

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO THE NEW

Pathfinder

KEEP YOUR FORK!!

A young woman and her pastor were having a very important conversation, you see, this young woman was planning her memorial after being diagnosed with a terminal illness. The Pastor listened carefully as the young lady listed the songs she wanted sung at the service, the scriptures she wanted read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.

After a thorough discussion of the young woman's requests, everything seemed to be finalized and in order. The pastor stood to leave, but the young woman stopped him, "There's just one more thing," She said excitedly.

"I wanted to be buried with a fork in my hand," she told him.

The Pastor stood, looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it? she asked?

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," answered the pastor.

The young woman explained that her idea came from a story that she remembered her Grandma telling....

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP.

9:30 AM | Sunday Worship

10:30 AM | Coffee & Fellowship

Christians Serving God by Serving Others.



PASTOR'S AUGUST OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS 1 – 4 PM
WEDNESDAYS 2 – 5:30 PM



Autumn Blessing

O God of Creation, you have blessed us
with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may
the earlier setting of the sun remind us
to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your
creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool
air reminds us that it is you who gives
us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind
us of the abundance we have been given
and the bounty we are to share with
others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind
us of your great promise that death is
temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness, forever
and ever.

AMEN.

SUNDAY WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

STARTS SEPTEMBER 10TH

EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY
AT 4 PM
DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR



IF YOU KNOW ANY CHILD THAT
NEEDS TO HEAR ABOUT JESUS,
PLEASE INVITE THEM.



DO NOT FORGET!!

**NO WORSHIP ON
SUNDAY, SEPT 21ST.**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Christ the Servant opens the church to our
community.

AA uses the church building for meetings
on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Limberg Counseling uses the building on
Thursday and Friday for counseling
appointments during the day. They use
the room across from the church office
and the room off of Fellowship Hall.

The community's Farmer Market sets up
every Wednesday from May until October.
The Farmer Market is from
2-5:30 PM.

We are blessed to be able to support our
community.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

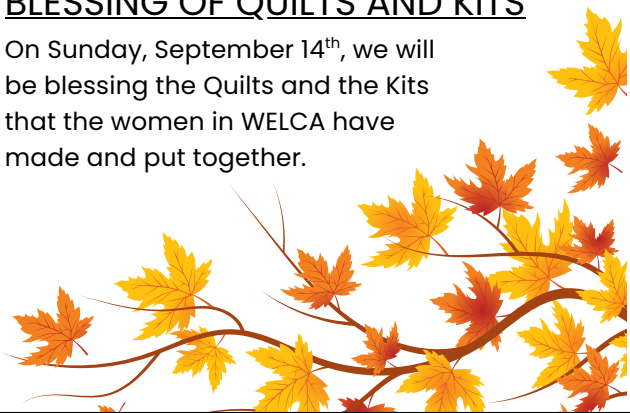
NO KIDS SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace has been a wonderful and needed ministry in the area. They continue to need donations for new pillows, beds in a bag, quilts, and sheet sets. They are all twin size beds. Youth from age 4-17 receive the beds. Any donations can be dropped off in the church office.

If you are interested in helping in a future build or would like to make a donation, please see the chapter president, RB Melvold.

BLESSING OF QUILTS AND KITS

On Sunday, September 14th, we will be blessing the Quilts and the Kits that the women in WELCA have made and put together.



KITS FOR LUTHERN WORLD RELIEF

WELCA will soon be assembling kits for the Lutheran World Relief. Instead of asking the congregation for specific items, the women will be purchasing them.

If you would like to donate any amount to cover the costs, please give cash or check to Barb Schindhelm or Liz Carpenter. Thank you for supporting our mission.



WELCA

The women's quilting group meets every Tuesday from 10 AM - 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to join.



MENS GROUP

NEW STUDY!

Men's Group will meet over coffee and pastry on Thursday, September 11th at 8 AM. We will be studying the Book of Acts. Please see Scott Carpenter or Pastor for a book.



Fall in love with Jesus!

