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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I was thinking about writing this newsletter article, I read a section on “Preparing for Summer” in Sundays and Seasons, which is a worship planning resource from the ELCA. It begins, “Summer preaching is a great time to reframe how God continues to make a claim on the beloved community of the church against all odds.” And what a time of “all odds” are we in now. Covid-19 is still reeling with the lives of people all over the world. In some ways, we are more confused as to what we should do, then we were almost 3 months ago when the “safer at home” orders began.

In our summer lectionary we will be looking at the parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus will command the wind and the water. His mighty healing power will be shown as He is identified as the “One who will save.” And so how do we see his power and presence in the tumult of our lives, especially today as we battle the corona virus? God will come close in the Word, through Jesus and His written word.

The Word of God that is preached on Sunday, whether in our sanctuary to a full house or through a video on Facebook shows how God is still working in His church on earth. Who knew that a 20-minute video on our Facebook page would reach so many more people than grace our sanctuary on a “usual” Sunday? Parable after parable preached will speak to the wonderful things that come from a small seed, a little yeast or a treasure hidden in a field. God brings His abundance to us in His Word over and over again. We can be assured that these small things bring us into the Kingdom of God, showing God’s love for us.

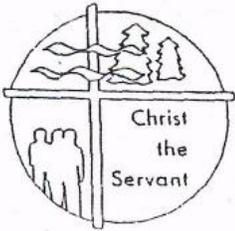
So do not be afraid! How many time do we hear that in Scripture? Listen to God’s Word in Christ Jesus and He will be with you. God will calm your fears as the Holy Spirit will not leave you to handle this pandemic alone. We are all in this together, as we hear repeatedly on TV. God is with us always. God loves us more than we can possibly imagine.

May God shower blessings on our church this summer! Be safe. Stay healthy.

With Faith in Our Ascended Savior,
Pastor Gwen



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Office Hours for Pastor - June

June 1st	1:00-4:00 pm
June 3rd	2:00-5:00 pm
June 7th	9:30-11:00 am
June 8th	1:00-4:00 pm
June 10th	2:00-5:00 pm
June 14th	9:30-11:00 am
June 15th	1:00-4:00 pm
June 17th	2:00-5:00 pm
June 21st	9:30-11:00 am
June 22nd	1:00-4:00 pm
June 24th	2:00-5:00 pm
June 28th	9:30-11:00 am
June 29th	1:00-4:00 pm

During office hours, the building will be open for silent prayers, confession, and communion for individuals.



Dear Members of Christ the Servant Church,

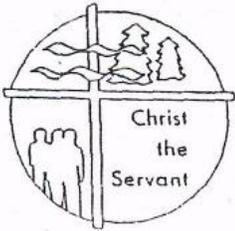
On behalf of your council, I am writing to make you aware of the council's application and acceptance of a \$9200 loan/grant on April 18 through the Government's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP is a federal program that helps small businesses and faith-based organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to assist with covering costs related to payroll and utilities.

We found out that we qualified for these funds and the unknown impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and possible disruption in regular income prompted our decision. The loan will be fully forgiven if the funds are used for payroll and utilities cost. We anticipate that we will meet the necessary terms and that it will be considered a forgivable loan/grant. While these funds will help cover our church's payroll and utilities expense during the period where we are not able to hold worship service at church, your pledge and regular offering is still needed.

We hope to be all together soon!

RB Melvold
Church Council President

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Women's Quilting Group—Monday

There will be no organized Quilting Group until further notice. If individuals would like to come in and quilt, they are welcome to do so as long as CDC guidelines are adhered to.

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Faith

Men's Group—Thursday

May 28th	5:00-6:00 pm
June 4th	5:00-6:00 pm
June 11th	5:00-6:00 pm
June 18th	5:00-6:00 pm
June 25th	5:00-6:00 pm

Bible Study—Tuesday

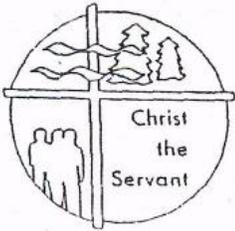
June 2nd	9:00 am
June 9th	9:00 am
June 15th	9:00 am
June 22nd	9:00 am
June 29th	9:00 am

Faith

Stay active. Read the word. Worship with other believers. Continue to give. Keep learning and growing. Your faith will be unleashed!

