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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Christ the Servant Friends,

Fall is certainly in the air. And with the cooler temps come other changes as well. The leaves shed their green and turn beautiful colors before falling to the forest floor. Children are back in school, well mostly! Covid 19 is rearing its ugly head again in Park Falls. And our daylight hours are shrinking. All changes some of us look forward to as we count down the days until the end of the year, until winter. This year much like 2020, I am sure that many folks are ready to be done with 2021.

Even though we expect these changes each year, in the fall and many of us do look forward to them, they do not always come easily. We know winter is coming and fall is just a short stepping-stone to that longer, darker season ahead. This year fall is going to be quite remarkable for your pastor. I will be starting treatment for my breast cancer. As I write this it is still unknown as to whether treatment will include radiation, chemotherapy, drug therapy or a combination of the three. At any rate, it will be something I have not done before. So, a big change ahead for this gal.

But change is not always bad. I am telling myself that my treatment whatever it ends up being, will be a good thing and get rid of any trace of cancer in my body. If we must go back to no singing in our sanctuary, it will be different, but a good way to protect one another from the virus. We plow under our plants as the frost lightly covers our gardens, to decompose and enrich the soil. The birds fly south to warmer climates and new feeding grounds. As I think of it, all God's creation is becoming new each and every day. And change is a big part of it. In fact, as much as we like to buck change, our lives are ever changing. The only thing that remains constant is the love of God in Christ Jesus.

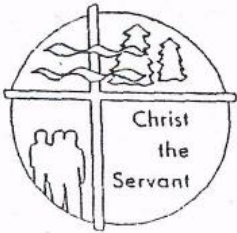
God's creation just works that way. It is ever changing, evolving into new opportunities, new challenges and new experiences. What a wonderful God we have that has given us his only Son to die for us, even as all things around us continue to change. I urge you to see the excitement in God's new creation. Look for the new possibilities to serve your neighbor all while giving thanks to God for his never-changing love.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Gwen



Thank you Pastor Gwen for all you do, not only for the congregation here at Christ the Servant, but also for all that you do in our communities! We appreciate you!

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Look What's Happening



Office Hour for Pastor - October 2021

October 4th	1:00-4:00 pm
October 6th	2:00-5:30 pm
October 11th	1:00-4:00 pm
October 13th	2:00-5:30 pm
October 18th	1:00-4:00 pm
October 20th	2:00-5:00 pm
October 25th	1:00-4:00 pm
October 27th	2:00-5:00 pm

Please note that Pastor's hours could be adjusted depending on treatment going forward.

Choir Practice—Monday

Choir practice is postponed due to Covid 19. Please watch bulletin for further accountments.

Women's Quilting Group—Monday

October 4th	10:30 am
October 11th	10:30 am
October 18th	10:30 am
October 26th	10:30 am

Men's Group—Thursday

October 7th	5:00 pm-6:00 pm
October 14th	5:00 pm-6:00 pm
October 21th	5:00 pm-6:00 pm
October 28th	5:00-pm-6:00 pm

Confirmation—Wednesday

October 6th	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
October 13th	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
October 20th	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
October 27th	4:00 pm-5:00 pm

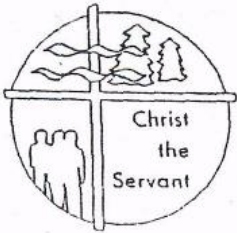
Sunday Monday School

October 11th	4:15 pm –5:15 pm
October 25th	4:15 pm –5:15 pm

Bible Study—Sunday Morning

October 3rd	11:00 am –12:00 pm
October 10th	11:00 am –12:00 pm
October 24th	11:00 am –12:00 pm
October 31st	11:00 am –12:00 pm

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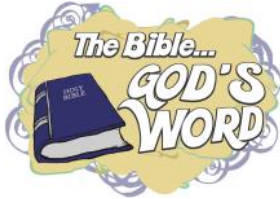
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October Bible Readings

October 3rd —19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Second Lesson Hebrews 1 :1-4, 2 :5-12

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:2-16

October 10th —20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Second Lesson Hebrews 4 :12-16

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:17-31

October 17th – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Second Lesson Hebrews 5 :1-10

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:35-45

October 24th — 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Second Lesson Hebrews 7 :23-28

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:46-52

October 31st — Reformation Day

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Second Lesson Romans 3 :19-28

Gospel Lesson John 8:31-36

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: Tom, Sheila, Joen, Megan, Pete, Cyndi, Pastor Gwen, Bob, Kathy, Scott, and Dina.

