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Dear Friends in Christ,

As you probably already know, this February is a longer month than usual because we have a "Leap Day". February 29, 2020 is a day needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the Sun. It actually takes the earth approximately 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds to circle around the Sun. So without adding an extra day every 4 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days in 100 years. And pretty soon we would be celebrating Christmas in March or April, instead of Easter.

I have only had one person in my life that was born on Leap Day. He has been around as long as I have but has only celebrated 17 birthdays. Just think about all the presents and parties he has missed out on. And this year on Leap Day, I will be busy hosting the "Meet the Need Fundraiser" for The Lord's Cupboard. It will be an evening filled with good food, music by "Twisted Whisker" and lots of raffle/auction items that would make great gifts. I hope you will be able to join us and support this wonderful ministry. You can see me for tickets.

And speaking of presents and gifts, an extra day in our February is a gift. February always seems to fly by on our way to Easter. This year we conclude the Sundays after Epiphany in February on the 23rd with the Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday. What a gift that Transfiguration was to Peter, James and John. They saw Jesus in the light of God, standing between Moses and Elijah. This true vision of glory was a gift to those disciples.

We too have received many gifts from our Father in Heaven: His written Word of Scripture, our relationship with Him in prayer and mostly His beloved Son, Jesus who he gave up for us on the cross to secure for us forgiveness, abundant and eternal life. No greater gift will we ever receive! So as we venture through February and begin Lent, let us remember that great gift of Jesus.

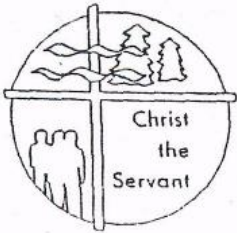
In the words of our Lenten Gospel Acclamation (Joel 2:13), "Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Come and join us in thanking the Lord for all His grace as we look toward Lent and the celebration of our Risen Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Gwen



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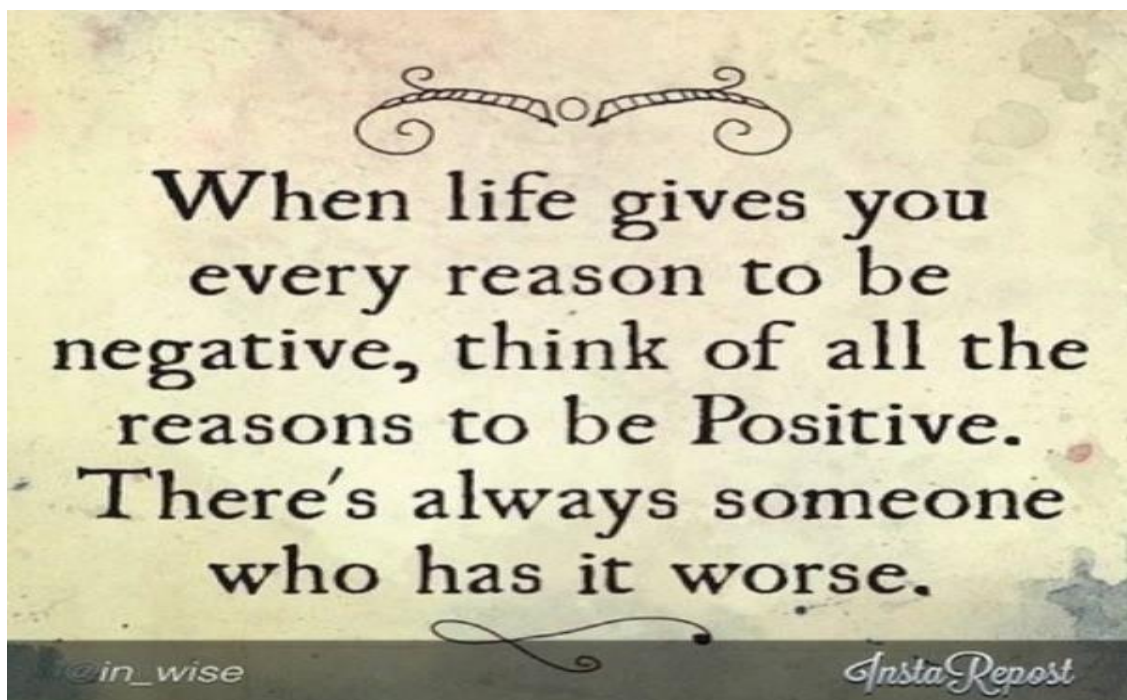
Office Hours for Pastor

February 3rd	1:00-4:00 pm
February 5th	2:00-5:00 pm
February 10th	1:00-4:00 pm
February 12th	2:00-5:00 pm
February 17th	1:00-4:00 pm
February 19th	2:00-5:00 pm
February 24th	1:00-4:00 pm
February 26th	2:00-5:00 pm

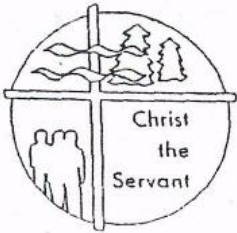


Do you ever wonder? Want some questions answered?

Put your questions in the "Questions for Pastor" box in the narthex. I will try to answer all of your questions. Whether they be about Lutheran theology and polity or questions of a Biblical nature, I would try my best to answer them in this monthly newsletter.



