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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin to make our way to the end of the church and calendar year, we look forward to a new start. Our church year ends in November celebrating Christ as King. Our new church year begins on November 27<sup>th</sup> with Advent, where we wait and watch for Christ to come among us as a baby born in a manger. Our calendar year begins with a bang as we say farewell to 2022 and celebrate a new beginning with hope of change and better things to come. So, as the days get shorter, we begin to think about those new years approaching.

Before either church or calendar year begin you will be asked to pledge your support for our new ministry budget of 2023. Here at Christ the Servant we do not have a fancy stewardship program. In fact, we usually just expect people to support our ministry and pledge. But this year, I felt the need to mention stewardship and God's abundance in my pastor's letter.

I probably cannot say what I wanted to about the subject any better than these words from the ELCA website:

"As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. How do we respond to God's call to serve and love our neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Although some think of stewardship as only a financial response to God's love, stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes."

We are so blessed to be living in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, God's country as many call it. God has given us so much, a true abundance of treasures. And folks, we are called to share our abundance with our neighbors. Whether that is with financial support, physically presence or prayer, we are called to give as abundantly as God gives to us.

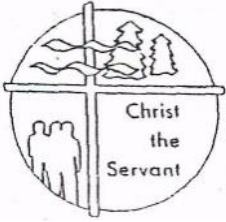
I hope as we come to the end of the year, that you will consider giving out of abundance to our ministry, both financially and with your time and talents. Sign up on the volunteer schedule to help with worship, volunteer to do "God's Work Our Hands" at the food pantry on September 10<sup>th</sup>, pray for the beautiful quilts leaving our building to help the lives of those in need and above all, count and give thanks for your abundant blessings as you steward all of God's gifts. God is good all the time!

God's Peace to You,

Pastor Gwen



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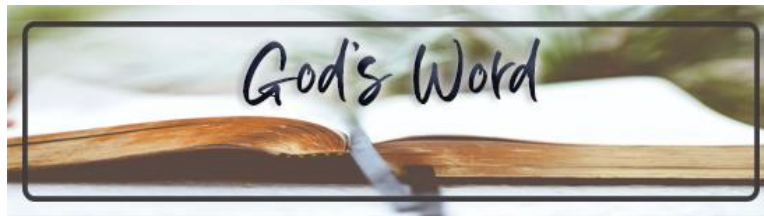


## Pastor Gwen's September Office Hours:

Monday: 1-4PM

Wednesday: 2-5:30PM

- No Office hours on Sept 5th (Labor Day Holiday)
- No office hours on Sept 14th and 19th. Pastor Gwen will be on vacation



## September Bible Readings

### September 4, 2022—13th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Second Lesson Philemon 1-21  
Gospel Lesson Luke 14:25-33

### September 11, 2022—14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10  
Second Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10

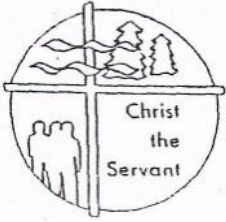
### September 18, 2022—15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113  
Second Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Gospel Lesson Luke 16:1-13

### September 25, 2022—16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146  
Second Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Gospel Lesson Luke 16:19-31

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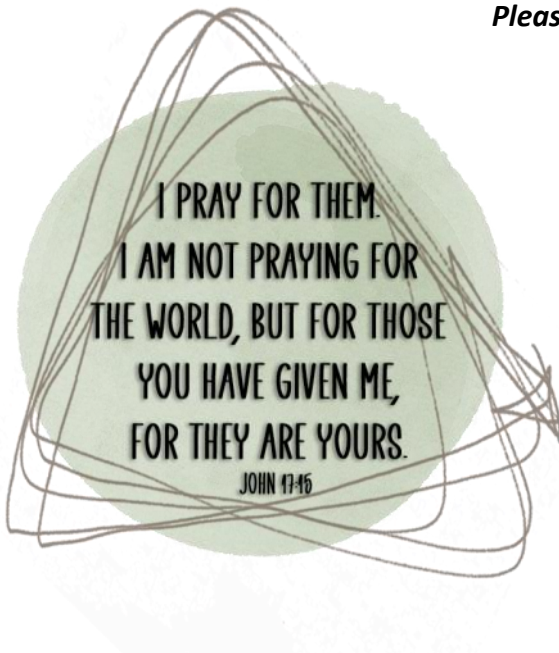
Woman's Group meets every Tuesday  
from 10AM -2PM.



Please see the announcements for  
Men's Group info.



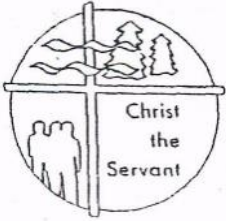
*Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.*



**Health/Concerns:** Shelia, Cyndi, Allen, Angie, Meg, Chuck, Ann W, Connie, and David.

**Military:** Anton, Allesa Marrie, 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, Ukrainian people and those struggling with the Coronavirus.



