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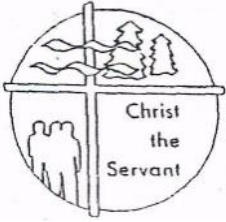


We are continuing the Grow in Grace Series for the month of July to grow and shift our hearts to be more in the likeness of Christ through the power of the Spirit. We are taking a step in our journey to grow more like Jesus by trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit. Plants and crops are growing all around us. Continue to be aware of how often we are letting grace guide us. A life of diligent prayer, reading and studying the Bible and serving others are seen as a life of holiness. You can do those and still have a heart filled with bitterness, wrath or anger for example. Our hearts aren't filled with Grace, they are stunted. In the month of July, find ways each day to change your heart and allow growth to happen.

1. Forgive yourself.
2. Choose to let go of something said that hurt you.
3. Ask a neighbor, friend, family member or even a stranger about themselves.
4. Be aware of your non-verbal communication.
5. Be mindful of the words you use.
6. Notice someone struggling and show compassion.
7. Reach out and remind a person how important they are to you.
8. Say Thank You.
9. Attempt to make someone laugh.
10. Take a moment to listen.
11. Pray for others in need.
12. Accept someone different than you.
13. Start using the phrase "I hear you..." rather than needing to share your own story.
14. Ask Questions.
15. Change how you talk to yourself.
16. Live in God's Truth.
17. Attend service with an focused mind.
18. Pass on the sunshine.
19. Speak Kindly.
20. Smile.

July may have 31 days and the list above only has 20. Believe and listen for His voice to guide you in situations where His Grace is the response. Share His Grace with others and as C.S Lewis reminds us "Don't shine so others can see you, shine so that through you others can see Him." Growing in Grace will only take you farther than imagined and that much closer to our amazing Father.

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Pastor Gwen's July Office Hours:

Monday 1-4PM

Wednesday 2-5:30PM

No Office Hours on July 3rd.



July Bible Readings

July 2, 2023 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	
Second Lesson	Romans 6:12-23
Gospel	Matthew 10:40-42

July 16, 2023 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:1-13	
Second Lesson	Romans 8:1-11
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 9, 2023 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14	
Second Lesson	Romans 7:15-25a
Gospel	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

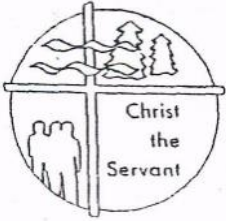
July 23, 2023 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17	
Second Lesson	Romans 8:12-25
Gospel	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30, 2023 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136	
Second Lesson	Romans 8:26-39
Gospel	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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Woman's Group meets every Tuesday
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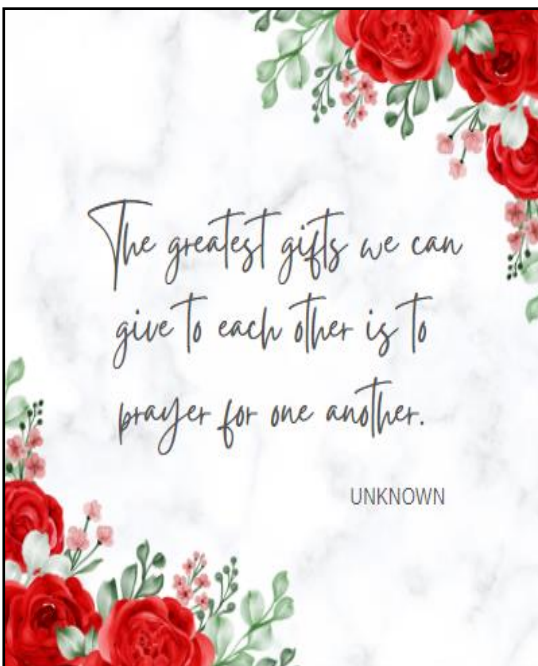
No Women's Group on July 4th



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



Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

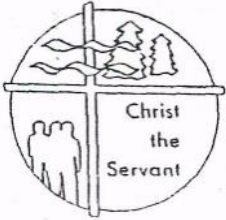


Health/Concerns: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Allen, Ruth, Tim, Paul, Susan, Rodney, Harold, and Patti.

Military: Anton, Allesia Marrie, Ryan, Josh, Autumn, and Natalie.

CTS Church Council, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, Men's Group, those who are struggling with hunger and injustice in the world, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace Ministry.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE FOURTH OF JULY

The Star Spangled Banner became the United States' national anthem in 1931.

There have been 27 versions of the U.S. Flag.

The Oldest:
Benjamin Franklin
Age 70

56 Signers on the Declaration of Independence

The Youngest:
Edward Rutledge
Age 26

Americans consume approximately 150 million hot dogs every July 4th.

Macy's 4th of July Fireworks show takes over 8,000 hours to prepare.

Americans spend over \$1 billion on fireworks every year.

500 Million Gallons of Ice Cream consumed at Fourth of July Picnics.

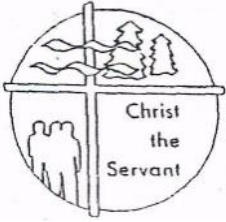
July 2nd or July 4th

The Liberty Bell rings 13 times every Independence Day to honor the 13 original states.

Congress declared its freedom from Great Britain on July 2, 1776.

Congress approved the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

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Bible Study: Bible Study will continue on Sunday mornings beginning in September with a new topic. Come join us then for a great discussion about Scripture and how it impacts our lives.

Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting on July 8th at 8:00 AM. The topic of study is Book of James. See Scott Carpenter with questions. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

Farmer's Market: Farmer's market is in full swing for the summer in our parking lot. The hours are Wednesdays from 2:00-5:30 p.m.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace: R. B. Melvold is organizing a new group at Christ the Servant that will be a chapter of a larger organization around the country. They will be making beds for youths in our community that do not have one of their own. A wonderful new 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 Christ the Servant noting SHP in the memo line.

Offering-In July you will notice that we will be collecting offering only in the yellow pails. 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

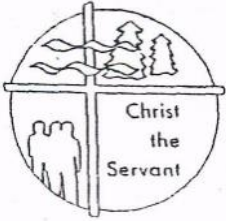
The Lord's Cupboard
Alcoholic Anonymous
Friends of the Library
Northwoods Living Hope
JDP Warrior Fund

July – December

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



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Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
July 2nd				
July 9th				
July 16th	Jann Clark		Lauren & Jen BeBeau	R.B. & Beth Melvold
July 23rd	Beth Melvold	Jann Clark	Paul & Nancy Miller	Paul & Nancy Miller
July 30th	Kurt Wolff		Sarah Wolff	
August 6th				
August 13th				
August 20th				
August 27th				

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