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Dear Christ the Servant family,

March 2 begins Lent this year. During Lent we are called to a life of repentance both personal and corporate. During Lent we are called to notice what is not fruit bearing in our lives and then discard it. During Lent we are called to set light on the injustices in our community and beyond. During Lent we are called to connect with our baptismal covenant as children of God, inheritors of His grace and love.

Prayer is the way to connect to our amazing God. He is waiting to hear from you. He wants to have a relationship with you! During Lent He wants to hear petitions of repentance as well as to hear about your joys in life. And one of the greatest joys I have found in life is to give. Give of my time, my talents and my possessions. And so, with that thought in mind, I am asking you to support a new ministry here at Christ the Servant. It is called Love Packages.

Jann Clark brought this project to my attention and I think it would be a wonderful way to give back during Lent this year. Clean out those drawers, bookshelves and boxes to donate new or used Bibles and Christians Materials. You can find in this newsletter more details about this program or by going to their website www.lovepackages.org. We will be collecting books up until Easter weekend and then Jann and I will be packaging them up and sending them in. We will also need some dollars to pay for shipping them to Illinois so they can be sent on their way around the world. Checks can be made out to Christ the Servant with a note in the memo line "Love Packages".

It is our calling not only at Lent but throughout the year to go and tell everyone about Jesus. And what better way to do that than to send a Bible or a book about Jesus to someone who thirsts for the truth. If you should have any questions, please see Jann or myself and we will try to get you an answer. This Lent I hope we can share the "Good News" of Jesus with many people through this new ministry.

God's Grace and Love to You, Pastor Gwen



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Lenten Wednesdays 2022 Christ the Servant and First Congregational Church*

Ash Wednesday- March 2, 2022 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

5 Wednesdays of Lent Theme: "Turning Toward God's Abundance".

1st Wed-March 9th Scripture: Luke 4:1-13 Topic: "Faithfulness" - The temptation of Jesus

2nd Wed-March 16th Topic: "Mercy" - Lament over Jerusalem Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

3rd Wed-March 23th Scripture: Luke 13:1-9 Topic: "Compassion" - The Barren Fig Tree

4th Wed-March 30th Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Topic: "Forgiveness" - The Prodigal Son

5th Wed-April 6th Scripture: John 12:1-8 Topic: "Love" - Mary anoints Jesus

Lenten Wednesday Service Schedule

5:30 p.m. We will have a simple soup supper. Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the office for soup, bread, juice and dessert.

6:00p.m. Service begins. Holden Evening Prayer will be used for as the order of worship for all five Wednesdays. Mark Donner lead the singing portion.

> There will be an offering taken at the end of worship. Checks and envelopes will go to the respective church. Loose change and bills will be given to the Lord's Cupboard.

Holy Week Services - All Are Welcome

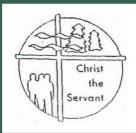
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion - Thursday April 14, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae - Friday April 15, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Resurrection of Our Lord Worship - April 17, 2022 9:30 a.m.



*All services will be held at Christ the Servant



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Love Packages

We are collecting Christian materials (see below) and cash for Love Packages. You can learn more about them by visiting their website @lovepackages.org.

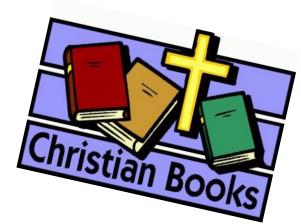
Acceptable donations:

- Bible New or gently used
- Reference Materials—Bible Dictionaries Concordances

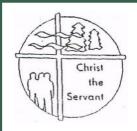
Commentaries

- Books—Christian non-fiction
- Magazines and Daily Devotionals—Christian publishers
- CD's movies—from well know speakers
- **No VHS, tapes, records**
- **No Lutheran Catechisms or Guideposts Publications **

So clean out those book shelves and bring them in to the church. We also need cash to sent the items to Love Packages. Any questions, ask Pastor Gwen or Jann Clark.







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Pastor's Office Hours

March 2nd	2:00-5:00 pm
March 7th	1:00-4:00 pm
March 9th	2:00-5:00 pm
March 14th	1:00-4:00 pm
March 16th	2:00-5:00 pm
March 21st	1:00-4:00 pm
March 23rd	2:00-5:00 pm
March 28th	1:00-4:00 pm
March 30th	2:00-5:00 pm

Lenten Services

March 2nd Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm March 9th Soup 5:30 pm/Service 6:00 pm March 16th Soup 5:30 pm/Service 6:00 pm March 23rd Soup 5:30 pm/Service 6:00 pm March 30th Soup 5:30 pm/Service 6:00 pm

Sunday Monday School

March 7th 4:15 pm -5:15 pm

March 21st 4:15 pm -5:15 pm

World Day of Prayer

March 4th World Day of Prayer

Peace Lutheran Church

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

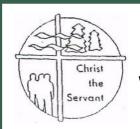
Women's Group—Tuesday

March 1st10:00 am-2:00 pmMarch 8th10:00 am-2:00 pmMarch 15th10:00 am-2:00 pmMarch 22nd10:00 am-2:00 pmMarch 29th10:00 am-2:00 pm

Confirmation—Wednesday

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March Bible Readings

March 6th -1st Sunday of Lent

First Lessons Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 92:1-2, 9-16 . Second Lesson Romans 10:8b-13 Gospel Lesson Luke 4:1-13 p.

March 13th—2nd Sunday of Lent

First Lessons Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Second Lesson Philippians 3:17---4:1
Gospel Lesson Luke 13:31-35p.

March 20th—3rd Sunday of Lent

First Lessons Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
Second Lesson I Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel Lesson Luke 13:1-9

March 27th—4th Sunday of Lent

First Lessons Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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: Sheila, Cyndi, Pete, Dina, Bob, Chip, Bernice, Tim, Jessica, Harold, Carol, Paul, Allen, Fred, Rodney, and Chuck.

Military: Anton, Allesa Marrie, Amy Smith, and Natalie.

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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Bible study continues on Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Please come and join us. Our study on the book of Romans continues but it is never too late to join in the learning. There is a workbook, so see Pastor Gwen to get one. The cost is \$5.

World Day of Prayer is March 4, 2022. We will have our service at Peace Lutheran Church starting at 1:00 pm. A luncheon will follow the service. Please see Pastor Gwen for details.

Since our winters are so difficult to predict, we are starting a new way to find out if worship at Christ The Servant is canceled. For Sunday worship there will be a decision made before 7:30 am as to whether we will be open or not. You can check our Facebook page or our website for cancelations. If you do not have access to the internet please call the church as Pastor Gwen will put a recording on the voice mail with the cancelation notice. And as always you are free to call pastor on her cell phone or at home with questions. For the confirmation and Sunday Monday school students, we will cancel if the school cancels that day or has early release due to weather. All other activities(WELCA and men's group) that would be canceled will be done by the leader, so watch for emails and/or phone calls.

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.

We will again be having soup supper prior to our Lenten Wednesday worships Sign up sheet is on the wall near the office.

Men's Group will start up on Thursday evenings after Easter.

