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Members of CTS,

I kind of introduced our stewardship ministry for this Fall on September 20<sup>th</sup> with a letter to the CTS members. You should have received that e-mail or envelope around Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already read that letter, please do so and if you didn't get one talk to Kelly or Myself and we'll see that you get one. In this letter, it was stated, correctly I believe, that "stewardship is what we Christians do after we say "WE BELIEVE!"

A few weeks ago, here at CTS, our Gospel lesson from Matthew 21 was the parable of the two sons. Well, last Sunday, Patty and I were again in Sturgeon Bay visiting grandkids and working on our daughter's house. I don't have to tell which one Patty was doing, Do I? We all went to the early 8:00 am Sunday service so we could get back home to finish the project before Patty and I had to leave for the long drive to Park Falls. AS I read the bulletin at Bay View Lutheran, an ELCA church there, I notice the same text mentioned earlier was their gospel.

If you remember, in this parable, Jesus tells about one son who was asked by his father to go work in his vineyard. That son says no, but then later changes his mind and does so. The second was also asked by dad to go work the vineyard. He said, "Yes" but did not!

When I realized that I had been preached to twice in less than a month with the SAME Gospel lesson, stopping

to think I said to myself how can I use this redundancy? Stewardship here at CTS is about doing the ministry of God through God – not us. Why don't we be an imaginary third child in this story, one that says yes to God the Father and DOES go work in the vineyard; church community, etc.

While teaching confirmation the last few weeks, I ran across some interesting thoughts Martin Luther had about Theology-the study of God and religion. Luther maintained there were two theologies in his day and I also believe there are two today.

First, there is the "Theology of Glory" –It's all about what God does.

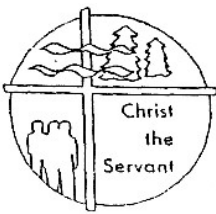
Second, There is the "Theology of the Cross" – It's all about what we are doing. The most important one is obviously the 1<sup>st</sup>. We should live our lives according to the theology of glory, God working in our lives through the Spirit.

Now let's go back to what was said about stewardship here earlier. Stewardship is what we do after we say we Believe-believe in what? God. We believe first. Then through the spirit, we act.

God's blessings,

Terry Tarras  
Council President

**Installation of our new Spiritual Leader, Gwen Downing, will be on October 9 with a potluck meal following worship.**



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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  
Monday, September 19 at 6:30 pm.

**Confirmation Class** will be on  
Wednesdays at 4pm.



The First Sunday of every month is  
**Food Pantry Sunday.**

The Last Sunday of every month is  
**World Hunger Sunday**

## SPECIAL DATES

- World Communion Sunday, October 2
- Columbus Day Observance, October 10
- Reformation Sunday, October 30
- Reformation Day, October 31

**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.



*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., Tom Palacek, June Peters

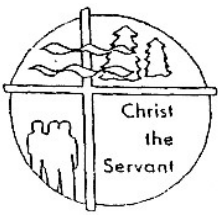
**Cancer** – Dawn Terwall, Michele, Gina Pearce, Heather Dick, Tom Wolters, Jill, Shelby Haffeman, Violet Harms, Glenda King, Dennis Taylor.

**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.  
Victims of natural disasters.

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 Gwen Downing as our new spiritual leader. Gwen Downing and her family as they mourn the death of her father.



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## Mission Giving



There was a wonderful response to the Lutheran World Relief kit drive. We were able to donate 33 layettes, 34 health kits, 48 school kits, 28 sewing kits, and 6 pounds of soap. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful cause.

Thank you to everyone who came to help out on cleanup day, a lot of work got done!



A little girl wanted to know what the United States looked like. Her father tore a map of the USA from a magazine and then cut it into small pieces. He told her to go to her room to see if she could put it together. After some time later she returned and handed the map correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. She said, "On the other side was a picture of Jesus and when I put him back then our country just came together."

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren."

