

# Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

## THE PATHFINDER

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### KINDNESS EVERYWHERE

WRITTEN BY BOB STOESS

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF KINDNESS AS ONE OF YOUR IDEAL TRAITS?

- ARE YOU A KIND PERSON?
- DO YOU TREAT ALL PEOPLE KINDLY?
- DO YOU ALWAYS MAINTAIN A KIND AND CONSIDERATE NATURE?
- ARE YOU FORBEARING, SYMPATHETIC, AND UNDERSTANDING IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS?

KINDNESS IS AN IDEAL ACCESSIBLE TO EACH OF US. KINDNESS CAN MAKE YOUR JOURNEY DOWN LIFE'S PATHWAY MORE ENJOYABLE AND MORE REWARDING. AN INSTANCE OF KINDNESS CAN PUT A SMILE ON THE FACE OF THE TOUGHEST RECIPIENT. HISTORY RECOGNIZES KINDNESS AS A POWERFUL VIRTUE. IT MAY BE THE SIMPLEST WAY TO EXPERIENCE AND SHARE THE GRANDEST IDEALS OF HUMANITY.

WE ALL CAN MAKE THE CHOICE TO PERFORM AN ACT OF KINDNESS WITHIN OURSELVES AT ANYTIME, NOURISHING HOPE IN ALL THOSE WE MEET.

KINDNESS ACTS AS THE OIL THAT MAKES THE ENGINE OF OUR WORLD MOVE MORE SMOOTHLY AND WITH LESS FRICTION. IT HELPS US ALL GET TO WHERE WE'RE GOING AND MAKES THE RIDE MUCH MORE PLEASANT. REMEMBER, KINDNESS IS LIMITLESS AND EASILY AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE. YOU CAN START WITH A SMILE AND A KIND WORD. YOU CAN GROW BY BEING A SHOULDER TO CRY ON. AS YOU CONTINUE TO GROW IN LOVING KINDNESS, YOUR LIGHT WILL SHINE ON ALL WHO YOU MEET.

WHETHER GIVING WAY TO ANOTHER IN TRAFFIC, LETTING ANOTHER AHEAD OF YOU IN LINE, DONATING TO CHARITY, OR SHARING IN A TIME OF CRISIS, WE CAN CREATE A UNIVERSE OF KINDNESS AND GIVING WITH EACH CHOICE WE MAKE.

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### ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP.

9:30 AM | Sunday Worship

10:30 AM | Coffee & Fellowship

11:00 AM | Bible Study

*Christians Serving God by Serving Others.*



## PASTOR'S MARCH OFFICE HOURS

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

NO OFFICE HOURS ON  
MARCH 16TH.

*the  
bible  
is our  
compass*

### **MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 53:8-10  
EPISTLE READING: 1 PETER 1:13-21  
GOSPEL READING: LUKE 12:16-21

### **MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PROVERBS 3:5-8  
EPISTLE READING: JAMES 4:5-8  
GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 14:22-33

### **MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

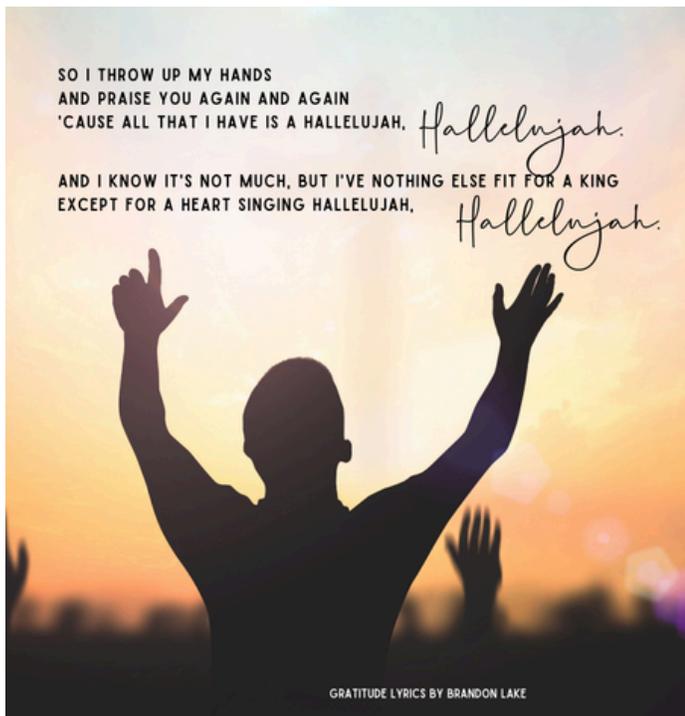
OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 6:2-9  
EPISTLE READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9  
GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:25-29

### **MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: JONAH 3:1-10  
EPISTLE READING: ROMANS 6:1-11  
GOSPEL READING: JOHN 8:2-11

### **MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> – PALM SUNDAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 118:14-23  
EPISTLE READING: REVELATION 5:11-13  
GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 21:1-11



## CONGREGATION MEETING

On March 8th, immediately following worship, there will be a congregational meeting to formally accept Pastor Gwen's resignation. The council will move forward with looking for a new pastor and approve the call committee. Please plan to attend this short meeting. It is very important in the history of our congregation.

