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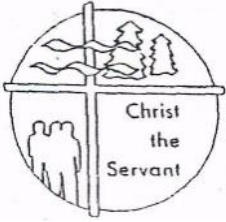
We are ending the Grow in Grace Series in August and hopefully we find our hearts more in the likeness of Christ. Each step forward that we take in our journey, is a step closer to realizing the potential of being more like Jesus. While we may be entering August, and we know that following quickly will be Autumn and then Winter, both being a time that little grows outside in Northern Wisconsin, this does not mean we cannot continue to Grow in Grace. Even as the world around us changes, our Grace should be the constant. The challenge is to be aware of how often you are letting grace be the guide. That in our day to day, we have a choice to take an approach of grace or one of needing to be correct or pushing our own ideas. We can sometimes lose our focus and conform to the idea that we must always read the bible, attend service and live in a way that mirrors a holy, devoted life, while maintaining a heart that still holds onto anything but grace. That is not what God wants us to be. We must allow our hearts to be transformed to resemble His graceful, beautiful child.

Over the past two months, the list of suggestions kept getting smaller and August is no exception.

## 1. Live each day in Grace.

It is up to each one of you to find the "list" that will allow your life to grow in grace. Remember as you go about your day to day, so are others, facing situations that we may know nothing of. The graceful heart finds compassion and patience. It mirrors the teachings of Jesus, rather than quickly passing judgement. Growing in Grace creates a transformation. Kindness and humbleness fills you. Other's situations become a concern. Your reactions and words are chosen with the intention of how they will make others feel. In allowing yourself to Grow in Grace, you will begin to see a transformed you and watching God's work in your life.

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## Pastor Gwen's August Office Hours:

Monday 1-4PM

Wednesday 2-5:30PM



## August Bible Readings

### August 6, 2023 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	
Second Lesson	Romans 9:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21

### August 20, 2023 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Isaiah 56:6-8
Psalm 87	
Second Lesson	Romans 11:1-2a, 21-28
Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28

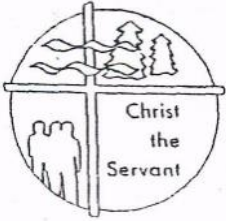
### August 13, 2023 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13	
Second Lesson	Romans 10:5-15
Gospel	Matthew 14:22-33

### August 27, 2023 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138	
Second Lesson	Romans 12:1-8
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20

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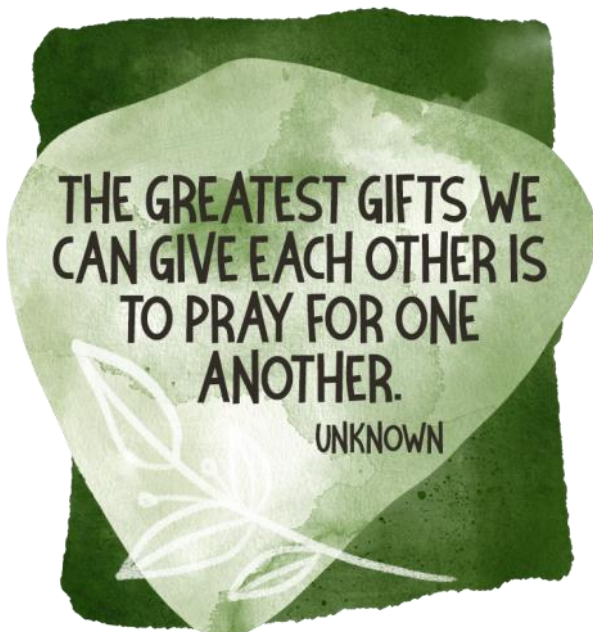
Woman's Group meets every Tuesday from 10AM -2PM.



Men's Group will meet Saturday, August 12th at 8AM.



*Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.*



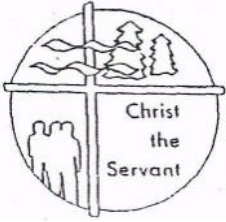
**Health/Concerns:** Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Allen, Ruth, Tim, Paul, Susan, Rodney, Harold, Chuck, Joan, Jim and Liam.

**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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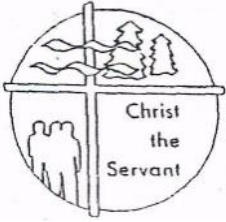
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**Bible Study:** Bible Study will continue on Sunday mornings beginning in September.

**Men's Group:** Men's group will be meeting on July 12th at 8:00 AM. See Pastor or Scott Carpenter for a study guide. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

**Farmer's Market:** Farmer's market is in our parking lot every Wednesdays from 2:00-5:30 p.m.

**Sleep In Heavenly Peace:** R. B. Melvold is organizing a chapter from a larger organization around the country, that makes beds for youths in our community that do not have one of their own. A much needed ministry for Price County. If you want to get involved see R.B. You do not need to be a member of our church to join, help out or to donate! Donations to help get started are being accepted. You can make out checks to SHP-Park Falls and give them to Beth or R.B.

**Offering:** In July, we began collecting offering only in the offering plates. All money collected will go into our general fund as the council has decided to include Luther Park as one of our local benevolences. Remember that we do tithe all of our offerings with 5% going to the greater ELCA and the other 5% staying relatively local. The charities your council has suggested are as follows:

#### January – June

The Lord's Cupboard  
His House of Hope  
Friends of the Library  
Northwoods Living Hope  
JDP Warrior Fund

#### July – December

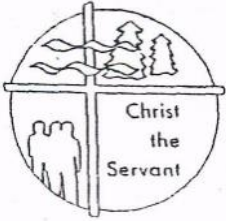
PF Backpacks 4 Kids  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
Luther Park Bible Camp  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

**Lord's Cupboard:** The Lord's Cupboard is looking for a few good men and women that would like to work on Saturday mornings from 8:45AM to 11:00 am once a month. The only requirement is that you must be able to lift a box that weights 28-30 pounds. Talk to Pastor Gwen for more details.

**Musician:** Once again we are looking for a piano or organ player for Sunday mornings beginning in November. If you know someone who would like to share their talents with us, please have them call Pastor Gwen.

**Backpacks:** August 27th during worship, we will be blessing our students and their backpacks prior to the start of the school year. Please have your children bring their backpacks to worship. Teachers will also be blessed during this time.

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## Volunteer Schedule August & September 2023

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
August 6th	Liz Carpenter			
August 13th	Mary Rusch		<b>Pastor Gwen</b>	
August 20th				
August 27th				
September 3rd				
September 10th				
September 17th				
September 24th				

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