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AMAZING Grace

Honoring the 250th anniversary of the writing of the song "Amazing Grace," we are using a Lenten series by theologian Michael Hoy. He ties the words of this well-known hymn to our lives today as Christ's disciples. Each service we will look at a different person from our Scripture story to help us realize that those once lost in sin are now found by Jesus. And though we were blind to God's mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection.

Lenten Sunday Services

1ST SUN - FEBRUARY 26TH	TOPIC: ISAIAH
2ND SUN - MARCH 5TH	TOPIC: PRODIGAL SON
3RD SUN - MARCH 12TH	TOPIC: BLIND MAN
4TH SUN - MARCH 19TH	TOPIC: WOMAN AT THE WELL
5TH SUN - MARCH 26TH	TOPIC: PAUL

Lenten Bible Study

FEBRUARY 26TH	THEME: DAVID
MARCH 5TH	THEME: ISAIAH
MARCH 12TH	THEME: PRODIGAL SON
MARCH 19TH	THEME: BLIND MAN
APRIL 2ND	THEME: PENITENT THIEF
APRIL 16TH	THEME: MARY MAGDALENE

Wednesdays Themes 2023

"SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY"

MARCH 1ST	SCRIPTURE: PSALM 145:1-13 AND 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14 TOPIC: INHERITANCE OF FAITH
MARCH 8TH	SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 61:1-4 AND HEBREWS 12:1-2, 12-13 TOPIC: PERSEVERANCE WITH ENDURANCE
MARCH 15TH	SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 55:6-12 AND EPHESIANS 1:15-23 TOPIC: FAITHFUL IN PRAYER
MARCH 22ND	SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 58:6-9 AND MATTHEW 25:31-40 TOPIC: STRIVING FOR JUSTICE
MARCH 29TH	SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 6:3-11 AND REVELATION 7:9-17 TOPIC: DYING AND RISING WITH CHRIST

Lenten Wednesdays 2023

CHRIST THE SERVANT AND FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SERVICES HELD AT:

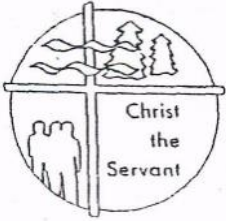
CHRIST THE SERVANT	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
MARCH 1ST, 15TH, 22ND	MARCH 8TH AND 29TH

Service Schedule

5:45PM SOUP SUPPER - HOST CHURCH PROVIDES SOUP AND BEVERAGES. VISITING CHURCH PROVIDES DESSERT.

6:30PM WORSHIP BEGINS IN SANCTUARY

OFFERING TAKEN AT END OF WORSHIP - CHECKS AND ENVELOPES WILL GO TO RESPECTIVE CHURCH. LOOSE MONIES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE LORD'S CUPBOARD.



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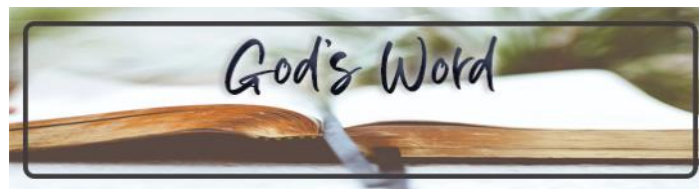
Pastor Gwen's March Office Hours:

Monday 1-4PM

Wednesday 2-5:00PM

O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.

-Henri Nouwen



March Bible Readings

March 5, 2023 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading	Joel 2:12-13
Epistle Reading	Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel Reading	Luke 15:11-32

March 12, 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 35:4-10
Epistle Reading	2 Corinthians 5:6-9
Gospel Reading	John 9:1-7, 24-38

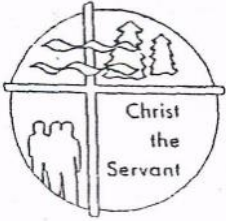
March 19, 2023 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 55:1-3
Epistle Reading	Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel Reading	John 4:7-26

March 26, 2023 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 53:1-6
Epistle Reading	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel Reading	Mark 2:13-17

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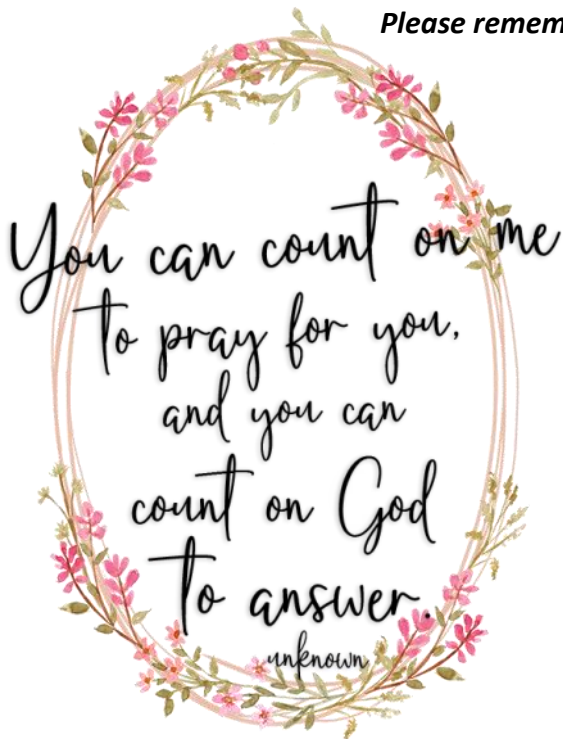
Woman's Group meets every Tuesday
from 10AM -2PM.



