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Dear Friends in Christ,

If you are like me it is hard to believe that 2020 is here. As the New Year begins we see another decade put to bed. But what an interesting start to a new decade. The thought of 20/20 vision comes to mind. Will it be a decade of seeing clearly what God has in store for each one of us?

This past Advent we used a series for welcoming the Christ Child called "Arise and Shine" that reinforced that Jesus is the light of the world. So how will His light shine in your life in 2020?

The lectionary Gospel for this year is the Gospel of Matthew. As many of you know, it is my favorite. Matthew shines a light on the fact that the story of Jesus identifies him with Israel's history and its hopes. The baby named "Jesus", which means "Yahweh saves" will save his people from their sins and be the Messiah that God promised long ago. Born in a manger, Jesus will teach us to live lives that honor God. And He will rise from the dead to give us all the promise of eternal life.

The teachings of Jesus are clear in the Gospel of Matthew. The Sermon on the Mount, to me, is a wonderful compilation of Jesus teachings. As we walk with Matthew through the teachings and life of Jesus we see prophecy fulfilled. Jesus is the light that came into the world to fulfill God's promises of love for His people.

And so how are we to see clearly that God's love is still shining on us in 2020? We follow the call of discipleship to worship weekly, read Scripture daily, pray often, give freely, serve those less fortunate and encourage others in their walk with Christ. As we do these things, we will find that our eyes will be open with 20/20 vision to see God at work in our world today. We will find that babe in the manger, Our Savior in all that we do. His light will lead the way and open to us new and even greater meaning for living in his kingdom on earth. For Jesus is the Light of this World and the Next.

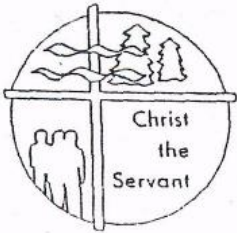
So come and join us at Christ the Servant in 2020 and have your perfect vision of the Lord Jesus renewed and invigorated. I pray that Jesus will be a lamp unto our feet in 2020!

Peace,

Pastor Gwen



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WELCA News – January 2020

Holiday Market was deemed a success, and the WELCA group voted unanimously to hold another market next year. Success was not only defined by the approximately \$2700 that was earned, but even more importantly, by the positive connection that was made between our church and our community. Many people enjoyed the shopping experience and took home crafts and homemade soups and breads and goodies. The money raised will be used to purchase materials and supplies for our quilt and kit ministries. Thank you to all who donated items and to all who made purchases!

Thanks also needs to go out to Jeff Spaulding for making another beautiful wreath for the sanctuary as well as to the Matsons and Scott Becker for getting the Christmas tree and doing all the preliminary setup. Trimming the tree became an easy job for those who gathered to decorate and enjoy a potluck dinner.

One more thank you goes out to those who purchased gifts for the three families we sponsored through our Mitten Tree project. WELCA also provided grocery gift cards to each family.

Pastor Gwen and her daughter Leigh conducted a lefse workshop in December. Those who attended received step-by-step instruction in the whole process. There was much laughter and fun while we rolled and baked each lefse, and anyone who attended coffee hour the next day was able to taste the finished product. Kudos to Pastor Gwen, who peeled, cooked and riced twenty pounds of potatoes and to Leigh who braved snowy roads to come and teach us.

After a brief holiday break quilting will continue Mondays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a noon break and Bible study from 12:15-12:45. Come join us!

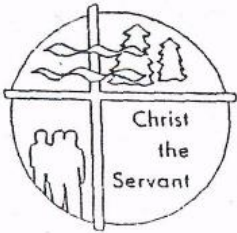
As I write this Christmas is still more than a week away. As you read this I trust your celebration of our Lord's birthday brought you joy and peace and an opportunity to reflect on God's greatest gift. That is the reason we can look ahead fully knowing that He will walk with us each step of the way throughout the New Year.

Happy 2020,

Liz C



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Office Hours for Pastor

January 1st	No Office Hours
January 6th	1:00-4:00 pm
January 8th	2:00-4:00 pm
January 13th	1:00-4:00 pm
January 15th	No Office Hours
January 20th	1:00-4:00 pm
January 22nd	2:00-4:00 pm
January 27th	1:00-4:00 pm
January 29th	2:00-4:00 pm



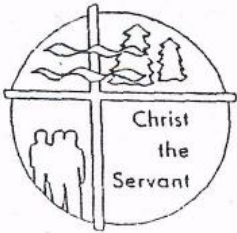
Do you ever wonder? Want some questions answered?

