

# THE PATHFINDER

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## LENTEN WEDNESDAYS 2025 CHRIST THE SERVANT AND FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30 PM at Christ the Servant.

**LENTEN WEDNESDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE:** Each Wednesday, we will be doing the “Holden Evening Prayer.” Mark Donner will play and sing for all services. Our study is on the Common Senses, where every week, we will hear about a sense.

### COMMON SENSES

*“We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.” 1 JOHN 1:1*

Our Lenten Series, coming from Luther Seminary, teaches that the salvation God provides cannot be reduced to an idea or abstraction. Salvation happens in the human flesh. People encountered Jesus in their bodies – real people, in real contact, with a real man. Still today, we encounter Jesus with our earthly bodies. This study follows a journey into our joint COMMON SENSES.

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> WED – MARCH 12</b>	CTS	<i>SIGHT</i>	PASTOR GWEN DOWNING
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> WED – MARCH 19</b>	FC-UCC	<i>HEARING</i>	PASTOR EMERSON COY
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> WED – MARCH 26</b>	CTS	<i>SMELL</i>	DR. SCOTT CARPENTER
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> WED – APRIL 2</b>	FC-UCC	<i>TASTE</i>	CHAPLAIN JILL LEMKE
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> WED – APRIL 9</b>	CTS	<i>TOUCH</i>	REV. ANN FRERKS

**SOUP SUPPERS:** Supper begins at 5:45 PM.

The host church makes the soup and provides the beverages.

The visiting church brings the dessert.

**SERVICE:** At 6:30 PM, we will gather in the sanctuary for worship.

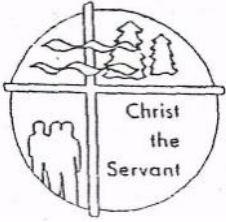
Each week an offering will be taken at the end of worship. Checks and envelopes will go to your respective church. Loose monies will be given to the Lord’s Cupboard.

We pray that you will join us on Wednesday evenings as we allow ourselves to consider who we are and how we encounter an incarnate God.

Thank you.

Pastor Gwen, Pastor Emerson, Dr. Carpenter, Chaplain Jill and Rev. Ann.

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## Pastor Gwen's March Office Hours:

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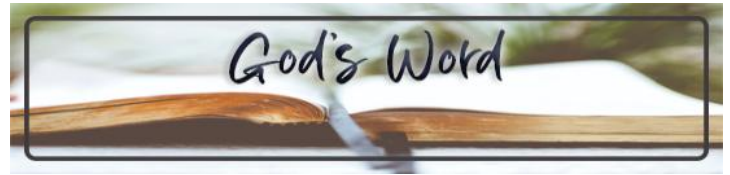
Wednesday 2-5 PM



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



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



## March Bible Readings

### March 2, 2025 – Transfiguration of our Lord

First Lesson	Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99	
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Gospel Reading	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

### March 9, 2025 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading	Malachi 4:1-3
Epistle Reading	1 Peter 2:23-25
Gospel Reading	Matthew 8:14-17

### March 16, 2025 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 29:10-14
Epistle Reading	1 John 5:13-15
Gospel Reading	John 3:1-17

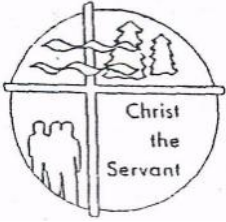
### March 23, 2025 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 41:8-11
Epistle Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:5-11
Gospel Reading	Matthew 8:5-13

### March 30, 2025 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading	Psalm 12:1-8
Epistle Reading	2 Thessalonians 3:3-4
Gospel Reading	John 14:18-27

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## PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE AND REQUESTS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

**Health/Concerns:** Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Carol, Debra, Joe, Autumn, Mitch, Ann, Joyce, Gail, Mary, Dave, Joan, and Jack

**Military :** Anton, Brittany, Ryan, Josh and Natalie.

**Groups:** CTS Church Council, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, those who are struggling with hunger and injustice in the world and the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Ministry.

