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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, it's May. In the Northwoods of Wisconsin that means that there are big changes coming. The weather will get warmer, maybe. The snow is gone, not that we had that much this past winter. Leaves spring forth on the trees. Time to till the soil and plant our gardens. And my allegories are playing havoc with my head. Yes, it is May.

May is also a busy one for our church. On the church calendar May sees the 40th day after Easter celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord on the 9th. Even though that is not a Sunday, we should recognize it as the day when our Savior, Jesus ascends into heaven and leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and the promise of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God will empower them to be witnesses to all the earth with an enlivened faith and invigorating heart for mission.

Then days later on the 50th day after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost, which is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells the disciples that the Spirit will accompany them on their mission and always lead them to the truth. Today the Holy Spirit is with us as well as we live out our commission to share God's love with the world and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

The last Sunday in May is Memorial Day weekend. We will celebrate the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This unique idea of a Triune God is ours alone. Christianity is the only religion that claims a three in one God. Well, as you can see the month of May is chocked full of references to the Trinity: Creator Father, Redeemer Son, and most of all the Sustainer Holy Spirit are present to us.

We also have opportunities to be go outside the walls of our church and be the hands and feet of Jesus in May. There is a build on May 11 for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace program that we support. And if you are not able to make beds, we can use the help at the Lord's Cupboard sorting and checking labels on food. It is "Stamp Our Hunger" Saturday, sponsored by the Letter Carriers Union of the USPS. And as always, we would be happy to accept donations for either program. Cash, food, bedding are all in need. We can make a difference in Park Falls.

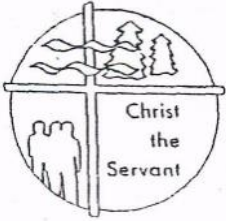
All around the world, there are many people that need our attention, from the on-going war in Ukraine, to the conflict in and around Israel to the violence in our own country, we need the Spirit of God to uphold us and give us the strength to share God's love with the world. But how do we do that when these conflicts seem so far away? We pray. We take on the Spirit of God who loves us so much that we want to share that feeling with the whole world. We live our lives to His glory and we honor all that is good in the world. And we let the Spirit do His work in the hearts of others. Ending war, conflict or violence in our world is bigger than we are. But it is not too big for our God. So have faith, trust the spirit not only in May but beyond as we do our best to live life abundantly.

Blessings,

Pastor Gwen



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Pastor Gwen's May Office Hours:

Monday 1-4 PM

Wednesday 2-5:30 PM

No office hours on May 15th or 20th.
Pastor on Vacation



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



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



May Bible Readings

May 5, 2024 – 6th Sunday of Easter

First Lesson	Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98	
Second Lesson	1 John 5:1-6
Gospel Reading	John 15:9-17

May 12, 2024 – 7th Sunday of Easter

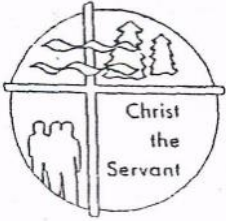
First Lesson	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1	
Second Lesson	1 John 5:9-13
Gospel Reading	John 17:6-19

May 19, 2024 – Day of Pentecost

First Lesson	Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	
Second Lesson	Romans 8:22-27
Gospel Reading	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 26, 2024 – Holy Trinity Sunday

First Lesson	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29	
Second Lesson	Romans 8:12-17
Gospel Reading	John 3:1-17



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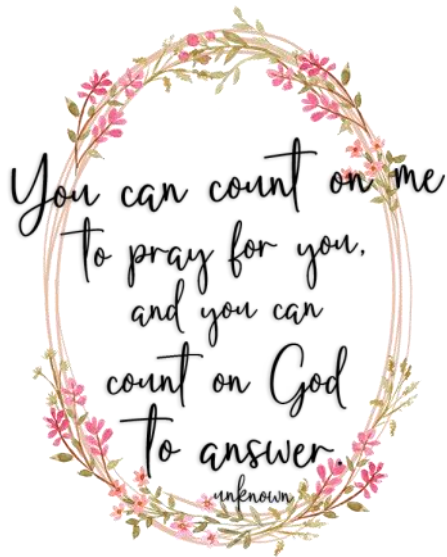
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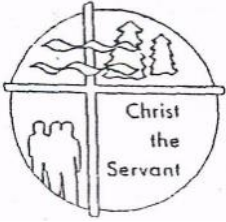
Health/ Concerns: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Betty, Tom, Nancy, Andrea, Bob, Carol, Lori, Leigh, Nancy, Patty, Mary Jo, Debra, Doug, Gerry, Rick, and, Lyla.

Military - Anton, Autumn and Natalie.

CTS Church Council, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, Men's Group, those who are struggling with hunger and injustice in the world, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace Ministry.



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Thank You, Lord

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings.

Thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible.

Thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising.

Thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short and my children are so loud.

Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the picture in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced.

Thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

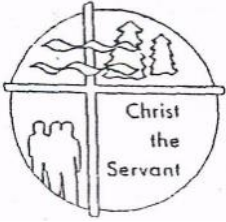
Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous.

Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest.

Thank you, Lord, for life.

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Bible Study: We will be doing a new study beginning on May 5th. Watch for details

Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting over coffee and pastry on May 11th at 8:00 AM. The topic of study will be the Book of Job. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

CPR Training: We will be having a class to learn CPR. You will not be certified after the class; however, you will be learning skills to do CPR correctly. The class was suggested by many who attended the AED training in the fall. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway so instructors can plan on how many will attend.

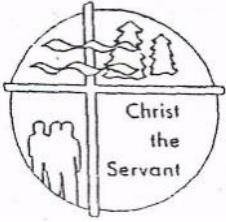
Stamp out Hunger: May 11th will be the annual Stamp out Hunger. We will be supporting the cause by sending at least a crew of two that will work at the Lord's Cupboard dating, sorting and shelving food brought in by the Post Office Mail Carriers. Please see the sign up sheet next to the office for details and to sign up.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace: This ministry in Park Falls continues to need donations of pillows, beds in a bag, quilts, and sheet sets. They are all twin size beds for youth, age 4 through 17, in our community with no bed of their own. To volunteer in the ministry, please see the Melvolds. To donate money, see Beth Melvold. Bedding can be dropped off any time in the church office. Next build is on May 11th.

The Lord's Cupboard: The pantry could use more volunteers to work once a month on a Saturday morning from 8:30 - 11:00 AM. You must be able to lift 35 pounds and work on your weekend! See Pastor Gwen if you are interested.



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Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
May 5th				
May 12th	Liz Carpenter		Herb & Joan Seifert	Herb & Joan Seifert
May 19th				
May 26th				
June 2nd				
June 9th				
June 16th				
June 23rd				
June 30th				
July 7th				
July 14th				
July 21st				
July 28th				

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