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## A Story of Lenten Reflection

By Sister Diane Mason

**Sally:** Well here we go again, its Lent! What are we supposed to do Lord? What am I supposed to give up this year in order to become a better person?

**God:** It sounds like you are a little frustrated entering into this holy season of Lent!

**Sally:** I am. I always give up chocolate, then Easter comes and I get sick because I have eaten so much of it!

**God:** Sally, don't give up anything — just take a good look at who you are! Sometimes I feel people miss the point on why I made them. I made the people of God because I love and honor them so much. Can't they see I make only beautiful pieces of humanity? Each individual that I create is unique and sacred. Why can't they see this?

**Sally:** I never gave that a thought, God. I don't always get it. I feel that you are out there in the chaos of the Universe. I can't imagine that you, the Divine Mystery, dwell in me! Maybe that is what I will focus on this year, our journey together.

**God:** That's right Sally, our journey together! All I ever ask is that you open your heart to me. Allow me in so I can show you how beautiful you are. I gave you Jesus to help you see that I realize humanity is difficult. There are so many distractions that surround you each day: your cell phones and technology consumes you, music and noise, pettiness and anger, sickness and death, guilty feelings, hurts, shameful acts, wounds of unfaithfulness, the lack of forgiveness, fears of everyday life and facing the challenges each day. This is all stuff. Push it aside and simply let me in.

**Sally:** You sure are asking an awful lot of me!

**God:** No, I am not! I am simply asking you to take these days of Lent, clear the clutter and simply be with me, with Jesus. Walk with my son these next few weeks; see what he did for you. See how he reached out to the poor. Watch how compassionate he was with the sick. Watch how he touched those who were untouchable. Watch how he forgave those who hurt him so much. Jesus showed you the way. Simply follow his footsteps. Allow the grace to pour over you. Allow peace to enter into your pores and you will feel a freedom that only you can retrieve from within your own heart.

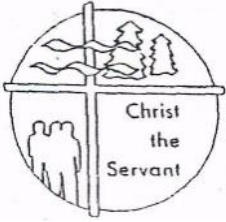
**Sally:** God, you are asking a lot. It was simpler "giving something up". But I'll give it a try.

**God:** Good Sally, I only ask you to try! I have asked nothing more from you than I have asked from Jesus himself. Just know that I am always with you. In everything you do or say I am there. Try to trust these words.

**Sally:** That's a lot to ask God, you know it's not that easy to trust. But I will try it your way this time.

**God:** I am glad to hear this Sally! Know that I am with you on this journey of 40 days. All I ask is that you try each day. I look forward to being on this journey with you and Jesus.

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## Pastor Gwen's March Office Hours:

Monday 1-4 PM

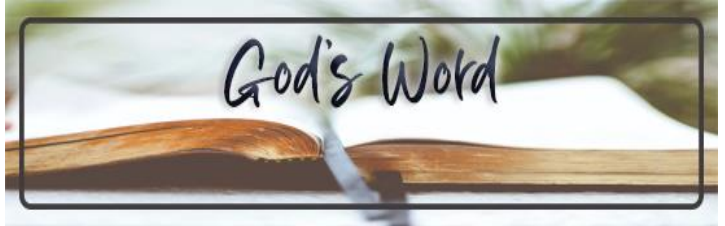
Wednesday 2-4 PM



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



Men's Group will meet  
Saturday, March 9th at 8AM.



## March Bible Readings

### March 3, 2024 – 3rd Sunday In Lent

First Lesson Exodus 20:1-7

Psalm 19

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-23

Gospel Reading John 2:13-22

### March 10, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Lent

First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Second Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel Reading John 3:14-21

### March 17, 2024 – 5th Sunday in Lent

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Second Lesson Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel Reading John 12:20-33

