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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin the church season of Lent on February 14th, with Ash Wednesday, we once again are faced with the thought of what to give up for those 40 days that might in some way lead to increased clarity and personal awareness of how to live our lives. As a pastor I will be preaching the themes of sacrifice, confession, reflection, contrition, and prayer for our Lenten journey. To help in that journey, as we look toward the cross, you will be given several opportunities to and hopefully be inspired to reflect, to act, to grow and to learn as we make our way to the empty tomb on Easter morning.

The first opportunity is to join together with our friends at the Congregational Church on Wednesday evenings for fellowship, food, and messages of how to be the body of Christ together in our world today. As you leave those Wednesday services you will be given a print out of a prayer, questions to prayerfully ask yourself during the week and a sample of actions you might undertake.

Another suggestion will be given to you in the form of a scroll on Sunday mornings. These will contain people to pray for, thoughts to carry with you during the week, ideas about how to come closer to God and to learn how to love our neighbors as Jesus loved us.

I do hope that you will consider adding something to your Lenten journey, maybe even instead of giving something up for lent. I pray that these little helps you will receive, give you ideas for more devotion time with God and that it will bring you closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus.

Blessings For Your Journey,

Pastor Gwen

For God

So loved the world
that He gave His
only

Begotten
Son

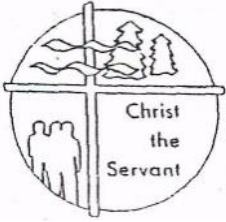
that whosoever
believeth

in Him shall
have everlasting

John 3:16

life.

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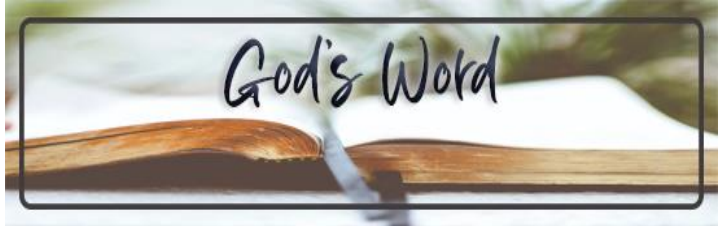
Monday 1-4 PM
Wednesday 2-4 PM



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



Men's Group will meet
Saturday, February 3rd at 8AM.



February Bible Readings

February 4, 2024 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson	Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel Reading	Mark 1:29-39

February 11, 2024 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

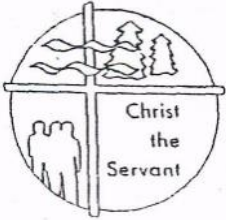
First Lesson	2 Kings 2:1-15
Psalm 50:1-6	
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Gospel Reading	Mark 9:3-6

February 18, 2024 – 1st Sunday in Lent

First Lesson	Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10	
Second Lesson	1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Reading	Mark 1:9-15

February 25, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

First Lesson	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31	
Second Lesson	Romans 4:13-25
Gospel Reading	Mark 8:31-38



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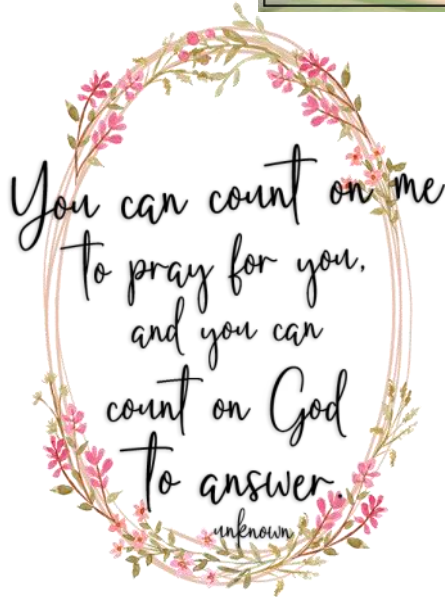
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Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/Concerns: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Allen, Ruth, Joyce, Betty, Tom, Nancy, Andrea and Rodney.

Military: Anton, 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, and the Ukrainian people.

Prayer for Lenten Initiative Lord Jesus,

THE SEASON OF LENT OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW MY FAITH IN YOU.
TAKE HOLD OF MY SPIRIT THIS YEAR AND MOVE ME FORWARD.

WHEN I AM TEMPTED TO FORGO A DAILY ROUTINE OF PRAYER,
REMINDE ME OF THE BENEFITS OF STILLNESS AND REFLECTION.

