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Dear Christ the Servant Family,

Autumn is right around the corner. And like many of you, I am ready to move on to 2021. Between Covid-19, racial unrest and a contentious election on the horizon, it has been quite a year. And when we think of September, we think of getting back in the usual rhythm of life with the children going back to school, vacations being over and life returning to normal. But somehow it seems that nothing will be normal again. Virtual learning verses classroom instruction, staying home or going out with your mask on and wondering what Christmas will look like: parties, shopping or even singing in church. Sound like anything but normal.

Let us think for a minute how Jesus would handle the remainder of 2020. In our shoes, what would Jesus do? Would He run and hide or throw the blanket over His head and go back to bed? I doubt it. Jesus took on the problems of the world. And we need to learn by example how to cope. So for us to get through all that 2020 has given us, we need to look to Jesus and understand what He is telling us in His teachings, in His parables.

September's lectionary is filled with great teaching from Jesus. September 6th is all about restoring relationships. This is a great message as we are living in a quite divisive time both racially and politically. On September 13th we learn of judgment and forgiveness. Another great lesson, as we see people judging others for their beliefs and hate raging on. Unfair grumbling by workers is at the center of the lesson on Sept 20th. This is a good reminder that life is not always fair but God will shower us with His blessings no matter what our circumstances. And for the last Sunday of the month; we learn that actions speak louder than words. Could this mean that we all need to practice social distancing, wear masks, vote and quite whining? Sounds to me, like some good lessons to remember in these difficult and challenging times.

Our God is an awesome God who loves His children more than we can ever understand. He wants us to have abundant, productive lives here on earth as well as eternal life with Him in heaven. And to that end, Jesus taught with parables and His teachings are still relevant today. They guide our actions and thoughts so we can show the love of God to all and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

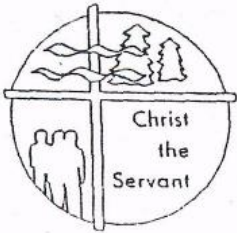
So I hope that you will join us in person for worship at Christ the Servant. If you are unable to attend, you can still find my messages on our church Facebook page or in print on our website at www.ctslutheran.net. And may God be with us all as we live out 2020.



Peace,

Pastor Gwen

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Office Hours for Pastor - August 2020

September 2nd	2:00-5:00 pm
September 7th	Labor Day—No Office Hours
September 9th	2:00-5:00 pm
September 14th	Vacation—No office hours
September 16th	Vacation—No office hours
September 21st	1:00-4:00 pm
September 23rd	2:00-5:00 pm
September 28th	1:00-4:00 pm
September 30th	2:00-5:00 pm

Men's Group—Thursday

Men's Group will resume in October.

Bible Study Sunday following Worship

September 6th
September 27th

Women's Quilting Group—Monday

September 14th—WELCA Meeting at 1:00 pm. All women are encouraged to attend.

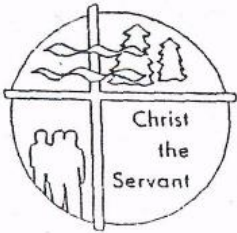
Quilting—To be determined

Confirmation

September 22nd 3:00-4:00 pm
September 29th 3:00-4:00 pm



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September Bible Readings

September 6, 2020 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13, 2020 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20, 2020 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 2:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:17-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27, 2020

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 29:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



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

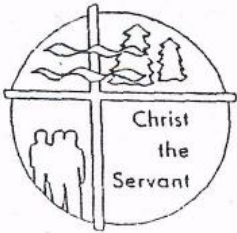
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Nancy, Tom, Jim, Keisha, Darlene, Dina, Liam, Davis, Rodney, Ken, Shirley, Burt, and Kris.

Military - Anton, Claire, Allesa Marrie 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.

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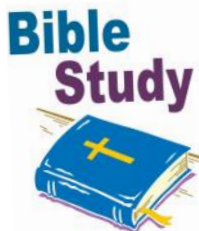
Farmer's Market is held in the church parking lot on Wednesday from 2:00 pm—5:15 pm. The doors to the church will be kept locked to the public. An end date for the Farmer's Market has yet to be determined but it should be sometime in early October!



Our volunteer schedule for the last quarter of the year (Oct –Dec) is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please take a minute and sign up when you are able to help out. If you have questions please see Pastor Gwen. Thank you to Lori Becker for setting up the schedule in the past. We hope that this new approach will be as successful organizing our ushers, altar guild and assisting ministers.

