

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

THE PATHFINDER

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Comparison Forest

Comparison Forest was a strange forest indeed.

The fact that it had a lot of different types of trees in it didn't make it strange. What made Comparison Forest unique was how all the trees compared themselves with each other.



The maples all tried hard to stretch their branches higher, hoping to achieve the oak's height. They wished they could

produce the acorns the squirrels and other animals loved so well.

Sometimes, one could even hear an audible sigh in the forest as the maples lamented not being oaks. The fact that they offered brilliant colors each fall and delicious syrup each spring (plus seeds the animals loved) didn't seem very important to them.

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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 OCTOBER OFFICE HOURS

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

NO OFFICE HOURS OCTOBER
15TH AND 20TH.

PASTOR WILL BE ON
VACATION FROM
OCTOBER 15-21.



MENS GROUP

Men's Group will meet
over coffee and pastry on
Thursday October 9th at
8 AM. We will be studying
the Book of Acts. Please
see Scott Carpenter or
Pastor for a book.



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.



**Council Meeting will be on
October 12th after worship**



WELCA

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



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On the flip side, the oaks could often be seen drooping their branches in an attempt to look like maples. They felt terrible about being so large and conspicuous. Why couldn't they be maples?

Then there were the pine trees. They hated how sappy and prickly they were (and how soft their wood was) and wished they could

have beautiful leaves and firmer wood like the maples and oaks. It didn't occur to them what protection and beauty they provided during the winter months when the maples and oaks lost those leaves.



Each tree in the forest was too busy comparing to realize that each of them had a role to play and gift to give.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us... (Romans 12:4-6)



the Bible is our compass

OCTOBER 5TH – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON: HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-4

PSALM: 37:1-9

SECOND LESSON: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

OCTOBER 12TH – 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON: 2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15C

PSALM: 111

SECOND LESSON: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

OCTOBER 19TH – 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 32:22-31

PSALM: 121

SECOND LESSON: 2 TIMOTHY 3:1

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

OCTOBER 26TH – REFORMATION SUNDAY

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

PSALM: 46

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 3:19-28

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

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.

FARMER'S MARKET

Wednesday, October 15th will be the last day for this year's Farmer's Market.

Blessed!



Prayer Requests

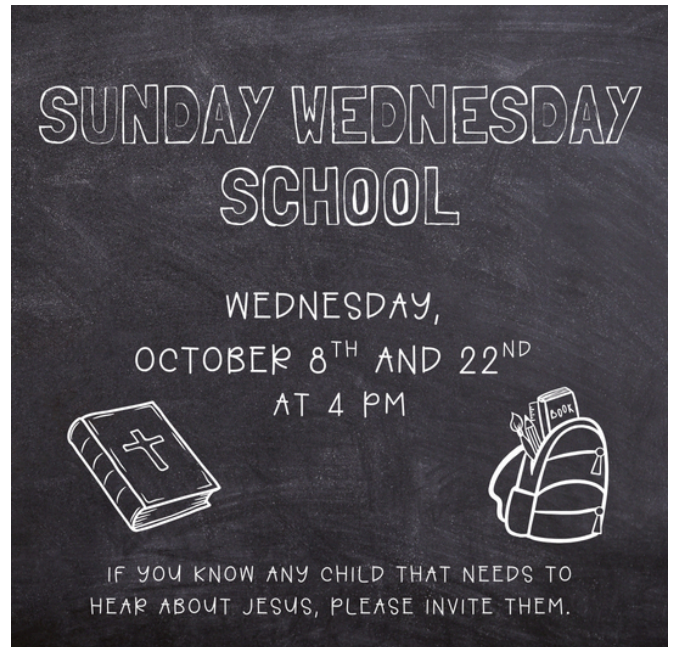
Health Requests: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Autumn, Joan, Ann, Jack, Paul, Lynn, Janet, Brian, Kathy, Leigh, and Melanie

Military: Anton, Brittany, Ryan, 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.

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 Sunday, October 5th and 26th.



BE STILL

When God says, "Be Still," He's not asking you to stop moving – He's inviting you to quiet your soul.

In the middle of your battles, feats and uncertainties, He call you to trust Him without needing all of the answers.

Being still is an act of surrender, a sacred posture of the heart that says, "God, I believe You are in control, even when I cannot see the way."

It is the stillness that faith is refined, strength is renewed, and peace overflows.

So keep walking, keep obeying, but let your heart rest. Let go of the urge to fix, force or figure everything out.

God is already at work behind the scenes–

aligning the right people,
opening the doors,
healing wounds, and
fulfilling His promises.

–Unknown

Sunday, October 26th

CONSECRATION SUNDAY AND REFORMATION SUNDAY

WE WILL BE BRINGING OUR 2026 PLEDGES TO
THE ALTAR AND LIFTING THEM UP TO GOD.

AFTER WORSHIP, WE WILL BE HAVING A SPECIAL
POT LUCK, WITH FOOD THAT IS RED IN COLOR.
SIGNUP SHEET IS OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE.

A Prayer for October

Gracious God, as the leaves
change and the days grow
shorter, we give thanks for
the beauty of autumn.

Guide us to embrace this
season of change with open
hearts, trusting in Your
eternal presence. Help us to
walk in gratitude, spreading
kindness and love as we
prepare for the harvest
ahead. May this month be
filled with peace, reflection
and a renewed sense of
purpose.

Amen

Thank you
Pastor Gwen

*for leading with love, serving with grace, and
inspiring with faith.*

We appreciate all that you do for our church
and our community. We are blessed to have
you shepherd Christ the Servant.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025



DATE	ASSISTING MINISTER	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	USHERS
OCT 5TH	LIZ CARPENTER			
OCT 12TH	BETH MELVOLD			
OCT 19TH	JANN CLARK			
OCT 26TH				
NOV 2ND				
NOV 9TH				
NOV 16TH				
NOV 23RD				
NOV 30TH				
DEC 7TH				
DEC 14TH				
DEC 21ST				
DEC 24TH				
DEC 28TH				

