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Fall brings change into focus. The leaves on the deciduous trees turn colors and drop to the ground. The weather changes to cool breezes that signal the coming of “whiter” precipitation. This fall at Christ the Servant you have experienced significant change with the arrival of a new spiritual leader.

I am very delighted and honored to be part of your ministry at CTS. Your congregation has welcomed me with open arms. I am so thankful that I have been asked to become a part of such a wonderfully loving group of believers. And for that I thank you.

Change is not always as easy as the seasons moving forward. Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> was Reformation Sunday. What a change that movement was from the rigors of the Roman church. Martin Luther was a true reformer, who wanted the church to change so it would more closely follow Scripture. He had no motive in mind to start a new church but rather only wanted to realign the Roman church with the Bible.

The only two things in life that people say never change are death and paying taxes. We have to do both. Well I would like to differ with this philosophy. I think the only thing in life that never will change is God’s love for us. We have the most awesome God who has loved us from the start, even as He left the garden when Adam and Eve first sinned and were banished. He loves us despite the sin we continue to commit. He loves us

unconditionally, always. And He loves us in the midst of change. Jesus Christ came as the answer for all our shortcomings. And God sent him to earth to take away all our sin and assure us of a life everlasting. What greater love can there be?

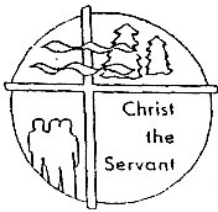
I hope that this fall, as winter approaches and brings us a new church year, that we can together look at some changes at Christ the Servant. My hope is that Christ the Servant can become a church that tries new things with an open mind, a church that embraces going beyond our sanctuary walls to do ministry and most of all a church that is not afraid to show the love of our Lord to our neighbor.

God’s Peace,  
Vicar Gwen

Start a Thanksgiving tradition by placing five kernels of corn at each place setting. Point out a blessing that each kernel represents. For example:

1. God loves us.
2. God provides for all our needs.
3. God gives us friends, just as the Indians befriended the Pilgrims.
4. God hears and answers our prayers.
5. God is preparing a place for us in heaven.

Then have family members share five things for which they’re grateful.



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## **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

Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm.

## **Confirmation Class** will be on

Wednesdays at 4pm.

**Hi-League** will be Wednesdays from  
5:30 – 6:30 pm starting November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bible study will continue on **Friday  
mornings at 10:00 am**. We will be  
studying *The Purpose of Christmas* by  
Rick Warren.

Bible study will continue on **Sundays at  
11:00 am** with the book *Preparing for  
Jesus* by Walt Wangerin. Please sign up  
in the narthex so books can be ordered.

*The Annual Chequamegon Conference  
Meeting will be held in Medford at St.  
Paul's Lutheran Church from 3-5 pm.*

**Counseling services** provided by  
*Limberg & Associates Counseling* are  
available at Christ the Servant on  
Tuesdays and Fridays. To make an  
appointment please call 1-800-788-5882.



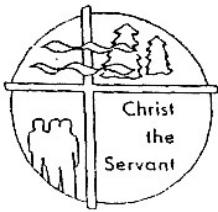
## **Thanksgiving Worship will be Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

We will be collecting groceries for the  
food pantry for Thanksgiving. Please  
bring your items to worship with you.  
We will be placing them at the altar  
during offering time. We will also be  
celebrating Mitchel Seehafer's First  
Communion on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sheepshead Night** Saturday, November  
12 at 4:00 pm. Come join Vicar Gwen  
and Rodney in a friendly game of  
Sheepshead. This is your opportunity to  
learn the German card game Sheepshead  
or to find others that love to play the  
game. No need to sign up, just come.  
Cards and refreshments will be provided.



We have many college age students in  
our congregation, and we'd like to keep  
in touch! If one of these students belongs  
to you send in their e-mails and we'll be  
able to keep in contact with them.



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## SPECIAL DATES

- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, Nov. 6
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Christ the King Sunday, November 20
- National Bible Week, November 20-27
- Thanksgiving Day, November 24
- First Sunday of Advent, November 27



*The Women's Group is planning The Holiday Market for December 10.*

*They will gladly accept your donations of handcrafted items.*

*Anything that's canned, pickled, jarred, baked, sewn, knit, crocheted, quilted, painted, carved, whittled, weaved, arranged, etc. All donations are greatly appreciated.*



The First Sunday of every month is

***Food Pantry Sunday.***

The Last Sunday of every month is

***World Hunger Sunday***

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

**Health** ~ June Peters, Ken Smith, Liz Carpenter, Darlene Roberts, Cheryl Rhodes, Betty, Alison Hill, Marjorie Plaza.

**Cancer** ~ Dawn Terwall, Ted Ave'Lallemant



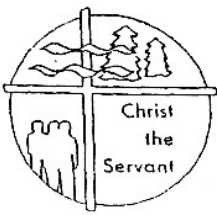
The victims of flooding in Central America. Malawi, AIDS orphans Hunger & Poverty in the world.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love  
and mercy, who satisfies you with good  
as long as you live so that your youth is  
renewed like the eagle's.

—Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV

The psalmist's all-encompassing list is a good example of all the gifts of God we should gratefully acknowledge. Personalize this ancient prayer by pondering your own experiences of God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, mercy and satisfaction of your daily needs.



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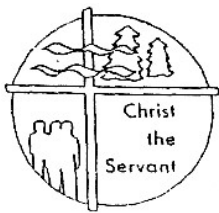
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NOVEMBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:00 PM AA Meeting	4:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Hi-League	6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
Day light savings ends 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee <b>FOOD PANTRY</b>		7:00 PM AA Meeting	4:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Hi-League	6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	4:00pm Sheepshead Night 7:00 PM NA Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee		<b>6:30 pm Council meeting</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting	4:00 pm Confirmation <b>5:30 pm Hi-League</b>	6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
20	21	22	23	<i>Thanksgiving</i> 24	25	26
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee		7:00 PM AA Meeting	6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship / 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion	6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
27	28	29	30			
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## PUZZLE

### Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

**Directions:** In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house Lord	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

" \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_ what he has \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, sing \_\_\_\_\_ to him; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ his  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ." PSALM 105:1-2, niv

7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts  
 Give praise to the Lord; proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, niv)

## SIGN OF THANKFULNESS

Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

**What you need:**

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

**What you do:**

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.

