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GRATITUDE

BY NICK ORTNER

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read, "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat – spare change from folks as they hurried past.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. Then he put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon, the man who changed the sign returned to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

I wrote, "Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it."

Both signs spoke the truth. The first sign simply said the boy was blind, while the second conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see...

When you life seems full of troubles, it seems difficult to maintain an attitude of gratitude, doesn't it? All we see are our problems, like a blackened storm cloud casting a dark shadow over our lives.

And the times when everything just seems to be going smoothly? We often take these precious moments for granted too, don't we? Caught up in the bliss, comfort and familiarity of it all, we can simply be thankful.

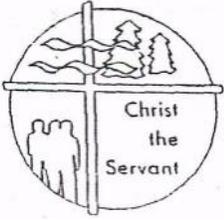
So what, then, is gratitude?

Simply put, gratitude is a habit. It's a way of looking at the world and all the good things in it with a feeling of appreciation, regardless of whether or not your current situation is to your liking.

Gratitude is a heart-centered approach to being at peace with yourself and with all you have.



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Pastor Gwen's November Office Hours:

Monday 1-4 PM

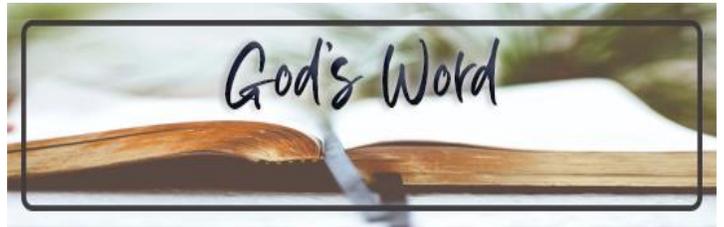
Wednesday 2-5 PM



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



Men's Group will meet Saturday, November 9th at 8AM.



November Bible Readings

November 3, 2024 – All Saints Day

First Lesson	Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24	
Second Lesson	Revelation 21:1-6a
Gospel Reading	John 11:32-44

November 10, 2024 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146	
Second Lesson	Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel Reading	Mark 12:38-44

November 17, 2024 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16	
Second Lesson	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Gospel Reading	Mark 13:1-8

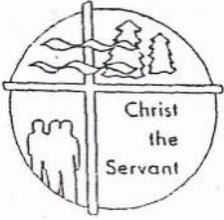
November 24, 2024 – Christ the King Sunday

First Lesson	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93	
Second Lesson	Revelation 1:4b-8
Gospel Reading	John 18:33-37



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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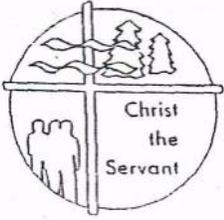
Health/Concerns: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Nancy, Bob, Carol, Mary Jo, Debra, Carl, Autumn, Shirley, Jere, Mary, Bill, Joe, Chuck, and Joan.

Military : Anton, Autumn, 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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DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
NOVEMBER 3RD AT 2 AM



NOVEMBER 23, 2024
WI STATE HOLIDAY

OPENING WEEKEND DEER HUNTING

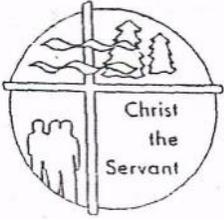


STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS OUR HUNTERS

Give thanks NOT JUST ON
Thanksgiving Day
BUT EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE.
APPRECIATE and NEVER
TAKE FOR GRANTED, ALL
THAT YOU HAVE.

CATHERINE PULSIFER

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Announcements



Bible Study: Come and join us for our study on Getting Older and Wiser on the 3rd and 10th. Our new Advent bible study on November 24th that will follow the special series, *The Word Made Flesh*.

All Saint's Day: Come light a candle during worship on Sunday, November 3rd, for someone who has gone to eternal life in the past year. All are welcome.

Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting over coffee and pastry on November 9th at 8 AM. The topic of study is Grace. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

Plastic, Plastic, Plastic: We are still collecting plastic bags and film. We did receive one bench which is outside next to the sidewalk. We would like to get a matching bench for the other side. We will need to collect an additional 1000 pounds.

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.

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.

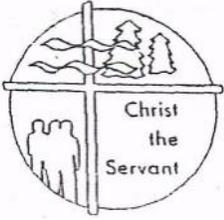
Confirmation: We can always use additional voices on Wednesdays during Confirmation. We gather from 4-5 PM if you would want to join us in our study of the New Testament.

Youth December Party: If there is anyone interest in hosting a party for neighborhood kids in December to teach them the real story in Luke and why we celebrate Christmas, please see Pastor Gwen.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.





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Volunteer Schedule November & December 2024

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
November 3rd	Mary Rusch			
November 10th				
November 17th			Lauren BeBeau	
November 25th				
December 1st				
December 8th				
December 15th				
December 22nd				
December 24th 6:30 PM				
December 29th				