WHEN I AM DISCOURAGED BY EFFORTS TO FAST
FROM NEGATIVE HABITS AND ATTITUDES,
RESORE A WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE FOR
YOUR SAKE.

WHEN I AM WAYLAID BY MY INTENTION TO HELP
OTHERS, REVIVE COMPASSION AND
EMPATHY FOR THEIR NEEDS.

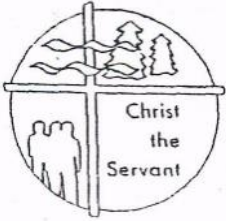
GRANT ME A LENTEN INITIATIVE THAT WILL DRAW
ME CLOSER TO THE BEAUTY, GLORY, AND HOPE OF
EASTER.

IN YOUR SACRED NAME,
I PRAY.

Amen



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Lenten Wednesdays 2024

Christ the Servant and First Congregational Church

Ash Wednesday—Each church will have their own Ash Wednesday service on February 14th. Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:30 PM.

The five Wednesdays during Lent will be based on the theme “Being the Body of Christ” from a book by the same name by Marci Alborghetti. We will be looking at “What the People of the Passion Teach Us About Jesus Today”. Alborghetti said, “These are the people who can become our guides as we seek to commit ourselves physically, emotionally and spiritually to Jesus and his teachings.”

DATE	CHURCH	TOPIC
1st Wednesday, February 21	FC-UCC	Mary, Mother of Jesus
2nd Wednesday, February 28	CTS	John, the Beloved Apostle
3rd Wednesday, March 6	FC-UCC	Mary Magdalene
4th Wednesday, March 13	CTS	Salome, Mother of James and John
5th Wednesday, March 20	FC-UCC	The Centurion

5:45 PM Soup Supper —Host church provides soup and beverages. Visiting church brings dessert.

6:30 PM Worship— Gather in the sanctuary for worship.

An offering will be taken at the end of worship. Checks and envelopes will go to your respective church. Loose change and bills will be given to the Lord’s Cupboard.

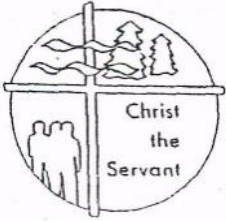
We will be using “Holden Evening Prayer” with Mark Donner playing and singing at all five services.

We pray that you will join us on these Wednesday nights as we seek to become intimately connected to Jesus so we can be an active part of the body of Christ in the world today.

Pastor Emmerson Coy & Chaplain Jill

Pastor Gwen

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Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting over coffee and pastry on February 3rd at 8:00 AM. The topic of study will be the Book of Job. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

Ash Wednesday: February 14 is both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. Service will be at 6:30 PM at Christ the Servant.

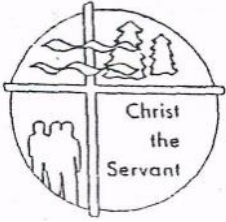
Lenten Wednesdays: Make sure you check out the special section about our joint Lenten services with the Congregational Church regarding soup supper and times. The topic this year is Being the Body of Christ in our world today. There is a sign up sheet up for individuals who wish to bring soup and dessert.

Important Service: Please put on your calendars, February 18th. Bishop Rev Dr. Laurie Skow-Anderson will be joining us for worship and preaching one last time. She has announced that she will not seek a second term as Bishop of our synod. We will be electing a new Bishop on June 7 and 8 as we gather at UW-Eau Claire for our Annual Synod Assembly.

Love Packages: Love Packages It is time once again to clean off your book shelves and bring Bibles that you are not using to church. We are collecting reading material for Love Packages again during Lent. Christian literature either new or gently used is accepted. There are a few exceptions of what will not be accepted: VHS/Tapes/Records/8-Tracks, Guideposts, Handiwork or busy papers from Sunday School materials, Secular Books (other than dictionaries) and *Missions* magazine. If you have any questions, please see Jann Clark for more details.

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 February & March 2024

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
February 4th	Kurt Wolff		Liz Carpenter	R.B & Beth Melvold
February 11th			Pastor Gwen	Dave Shaw & Mary Rusch
February 14th Ash Wednesday				
February 18th			Dave Shaw & Mary Rusch	Dave Shaw & Mary Rusch
February 25th				
March 3rd				
March 10th				
March 17th				
March 24th Palm Sunday				
March 28th Maundy Thursday				
March 29th Good Friday	Reader 1: Reader 2:			
March 31st Easter Sunday				

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