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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our church year begins to wind down, the lectionary texts for October remind us of Jesus' way of teaching in parables. The first Sunday in October brings us the parable of the Wicked Tenants. As the religious leaders plot Jesus' death, they do not realize that ironically they will bring about the fulfillment of Scriptures. The second week we read the parable of the Wedding Banquet where Jesus reminds us that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all people. Week three sees the Pharisees trying to trap Jesus by asking questions about paying taxes. And the last week of the month we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with readings from Jeremiah 31, Psalm 46, Romans 3 and the Gospel of John.

This celebration of the Reformation that was led by Martin Luther is one of my favorite Sundays in the church year. Not only do I get to wear my beautiful red stole given to me at my ordination by my children, but we get to celebrate who we are as Christians. We celebrate the good news of God's ever-faithful grace. We are reminded that we are set free each day to do God's work in the world; to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves.

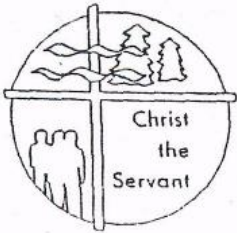
So as we remember Martin Luther and his resolve to speak up for what he believed Scripture was saying, we should take note. Read the Bible, study Scripture, pray and let God's Word speak to you. God loves us and put us here on the earth to love Him and each other. As Jesus said in John's Gospel, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." *John 8:32* Dear Fellow Lutheran Christians, knowing and believing the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior will set you free to be His hands and feet in the world today.

Come join us in October to hear Scripture revealing God's grace, so you may come to know that you are saved by God's grace through faith in the one true Lord Jesus.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Gwen



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Office Hours for Pastor - October 2020

October 5th	1:00-4:00 pm
October 7th	2:00-5:00 pm
October 12th	1:00-4:00 pm
October 14th	2:00-5:00 pm
October 20th	No Office Hours
October 22nd	No Office Hours
October 27th	2:00-5:00 pm
October 29th	9:00-12:00 pm

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

Men's Group—Thursday

October 15th	5:00-6:00 pm
October 22nd	5:00-6:00 pm
October 29th	5:00-6:00 pm

Women's Quilting Group—Monday

October 7th	1:00-4:00 pm
October 14th	1:00-4:00 pm
October 22nd	9:30-2:30 pm
October 29nd	9:30-2:30 pm

Bible Study

Sunday following Worship

October 4th
October 11th
October 25th

Sunday Tuesday School

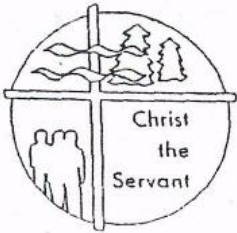
October 13th	4:30-5:30 pm
October 27th	4:30-5:30 pm

Confirmation

October 6th	3:00-4:00 pm
October 13th	3:00-4:00 pm
October 20th	3:00-4:00 pm
October 27th	3:00-4:00 pm



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October Bible Readings

October 4, 2020 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 11, 2020 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 18, 2020 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:10-13

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 25, 2020 Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



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

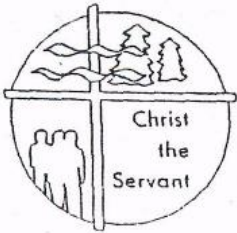
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Tom, Dina, Liam, Davis, Rodney, Ken, Burt, Mary, Norma Jean, and Kris.

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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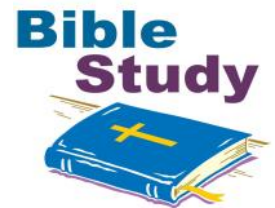


Our volunteer schedule for the last quarter of the year (Oct –Dec) is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please take a minute and sign up when you are able to help out. If you have questions please see Pastor Gwen. Thank you to Lori Becker for setting up the schedule in the past.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

Farmer's Market continues every Wednesday from 2:00-5:15 pm. The last day of the Farmer's Market will be October 14th.

Men's group will be back to meeting on Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning October 15th. All men are welcome to join in. You can call Mike Roberts or Terry Tarras for more information.

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 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 soon.



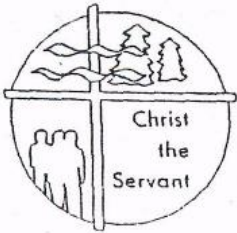
Harvest Prayer

Father, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving We give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment. Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness.

Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all. Amen.



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WELCA News – September 2020

No one needs to tell you that the pandemic has completely changed our daily lives and brought many of our usual activities to a screeching halt. We met September 14th, the first time since last February, and it was good to be together and to discuss how best to continue our ministry. For the present time we will continue to gather informally and hold WELCA meetings quarterly.

Due to the inherent risks of a large gathering we decided to cancel this year's Holiday Market. However, we will again sponsor families through the Mitten Tree project with Christmas gifts and grocery food cards.

Since July a few women have been gathering informally to tie and finish the quilt tops that were sewn at home during the months we weren't meeting. Thank you, ladies, for the hours of work that those quilt tops represent.

Following the meeting this year's quilts were arranged on the pews in the sanctuary in preparation for the Blessing of the Quilts on September 20th. September 23rd is the shipping date. Again our prayer is that these quilts will provide comfort and warmth to those who receive them.

Work will begin immediately on next year's quilts. Quilting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesdays through October 14th. Beginning October 22nd we will meet Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. We have been able to social distance while working, so please come join us when you are available and feel comfortable doing so.

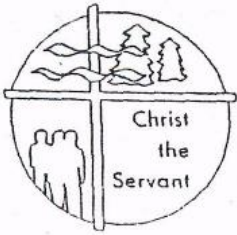
As we maneuver our way through these uncertain times, we can be grateful God does not change and that He walks beside us every (sometimes unsteady) step of the way.

Blessings to all,

Liz C



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Worship Volunteer Schedule October—December 2020

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Greeter/Usher
October 4th	Barb Schindhelm	Ann Wojcieszak	Ann Wojcieszak & Friend
October 11th	Liz Carpenter	Pat Brosier	Chuck & Barb Schindhelm
October 18th	Barb Schindhelm	Patty Tarras	Mary Rusch & Dave Shaw
October 25th	Pat Brosier		
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		Margaret McCulloch	Margaret McCulloch & Friend
Thanksgiving Eve			
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			Paul & Nancy Miller
Christmas Eve			
December 27th			

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