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*From the  
Council  
President*

Here is something I found while preparing for confirmation class this week. *'The difficulty for the contemporary church comes in understanding what reform is as opposed to mere change. In a society that values change for its own sake, the church is challenged to be both faithful to an unchanging gospel and responsive to the movements of the Spirit. We are not merely out to find something "new and improved" every time we gather together, and not every person who seeks change in the church is necessarily faithful to the heart of the gospel. Because of human sin, we must be particularly mindful of our own motivations, while also trusting that God can work with us even with our mixed motives.'* From *Here We Stand* confirmation curriculum.

As summer nears an end, a new school year is starting. Sunday School and Confirmation classes are also beginning for Christ the Servant's young members. There is something else new in store for our church this fall!

Twelve CTS members welcomed Gwen Downing and her husband, Rodney Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. They were in the area house shopping and dropping off books and resource materials at her new office. After introductions, we all asked and answered questions getting to know each other a

little better. Our new spiritual leader hopes to begin here in early October and we did talk of her first Sunday with us being October 9<sup>th</sup>.

God has led CTS this last year and a half as we transitioned from one pastor to another. He has also held us together so we could continue doing what so many good people started here over 20 years ago. I personally can't thank all of you enough for all your support and prayers.

Now, come and join us for what promises to be a new and exciting chapter in CTS's history!

God's blessings,  
Terry Tarras  
Council President

## 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)

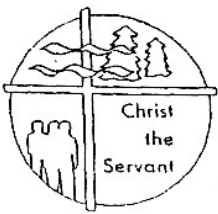
Saturdays at 7:00 pm.

**Church Council** will meet

Monday, September 19 at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation Class will be on

Wednesdays at 4pm.



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

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



*There will be a church work day at Christ the Servant on September 25 after worship. Bring your yard tools and cleaning supplies to help get our church ready for another busy year!*

*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.*

*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.*

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up and helped with worship and coffee.



*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.

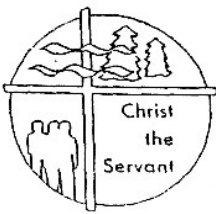
**Cancer** – Dawn Terwall, Michele, Gina Pearce, Heather Dick, Tom Wolters, Jill, Shelby Haffeman, Violet Harms, Glenda King, Dennis Taylor.

**Difficult Time** – Wayne Kathryn & Lance Schilling Confirmation, , 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 recent natural disasters.

The 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 welcome Gwen Downing as our new spiritual leader.



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## Mission Giving

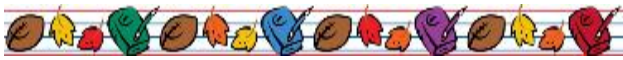


Thank you to all who contributed to the Lutheran World Relief kits.

Thank you to everyone for all of their hard work and patience assembling the LWR kits.

### SPECIAL DATES

- Labor Day, September 5
- Patriot Day, September 11
- National Grandparents Day, September 11
- Hispanic Heritage Mo., Sept. 15–Oct. 15
- First Day of Autumn, September 23



“It is useless to pray for more knowledge, power or faith until you begin to use what you have already.”

—Henry Bucklew

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“Life will only work out successfully one way, and that is God’s way.”

—Leslie Weatherhead

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“No Christian has ever been known to recant on his deathbed.”

— C.M. Ward



### LABOR OF LOVE

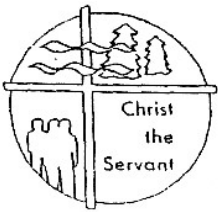
During Labor Day weekend worship, many congregations bless members of various occupations. From painting to parenting, from truck driving to teaching, from farming to pharmaceutical research, work is honored as holy.



Some might believe that certain jobs — pastor, missionary, bishop — are holier than others. But in his classic book *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence, a 17th-century Carmelite monk, tells of performing even the most common, tedious tasks as holy service to God: “I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of [God],” he wrote. “It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God.”

No matter your field of work, remember that any task done in God’s name and to his glory is holy.

**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.



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## **TERROR NO MORE**

“O LORD, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more” (Psalm 10:17-18, NRSV).

Ten years have passed since that tragic September morning in 2001, when terrorists took thousands of innocent lives and shattered America’s sense of security. As we reflect on this anniversary, Psalm 10 reminds us that God is on the side of the victim, the weak and the helpless. He won’t ignore the cries of people in need, and he always ensures that justice is ultimately done.

## **DIVINE FORGETFULNESS**

For humans, forgetfulness can be frustrating and worrisome. Yet it can be a blessing to be able to forget certain things.

The late professor and author Gerhard E. Frost noted that “forgiveness is a beautiful form of forgetfulness” — a heaven-sent absent-mindedness.

For what is failure to forgive but the refusal to release a memory of someone’s hurtful actions? Only by releasing old grudges and choosing to forget past wrongs can we find peace. For help, we can look to God as the ultimate example of “forgetting” sins.

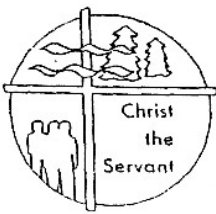


## **DISABILITY ≠ HANDICAP**

Whenever we start something new — a school year, a church programming year, a job, a journey — we meet people of different abilities and disabilities. With new experiences come new fears.

In *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Children With Special Needs*, social worker Jo Clancy writes about John, who became a quadriplegic at age 17 after a diving accident. When Clancy shared her own fears of becoming disabled, John said, “A person can be more disabled by their fears than I will ever be by my physical challenges.” He defined a disability as loss of ability in part of one’s body but a handicap as an obstacle set in one’s path by others or oneself.

Throughout Scripture, God, Jesus and angels tell people, “Do not be afraid.” Paul writes that in his weakness, God’s power is made known (2 Corinthians 12:9). Don’t let fear handicap you — and don’t handicap others with your fears. As God strengthens you, may others see his power!



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Sow for yourselves  
righteousness,  
reap the fruit  
of unfailing  
love ...

Hosea 10:12, NIV

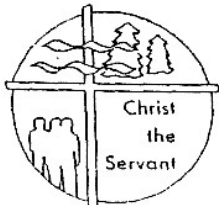


He has given us ... an  
**inheritance**  
that can never

**perish,**  
**spoil**  
or  
**fade**

- kept in heaven ...

1 PETER 1:3-4, NIV



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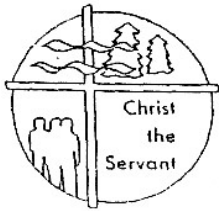
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SEPTEMBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
4	Labor Day 5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee <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
<i>Patriot Day/ Grandparents Day II</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee		7:00 PM AA Meeting	4:00 pm Confirmation	6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Autumn</i> 23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee <b>WORLD HUNGER church work day!</b>		7:00 PM AA Meeting	4:00 pm Confirmation	6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	



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## GOD'S PLAN

*When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.*

**Directions:** Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

plans know and for hope I not declares give  
 prosper harm have the Lord you future

Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
 (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

## A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

### What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



### What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.

