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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and said, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And even this was a small thing in your sight, O God; you have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come. You regard me as someone of high rank, O Lord God! 1 Chronicles 17:16-17*

This Scripture text is part of the conversation King David has with God in prayer, about the covenant that God promised him. It is believed that this is the Biblical inspiration for the world's best-known hymn "Amazing Grace". It is estimated that it is sung more than 10 million times annually. Written in 1779 by John Newton with the music we sing today written in 1835 by American Composer William Walker, it is a beloved song for all Christians. "Amazing Grace" became popular in the U.S. in Baptist and Methodist churches as an evangelizing tool in the south. "Amazing Grace" certainly embraces our Lutheran theology.

The author, John Newton grew up with no particular religious conviction. He was in the Royal Navy and after his service, he worked in the Atlantic Slave Trade. During a violent storm one night, he cried out to God to save him, and God's amazing grace took hold, and he experienced a spiritual conversion. Leaving the slave trade, he began studying Christian theology and soon became a spokesperson for abolition. So, the words of his song were deep in his heart through personal experience of God's grace. "I once was lost, but now am found." God did an amazing thing in Newton's life, and He will do it in yours as well.

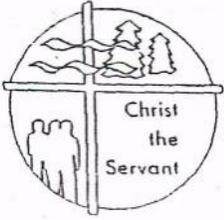
During Lent, which begins Feb 22 with Ash Wednesday, we will be looking at Biblical characters that too have experienced God's grace. The culmination of God's amazing grace is found in the death and resurrection of His only Son, Jesus. And as we celebrate that great gift on Easter morning, we remember what God has done for us, His Amazing Grace.

I hope you will come and join us on this Sunday Lenten journey of "Amazing Grace". Hear the stories of how God is working in the lives of others and let the Holy Spirit lead you to your own experience of God's amazing grace.

God's Blessings to you,  
Pastor Gwen

AMAZING  
grace

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## For God

So loved the world  
that He gave His

only

Begotten

Son

that whosoever

believeth

in Him shall  
have everlasting

John 3:16

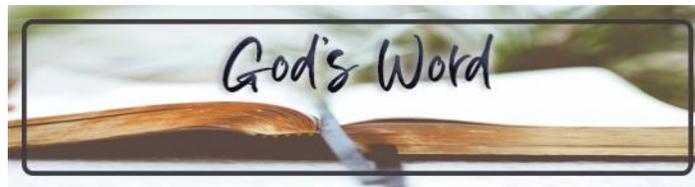
life.



### Pastor Gwen's February Office Hours:

Monday 1-4PM

Wednesday 2-5:00PM



## February Bible Readings

### February 5, 2023 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson	Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 112: 1-9	
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:13-20

### February 12, 2023 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8	
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:21-37

### February 19, 2023 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson	Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2	
Second Lesson	2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel Reading	Matthew 17:1-9

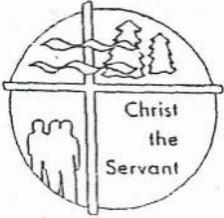
### February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday

First Lesson	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-18	
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Gospel Reading:	Luke 15:8-10

### February 26, 2023 –

First Lesson	Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Lesson	Romans 10:14-17
Gospel Reading	Matthew 9:35-38

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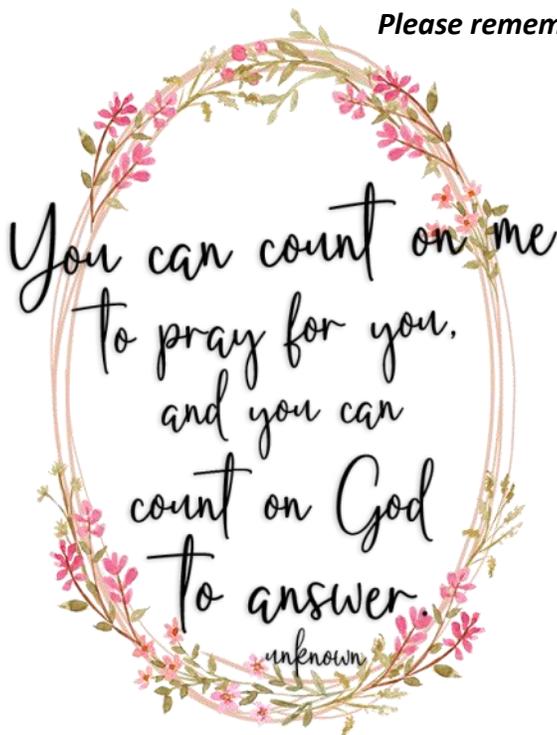
Woman's Group meets every Tuesday  
from 10AM -2PM.