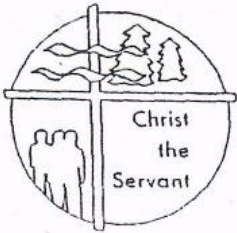
There will be a very important meeting of WELCA on Monday the 14th at 1:00 pm. The women will be deciding on a date of the week for quilting in the future, scheduling people to help with packing and delivering quilts and also to determine the future of the Holiday Market. If you have an opinion on holding the Market this year and cannot make the meeting please get your comments to Lori Becker or Barb Schindhelm.

Men's group will be back to meeting on Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in October. They are off for all of September. All men are welcome to join when they reconvene. You can call Mike Roberts or Terry Tarras for more information.



Bible study continues on Sunday mornings after worship. Since there is no organized coffee hour, we can start shortly after worship ends. We will continue with the DVD series from Tim Wengert. It is a wonderful study of the tenants of our faith as Lutherans. Hopefully we will begin out new study of Unshakable Hope in October.

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Due to the mandate by our Governor, masks are required when in our building. Social distancing of 6 feet should also be observed as well. Masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are available throughout the building.

God's Work Our Hands is an effort by the ELCA to get congregations involved in the ministry of the church. The Sunday that is designated this year is September 13th. Our church council decided that we would use the day to clean up in and outside of our building. There is a list of things that need to be done on the bulletin board near the office. If you cannot make it to work after worship on the 13th feel free to come in another time to work on these projects. And if you see something that needs attention, please bring it to the attention of Pastor Gwen or see if you can take care of it by yourself.

September worship



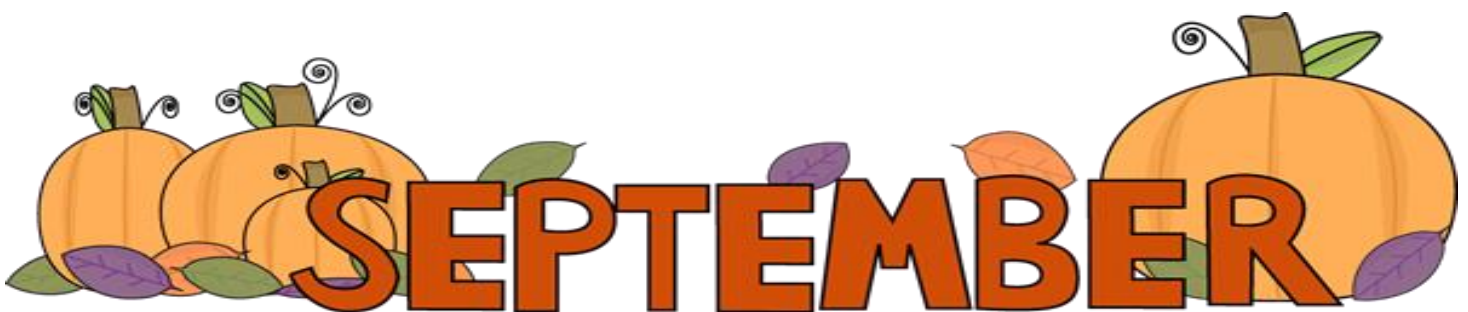
Sept 6- Deb Hyde will bring us music that we might be able to sing along with through our masks!

Sept 13-We welcome back Chaplain Jill to lead worship for us as Pastor is on vacation.

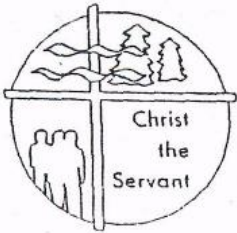
Sept 20-Kris Rankin will be here after a 6 month absence. Welcome back Kris. Also, we will be blessing the quilts during worship in preparation of sending them off to Lutheran World Relief

Sept 27-Deanna Masephol will be playing for us. Always good to have her here from her home in Loyal WI.

Sunday school will be starting sometime in September, but as of this printing we have not found a time for all students to meet. Their school schedule has complicated things. Confirmation this year will be on Tuesday at 3:00pm beginning on September 22nd.



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CTS Worship Volunteers September 2020

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Greeter/Usher
September 6th	Pat Brosier	Need volunteer	Ann Wojcieszak Friend of Ann Wojcieszak
September 13th	Chuck Schindhelm	Ann Wojcieszak	RB Melvold Beth Melvold
September 20th	Terry Tarras	Patty Tarras	Patty Tarras Terry Tarras
September 27th	Mary Rusch	Margaret McCulloch	RB Melvold Beth Melvold

“The hope that God has provided for you is not merely a wish. Neither is it dependent on other people, possessions, or circumstances for its validity.

Instead, biblical hope is an application of your faith that supplies a confident expectation in God's fulfillment of His promises. Coupled with faith and love, hope is part of the abiding characteristics in a believer's life.”

- John C. Broger

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