Put your questions in the "Questions for Pastor" box in the narthex. I will try to answer all of your questions. Whether they be about Lutheran theology and polity or questions of a Biblical nature, I would try my best to answer them in this monthly newsletter.



*May the dawn of this New Year:
Fill your heart with new hopes;
Opens up new horizons;
And bring for you promises
of brighter tomorrows.
Have a wonderful year ahead.
Happy New Year!*

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Women's Quilting Group—Monday

January 6th Quilting 11:00 am—4:00 pm
 Lunch 12:00 pm
 Bible Study 12:15 pm

January 13th Quilting 11:00 am—4:00 pm
 Lunch 12:00 pm
 Bible Study 12:15 pm

January 20th Quilting 11:00 am—4:00 pm
 Lunch 12:00 pm
 Bible Study 12:15 pm

January 27th Quilting 11:00 am—4:00 pm
 Lunch 12:00 pm
 Bible Study 12:15 pm

Confirmation-Wednesday

January 8th 4-5:00 pm
January 15th 5-6:00 pm
January 22nd 4-5:00 pm
January 29th 5-6:00 pm

Sunday School— Wednesday

January 15th 4-5:00 pm
January 29th 4-5:00 pm

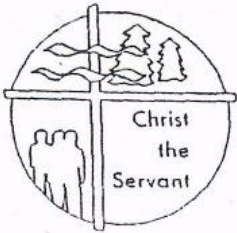
Sunday Bible Study—Sunday

January 5th 11:00 am
January 19th 11:00 am

Men's Group—Thursday

January 2nd 5-6:00 pm
January 5th 5-6:00 pm
January 16th 5-6:00 pm
January 23rd 5-6:00 pm
January 30th 5-6:00 pm

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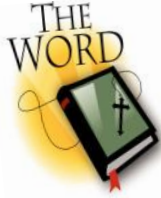
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January Bible Readings

January 6th—Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 12th—Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 19th—Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-111
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 26th—Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1,4-9:
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed... James 5:16.

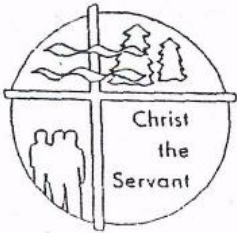
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Jeff, Margaret, Nancy, Ron, Tom, Darlene, Jim, Adilynn, and Amanda.

Military - Erica, Kevin, Anton, Andrew, 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.

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The Lord's Cupboard-Reminder that the first Sunday of each month is Lord's Cupboard donation day. Please bring items and drop them in the box in the narthex. Some of the items that are needed are proteins such as canned meat, tuna, peanut butter and non-sugar breakfast cereal. We also now have a need for paper grocery bags.



Men's Group continues on Thursdays at 5:00. See Mike Roberts for more information. All men are welcome to attend.

Bible Study Sunday Bible study in January will finish up our Advent series "Arise and Shine". Join us at 11:00 am for the study.

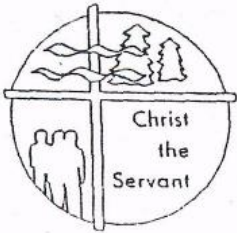
Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Jan 15 from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. Sign up on the board by the office or call the Red Cross. We need volunteers to man the canteen and the sign in desk.



Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held following worship on January 26th. Please bring a donation of cleaning supplies and paper products to fill our need for the coming year. There will be a pot luck meal to follow the meeting. The theme will be "A Healthy Meal for a Healthy New Year".

Looking Ahead-Feb 2nd is not only Super Bowl Sunday but our Bishop will be visiting us and delivering the sermon message that morning as well as joining us for coffee hour. Plan to come and hear the news from the ELCA and the NorthWest Synod of Wisconsin.

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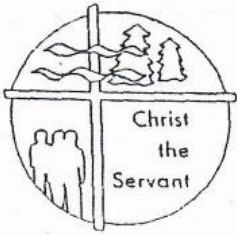
50 New Year's Resolutions Every Single Person Should Be Making In 2020

Below we've gathered some of the best new year's resolutions that focus on making you better. In 2020, live your life to the fullest, learn to be happy with yourself and know how to make the world what you want it to be with these positive quotes and attainable new year's resolutions for the next 10 years. Believe it or not, 2019 is nearly over, which not only means the end of another year full of ups and downs, but it's the end of an entire decade.