Men's Group will meet
Saturday, March 11th at 8AM.



Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

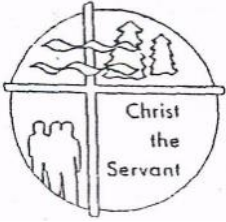


Health/Concerns: Liz, Craig, Marty, Jim, Mary, Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Allen, Ruth, and Fred,

Military: Anton, Allea 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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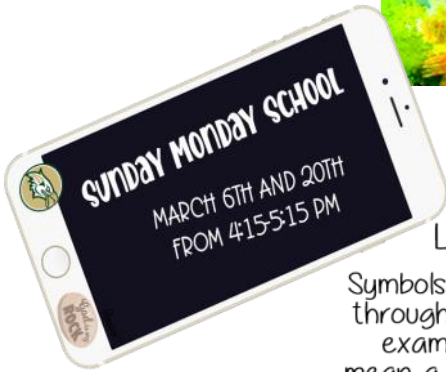
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Lent is a time of waiting and preparing.


Symbols remind us of God's love for us while we are traveling through Lent. We can see symbols in different things. For example, the use of the color purple is a symbol. It can mean a time of repentance. It also reminds us of the bruises Jesus got during His trial before He was hung on the cross.

Down below are four more symbols of Lent.



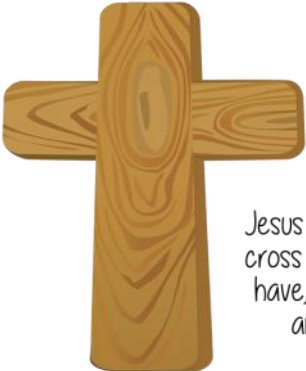
Symbol: Praying Hands
Take Time for God

Sometimes we don't listen as much as we should. It is important to listen as well as talk when we are communicating with God. During Lent, we need to talk and listen to God even more.




Symbol: Rock
Not my will but Thine

We don't always know God's direction. Sometimes we have hard things happen. While praying in the garden of Gethsemane, He wished God would take away His hard situation. Jesus knew it was God's will. Look inside to see if we are choosing our will or allowing God's will to happen.



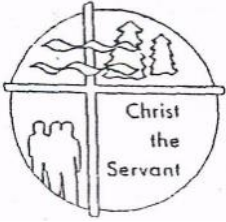
Symbol: Cross
We are Forgiven

Jesus made the sacrifice on the cross for our sins. Any sins you have, ask Jesus to forgive you and you will be forgiven.



Symbol: Cocoon
Wait for God's Time

We don't always get things in our time. We have to wait for God's answer or action when we ask for something. Much like the caterpillar entering the cocoon, they wait for the right time to emerge. We must also wait patiently for God.



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Opportunities: Share your talents by being an assisting ministers, ushers, coffee hour people or altar guild each week. For those interested and not yet trained, please see Pastor Gwen. Generously give of yourself, and find yourself not only blessed on Sunday mornings, you will be creating a meaningful service for all.

Musician Needed: Know anyone that plays the piano and would be interested in playing at service on a Sunday? Please let Pastor Gwen know and she will reach out to them.

Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting on March 11th at 8:00 AM. The topic of study is Book of James. See Pastor or Scott Carpenter for a study guide. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

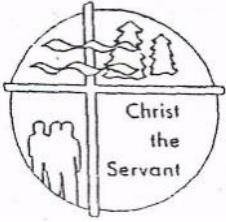
Bible Study: Join us on March 5th, 12th and 19th for our special Lenten study that will look at people of the Bible and how they showed grace under pressure. King David, Isaiah, The Prodigal Son, The Blind Man, The Penitent Thief and Mary Magdalene will be our key people for this study. It is a compliment to the "Amazing Grace" theme we will be using for our Sunday worship.

Lenten Information: Please see the inserts for all information regarding Lenten Sunday Services, Lenten Bible Study and Lenten Wednesday Services.

Love Packages – We will be collecting Christian Materials and cash for Love Packages up to Easter. Checks can be made out to Christ the Servant with "Love Packages" in the memo. Acceptable donations: New or gently used Bibles, Bible Dictionaries, Christian non-fiction books, Christian published Magazines and Daily Devotionals. No VHS, tapes, records, Lutheran Catechisms or Guidepost Publications. Any questions, please ask Pastor Gwen or Jann Clark.



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Volunteer Schedule March & April 2023

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
March 1st Lenten Service	Kurt Wolff			
March 5th	Kurt Wolff	Jann Clark	Sarah Wolff	
March 8th Lenten Service	At First Congregational Church-UCC			
March 12th	Liz Carpenter		Paul & Nancy Miler	Paul & Nancy Miller
March 15th Lenten Service	Margaret McCulloch			
March 19th	Jann Clark		David Shaw & Mary Rusch	David Shaw & Mary Rusch
March 22nd Lenten Service	Mary Rusch			
March 26th	Beth Melvold		Jen BeBeau	
March 29th Lenten Service	At First Congregational Church-UCC			
April 2nd Palm Sunday				
April 6th Maundy Thursday				
April 7th Good Friday				
April 9th Easter Sunday			Easter Sunday Potluck Brunch	
April 16th				
April 23rd				
April 30th				

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