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“There comes a day each September when you wake up and know the summer is over and fall has arrived,” said the writer Ann Rinaldi. The ineffable change is immediately recognizable. The natural world that reached upward toward the warming sunlight of spring is now quieting down, preparing to store its energy reserves the summer brought. The turn toward autumn is the chance to slow down, to shore up what you’ve been able to enjoy this summer and know that this quieter time of year is building toward a fresh, new spring on the other side.

Autumn, in all of its glory, is the perfect time to sit and engage in the spiritual practice of being still. Embrace the calm and quiet peace of His presence. Immerse yourself in His Word.

The natural course of the seasons can mirror the movements within our spiritual lives. At any point, we may find ourselves in an autumnal season as we walk with the Lord. We come to autumn at any age. Autumn is a time of transition—green turning to gold, brown and blonde fading to gray. Autumn is the season for reaping. The fields are high. Our work is yielding its fruit. The grain is ripe for the harvest. We have become good at our jobs and built careers. Our families are growing or grown. We ourselves are ripening to wisdom.

Autumn teaches us that there is beauty at every age and stage of life. A leaf is beautiful in the spring. It also is beautiful in the fall when it turns brown, gold or red. Each human being is beautiful at every stage, age, condition, or functioning level of life.

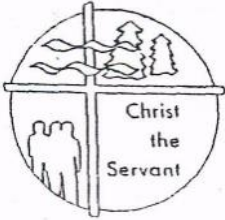
We also learn that change is inevitable. Nature changes with the seasons. The natural process of life includes change. Change is the only constant in nature. We are conceived and born. We grow up and then, as God wills, we grow old. As we change, the world around us changes too. Change can cause us discomfort as it brings pain or loss into our lives, and it can also help keep life fresh and beautiful.

It’s been said that autumn shows us just how beautiful change and letting go can be. What are you holding onto that no longer benefits you? Are you struggling with forgiveness, or troubled by guilt? Are you worried about something you have no control over? Are you in an autumn stage of your spiritual life? We must also look to our unchanging God to sustain, strengthen, guide and comfort us in the midst of change.

As the changes continue to happen...the leaves falling to the ground, the days getting shorter, the stillness settling in, may we find the calm and quiet an opportunity to let go of the things that keeps us from our Father.



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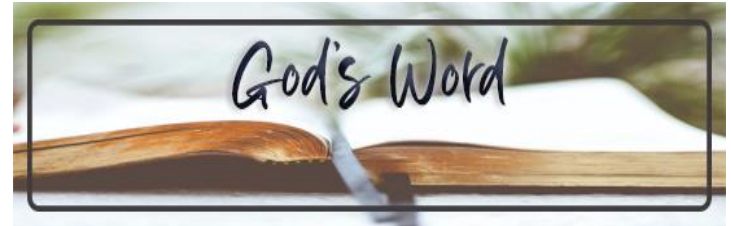
Monday 1-4PM

Wednesday 2-5:30PM

No Office Hours on October 23rd and 25th.
Pastor will be on vacation

Autumn Prayer

O GOD OF CREATION, YOU HAVE BLESSED US WITH THE CHANGING OF THE SEASONS. AS WE EMBRACE THESE AUTUMN MONTHS, MAY THE EARLIER SETTING OF THE SUN REMIND US TO REST. MAY THE CRUNCH OF THE LEAVES BENEATH OUR FEET REMIND US OF THE BREVITY OF THIS EARTHLY LIFE. MAY THE STEAM OF OUR BREATH IN THE COOL AIR REMIND US THAT IT IS YOU WHO GIVES US YOUR BREATH OF LIFE. MAY THE SCURRYING OF THE SQUIRRELS AND THE MIGRATION OF THE BIRDS REMIND US THAT YOU CALL US TO FOLLOW YOUR WILL. WE PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.



October Bible Readings

October 1, 2023 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Ezekiel 18:1-74, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9	
Second Lesson	Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel	Matthew 21:23-32

October 8, 2023 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15	
Second Lesson	Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-46

October 15, 2023 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

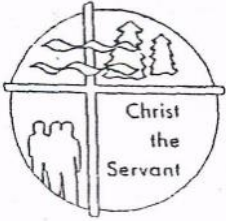
First Lesson	Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23	
Second Lesson	Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14

October 22, 2023 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-13	
Second Lesson	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-22

October 29, 2023 – Reformation Sunday

First Lesson	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46	
Second Lesson	Romans 3:19-28
Gospel	John 8:31-36