Men's Group will meet  
Saturday, February 11th at 8AM.



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

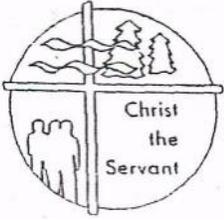


**Health/Concerns:** Denise, Liz, Craig, Dave, Mike, Jim K. Joyce, Marty, Jim, Mary, Olivia, Tia and Susan.

**Military:** Anton, Allea 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  
Feb 6 and Feb 20  
4:15-5:15PM

Confirmation  
Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15  
and Feb 22  
4-5PM

LOVE  
YOU  
John 13:34-35

TRUE  
LOVE  
John 3:16

Sweet  
Talk  
Proverbs 16:24

SMILE  
Philippians 4:4

God's Conversation  
Hearts to You!

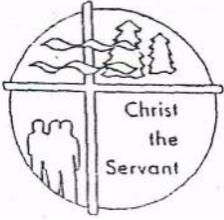
Live  
in  
Love  
1 Cor. 13:4-7

YOU  
SHINE  
Matthew 5:16

LOVE  
ME  
Luke 10:27

All  
Mine  
John 10:27-30

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**Opportunities:** Share your talents by being an assisting ministers, ushers, coffee hour people or altar guild each week. For those interested and not yet trained, please see Pastor Gwen. Generously give of yourself, and find yourself not only blessed on Sunday mornings, you will be creating a meaningful service for all.

**Musician Needed:** Know anyone that plays the piano and would be interested in playing at service on a Sunday? Please let Pastor Gwen know and she will reach out to them.

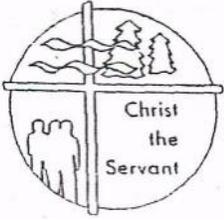
**Men's Group:** Men's group will be meeting over coffee and pastry on February 11th at 8:00 AM. The topic of study will be the Book of James. See Pastor or Scott Carpenter for a study guide. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

**Bible Study:** 'The Parables of Jesus' Bible study will be held after coffee hour on Feb 5 and 12. Starting on February 26, we will begin a special Lenten study that will look at people of the Bible and how they showed grace under pressure. King David, Isaiah, The Prodigal Son, The Blind Man, The Penitent Thief and Mary Magdalene will be our key people for this study. It is a compliment to the "Amazing Grace" theme we will be using for our Sunday worship.



**Ash Wednesday and Lent:** Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023. Please join us at 6:30 pm to start your "Amazing Grace" look at Lent. Through the words of the beloved song, to our lives today as Christ's disciples, we see His love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection. This series has a twist on the sermon where it will be a dialogue sermon for two readers. I think you will enjoy this special look at God's "Amazing Grace".

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## Volunteer Schedule February & March 2023

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
February 5th	Barb Schindhelm	Jann Clark	David Shaw Mary Rusch	
February 12th	Kurt Wolff		Kurt & Sarah Wolff	
February 19th	Mary Rusch		Paul & Nancy Miller	Paul & Nancy Miller
February 22nd Ash Wednesday				
February 25th				
March 1st Lenten Service				
March 5th				
March 8th– Lenten Service	At First Congregational Church-UCC			
March 12th				
March 15th Lenten Service				
March 19th				
March 22nd Lenten Service				
March 26th				
March 29th Lenten Service	At First Congregational Church-UCC			

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