IMPORTANT

COUNCIL MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
14TH



the Bible is our compass

SEPTEMBER 7TH – 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

PSALM: 1

SECOND LESSON: PHILEMON 1-21

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

SEPTEMBER 14TH – 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 32:7-14

PSALM: 51:1-10

SECOND LESSON: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10

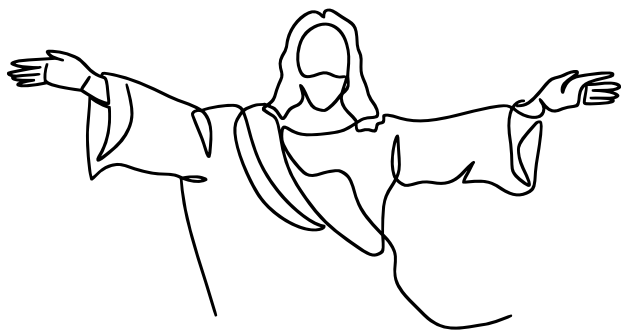
SEPTEMBER 28TH – 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON: AMOS 6:1, 4-7

PSALM: 146

SECOND LESSON: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31-56



The One who watches
over lost lambs, and tiny
sparrows is watching
over you as well.



TAKE THE SURVEY

FOR ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CTS

COMPLETED ONLINE
21 QUESTIONS
APPROXIMATELY 30 MINS

SURVEYS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY
SEPTEMBER 28TH.

FOR THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO
PASTOR GWEN AND SHE WILL ASSIST YOU IN COMPLETING THIS.



AS THE LEAVES
CHANGE, MAY YOU
BE REMINDED OF
GOD'S CONSTANT
LOVE.

BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is welcome to join the bible study following Coffee and Fellowship on Sunday mornings. We will be learning what Scripture tells us about Christian community. We will be meeting every Sunday in September, except for September 14th.

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Her Grandmother described the many, many church socials and potluck dinners she had attended throughout the many years. She remembered that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "Keep your fork." It was her favorite because of she knew something better was coming - like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful and well worth waiting for!

As the Pastor listened intently, the young woman continued, "I just want people to see me with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, 'What's with the fork?' Then, later, you can tell them - I know and I want to remind them that you must 'KEEP YOUR FORK...the BEST IS YET TO COME.'"

The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman goodbye. He knew this would be the last time he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman has a better grasp of heaven than he did. She knew that something better was coming.



At the funeral, people walking by the casket, over and over said the same questions, "What's with the fork?"

Later, during his message, the pastor told of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and what it symbolized for her. The pastor told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and that they probably shouldn't either.

So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you ever so gently, that

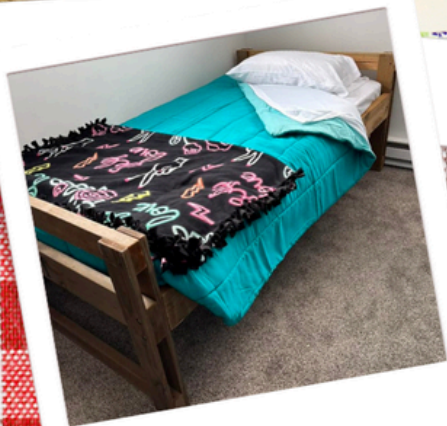
'The Best is yet to come!'



