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Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, a new year has begun. Do you wonder what 2023 will bring? What challenges you might face in the days ahead? Or what blessings lie around the corner? Still fresh in my mind is the carol, "I Wonder as I Wander". I do often sit and wonder what is next. I think that is a very human thing to do, to dream about the future and what might be. But many times, we can be our own worst enemy by letting our wonder turn to worry.

In Chapter 6 of Matthew there is a discourse on worry and how it will not add a day to our lives. It is clear that worry is not what God wants for us. As I was reading this Scripture text in the paraphrase,

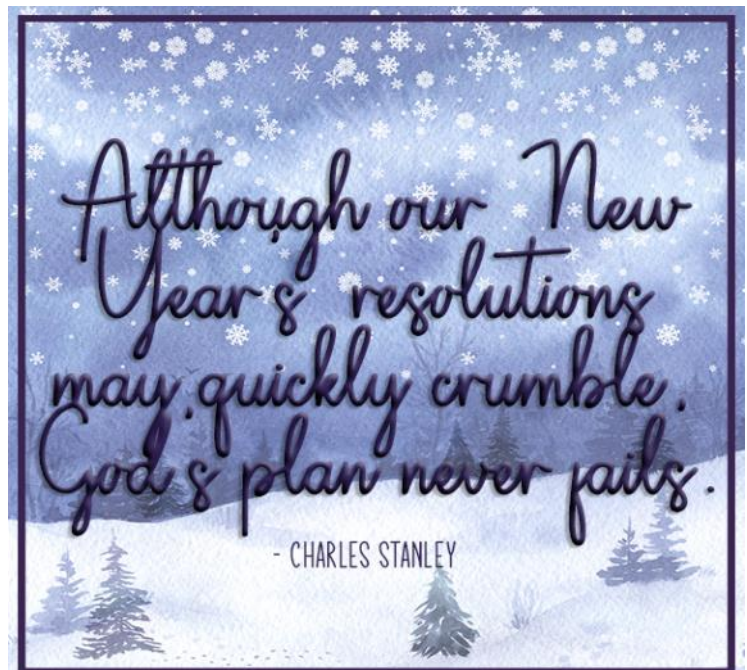
The Message by Eugene Peterson, I was struck by his words:

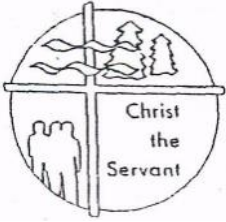
"Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a dank cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have!"

So, as we begin our journey into a new year, may we all open our eyes in wonder and belief. A belief in the One that gives us life is a good place to start. God loves us so much that he created us, sustains us, and gives us the promise of abundant life here on earth and eternal life with Him in heaven one day. What can there be to worry about when we place our trust in our Faithful Father in Heaven?

God's Blessings to you,

Pastor Gwen





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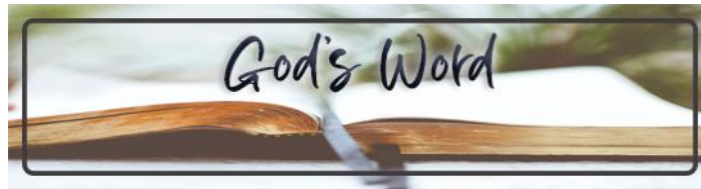


Pastor Gwen's January Office Hours:

Monday 1-4PM

Wednesday 2-5:00PM

No Office hours on January 16 and 18th.



January Bible Readings

January 1, 2023 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Old Testament Reading	Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8	
Epistle Reading	Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:15-21

January 8, 2023 – Baptism of Our Lord

First Lesson	Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29	
Second Lesson	Acts 10:34-43
Gospel Reading	Matthew 3:13-17

January 15, 2023 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40: 1-11	
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel Reading	John 1:29-42

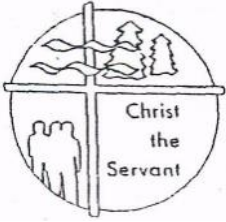
January 22, 2023 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson	Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27: 1, 4-9	
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:12-23

January 29, 2023 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson	Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15	
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:1-12

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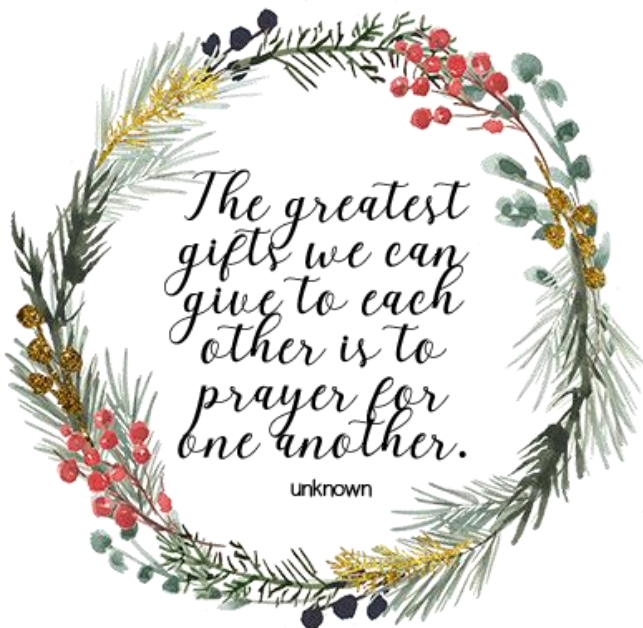
Woman's Group meets every Tuesday
from 10AM -2PM.



Men's Group will meet
Saturday, January 14th at 8AM.



Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

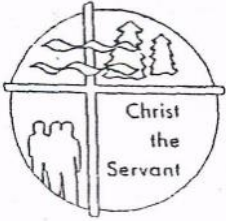


Health/Concerns: Denise, Karen, Liz, Craig, Emily, Dave, Mike, Molly, Jim, and Joyce.

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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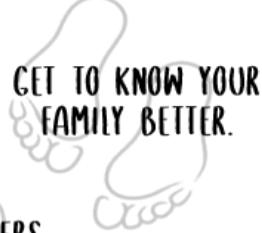
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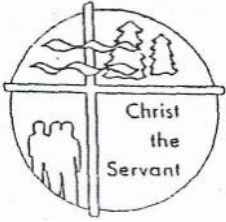
Make a plan of how you are going to walk with God in 2023.



Walking with God in 2023



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Opportunities: Please sign up on the Opportunities sheet hung near the office. We need assisting ministers, ushers, coffee hour people and altar guild each week. If you have not been and would like to be trained for any or all of these service opportunities, please see Pastor Gwen. We need your help to make our worship experience on Sunday mornings meaningful.

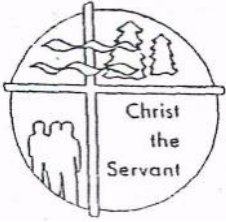
Musician Needed: We are still looking for another musician to add to our worship schedule. If you know of someone with good keyboard skills please let Pastor Gwen know their name and she will be happy to contact them.

Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting over coffee and pastry on January 14 at 8:00 AM. The topic of study will be the Book of James. See Pastor or Scott Carpenter for a study guide. All men are welcome and encouraged to come!

Bible Study: There will be a new Bible study beginning on January 8th. The topic to study to be determined.



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Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
January 1st	Mary Rusch			
January 8th				
January 15th				
January 22nd				
January 29th				
February 5th				
February 12th				
February 19th				
February 25th				

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