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Fellow members of CTS,

Most of you know that we are searching for a new spiritual leader. As President of the church council and also a member of the call committee, I would like to report to you the latest developments.

After a 'skype' interview, numerous deliberative meetings, and a visit to a Washburn church to hear and see Gwen Downing preside at a service there, the call committee made the recommendation to the church council that we offer this position to her. Now, let me introduce you to her.

Gwen would come to us through the TEEM program. Theological Education for Emerging Ministries candidates (TEEM) are nominated by their local synod and approved by the ELCA. Normally, candidates are over 40 years of age, 2nd career people. Wartburg Theological Seminary has implemented specific curriculum for the preparation of candidates for ordained ministry.

Our candidate has been a real estate agent since 1998 and has recently been called by God to this ministry. She was an acting interim pastor for a church in southern Wisconsin, so would come to us with some experience. With a retired husband, who would like to live in northern Wisconsin and a daughter living in Washburn, she has more than one reason to come to Park Falls.

One of the requirements of the participating congregation is that they pay for the candidates remaining education costs. A requirement of the

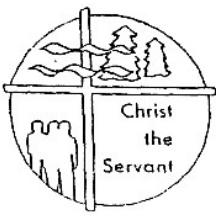
candidate is that they serve the congregation 1-3 years after ordination with appropriate compensation. With approximately half of her seminary courses completed, Gwen would serve CTS 30 hours a week including Sundays, while completing her seminary education. This would basically be an internship with supervision from a mentor. Most course work would take place on-line with occasional visits to Wartburg.

The church council will be putting together a compensation package for her internship while completing schooling needed for ordination. This information will be presented to the congregation at a congregational meeting that will be held, hopefully, August 14th. At this meeting, the congregation will vote on this candidate coming to CTS.

Speaking here of the other members of the call committee excluding myself, they have done a tremendous job with this. Much concern and prayer accompanied all their work. When we hold our congregational meeting, I have only one vote and you have that same number. Let's make it count! Let's all pray on this as well!

God's blessings,

Terry Tarras
Council President



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MEETINGS THIS MONTH



Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
Fridays at 5:30 pm.

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Thursdays at 6:00 pm (Women Only)
Saturdays at 7:00 pm.

Church Council will meet
Monday, August 15 at 6:30 pm.

Special Congregational meeting Aug. 14
after worship. This meeting will be on the topic of TEEM candidate.



The area churches will be meeting at the ball park for a softball game once again on Aug 14 at 6pm.



The First Sunday of every month is
Food Pantry Sunday.

The Last Sunday of every month is
World Hunger Sunday

The Lord's Cupboard is looking for volunteers, once a month is enough to help. If you are interested call Pat Krueger at 715-744-2246. The food pantry is open Wed. and Sat. 10 am-Noon.



Thank you Barb Lofthus, Michelle Scharp and Kelly Seehafer for hosting the LWR Baby Shower.

A New Member class is being planned for August. If you are interested in membership at Christ the Servant or know someone who is please contact Ev Houkom or a church council member.

If you are interested in leading the Hi League please contact a council member.

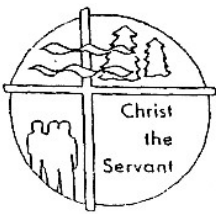
We are looking for volunteers to visit our homebound members. If you are interested please contact a church council member for more information.

Do you have a free afternoon? Stop by and mow the lawn at church! There is a sign-up sheet in the entry.

There are positions available as Communion Assistant, Altar Guild, Acolyte, Usher, and baking and serving during Coffee hour.

Please be sure to sign up in the entry to serve on Sundays.

Thank you to everyone who is helping out during worship!



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Please remember these people and these requests in your prayers this week.

Health – Calla, Angie Obernberger, Michele, Alison, Sharon Aaby, Susie, Robert, Darlene Roberts, Cameron Brown, Peter McCulloch, Dan Kilmore, Ted Ave’Lallemant, Liz Carpenter.

Cancer – Dawn Terwall, Michele, Gina Pearce, Heather Dick, Tom Wolters, Jill, Shelby Haffeman, Violet Harms, Glenda King, Dennis Taylor.

Difficult Time – Wayne Kathryn & Lance Schilling Confirmation, Hi-League, Adult Bible study, College Students, Church Council, CTS ministry.

Shirley Limberg Counseling Service, Pat Hess.

Children AIDS orphans in Malawi, hunger/poverty in the world.

Our nation, military personnel, peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, Middle East.

ELCA, NW Synod of WI, Bishops Hanson and Pedersen and staff. Time-Out Shelter

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi, Sani Mission area, Pastor Peter Vinkhumbo, Bishop Bvumbe.