## 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.

## WELCA

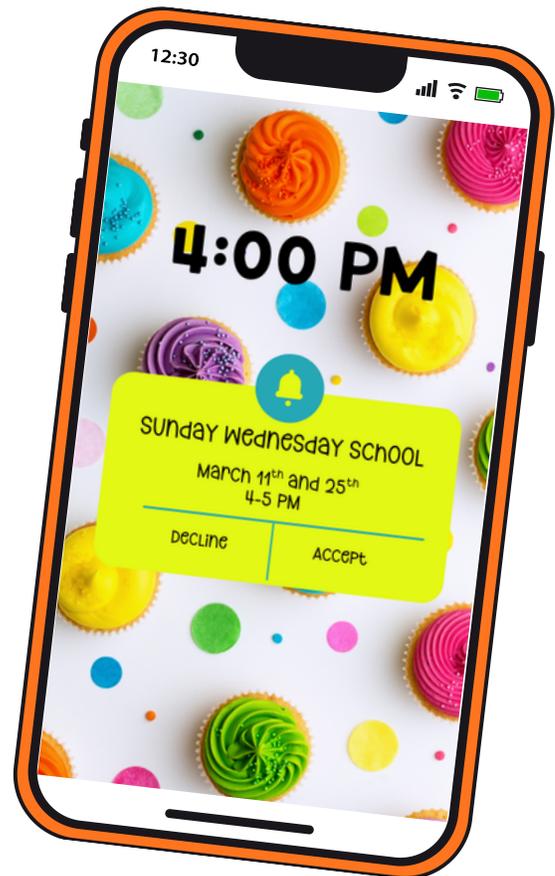
The women's quilting group meets every Tuesday from 10 AM - 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to join.

## BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Worship program this year will be "Dying His Death, Living His Life." The Bible Study will be following the Sunday topics of worship. The Bible Study does not have any "homework." Come and enjoy the fellowship, witnessing how the Holy Spirit is moving among the members of Christ the Servant. We will be meeting on March 1, 15, 22, and 29.

## MENS GROUP

Men's Group will meet over coffee and pastry on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. We are studying the Book of Acts. Please see Scott Carpenter or Pastor for a book.



# Lenten Wednesdays 2026

CHRIST THE SERVANT AND FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**Wednesdays of Lent:** The 5 Wednesdays of Lent will be based on the book by Walt Wangerin Jr. called *Reliving the Passion: Meditations on the Suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus as Recorded in Mark*. We encourage you to listen to accounts of what happened at each important location, and be led in a meaningful, thought-provoking retelling of the Passion.

Wednesday, February 25th:	FC-UCC	Bethany & Jerusalem
Wednesday, March 4th:	CTS	Gethsemane
Wednesday, March 11th:	FC-UCC	The High Priests' House
Wednesday, March 18th:	CTS	Praetorium
Wednesday, March 25th:	FC-UCC	Golgotha

## **EVENING SCHEDULE**

**5:45 PM:** Soup Supper - Soup and beverages provided by host church and the visiting church provides desert.

**6:30 PM:** Gather in the sanctuary for worship.

An offering will be taken during worship. Checks and envelopes will go to your respective church. Loose change and bills will be given to the Lord's Cupboard.

We will be using "Holden Evening Prayer" with Mark Donner playing the organ.

We pray that these Lenten Wednesday nights will foster an intimate connection to Jesus, encouraging us to be an active part of the body of Christ in the world today.

God Bless.

Chaplain Jill Lemke  
Pastor Emerson Coy  
Pastor Gwen Downing



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THE SMALLEST GESTURE CAN BRING A SMILE TO LIGHTEN A DARKENED WORLD. WHEN WE GIVE, WE RECEIVE KINDNESS IN RETURN, BUT GIVING OF KINDNESS IS REALLY ITS OWN REWARD.

KINDNESS EXPANDS GOD'S LIGHT WITHIN US. IT REACHES OUT TO TOUCH THE LIGHT OF OTHERS. IT GIVES US A GLIMPSE OF THE GLOW EACH OF US HAS WITHIN TO ENLIGHTEN THE WORLD.

WHEN WE ACT IN WAYS CONFIRMING KINDNESS AS ONE OF OUR IDEALS, WE MAKE THOSE IDEALS OUR REALITY.

MAY KINDNESS ALWAYS BE A PART OF YOUR LIVING.

## GOD'S COMPASSION

A REFLECTION BY PAUL MITCHELL

This is short prayer break, to pause in your day and spend some quiet time reflecting.

### **Psalm 103:2-3**

Bless the Lord, my soul; do not forget all the gifts of God, who pardons all your sins, (and) heals all your ills.

God's compassion is abundant. There are times in life when we feel so unlovable, so unforgiveable that we want to hide. We may think that if we just ignore what is going on in our lives, ignore what needs healing and forgiveness it will just go away. Thankfully, God does not act that way. Rather, God waits patiently to receive us and to forgive us again and again. This is why our souls sing out, "Bless the Lord, my soul."

When did my heart last sing God's praise?

### **Prayer**

Generous, merciful, and healing Father, you bless my life in so many ways. Stir up in me a grateful heart that gladly gives you praise. Amen!

## Prayer Requests

**Health Requests:** Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Autumn, Joan, Ann, Jack, Paul, Brian, Becci, Barb, Tristen, David, Leigh, and Nancy.

**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.

Amazing  
GRACE

# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2026



DATE	ASSISTING MINISTER	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	USHERS
MARCH 1ST	BARB SCHINDHELM		PASTOR GWEN & MARGARET MCCULLOCH	
MARCH 8TH	LIZ CARPENTER		PAUL & NANCY MILLER	PAUL & NANCY MILLER
MARCH 15TH				RICK & VICKIE THORBJORNSON
MARCH 22ND				
MARCH 29TH PALM SUNDAY				
APRIL 2ND MAUNDY THURSDAY				
APRIL 3RD GOOD FRIDAY				
APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY			POTLUCK	
APRIL 12TH				
APRIL 19TH				
APRIL 26TH				