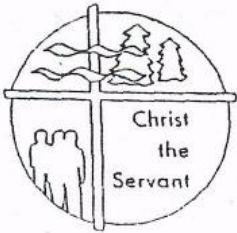
Military - Anton, Allesa Marrie, Amy Smith, and Natalie.

CTS Church Council, Men's Group, WELCA, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, AIDS orphans in Malawi, Hunger and poverty in the world, and those struggling with the Coronavirus.

*In all things
GIVE thanks!*



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We are looking for pictures of functions at Christ the Servant. Barb Lofthus has been putting together our history and has found that we have very few pictures from the last ten years. If you would like to share things like: picnic, VBS, Sunday School, funerals, groups of our people working events outside of our building, USPS food drive, parade floats, Lego day, etc. Please email them to our church ctslutheranpf@gmail.com. Older pictures will also be accepted in printed form.



A few good musicians. We are looking for a few young musicians to share their talents with us during worship this fall. I hope you and/or your child would consider singing or playing some sacred special music during worship. Please see Pastor Gwen.

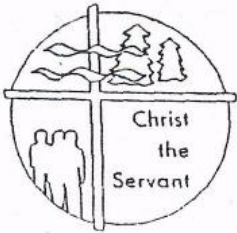
Terry Tarras is leading the Men's Group on Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m. He has some special things planned for this fall so I hope that all the men of the congregation will come and join in.



Our Health Safety Team will continue to assess our response to COVID-19. We will post signs on the door if we should make the decision to close the church or if we have to go back to requiring masks. Also, please note that our worship may also be adjusted for the safety of all present. And in the mean time please feel free to use the masks, hand sanitizer provided on the front table and remember social distancing.

New Member Class Oct 12, 6:00 p.m.—If you are interested in membership at Christ the Servant, this is a great way to find out who we are, what we believe as Lutherans and how you can be a part of our wonderful congregation. You are welcome to visit with Pastor Gwen anytime, but this meeting will give you a head start on joining our church. Please sign up on the volunteer board next to the office. You are also welcome to come if you plan to transfer from another congregation. We will talk about the opportunities for ministry we offer that might be of interest to you. A special new member Sunday will follow this meeting within a few weeks so we can celebrate your decision to be a part of our great little church.

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WELCA News – October 2021

The changing seasons is one of the reasons I love living in the Northwoods, and I hope you are able to get outdoors and enjoy our beautiful surroundings as summertime moves into a colorful fall. Wednesdays offer a perfect opportunity to be outside and purchase some delicious local produce at the Farmers' Market or maybe the perfect pumpkin to grace your front door.

The quilts and kits for 2021 were shipped on September 21st. The final tally for the year included 78 quilts (76 shipped and two kept locally), 20 school kits, 20 layettes and 43 personal care kits. Thank you to all who had a part in this important ministry!

Fourteen WELCA members met September 13 and decided to hold the Holiday Market with a few changes. The date is set for Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thank you to all who have volunteered to make this event happen!

An exciting addition to the Market this year is a raffle of three items. Patty and Rick Knudson donated two fun and colorful metalwork wall plaques, one a Green Bay helmet and the other a Bucky Badger. The third item is one of our quilts. Tickets will be available to purchase, and we are planning to have the items displayed at Sweet Brew and to sell tickets at several local businesses.

We will be taking ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY for cranberry pecan and cheddar cheese balls and soups. Soups this year will be Mama's Beer Chili, Chicken Corn Chowder, and Greek Lemon Chicken sold in pint or quart containers. Sign up sheets will be posted soon, or you can contact Liz Carpenter or Barb Schindhelm to place your order.

If you are a crafter, please let us know what you can contribute to this fun outreach to our community. Stay tuned for Sunday morning announcements or the bulletin for ways you can join in the preparations.

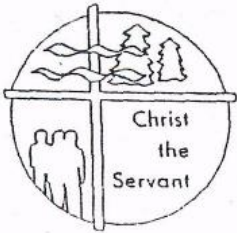
Thank you again for your contributions to the WELCA ministry; the funds from the Market are used to purchase supplies for the Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits and have far reaching effects around the world.

Blessings to all,

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Worship Volunteer Schedule October –December 2021

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Greeter/Usher
October 3rd			Fred & Carol Matson	Fred & Carol Matson
October 10th			Deb Hyde	Mary Rusch & David Shaw
October 17th	Mary Rusch		Paul & Nancy Miller	Fred & Carol Matson
October 24th				
October 31st			Mary Rusch & David Shaw	Mary Rusch & David Shaw
November 7th				
November 14th				
November 21st				
November 28th				
December 5th				
December 12th				
December 19th				
December 24th Christmas Eve			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
December 26th				

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