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TO: ALL HIS CHILDREN

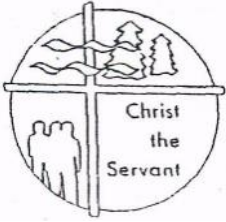
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life.

- 1. QUIT WORRYING :** Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?
- 2. PUT IT ON THE LIST:** Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. My to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. I handle things for you that you never even realize.
- 3. TRUST ME:** Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.
- 4. LEAVE IT ALONE:** Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens, and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.
- 5. TALK TO ME:** I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting, never forget to talk to me - **OFTEN!** I love you. I want to hear your voice and include me in the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me.
- 6. HAVE FAITH:** I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me, you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?
- 7. SHARE:** You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who are mourning. Share your faith with those who have none.
- 8. BE PATIENT:** I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone things I should always rush, rush, rush.
- 9. BE KIND:** Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.
- 10. LOVE YOURSELF:** As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me to be loved, and to love in return. Love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

With all my heart, I love you. **GOD**

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Pastor Gwen's January Office Hours:

Monday 1-4 PM

Wednesday 2-5 PM

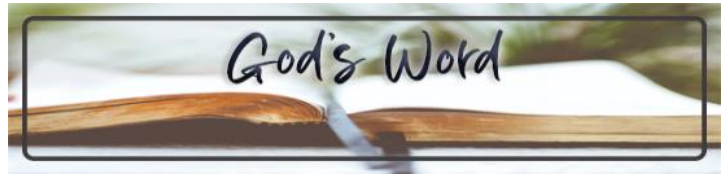
No Office Hours – January 1st.



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



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



January Bible Readings

January 5, 2025 – Epiphany of Our Lord

First Lesson	Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm	72:1-7, 10-14
Second Lesson	Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel Reading	Matthew 2:1-12

January 12, 2025 – Baptism of Our Lord

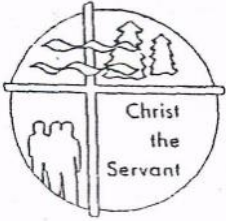
First Lesson	Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm	29
Second Lesson	Acts 8:14-17
Gospel Reading	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19, 2025 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson	Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm	36:5-10
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel Reading	John 2:1-11

January 26, 2025 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm	19
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Gospel Reading	Luke 4:14-21



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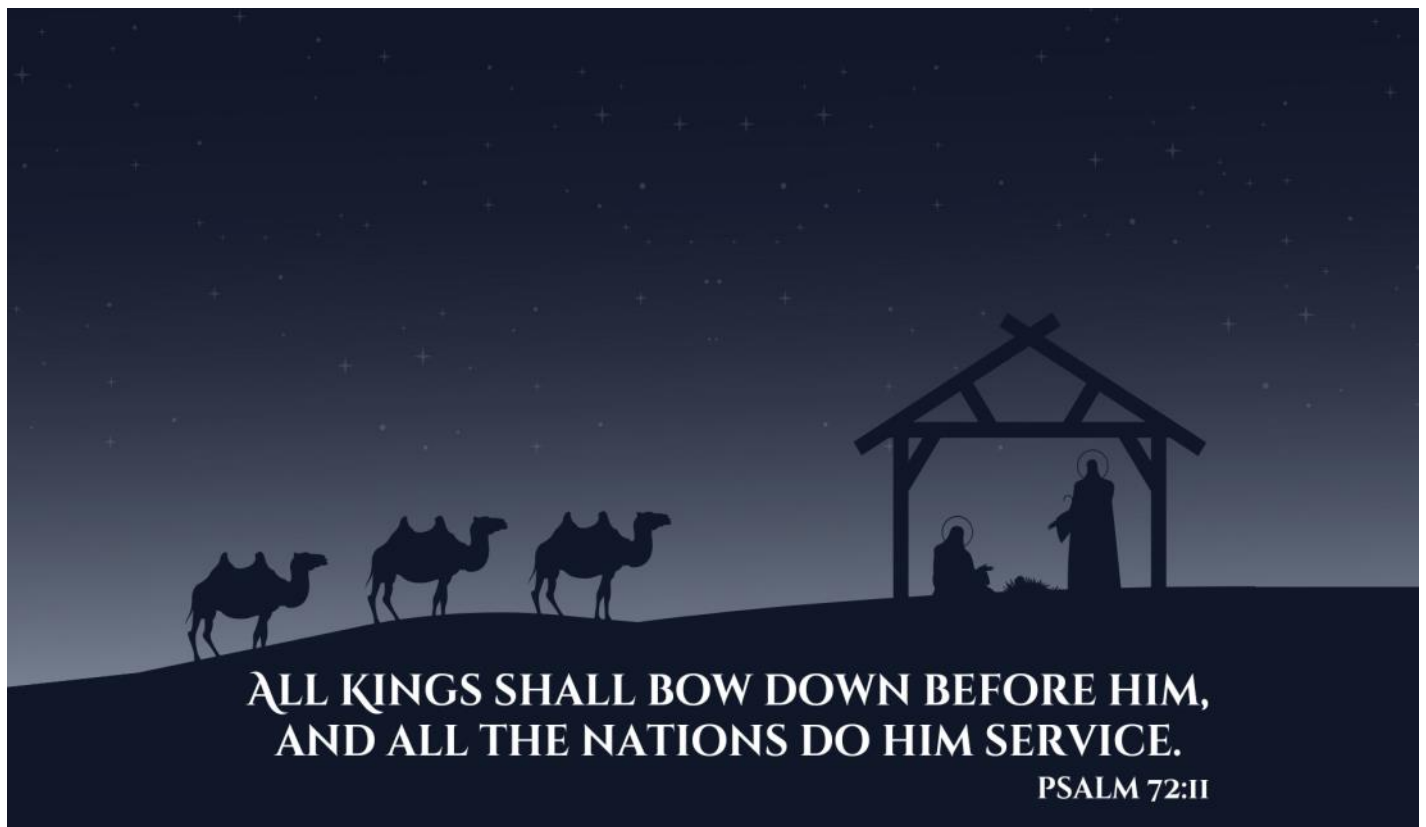


PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE AND REQUESTS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

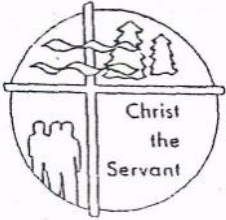
Health/Concerns: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Carol, Debra, Joe, Autumn, Joan and Mitch.

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

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



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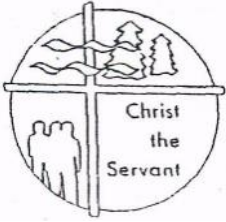
PART OF SNOW'S
ULTIMATE PURPOSE IS TO

VISIBLY REMIND

YOU THAT YOUR SIN HAS
BEEN COVERED BY
WINTER'S

White Grace

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Bible Study: Come and join us for our advent bible study, *The World Made Flesh*. We will be finishing this up in January.

Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting on January 11th at 8 AM. The topic of study is Grace. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come! If you have the book, please read Chapter 9.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025, immediately following worship. We will be electing new council members, reviewing our ministry from 2024, and looking ahead for 2025. There will be a potluck after the meeting. Please stay after worship to participate in the annual meeting and potluck.

Confirmation: We can always use additional voices on Wednesdays during Confirmation. We gather at 3:45 PM for an hour. Please consider joining us in our study of what it means to "Live Lutheran".

Altar Guild: We will be having an Altar Guild class on January 14th at 9 AM prior to quilting. Please let Pastor Gwen know if you plan to attend so she can have materials ready.

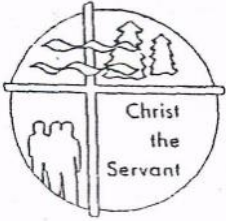
Assisting Ministers: We will be having an informational meeting about being an assistant minister in late January or early February. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Gwen. It is nice to have more people involved in worship.

Plastic, Plastic, Plastic: We are still collecting plastic bags and film. We did receive one bench which is outside next to the sidewalk. We would like to get a matching bench for the other side.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace: This ministry in Park Falls continues to need donations of pillows, beds in a bag, quilts, and sheet sets. They are all twin size beds for youth, age 4 through 17, in our community with no bed of their own. Any questions regarding the ministry, please see the Melvolds.

The Lord's Cupboard: The pantry could use more volunteers to work once a month on a Saturday morning from 8:30 – 11:00 AM. You must be able to lift 35 pounds and work on your weekend! See Pastor Gwen if you are interested.

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Volunteer Schedule January and February 2025

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
January 5th				
January 12th				
January 19th				
January 26th			POTLUCK	
February 2nd				
February 9th				
February 16th				
February 23rd				

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