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Dear Members of Christ's Church,

Wow, how time flies when you are having fun? It seems like only yesterday that I wrote my June newsletter article. They say that the older you get the quicker time goes by. Guess I am getting really old!

Time does seem to march on at a rapid pace. Things have certainly changed quickly this year for most of us. We began the year quite normally, with snow and cold. Then COVID 19 ravaged the country and made us all sit up and take notice. Appointments canceled, restaurants and stores closed, students off of school, church on line, a new reality of "Social distancing" and face masks began. As I look back at the last three months of my home calendar I see more liquid paper or white-out than ink on it. Things seemed to change on a daily basis.

June presented itself with another set of challenges as the country started to deal with police brutality and systemic racism. And if that is not enough we are soon to be in the stretch to the presidential election. What else could possibly come down the road for 2020? How much more change and disruption can we handle in our lives?

Sunday July 5th, we will gather together as a congregation at Christ the Servant to worship our Lord and Savior. Although it will be a bit different with no sharing the peace, no singing and no coffee hour, we will find a new normal. As the body of Christ we gather to praise and honor our God. We gather around the Eucharist and we hear God's Word proclaimed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That folks will never change.

If you learn only one thing from this unusual year of 2020 it should be this verse. Hebrews 13:8. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." In The Message, which is a paraphrase of the Bible by Eugene Peterson, this verse reads, "For Jesus doesn't change—yesterday, today, tomorrow, he's always totally himself." And that is great news for those of us who are struggling to figure out what to do, when to do or how to do new things that are being asked of us. Jesus does not change. The basis of our enduring faith is always the same; the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We need nothing more. Jesus is always Jesus. He is the Son of God, sent by the Father to be Savior of the World. That my friends will never change.

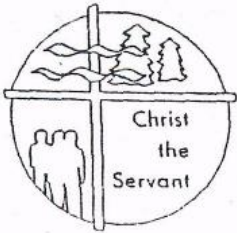
As Christians we look to our God for help in trying times and what do we see? Jesus, that's right. Our rock and Redeemer, who has been and will always be there to give us abundant life, forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. That will never change! Amen!

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

Pastor Gwen



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Office Hours for Pastor - July 2020

July 1st	2:00-5:00 pm
July 6th	1:00-4:00 pm
July 8th	2:00-5:00 pm
July 13th	1:00-4:00 pm
July 15th	2:00-5:00 pm
July 20th	1:00-4:00 pm
July 22nd	2:00-5:00 pm
July 27th	2:00-5:00 pm
July 29th	2:00-5:00 pm

Men's Group—Thursday

July 2nd	5:00-6:00 pm
July 9th	5:00-6:00 pm
July 16th	5:00-6:00 pm
July 23rd	5:00-6:00 pm
July 30th	5:00-6:00 pm

Bible Study—Sunday

July 5th	9:00 am
July 12th	9:00 am
July 26th	9:00 am

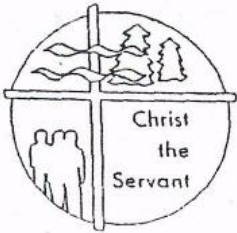
Women's Quilting Group—Monday

There will be no organized Quilting Group until further notice. If individuals would like to come in and quilt, they are welcome to do so as long as CDC guidelines are adhered to.

CTS Worship Volunteers July 2020

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Greeter/Usher
July 5th	Pat Brosier	Ann Wojcieszak	Paul & Nancy Miller
July 12th	Mary Rusch	Jill Nelson	Mike & Nancy Roberts
July 19th	Terry Tarras	Patty Tarras	Chuck & Barb Schindhelm
July 26th	Chuck Schindhelm	Pat Brosier	Mary Rusch Rodney Downing

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July Bible Readings

July 5, 2020—5th Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Roman 6:1b-11
Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

July 12, 2020—6th Sunday after Pentecost

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

July 19, 2020—7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

July 26, 2020—8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed... James 5:16.

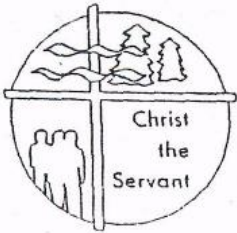
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Nancy, Tom, Jim, Keisha, and Kris

Military - Anton ,Claire, Natalie, and Allesa Maire

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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July 5th will be our first worship back together in our sanctuary.



Farmer's Market is held in the church parking lot on Wednesday from 2:00 pm—5:15 pm. The doors to the church will be kept locked to the public.

Men's group is back to meeting on Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. All men are welcome to join. You can call Mike Roberts or Terry Tarras for more information.

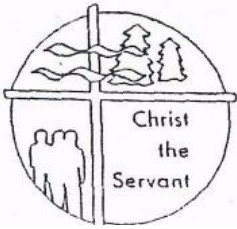
Bible study will continue in July but go back to Sunday mornings after worship. Since there is no organized coffee hour, we can start shortly after worship ends. We will continue with the DVD series from Tim Wengert. It is a wonderful study of the tenants of our faith as Lutherans.

Since we will not be singing hymns for awhile during worship, if you know of someone that would do special music for us, please have them call Pastor Gwen. Music is such a wonderful part of our worship experience, it is good to have some music at each service.



If you have not already filled out your volunteer schedules, please do so no later than July 10th. They can be emailed to Lori Becker or dropped of at the Church offices. You will find the form attached to this email.

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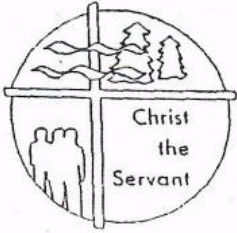
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To: Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Congregation
From: Return to In Person Worship Safety Team

After prayerfully reviewing current science and medical information from the Center for Disease Control we are making the following recommendations to the Church Council for approval.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church shall return to in person worship beginning on **July 5, 2020**.

During worship there will be:

NO sharing of the "peace".

NO singing (we will try to get special music for each service).

A basket placed at the entrance to the sanctuary to collect the offering.

Communion will be continuous with social distancing being observed.

The following guidelines will be in place for the safety of our worshipping community:

Face masks are highly recommended and will be provided by the church if guests do not have one.

At all times social distancing of 6 feet will be observed.

There will be no coffee hour after worship.

If people want to visit, they should do so outside or move to the Fellowship Hall as long as they keep social distancing at 6 feet.

High contact surfaces will be disinfected prior to and after worship.

We ask that you wipe down contact surfaces when you leave other areas of the building.

High risk individuals will still be able to worship on line by listening to parts of the service and the sermon on the churches Facebook page after noon on Sunday or they may read the message posted on the church web site.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church shall provide the following for the congregation as needed:

One-time use face masks.

Hand sanitizer.

Anti-bacterial soap.

Anti-bacterial wipes.

A no contact thermometer.

We ask that all those who would gather in our building:

Use social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Stay home and do not enter the building if you are not feeling well.

Use common sense in wearing masks, hand washing, and disinfecting areas used.

Thank you for your help in making our church building a safe and welcoming place to come.

Return to In Person Worship Safety Team

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