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5 KERNELS OF CORN-PILGRAM FAITH

An important part of American heritage is the story of the group of British Christians who fled persecution and planted the Plymouth Colony in what is now Massachusetts.

It was a daunting task to settle in such an undeveloped area, and the Pilgrims were ill-equipped. Their first winter in Plymouth, half of them died from disease and inadequate supplies.

Things were so bad that they had to ration their supply of corn to five kernels per person per day.

Several years later when crops were abundant, the Pilgrims started their Thanksgiving celebration by serving each person five kernels of corn as a reminder of what God had brought them through.

They understood what Paul meant when he wrote:

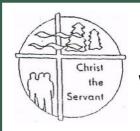
"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need." Philippians 4:12-13

Whether they were struggling through lean times or enjoying abundance, they put their trust in God's strength, not their own.

Before our Thanksgiving meal, I serve five kernels of corn to remember our pilgrim heritage and God's faithfulness. Why not make this your tradition too?

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Pastor Gwen's November Office Hours:

Monday 1-4 PM Wednesday 2-4 PM

No Office Hours on November 20th and 22th. Pastor will be on vacation



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



Men's Group will meet Saturday, November 4th at 8AM.



November Bible Readings

November 5, 2023 – All Saints

First Lesson Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10,22

Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-3 Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

November 12, 2023 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Matthew 21:1-13

November 19, 2023 – Christ the King

First Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Second Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

November 26. 2023 – 1st Sunday in Advent

Old Testament Isaiah 51:1-5
Epistle Reading Romans 5:1-5
Gospel Luke 1:67-69





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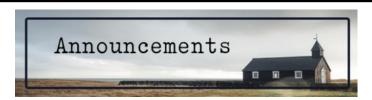
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.



Health/Concerns: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Allen, Ruth, Susan, Chuck E, Liam, Lucille, Jeff, Joyce, and Sheldon.

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.



Bible Study: Sunday Bible study continues in November. "The Four Acts of Prayer" by Walter Wangerin Jr. will end on Nov 5th and then resume in January. For the rest of the month of November and December we will be using the Bible Study that goes with our Advent Series of "The Light of Grace".

Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting Saturday, November 4th at 8:00 AM. See Pastor or Scott Carpenter for a study guide. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

Musician: We are looking for a piano or organ player for Sunday mornings beginning in November. If you know someone who would like to share their talents with us, please have them call Pastor Gwen.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace: They will be making beds for youths in our community that do not have one of their own. A wonderful new ministry for Price County. If you want to get involved see R.B. You do not need to be a member of our church to join, help out or to donate! Donations to help them get started are being accepted. You can make out checks to SHP-Park Falls and give them to Beth. See RB for the next build date.



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SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE



R.B & Beth Melvold and Mary Rusch & David Shaw took part of the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Training.

The women of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Park Falls are sharing their talents by creating and donating quilts to go along with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace beds.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace held its first build day on Wednesday, October 4 with 19 volunteers putting together eight beds. SHP has scheduled its second build day for Saturday, October 28 with a goal of making 15-20 beds. Volunteers are needed to help saw, drill, sand, assemble and stain, as well as serve refreshments. There is something for everyone to do and contribute to this worthy cause of having no kid sleep on the floor in our town.

The Park Falls Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is officially beginning the building of bed for children in Price County that do not have their own bed. Children receive their own bed that is fully furnished.

Supporting Sleep in Heavenly Peace, either by monetary donations or volunteering on build days, goes directly towards building and furnishing beds, plus the expense of tools, lumber and hardware.

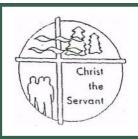








Pictures above are of the volunteers from the first build on October 4th..



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Volunteer Schedule November & December 2023

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
November 5th	Jann Clark		Liz Carpenter	
November 12th	Beth Melvold			
November 19th				
November 26th				
December 3rd	Kurt Wolff		Sarah Wolff	
December 10th				
December 17th				
December 24th Christmas Eve Service	Assisting Minister Reader		xxxxxxxxxxxx	
December 31st				