Joyce Meyer

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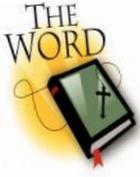
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June Bible Readings

June 7, 2020—Holy Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-1
Matthew 17:16-20

June 14, 2020—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 21, 2020 —3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 169:7-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28, 2020—4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 17:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

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

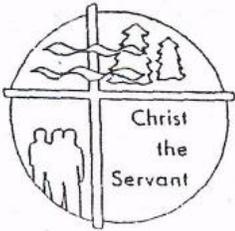
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Nancy, Tom, Darlene, Jim, Pete, Greg, Shelia, Tim, and Kris

Military - Anton ,Claire, Natalie, and Allesa Maire

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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August 2nd will be our first worship back together in our sanctuary.

Women's group is on hiatus for the month of June. If women would like to come in to quilt, they are welcome to do so as long as they adhere to the CDC guidelines.



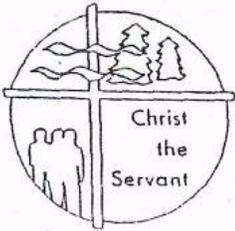
Farmer's Market begins June 3rd. The doors to the church will be kept locked to the public and WELCA will not be doing any ice cream socials or a pie social this year.

Barb Lofthus has agreed to go through the boxes of pictures, newspaper articles, etc and organize the History of Christ the Servant. If you have any pictures or articles that you believe should be included please drop off at church for her.

Men's group is back to meeting on Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. All men are welcome to join. You can call Mike Roberts or Terry Tarras for more information.

Bible study. Bible study will begin on June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. We will continue with the study we were doing before COVID. Once the current study is over we will begin a wonderful new study called Unshakable Hope from Max Lucado. That will probably happen around the middle of July. It is another DVD series with discussion questions. Your time in this study will be enhanced by reading the book Unshakable Hope Building Our Lives on the Promises of God by Mac Lucado. I believe that you can find it on Amazon for under \$10. If you need help ordering the book email me. Please let Pastor know if you will be coming to the Fellowship hall in person or if you would like her to set up a ZOOM meeting so you can join us virtually. We are limiting participation at this time to 10 people. Should you want to engage in Bible study at another time due to work or another commitment please talk to Pastor and see what can be arranged.

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There was no date set for the outside clean up of our property. So if you are in town and have a few hours to spend cleaning out the flower beds around the church please feel free to stop and work. The shrubs need some trimming and weeds need pulling. The grass on the back side of the building will be reseeded to make sure there is a good growth of grass where we removed the shrubs last year. If someone would like to donate some mulch please talk to Terry Tarras as to where he purchased mulch last year so we get the same kind.

Attached to the email that will deliver this Pathfinder you will find another attachment with the volunteer schedule. Since we are not having in person worship until August, only two months will be on the chart for the quarter. Please note that there is no sign up for coffee hour. The council feels that doing a full blown coffee hour after worship may not be in the best interest of the congregation so we are leaving your visiting after worship up to you and one pot of coffee. When you have completed the volunteer schedule please email to Lori Becker no later than July 10, 2020.

Mark your calendars!

Pentecost—Drive Thru Communion— May 31st 10:30-11:00 am

Father's Day— Drive Thru Communion— June 21st— 10:30-11:00 am

Ann Wojcieszak will provide a meal for \$10.00 a plate as follows:

- Brat on a bun
- Kraut on the side
- Beans
- Potato Salad
- Pickle
- Fruit

Call the church office and leave your reservation for food. **Reservations are due Monday, June 15th.** Pick up will be after Drive Thru Communion on June 21st.



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