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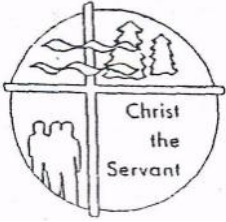
## Lent Prayer for Renewal

Precious Lord,  
Thank you for your guidance and protection.  
Thank you for giving me the strength to go through this  
Lenten season.  
I pray that by the end of this lent period, I will be anew in you.  
Help me not to be the same person I was before the season  
began.  
Renew my mind and my heart, Lord, teach me your ways,  
Help me to understand your word.  
My soul yearns for you, dear Lord, fill me with Your spirit and  
draw me closer to you.  
Strengthen me when I'm weak, fill me when I feel empty.  
Renew my body and grant me the grace to do everything I  
do.  
Amen.



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## SAVIOR SERVANT FRIEND

SERVICES FOR LENT



Ash Wednesday  
FORGIVER



Week 1  
HEALER



Week 2  
LISTENER



Week 3  
ENCOURAGER



Week 4  
PROTECTOR

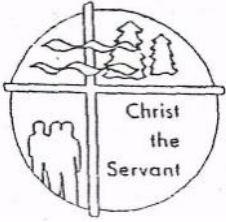


Week 5  
COMFORTER

*I have called you friends, for all that I have heard  
from my Father I have made known to you.  
John 15:15*

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**Bible Study:** We will be discovering who Jesus really is and what that means to us during our Lenten Bible Study, “Savior Servant Friend.”

**Ash Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday Service will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Christ the Servant.

**Men’s Group:** Men’s group will be meeting on March 8th at 8 AM. The topic of study is Grace. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come! If you have the book, please read Chapter 11.

**Lenten Wednesdays:** Lenten Wednesdays will begin on March 12th. We will continue our Lenten Program of the “Holden Evening Prayer” on Wednesdays sung by Mark Donner. We will be discovering what “Common Senses” we have to understand what Jesus did for us in his life and on the cross.

We will be doing the Lenten soup suppers. The signup sheet is hanging on the bulletin board outside the office. For the schedule and additional information, please see the cover of the Pathfinder.

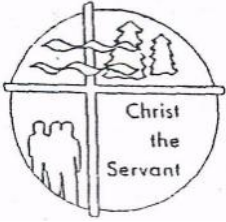
**Lenten Sunday Services:** “Savior Servant Friend” will be the title of our Sunday series throughout Lent. Lent provides us a chance to explore the extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant and Friend in Jesus. Marvel at the many blessings we have received when he laid down his life for us on the cross. Each service in the series focuses on a different aspect of our greatest Friend.

**Bishop Visit:** Bishop Martin Halom from our NW Synod of Wisconsin will be joining us for worship on Sunday, March 16th. He will bring greetings from the larger church and preach God’s word. After worship, he will be staying for Coffee hour and answering any questions you might have about the ELCA.

**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. Any questions regarding the ministry, please see the Melvolds.

**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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## Volunteer Schedule March and April 2025

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTER	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	USHERS
MARCH 2ND	Maragaret McCulloch		RB & Beth Melvold	Harold & Jann Clark
MARCH 5TH ASH WEDNESDAY	Liz Carpenter			
MARCH 9TH	Beth Melvold		Harold & Jann Clark	Harold & Jann Clark
MARCH 16TH	Kurt Wolff	Kurt & Sarah Wolff	Sarah Wolff	RB & Beth Melvold
MARCH 23RD	Liz Carpenter			
MARCH 30TH				
APRIL 6TH				
APRIL 13TH PALM SUNDAY				
APRIL 17TH MAUNDY THURSDAY				
APRIL 18TH GOOD FRIDAY				
APRIL 20TH EASTER SUNDAY				
APRIL 27TH				

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