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## Sunday Monday School

Sunday Monday School will start back in September.

- **Dates:** September 12th and 26th.
- **Time:** 4:15-5:15PM

## Confirmation

No Confirmation for the month of September.

## Start your day talking to God.

Starting the day with prayer is a great idea. David talked about praying in the morning in Psalm 4.

Here are three things to pray for before you go to school.

### 1. Give thanks

- Thank him for your life and all the good things you have.
- Thank God for being able to go to school and learn. Did you know that 60 million children don't have the opportunity to go to school.

### 2. Pray for yourself

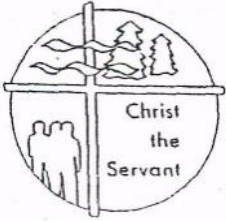
- Ask for help to be a shining light for Him in your school day.
- Ask for strength to do the right thing and live in a way that pleases Him.

### 3. Pray for someone else

- If someone is difficult at school, pray for patience and to be able to love them.
- For those going through a difficult time, pray that they will see God's love in action.

- Concept taken from [fevr.net](http://fevr.net) -

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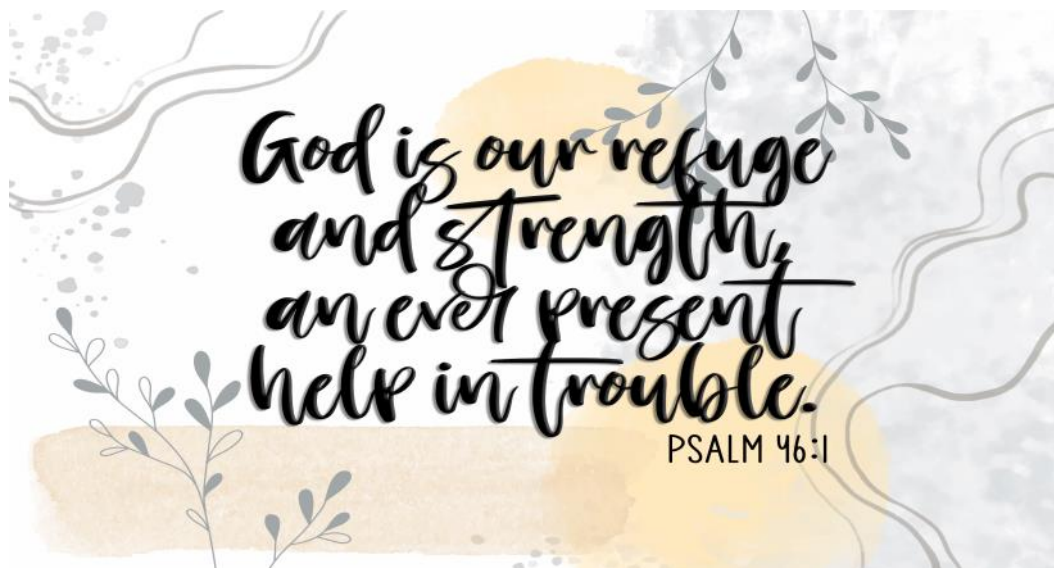
**Bible Study**—Bible study on Sunday mornings will resume on Sept 25th. There are only a few more weeks of Romans and we will then move on to another study topic.

**Men's Group**—We are still looking for a men's group leader. The men's group will remain on hold. Stay tuned for updates. If you are interested in volunteering as the men's group leader, please talk to Pastor.

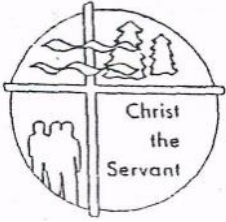
**Opportunities**—Please sign up on the Opportunities sheet hung near the office. We need assisting ministers, ushers, coffee hour people and altar guild each week. If you have not been and would like to be trained for any or all of these service opportunities, please see Pastor Gwen. We need your help to make our worship experience on Sunday mornings meaningful.

**Farmer's Market**—Farmer's market is in our parking lot on Wednesdays from 2-5:30.

**God Work Our Hands** —September 10<sup>th</sup> is our God's Work Our Hands ministry event for 2022. We will be volunteering at the Lord's Cupboard. We need volunteers to work in the food pantry from 8:15 until noon on Saturday September 10, 2022. Please sign up on the board so Pastor Gwen knows how many people will be volunteering.



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## Volunteer Schedule September-October

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
September 4th	Kurt Wolff		Chuck & Barb Schindhelm	Chuck & Barb Schindhelm
September 11th	Beth Melvold			
September 18th	Liz Carpenter		Liz Carpenter	Paul & Nancy Miller
September 25th				
October 2nd				
October 9th				
October 16th				
October 23rd				
October 30th				

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