those struggling with the Coronavirus.



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Important Information

Please check the schedule for Men’s Group. The group will be meeting on February 4th, February 11th, February 17th, and February 24th. Time will remain the same at 5:00 pm.

Our new copy machine will be delivered on February 4th. If you need to use it please see Pastor Gwen and she will help you get started, as it is different than the one we currently own. If possible the codes for the different groups will remain the same. See the chart as usual.

We also will be changing the phone and internet provider in February. If you have trouble logging on to the internet see Pastor for the password.

Bible study— Bible study continues on Sunday mornings after worship. We are currently doing a study written by Max Lucado called Unshakeable Hope. See Pastor Gwen for more information or come join in at 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.

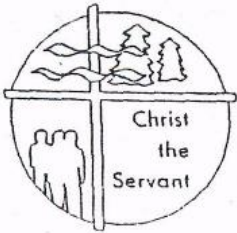
The CTS Safety Team requires masks to be worn when in our building. Social distancing of 6 feet should also be observed as well. Masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are available throughout the building.

Lenten Worship will begin on February 24th at 6:30 for 5 weeks. We will be using Marty Haugen’s “Holden Evening Prayer” as our order of worship. Pastor Gwen will be preaching all 5 weeks as the Congregational church is currently without a pastor. Due to Covid-19 we will not be having our traditional soup supper prior to our worship together.

Worship Volunteer Schedule February 2021

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Greeter/Usher
February 7th	Barb Schindhelm	Margaret McCulloch	Ann Wojcieszak
February 14th	Mary Rusch	Margaret McCulloch	Chuck and Barb Schindhelm
February 17 th Ash Wednesday		Margaret McCulloch	Margaret McCulloch
February 21st	Barb Schindhelm	Margaret McCulloch	David Shaw & Mary Rusch
February 24th Wednesday Evening	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
February 28th	Liz Carpenter	Margaret McCulloch	Paul & Nancy Miller

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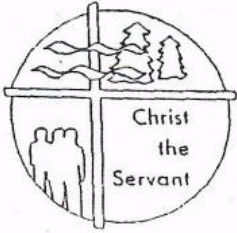
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Worship Volunteer Schedule March 2021—Easter Sunday

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Greeter/Usher
March 3rd Wednesday Evening	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
March 7th		Ann Wojcieszak	Chuck and Barb Schindhelm
March 10th Wednesday Evening	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
March 14th	Mary Rusch		Ann Wojcieszak
March 21st	Chuck Schindhelm	Margaret McCulloch	David Shaw & Mary Rusch
March 24th Wednesday Evening	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
March 28 th Palm Sunday	Liz Carpenter	Jill Nelson	
April 1st Maundy Thursday			
April 2nd Good Friday			
April 4th Easter Sunday			

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Lenten Journey

February 17

Ash Wednesday “What is this 40 day journey toward Easter really all about?” (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21)

There will be Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes available at this service.

During these 40 days of Lent we are invited to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation and with God. We will be using Holden Evening prayer written by Marty Haugen and sung by Mark Donner.

February 24

Week 1 Jesus calms a storm (Mark 4:35-41)

“In community with creation”

March 3

Week 2 Jesus in conversation with those that have gone before him. (Mark 9:2-8)

“In community with all the saints”

March 10

Week 3 Community comes together to bring a neighbor to Jesus (Mark 2:1-12)

“In community with our neighbor”

March 17

Week 4 Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins (Mark 8:1-20)

“In community with those on the margins”

March 24

Week 5 Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross (Mark 10:32-45)

“In community with Christ”



We hope that you will be able to join us as we walk toward the cross of Christ this season of Lent. Come along on this journey preparing to return to our God who is gracious, merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love! PR Gwen

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