Sept 20th

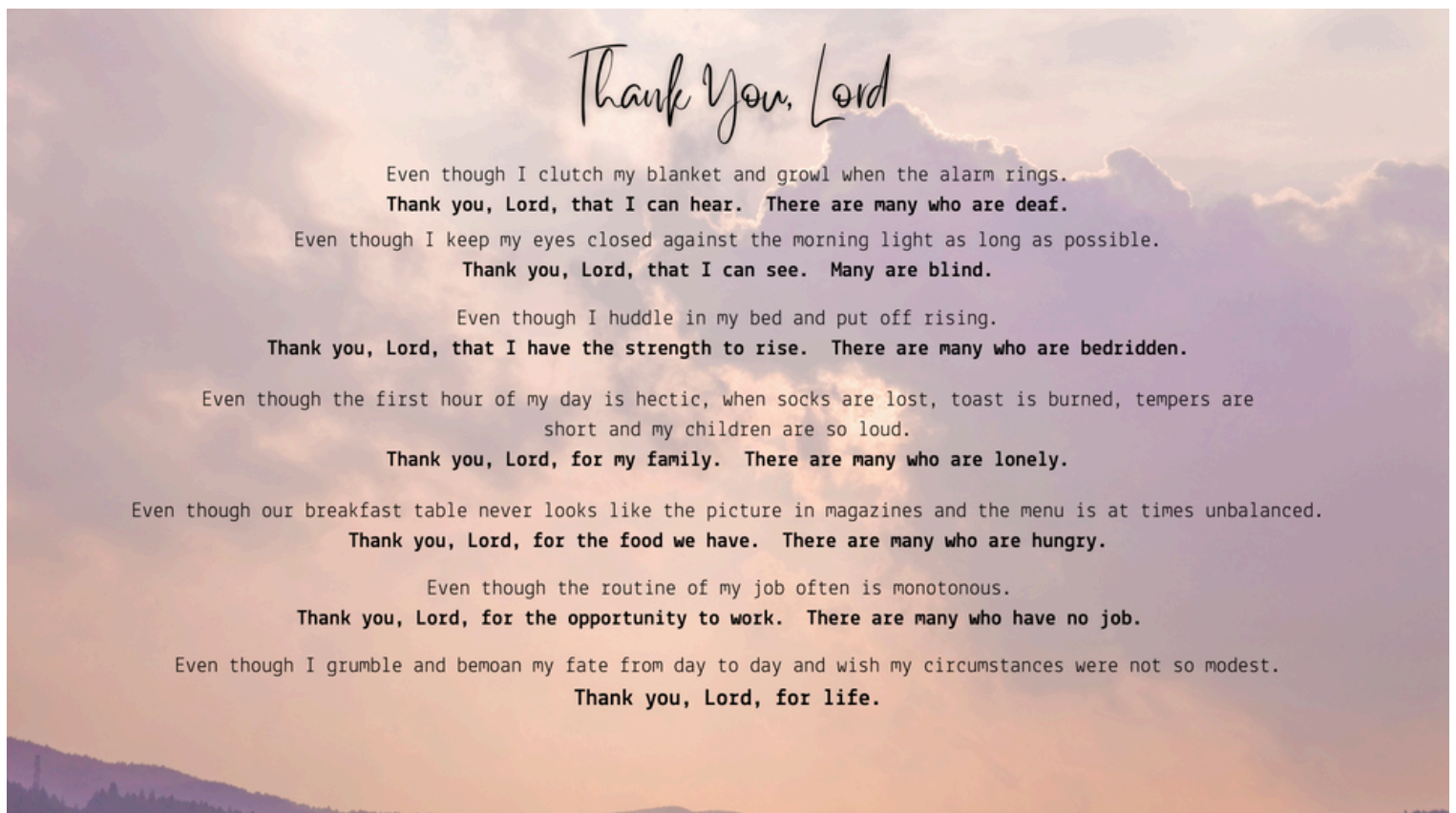
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS:

Worship, Serve and
Fellowship in Community



Beginning at 9 AM: Outdoor Worship featuring Breaking Chains
SHP Bed Build
Luncheon Picnic Meal

There will be no service on Sunday, September 21st
If you are interested in helping, please see
Beth Melvold or Pastor Gwen.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER 2025

| DATE | ASSISTING MINISTER | ALTAR GUILD | COFFEE HOUR | USHERS |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| SEPT 7TH | LIZ CARPENTER | | CHUCK & BARB SCHINDHELM | RB & BETH MELVOLD |
| SEPT 14TH | BETH MELVOLD | | LAUREN & JEN BEBEAU | |
| SAT, SEPT 20TH | JANN CLARK | | | |
| SEPT 28TH | KURT WOLFF | | SARAH WOLFF | |
| OCT 5TH | | | | |
| OCT 12TH | BETH MELVOLD | | | |
| OCT 19TH | | | | |
| OCT 26TH | | | | |
| NOV 2ND | | | | |
| NOV 9TH | | | | |
| NOV 16TH | | | | |
| NOV 23RD | | | | |
| NOV 30TH | | | | |