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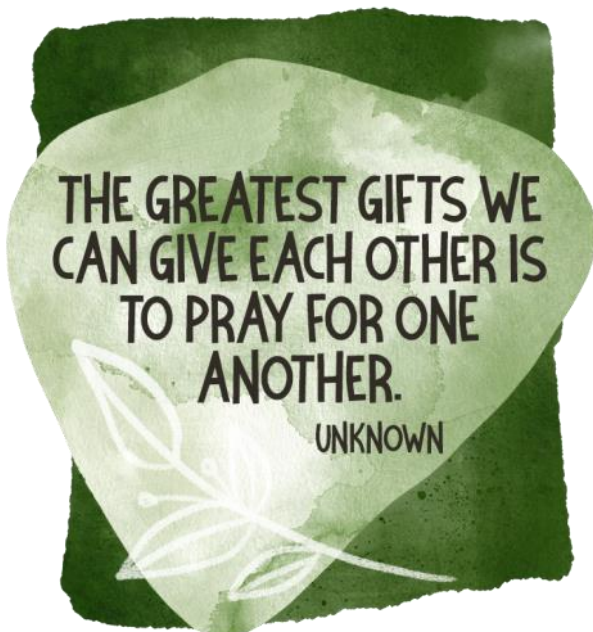
Woman's Group meets every Tuesday
from 10AM -2PM.



Men's Group will meet
Saturday, October 7th at 8AM.



Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

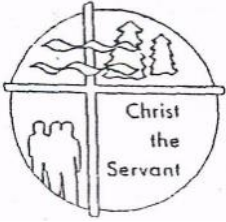


Health/Concerns: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Allen, Ruth, Tim, Susan, Chuck E, Liam, Lucille, Jeff, Joyce, and Jim.

Military: Anton, 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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God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)



He washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)



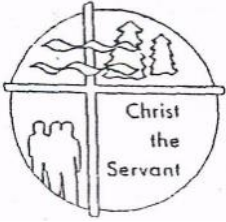
He opens you up and scoops out all the bad stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. (Romans 6:6)



Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)





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Bible Study: Sunday Bible study continues during October and November. “The Four Acts of Prayer” by Walter Wangerin Jr. Wangerin is a wonderful author who uses stories to explain the four vital elements of Prayer: We Speak, God Listens, God Speaks, We Listen. No homework, just come and enjoy the discussion about this important way we have relationship with Our Creator.

Men’s Group: Men’s group will be meeting on October 7th and November 4th at 8:00 AM. See Pastor or Scott Carpenter for a study guide. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

Farmer’s Market: Farmer’s market is in our parking lot every Wednesdays from 2:00-5:30 p.m. The last day will most likely be October 25th.

Lord’s Cupboard: The Lord’s Cupboard is looking for a few good men and women that would like to work on Saturday mornings from 8:45AM to Noon once a month. The only requirement is that you must be able to lift a box that weights 28-30 pounds. Talk to Pastor Gwen for more details.

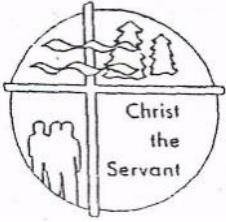
Lord’s Cupboard Radio-A-Thon: Friday, October 27th, from 6AM to 6PM will be the Radio-A-Thon for the Lord’s Cupboard. Support by purchasing gift certificates and merchandise for sale from around the Park Falls Area or by giving a donation. Call in or stop by to make a purchase to support the pantry.

Musician: We are looking for a piano or organ player for Sunday mornings beginning in November. If you know someone who would like to share their talents with us, please have them call Pastor Gwen.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace: The first bed build date is set for October 4th. These beds will be gifted to youths in our community that do not have a bed of their own. If you want to get involved, please see R. B. You do not need to be a member of our church to join, help out or donate. Donations help them provide these beds. Checks can be made out to SHP– Park Falls and be given to Beth Melvold.

Consecration Sunday: Sunday, October 29th will be Consecration Sunday where we will lift up our pledges to God for the coming year. A letter will be mailed in early October with a pledge card. Please prayerfully consider your gift to Christ the Servant for 2024. Your generosity will fund all the wonderful ministries we have here at CTS. If you are not able to be at worship that morning, please drop off or mail your pledges prior to that date so they can be laid on the altar for a blessing on the 29th. We will be having a pot luck brunch after worship that day. Since it is Reformation Sunday we are asking that you bring a dish to pass that is either German or “Red.”

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Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
October 1st	Kurt Wolff			Sarah Wolff
October 8th			Susie Peterson	
October 15th	Jann Clark		R.B. & Beth Melvold	R.B. & Beth Melvold
October 22nd Pastor Vacation				
October 29th			Pot Luck Brunch German or "Red" Food	
November 5th				
November 12th				
November 19th Pastor Vacation				
November 26th				

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