### March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

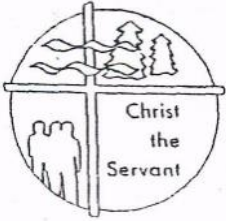
Gospel Reading Mark 15:1-47

### March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday

First Lesson Acts 10:34-43

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8



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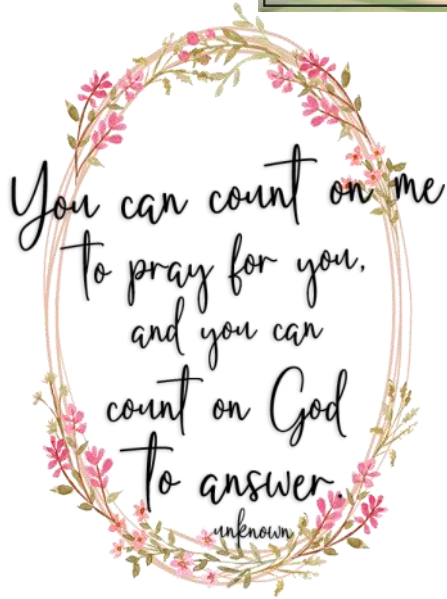
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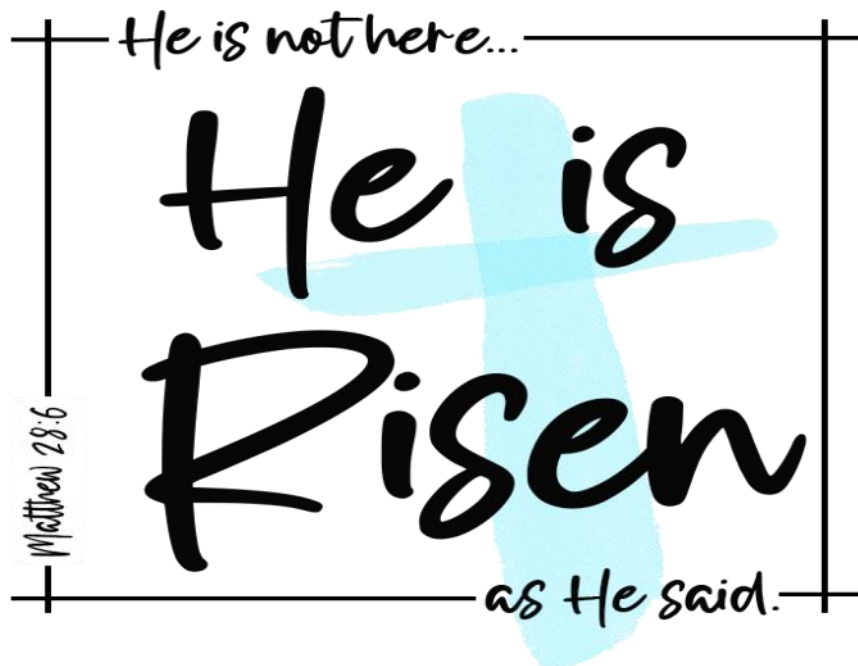


*Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.*

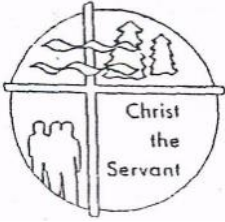
**Health/Concerns:** Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Allen, Ruth, Andrea, Bob, Betty, Tom, Nancy, Carol, Lori, Patty, and Rich.

**Military:** Anton, 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, and the Ukrainian people.



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## Lenten Wednesdays 2024

CHRIST THE SERVANT AND FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SERVICES HELD AT:

CHRIST THE SERVANT  
MARCH 13TH

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
MARCH 6TH AND 20TH

## Service Schedule

5:45PM SOUP SUPPER - HOST CHURCH PROVIDES SOUP AND BEVERAGES. VISITING CHURCH PROVIDES DESSERT.

6:30PM WORSHIP BEGINS IN SANCTUARY

OFFERING TAKEN AT END OF WORSHIP - CHECKS AND ENVELOPES WILL GO TO RESPECTIVE CHURCH.  
LOOSE MONIES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE LORD'S CUPBOARD.

## Wednesdays Themes 2024

"BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST"

MARCH 6TH TOPIC: MARY MAGDALENE

MARCH 13TH TOPIC: SALOME, MOTHER OF JAMES AND JOHN

MARCH 20TH TOPIC: THE CENTURION

## Holy Week Services

ALL ARE WELCOME

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 AT 9:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 AT 6:30PM

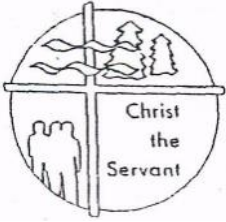
GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 AT 6:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 AT 9:30AM

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**Men's Group:** Men's group will be meeting over coffee and pastry on March 9th at 8:00 AM. The topic of study will be the Book of Job. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

**Bible Study:** We will be doing a Lenten study on "Lament". How does the Bible deal with Holy Lament? How do we come to understand lament as a faith thing God wants us to do? Come join the discussion.

**Easter Sunday:** we will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord during worship and having a pot luck meal to follow. Please sign up on the sheet next to the office. All are welcome.

**Flooring Survey:** Beth Melvold has created a survey regarding what to do with the flooring in the Fellowship Hall. Please take time to give your opinion as to what you would like to see in that space. The council feels it is important to get input from as many people as possible, so the Committee knows how to move forward. If you are interested in serving on that committee please contact Beth.

**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. To volunteer in the ministry, please see the Melvolds. To donate money, see Beth Melvold. Bedding can be dropped off any time in the church office.

**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.

**2024 Church Council:** Congratulations to our new officers and members of the council.

**President**

Kurt Wolff

**Vice President**

RB Melvold

**Treasure/Financial Secretary**

Beth Melvold

**Secretary**

Carol Mattson

**Members**

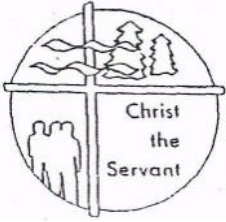
Ginny Bosse

Jen BeBeau

Paul Miller

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## Volunteer Schedule March & April 2024

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
March 3rd	Kurt Wolf		R.B. & Beth Melvold	R.B. & Beth Melvold
March 6th Lenten Service	At First Congregational			
March 10th	Beth Melvold		Joan & Herb Seifert	
March 13th Lenten Service				
March 17th	Liz Carpenter		Liz Carpenter	
March 20th Lenten Service	At First Congregational			
March 24th Palm Sunday	Kurt Wolff		Sarah Wolff	
March 28th Maundy Thursday	Chaplain Jill Lemke			
March 29th Good Friday	Reader 1 Reader 2			
March 31st Easter Sunday			Easter Sunday Potluck Brunch	
April 7th				
April 14th				
April 21st				
April 28th				

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