—Martin Luther

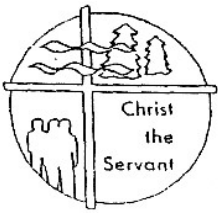
## LIVING BY SON-LIGHT

Some of our days seem very dark. Sickness, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job or another struggle overshadows life. In our despair, it can be difficult to sense God's presence. If God were here, we reason, surely he'd be shining his light on our dark circumstances.

When life is bright and joyous, it's easy to sense God; the sun becomes a natural metaphor for God's Son, Jesus, the Light of the world. But even on cloudy days, the sun still shines, its presence not bound by our limited vision. And in the darkest night, the sun remains; the warmth it gave before dusk lingers, enough to preserve us into the dawning of a new day. Sometimes we even catch its reflection in the moon.

"Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:5b, NRSV). Trust in God; even in life's dark times, the Son still shines!

*Worship  
the  
Father  
in  
spirit  
and  
truth.*  
John 4:23



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“God is in the business of taking old pieces of our lives, refinishing them and, at just the right time, surprising us with newfound beauty.”  
—Susan Duke

## A GUIDE FOR GIVING

“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little.

“If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them.”  
—C.S. Lewis



“Your life is safe in the care of the Lord your God, secure in his treasure pouch!”

1 SAMUEL 25:29, NIV

“No man ever got very high by pulling other people down.... Don't knock your friends. Don't knock your enemies. Don't knock yourself.”  
—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

*Sola Gratia*  
Grace Alone

*Sola Fide*  
Faith Alone

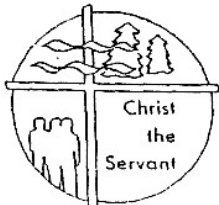
*Sola Scriptura*  
Scripture Alone

## WHEN TROUBLES COME

Have you noticed that things often seem to fall apart all at once? It could be a string of financial setbacks. First the refrigerator goes out, then the car won't start and then the roof starts leaking. Or maybe our relationships break down or our career unravels.

What can we do when hardships threaten to overwhelm us? Peanuts character Charlie Brown said, “I only dread one day at a time.” But we can do better than that.

We can take a deep breath, cling to God's hand and keep walking, knowing that our heavenly Father is always with us.



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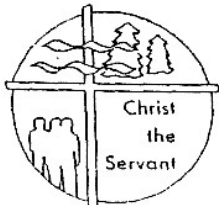
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OCTOBER						
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				6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee <b>FOOD PANTRY</b>		7:00 PM AA Meeting	4:00 pm Confirmation	6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
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<i>First day of Fall</i> 23	<i>United Nations Day</i> 24	25	26	27	28	29
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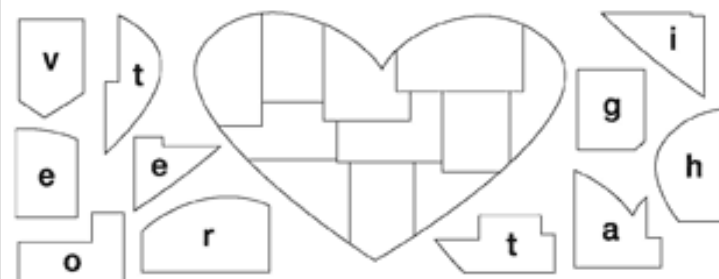


## How to give

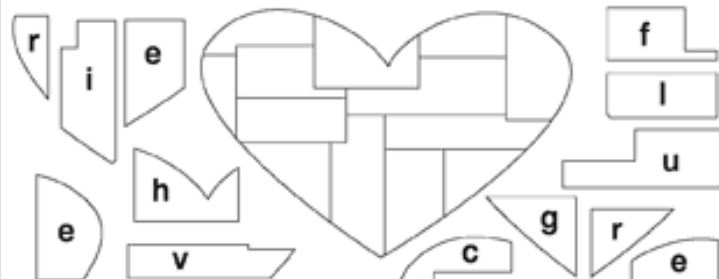
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



."

## A COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

### What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



### What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!