President Obama, government leaders. CTS in the interim period as we prepare to call a new pastor.

Betty Racette and her family as they mourn the loss of Dan.



Sunday, August 14

This year’s end of summer celebration will include:

10:00 am: Craft and Quilt Viewing begins
10:30 am: Outdoor Worship with the Summer Staff

11:00 am: Kid’s Korner Activities

11:00 am: Pie and Ice Cream Social

11:00 am: Grilled Chicken dinner with all the fixings

11:00 am: Canteen and Quilt Store opens

11:00 am: Farmer’s Market opens

1:00 pm: Craft and Quilt Auction

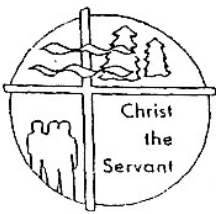
1:00 pm: Silent Auction

Check out lutherpark.org

Mission Giving



There are still plenty of items needed to complete the LWR mission kits. There will be a clipboard in the narthex with list of these items, please sign up and donate! *Or*, if you would like someone else to do the shopping, we will gladly take a check or cash!



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WHO WAS BARTHOLOMEW?

On August 24, the church commemorates St. Bartholomew, who is listed among the disciples. Because he is never named in the book of John — while a follower named Nathanael is mentioned only there — many scholars believe Bartholomew and Nathanael were the same man. Further, Bartholomew’s name is next to Philip’s in Matthew, Luke and Mark, while in John, Philip introduces Nathanael to Jesus (who says, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” [John 1:47, NRSV]).

Besides the Bible, Eusebius, the father of church history, is first to mention Bartholomew. Eusebius reports that Bartholomew gave a Hebrew translation of Matthew’s gospel to Christian converts in India. Bartholomew also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt and Armenia, where he was killed. Tradition holds that Bartholomew was either beheaded or flayed alive and then crucified upside-down.



“For each of us the time is surely coming when we shall have nothing but God.

Health and wealth and friends and hiding places will all be swept away. ...

To the man of pseudo faith that is a terrifying thought, but to real faith it is one of the most comforting thoughts the heart can entertain.”

—A.W. Tozer



LATE BLOOMERS

The pink crepe myrtle finally bloomed — two full months after every other tree of its kind in the area and just as the changing weather signaled the season’s end. Between the rocky soil, too much shade and not enough water, the tree was doing the best it could under the circumstances.

Sound familiar? Like that tree, we’re often “... afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed” (2 Corinthians 4:8-9, NRSV). At times, everything seems to go against us. Nothing comes easily. Life is a struggle.

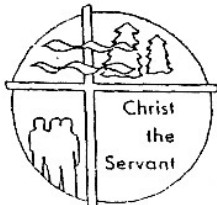
But in Christ, we are not undone. We can persevere. We can bloom, even under the harshest circumstances.

“Our sanctification does not depend as much on changing our activities as it does on doing them for God rather than for ourselves.”

—Brother Lawrence

“God has given us two hands: one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.”

—Billy Graham



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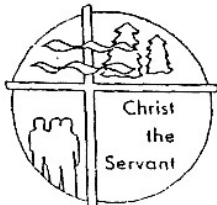
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AUGUST						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7:00 PM AA Meeting	The Lord's Cupboard 10am-noon		5:30pm AA meeting	The Lord's Cupboard 10am- noon 7:00 PM NA Meeting
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee FOOD PANTRY		7:00 PM AA Meeting	The Lord's Cupboard 10am-noon	6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	The Lord's Cupboard 10am- noon 7:00 PM NA Meeting
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PUZZLE

action-packed faith

The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

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| Noah | 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life. |
| Stephen | 2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants. |
| Abraham | 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side. |
| Luke | 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent. |
| Nehemiah | 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature. |
| Josiah | 6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death. |

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

Answers: Noah 4., Stephen 5., Abraham 6., Luke 1., Nehemiah 3., Josiah 4.

HERO Sandwich

To celebrate the Bible's many heroes, make this sandwich for a picnic.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Shredded lettuce
- Olive oil and vinegar
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, oregano)
- Italian crusty bread (six inches per person)
- Mayonnaise
- Sliced meat
- Sliced cheese
- Sliced tomato
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Toothpicks
- Tape



What you do:

1. Drizzle shredded lettuce with oil and vinegar; sprinkle with seasonings.
2. Cut bread in half lengthwise and spread mayo on both halves.
3. On bottom half, layer meats, cheese, tomato and lettuce.
4. Top with other half of bread. Cut in half.
5. Cut paper into small triangles. Write your favorite Bible heroes' names on them.
6. Tape the triangles to toothpicks to make pennants. Stick in sandwich halves. Enjoy!