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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is finally here. The grass is green, the trees have leaves and the flowers are blooming. On Wednesday afternoon our parking lot is once again filled with a farmer's market of locally grown produce. Vacations are around the corner and COVID is becoming a distant memory. Are we really back to normal? And what exactly does normal mean to you?

In the church, June starts the second half of the liturgical year. For the last 6 months we have heard about the incarnation of Christ from his birth (Christmas) to His death on the cross followed by His resurrection (Easter). We now step out into the next half of the year with our response to these events. Our discipleship is now calling us to make a decision for Jesus. This is a very important decision as to whether to follow Jesus or someone or something else. Whom will you serve? Jesus Christ or some earthly person or event?

As we go through the month of June, we will first hear the story of Nicodemus and being born of the Spirit. Moving on in the month we are faced with the decision to do the will of God and to grow in the vitality of God's Kingdom. These lessons come in the midst of our daily lives too often filled with earthly calamities as well as sickness. Trusting in our merciful God to bring us into life where there would be certain death, are lessons repeated for our hearing. So how are these June messages from Scripture in any way normal?

This half of the common lectionary is often called the "ordinary times", where there are no super holidays to celebrate like Christmas and Easter. But I ask, what is ordinary about God's word? Not much I say. God's Word in Christ Jesus is powerful when heard and heeded. The love of God is still a mystery to us all and there is nothing ordinary or normal about it. God gave us His only Son to die for us. What a gracious gift that gives us forgiveness, abundant and eternal life? Nothing about that is ordinary to me.

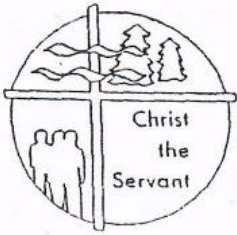
Ordinary, normal are relative terms in our world today. I urge you to come join us at Christ the Servant this month to hear about our God who is anything but ordinary or normal. Join us for worship and fellowship. Be ready to be swept off your feet as you learn about a new life in Christ Jesus.

God's Peace to You,

Pastor Gwen



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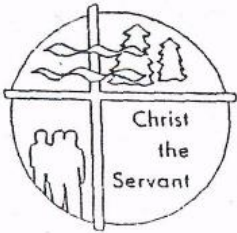
June 2nd	2:00-5:30 pm
June 7th	1:00-4:00 pm
June 9th	2:00-5:30 pm
June 14th	1:00-4:00 pm
June 16th	2:00-5:30 pm
June 21st	1:00-4:00 pm
June 23rd	2:00-5:30 pm
June 28th	1:00-4:00 pm
June 30th	2:00-5:30 pm

Women's Quilting Group—Monday

June 7th	10:30 am
June 14th	10:30 am
June 21st	10:30 am
June 28th	10:30 am



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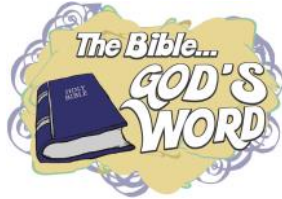
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June Bible Readings

June 6th—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm 130

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Gospel Lesson Mark 3:20-35

June 13th—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Gospel Lesson Mark 4:26-34

June 20th—4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:1-2, 23-32

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel Lesson Mark 4:35-41

June 27th —5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel Lesson Mark 5:21-43

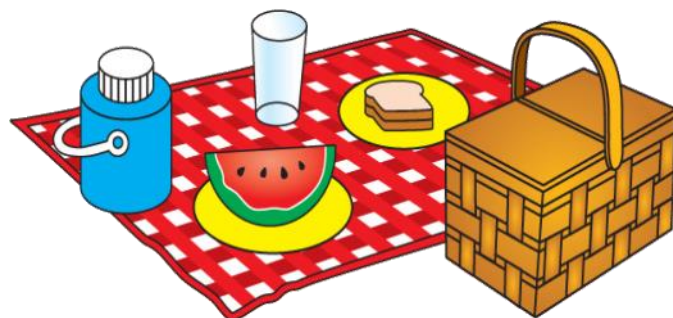
Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed... James 5:16.

Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

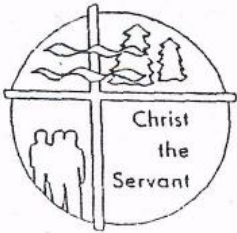
Health/ Concerns: Tom, Sheila, Ann, Joan, Dina, Joen, Megan, and Kris.

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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Important Information

Farmer's Market started on May 26 and will go every Wednesday until sometime in October. The hours are 2:00 to 5:30 pm.



Men's group is on vacation until after Labor Day.

Bible study. The last day for Bible study will be June 6th. We will resume with a new study after Labor Day.

At the suggestion of our Return to Worship Safety Team, masks are highly suggested while you are in our building. Also, they suggest to socially distance whenever possible. Masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are available throughout the building.

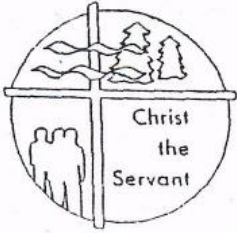
HELP WANTED: The church council is still looking for a few people to be on an insurance review team. This team will meet once or twice a year to review our coverage. If you have an insurance background or understand the insurance lingo and would like to help out please see Pastor Gwen.

We are looking for pictures of functions at Christ the Servant. Barb Lofthus has been putting together our history and has found that we have very few pictures from the last ten years. If you would like to share things like: picnic, VBS, Sunday School, funerals, groups of our people working events outside of our building, USPS food drive, parade floats, Lego day, etc. Please email them to our church email.ctslutheranpf@gmail.com. Older pictures will also be accepted in printed form.

**SPECIAL
GUEST
SPEAKER**

Special guest preacher Randy Olson will join us on June 13th for worship. He is currently the Assistant to Bishop Laurie Skow Anderson in the NW Synod of Wisconsin. Pastor Randy will also stay after worship for coffee hour to visit with us and answer any questions about the ELCA. Please plan to join us in welcoming Randy to our church.

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WELCA News – June 2021

The women's group enjoyed an in-person meeting at Sweet Brew on April 19th and made plans to resume some of our regular activities and to make some changes to others.

We will not be holding the ice cream socials during the Farmers' Market, but depending on the Health Department guidelines, we will consider doing the pie social towards the end of the market season.

The good news is that we are moving ahead with plans for Holiday Market. The date is set for November 13th, and now is the time to start crafting and thinking of ways you can contribute to this fun community event.

Beginning June 7th quilting will move back to Mondays. The quilt room is filling up with boxes of quilts destined for people all around the world via Lutheran World Relief. We now have over 50 quilts ready to go and many bins of fabric yet to be sewn. We also were able to provide 25 Health Care kits in response to a recent plea from Lutheran World Relief and have supplies to assemble more for the September shipment. In addition we have inventoried the items on hand for the Baby Layettes and School Kits and will be gathering the needed supplies for them in the next months. There are very specific requirements for each of these kits, and in the near future we will be posting the needed items that members can purchase or make a cash donation.

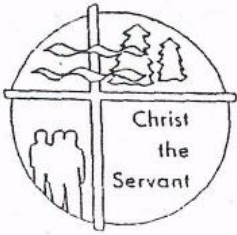
We are all so grateful for the hands that kept the WELCA mission moving forward throughout the past pandemic year, for the encouragement the members gave to each other even when we were all staying at home and are so looking forward to continuing working together on the upcoming projects.

Blessings and Happy Spring,

Liz C



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Worship Volunteer Schedule June-August 2021

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Greeter/Usher
June 6th	Mary Rusch			Chuck and Barb Schindhelm
June 13th		Barb Lofthus	Paul And Nancy Miller	Barb Lofthus
June 20th	Barb Schindhelm			
June 27th	Liz Carpenter		Dave Shaw & Mary Rusch	Dave Shaw & Mary Rusch
July 4th				
July 11th				
July 18th				
July 25th				
August 1st				
August 8th				
August 15th				
August 22nd				
August 29th				

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