

# Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

## THE PATHFINDER

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### FROM: GOD

### TO: ALL HIS CHILDREN

#### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Please be aware there are changes you must make. These changes need to be completed so that I may grant you peace, joy and happiness.

#### 1. QUIT WORRYING

Life dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you, or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing?

#### 2. PUT IT ON THE LIST

Something needs done or taken care of – put it on the list, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. My to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. I handle things for you that you never even realize.

#### 3. TRUST ME

Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

#### 4. LEAVE IT ALONE

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens, and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.

#### 5. TALK TO ME

I want you to forget a lot of things – forget what was making you crazy, forget the worry and the fretting; however, please never forget to talk to me – OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice and

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## ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP.

9:30 AM | Sunday Worship

10:30 AM | Coffee & Fellowship

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*Christians Serving God by Serving Others.*



## PASTOR'S JANUARY OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS: 1 – 4 PM

WEDNESDAYS: 2 – 5 PM

HAPPY  
*New Year*  
**2026**

*the  
bible  
is our  
compass*

### **JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

FIRST LESSON: SIRACH 24:1-12

PSALM 147:12-20

SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18

### **JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 42:1-9

PSALM 29

SECOND LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

### **JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 49:1-7

PSALM 40:1-10

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-42

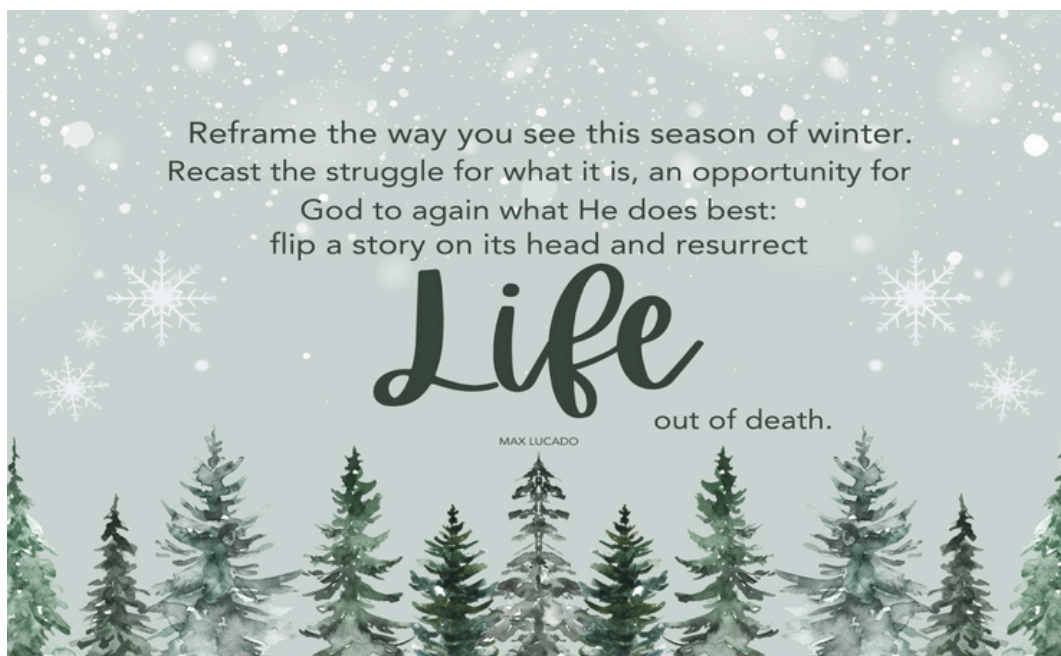
### **JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 9:1-4

PSALM 27:1, 4-9

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-23



## 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 in the parking lot every Wednesday from May until October.

We are blessed to be able to support our community.

## BIBLE STUDY

We will be completing our Advent/Christmas theme "Our Dear Christ, Enters In" on Sunday, January 4th after coffee ½ hour. We will begin a new study that will take us to Lent.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2025 Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> following Sunday morning worship. Please consider staying for the meeting.

## 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

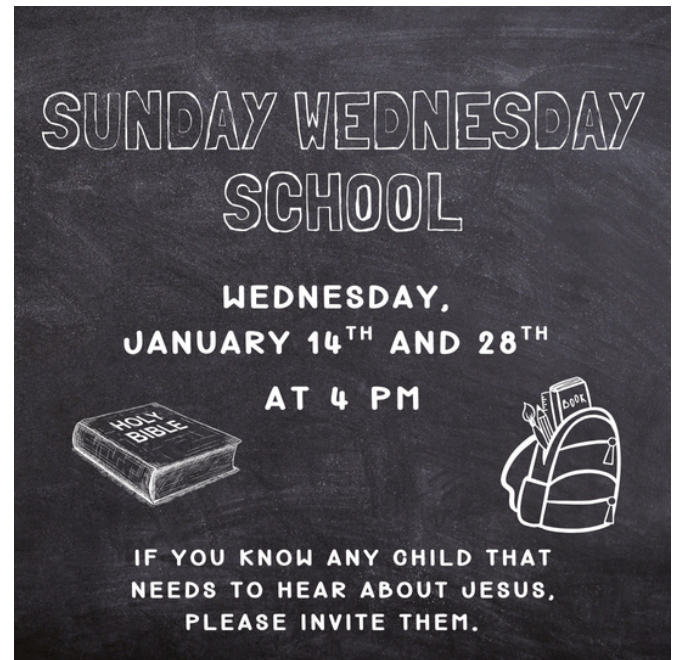
Men's Group will meet over coffee and pastry on Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. We will be studying the Book of Acts. Please see Scott Carpenter or Pastor for a book.





## MEMORIAL

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, Carol Ave'Lallamant's memorial will be held at the church. More information will be in the bulletins.



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include me in the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.

### 6. HAVE FAITH

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me, you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

### 7. SHARE

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who are mourning. Share your faith with those who have none.

### 8. BE PATIENT

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone things I should always rush, rush, rush.

### 9. BE KIND

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.

### 10. LOVE YOURSELF

As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me to be loved, and to love in return. Love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

### WITH ALL MY HEART, I LOVE YOU. GOD



## Prayer Requests

**Health Requests:** Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Autumn, Joan, Ann, Jack, Paul, Lynn, Melanie, Brian, Kathy, Carol and Leigh.

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

**Groups:** CTS Church Council, WELCA, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, AIDS Orphans in Malawi, Hunger and Poverty in the World, Ukrainian People, and Sleep In Heavenly Peace Ministry.

# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTER	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	USHERS
JAN 4TH				RB & BETH MELVOLD
JAN 11TH				
JAN 18TH				
JAN 25TH	BETH MELVOLD			
FEB 1ST				
FEB 8TH				
FEB 15TH				
FEB 22ND				