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JOURNEY
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Faith

Women's Quilting Group—Monday

February 3rd Quilting 11:00 am—4:00 pm
Lunch 12:00 pm
WELCA Meeting 1:00 pm
Bible Study 12:15 pm

February 10th Quilting 11:00 am—4:00 pm
Lunch 12:00 pm
Bible Study 12:15 pm

February 17th Quilting 11:00 am—4:00 pm
Lunch 12:00 pm
Bible Study 12:15 pm

February 24th Quilting 11:00 am—4:00 pm
Lunch 12:00 pm
Bible Study 12:15 pm

Confirmation-Wednesday

February 5th 4-5:00 pm
February 12th 5-6:00 pm
February 19th 4-5:00 pm
February 26th 5-6:00 pm

Sunday School— Wednesday

February 12th 4-5:00 pm
February 26th 4-5:00 pm

Sunday Bible Study—Sunday

February 2nd 11:00 am
February 9th 11:00 am
February 23rd

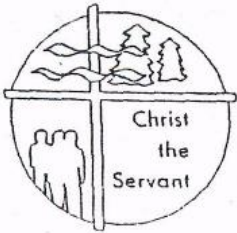
Men's Group—Thursday

February 6th 5-6:00 pm
February 13th 5-6:00 pm
February 20th 5-6:00 pm
February 27th 5-6:00 pm

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him." ~ 1 John 3:1



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February Bible Readings

February 2, 2020 –4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

February 9, 2020—5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58-1-9a
Psalm 112:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-21
Matthew 5:13-20

February 16, 2020 —6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

February 23, 2020 –Transfiguration of Our Lord

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

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

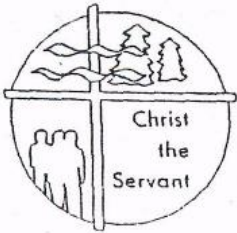
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Nancy, Ron, Tom, Darlene, Jim, Pete, Adilynn, and Amanda.

Military - Anton ,Andrew, 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.

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The Lord's Cupboard-Reminder that the first Sunday of each month is Lord's Cupboard donation day. Please bring items and drop them in the box in the narthex. Some of the items that are needed are proteins such as canned meat, tuna, peanut butter and non-sugar breakfast cereal. We also now have a need for paper grocery bags.



Men's Group continues on Thursdays at 5:00. See Mike Roberts for more information. All men are welcome to attend.

Bible Study Sunday Bible study in February will finish up our Advent series "Arise and Shine". Join us at 11:00 am for the study.

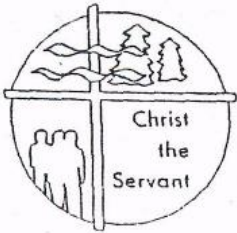


Ash Wednesday is February 26. We will come together for the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Lent-Begins with Ash Wednesday and runs until Easter Sunday on April 12, 2020. We will again be doing "Soup Supper" with the Congregational church. Christ the Servant will host 3 times beginning on March 4th. Pastor Don and Pastor Gwen have decided to use Holden Evening Prayer this year, so there will be no Bible study like last year. Our topic will be from Philippians 2:5-11 "At the Name of Jesus". We hope you will join us for this Lenten journey. So, mark your calendars now!

TLC Meat the Need Fundraiser— The Lord's Cupboard will be holding The First Annual TLC Meat the Need Fundraiser on February 29th! This event will be held at The Lanes in Park Falls. Doors open at 5:00 pm with a family style dinner served at 5:30 pm. Michelle Pride, from Feed My People, will be our guest speaker. Michelle has spoken at Christ the Servant previously and is a very entertaining and engaging speaker. Twisted Whisker, a local band, will provide music from 7:00 pm –9:00 pm. There will be raffles and drawings. Cost of the event is \$25.00 per person. Tickets are available from Pastor Gwen. Please join us for an evening of fun as we raise money for this worthwhile cause!

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CTS Worship Volunteers February 2020

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Greeter/Usher
February 2nd	Mike Roberts	Jill Nelson	Lori Becker	Paul & Nancy Miller
February 9th	Liz Carpenter	Ann Wojcieszak	Mike & Pat Brosier	David Shaw & Mary Rusch
February 16th	Pat Brosier	Barb Lofthus	David Shaw & Mary Rusch	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
February 23rd	Mary Rusch	Margaret McCulloch	Gwen Downing Margaret McCulloch	Mike & Nancy Roberts
February 26th Ash Wednesday	Mike Roberts	Pat Brosier	None	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
March 1st	Liz Carpenter	Jill Nelson	Ann Wojcieszak	Paul & Nancy Miller
March 4th	None	None	Soup Supper	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
March 8th	Mary Rusch	Ann Wojcieszak	Chuck & Barb Schindhelm	Chuck & Barb Schindhelm
March 11th	Service at Congregational Church			
March 15th	Terry Tarras	Patty Tarras	Paul & Nancy Miller	Patty Tarras Barb Lofthus
March 18th	None	None	Soup Supper	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
March 22nd	Mary Rusch	Barb Lofthus	Mike & Pat Brosier	Margaret McCulloch Ann Wojcieszak
March 25th	Service at Congregational Church			
March 29th	Chuck Schindhelm	Patty Tarras	Barb Lofthus	Patty Tarras Margaret McCulloch

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