1. I won't take everything so seriously.
2. I will make my dreams come true.
3. I will give myself more compliments.
4. I will spend less time online.
5. I will smile more.
6. I will get more sleep.
7. I will learn to delegate.
8. I will speak less and listen more.
9. I will try something new.
10. I will take a picture of something I love every day.
11. I will volunteer.
12. I will de-clutter my life.
13. I will stop making excuses.
14. I will switch up my routine.
15. I will live in the moment.
16. I will read something that makes me happy.
17. I will do something that makes me feel good.
18. I will laugh every day.
19. I will learn a new skill.
20. I will remember to look up.
21. I will take back my lunch break.
22. I will explore new hobbies.
23. I will commit to experiences – not things.



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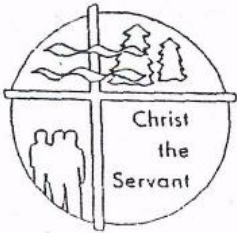
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24. I will listen to new music.
25. I will surround myself with people who inspire me.
26. I will plan a vacation.
27. I will be fearless.
28. I will choose happiness instead of chasing it.
29. I will pay more attention to what's happening in the world around me.
30. I will take responsibility for my own happiness.
31. I will move more.
32. I will invest in myself.
33. I will pay it forward.
34. I will be more grateful.
35. I will want less.
36. I will stop procrastinating.
37. I will spend more time in nature.
38. I will eat better, not less.
39. I will be more confident.
40. I will take a trip to somewhere new.
41. I will do one thing at a time.
42. I will increase my emotional intelligence.
43. I will not commit to things I can't do.
44. I will try new food.
45. I will let go of my grudges.
46. I will learn how to cook.
47. I will overcome my fears.
48. I will be kinder to myself.
49. I will learn to say "no".
50. I will be more rebellious.



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WINTER

SNOW

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BLIZZARD

HOT CHOCOLATE

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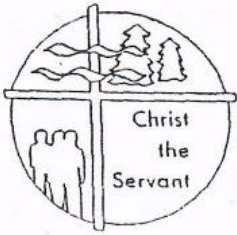
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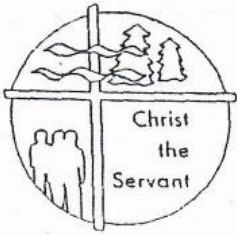
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CTS Worship Volunteers January—February 2020

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Greeter/Usher
January 5th	Mary Rusch	Pat Brosier	Liz Carpenter	Mike & Pat Brosier
January 12th	Barb Schindhelm	Jill Nelson	Jill Nelson	David Shaw & Mary
January 19th	Pat Brosier	Barb Lofthus	Paul & Nancy Miller	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
January 26th	Chuck Schindhelm	Margaret McCulloch	Potluck	Paul & Nancy Miller
February 2nd	Mike Roberts	Jill Nelson	Lori Becker	Paul & Nancy Miller
February 9th	Liz Carpenter	Ann Wojcieszak	Mike & Pat Brosier	David Shaw & Mary Rusch
February 16th	Pat Brosier	Barb Lofthus	David Shaw & Mary Rusch	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
February 23rd	Mary Rusch	Margaret McCulloch	Gwen Downing Margaret McCulloch	Mike & Nancy Roberts
February 26th Ash Wednesday	Mike Roberts	Pat Brosier	None	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak

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March 4th	None	None	Soup Supper	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
March 8th	Mary Rusch	Ann Wojcieszak	Chuck & Barb Schindhelm	Chuck & Barb Schindhelm
March 11th	Service at Congregational Church			
March 15th	Terry Tarras	Patty Tarras	Paul & Nancy Miller	Patty Tarras Barb Lofthus
March 18th	None	None	Soup Supper	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
March 22nd	Mary Rusch	Barb Lofthus	Mike & Pat Brosier	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
March 25th	Service at Congregational Church			
March 29th	Chuck Schindhelm	Patty Tarras	Barb Lofthus	Patty Tarras Margaret McCulloch



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