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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I don't know about you, but I am welcoming in 2022. The past year was a very difficult one for me personally and I believe the world at large struggled as well. Covid-19 and the variants continue to rear their ugly heads. Inflation is rampant as we experience higher prices at the pumps and in our grocery store where shelves are often empty. Worries of climate change were evident as our country experienced tornadoes in December, devastating hurricanes, an overwhelming number of forest fires, blizzards and more. Businesses are struggling to find an adequate work force to serve us. And our human side asks why is God letting these things happen.

Well, I am here to tell you that God does not let these things happen. They just happen. Since the advent of sin in our world, the perfection God set in place has been disrupted. However, just as God went with Adam and Eve when he banished them from the garden of Eden, He walks with us through all our troubles in this life. And His presence in 2021 was evident.

Our God walked with us through all the ups and downs of last year and He will continue to do so until He comes again in person to judge the living and the dead. As these words of the Apostles' Creed reassure us that God has not left the planet unattended. The Holy Spirit walks with us each day. We need to acknowledge His presence and come to see Him working in and through us and those around us. I saw it for myself in the care this congregation showed me during my cancer scare.

God is good all the time, even in the perils of 2021. And knowing that, we can find joy in looking forward to 2022 to see what He has in store for us as He makes each day new. So come and celebrate our abundant life on Sunday mornings at Christ the Servant. Hear the words of comfort and promise. "Joy to the World"

the Lord has come! And folks, He is

here to stay.

God's Blessings to You,



~Christians Serving God By Serving Others~



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Pastor's Office Hours

January 3rd	1:00-4:00 pm
January 5th	2:00-5:00 pm
January 10th	1:00-4:00 pm
January 12th	2:00-5:00 pm
January 17th	1:00-4:00 pm
January 19th	2:00-5:00 pm
January 24th	1:00-4:00 pm
January 26th	2:00-5:00 pm
January 31st	1:00-4:00 pm

Men's Group—Thursday

January 6th	5:00 pm-6:00 pm
January 13th	5:00 pm-6:00 pm
January 20th	5:00 pm-6:00 pm
January 27th	5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Sunday Monday School

January 10th 4:15 pm -5:15 pm January 24th 4:15 pm -5:15 pm

Annual Meeting

January 23rd 10:30 am following Worship

Women's Group—Tuesday

January 4th 10:00 am-2:00 pm January 11th 10:00 am-2:00 pm January 18th 10:00 am-2:00 pm January 25th 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Confirmation—Wednesday

January 5th4:00 pm-5:00 pmJanuary 12th4:00 pm-5:00 pmJanuary 19th4:00 pm-5:00 pmJanuary 26th4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Bible Study—Sunday Morning

January 2nd 11:00 am -12:00 pm January 9th 11:00 am -12:00 pm January 30th 11:00 am -12:00 pm



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January Bible Readings

January 2, 2022—2nd Sunday of Christmas

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14 Gospel Lesson John 1:1-18

January 9, 2022—Baptism of Our Lord

First Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Second Lesson Acts 8:14-17
Gospel Lesson Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16th—2nd Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson Isaiah 61:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel Lesson John 2:1-11

January 23rd—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Gospel Lesson Luke 4;14-21

January 30th—4th Sunday after Epiphany

First Lessons Jeremiah 1:1-10
Psalm 71:1-8
Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Gospel Lesson Luke 4;20-30



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: Sheila, Pete, Tim, Cyndi, Bob, Kathy, Chip, Fred, Vicky, Dina, Jessica, Betsy, Harold, Joanna, Adrianna, and Bernice.

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.





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- 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 as always please feel free to use the masks, hand sanitizer provided on the front
 table and remember social distancing.
- Bible study continues on Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Please come and join us on Jan 2nd as we begin our study on the book of Romans. There is a workbook, so see Pastor Gwen to get one. The cost is \$5.
- The men's group is looking for a new leader. Terry Tarras is down south for the winter and we are not sure he will be returning. If you have any interest in this opportunity please see Pastor Gwen.
- Since our winters are so difficult to predict, we are starting a new way to find out if worship at Christ The Servant is canceled. For Sunday worship there will be a decision made before 7:30 am as to whether we will be open or not. You can check our Facebook page or our website for cancelations. If you do not have access to the internet please call the church as Pastor Gwen will put a recording on the voice mail with the cancelation notice. And as always you are free to call pastor on her cell phone or at home with questions. For the confirmation and Sunday Monday school students, we will cancel if the school cancels that day or has early release due to weather. All other activities(WELCA and men's group) that would be canceled will be done by the leader, so watch for emails and/or phone calls.
- 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.



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