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Dear Fellow Christ Followers,

November is upon us with ferocity here in the North Woods of Wisconsin. Whether we like it or not, the weather has made a dramatic change toward the snow and cold of winter. Our gardens are put to bed, leaves raked and hatches battened down. In our lectionary reading for November we have themes that focus on the end as well. We hear of the end of the church, the end times and the end of our earthly lives. But for us Christians, that does not send us into despair. We see through our eyes of faith, the solid ground on which hope is built, Jesus Christ.

Our first Sunday we celebrate All Saints Day where we lift up all the baptized people of God and remember those who have died in the past year from our congregation. We light candles to commemorate those Saints that have played a part in our spiritual growth. Week two reminds us of the glorious promised coming of the Lord. And week three tells us that we must be ready for Christ's return. Jesus urges us to use our talents for the common good, while we still have time. As we continue to gather around the signs of hope in word, water, bread and wine we welcome the good news of Jesus coming among us.

Our church year ends on November 22 with Christ the King Sunday and we will read Scripture texts that show Christ's victory over death as we await the consummation of all things yet to come. We, as the earthly saints, are called to go forth so that the reign of Jesus may be evident in our loving words and deeds. And to celebrate all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus, we will gather at Christ the Servant to give thanks on Wednesday November 25th, Thanksgiving Eve at 6:30 p.m.

And then Advent begins on November 29th where we will be using a special series for the four weeks to help us prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth. It is titled "Prepare Ye", and we hope to do just that by using these 4 "P's"; Ponder, Pray, Praise, and Proclaim. You will be hearing more about "Prepare Ye" as we get closer to our new church year.

I hope that you will come and join us at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church to learn, to worship and to celebrate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ!

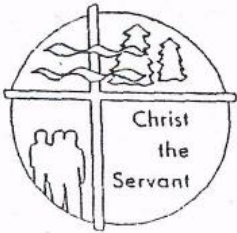
Peace,

Pastor Gwen

P.S. And if you cannot be with us in person please check out my messages on our CTS Facebook page or you can also find a printed copy on our website, ctslutheran.net.



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Office Hours for Pastor - November 2020

November 3rd	2:00-5:00 pm
November 5th	9:00-12:00 pm
November 10th	2:00-5:00 pm
November 12th	9:00-12:00 pm
November 17th	Off
November 19th	Off
November 24th	2:00-5:00 pm
November 26th	No Office Hours

Please note the change in Pastor Gwen's hours from Monday and Wednesday to Tuesday and Thursday!

Men's Group—Thursday

November 5th	5:00-6:00 pm
November 12th	5:00-6:00 pm
November 19th	5:00-6:00 pm
November 26th	No Men's Group

Women's Quilting Group—Thursday

November 5th	9:30—2:30 pm
November 12th	9:30—2:30 pm
November 19th	9:30—2:30 pm
November 26th	No Quilting

Bible Study

Sunday following Worship

- November 1st
- November 8th
- November 22nd
- November 29th

Sunday Tuesday School

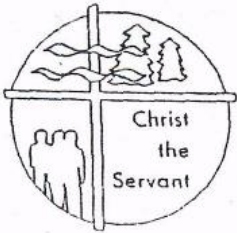
November 10th	4:00—5:00 pm
November 24th	4:00—5:00 pm

Confirmation

November 3rd	2:30-3:30 pm
November 10th	2:30-3:30 pm
November 17th	2:30-3:30 pm
November 24th	2:30-3:30 pm



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November Bible Readings

November 1, 2020 All Saints Day

Revelations 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10,22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 8, 2020 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15th, 2020 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8,12
1 Thessalonians 4:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22, 2020 Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 97:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 29th, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent

Joshua 1:7-9
Colossians 3:15-17
Luke 1:26-38

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.

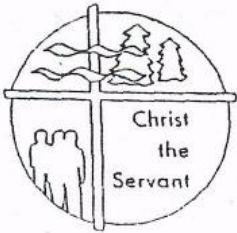
Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Tom, Liam, Davis, Pete, Burt, Mary, Norma Jean, and family of Ron Mazier.

Military - Anton, 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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Men's group meets on Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. All men are welcome to join in. You can call Mike Roberts or Terry Tarras for more information.



MEN'S GROUP

Bible study. 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 study of the tenants of our faith as Lutherans. Starting November 29th we will begin a Bible study that will compliment our Advent series "Prepare Ye". There is no homework or study guide needed. Come and join us.

Due to the mandate by our Governor and at the CDC's recommendation, 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. Also, if you are feeling sick or have been in contact with someone that has the coronavirus, please stay home and call Pastor Gwen.

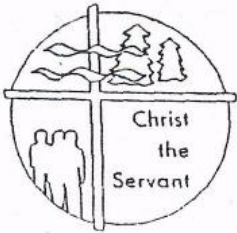


Thanksgiving Eve, November 25th at 6:30 p.m. we will gather at Christ the Servant to give thanks to our God for all the tremendous blessings He showers on us each day. This short service will provide an opportunity to donate to the Lord's Cupboard by bringing grocery items to the altar prior to worship. We will also join together at the Lord's Table for Holy Communion. Come and join us in giving thanks.

Something New- Pastor Gwen will be hosting an open sanctuary time twice during the month. November 4th from 4-6 p.m. and November 16th from Noon -2p.m. the sanctuary will be open for private prayer during that time. Pastor will be available to serve Holy Communion if requested. Private Holy Communion can also be requested for other times by making an appointment with Pastor Gwen.



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Count

Count your blessings instead of your crosses

Count your gains instead of your losses

Count your joys instead of your woes

Count your friends instead of your foes

Count your smiles instead of your tears

Count your courage instead of your fears

Count your full years instead of your lean

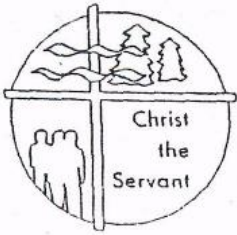
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean

Count your health instead of your wealth

Count on God instead of yourself

Your Blessings

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Worship Volunteer Schedule November—December 2020

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Greeter/Usher
November 1st	Mary Rusch	Margaret McCulloch	Chuck & Barb Schindhelm
November 8th	Terry Tarras	Pat Brosier	Paul & Nancy Miller
November 15th	Chuck Schindhelm	Jill Nelson	Mary Rusch & Dave Shaw
November 22nd	Mary Rusch		R.B. & Beth Melvold
November 25th Thanksgiving Eve		Margaret McCulloch	Margaret McCulloch & Friend
November 29th	Terry Tarras	Patty Tarras	Paul & Nancy Miller
December 6th	Barb Schindhelm	Jill Nelson	Mary Rusch & Dave Shaw
December 13th	Pat Brosier	Margaret McCulloch	R.B. & Beth Melvold
December 20th	Mary Rusch		Chuck & Barb Schindhelm
December 24th Christmas Eve			Paul & Nancy Miller
December 27th			



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