

# First Fruits

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## Worship Ministry

**FIRST LUTHERAN  
AND  
CHRIST THE SERVANT  
WILL BOTH BE PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY  
WORSHIP SERVICES THIS SUMMER!  
SEE DETAILS BELOW**

### **CHARITON COMMUNITY WORSHIP SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

**Time yet to be determined**



On Sunday, June 30, the Interchurch Council of Lucas County is inviting you to join an ecumenical worship service on the lawn of the Lucas County Courthouse in Chariton. The worship time will be determined at their meeting in June. We will announce the time in the bulletin when it is determined. First Lutheran will NOT be having a service at the church on Sunday, June 30, so the congregation can participate in the ecumenical service on the square.

### **CORYDON OLD SETTLER'S DAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

Christ the Servant will NOT be having a service at the church building on Sunday, August 11, so the congregation can participate in the ecumenical service, being held at the Methodist Church during the Old Settlers Celebration. Time yet to be determined.



### **DAY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

You are invited to **BRING RED GERANIUMS AND TO WEAR RED** on this fiftieth day of Easter as we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Come to worship on **Holy Trinity Sunday, June 16**, to hear your pastor try to explain the Trinity!



### **CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS!!!**

First Lutheran Church will have a pie stand on the Chariton Square when RAGBRAI passes through our town on Wednesday, July 24. Our goal is to get 100 pies donated from our church members to sell for this fundraiser. Money raised will go towards the parking lot project. We are asking for at least two homemade, two-crust 9" fruit pies from our church families. Volunteers are also needed to help cut the pies, package, and label them; as well as volunteers to set up the stand and sell pie to our RAGBRAI guests! Our goal is to raise \$3,200. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for donating pies and for volunteer opportunities. An information sheet is located near the pie/volunteer sign-up sheet with details for pie donations and volunteering. Thank you for helping out with this project! Questions can be directed to Lana Kuball (641) 203-0593 or Ronda Morrett (641) 203-5218.



OUR 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.



ON SUNDAY, MAY 12, FIRST LUTHERAN  
RECOGNIZED OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.  
CONGRATULATIONS TO JACKSON FISHER  
(in red) AND HUNTER CLARK (in black).

YOU DID IT!  
*Congratulations*

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR  
COLLEGE GRADUATES!

**ZACHARY FISHER** graduated Cum Laude from Iowa State University in Ames on May 11 with a degree in Vocal Music Education.

**MIKE MOSBACH** graduated from Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny with a Degree in Mortuary Science. He is now an intern with Hamilton Funeral Home in Des Moines.

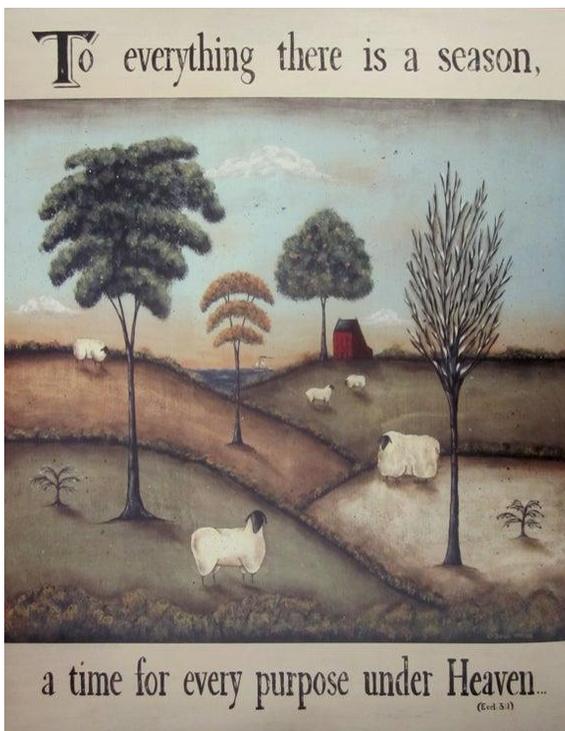
**ALEX WRIGHT** graduated from Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny with a Degree in Mortuary Science. He is now an intern with Hamilton Funeral Home in Des Moines.

#### JUNE 16 - CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY



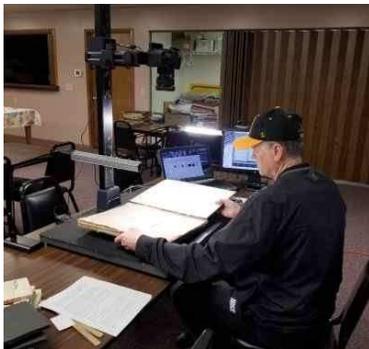
The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on Sunday, June 16, in exchange for a free-will donation. All donations will be put toward the next Youth Gathering!

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH**





Pictured here is the weighted blanket making group at Christ the Servant. They gather the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month to work on the weighted blankets but they also enjoy a great time of fellowship!!



Are you familiar with the Swedish genealogy company ArkivDigital? Neither was I, but Warren Johnson from Omaha, Nebraska, is and he contacted

our congregation to see if we would like to have our Swedish historical records digitized from prior to 1950. This service is free to our congregation and we will receive a thumb drive with all the books copied. The McPherson County Old Mill Museum in Lindsborg, Kansas partners with ArkivDigital to document records of Swedish-American churches in Iowa. Last year, Mr. Johnson worked on records from Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, and 45 congregations in Iowa. This year he was given permission to expand to central/eastern Iowa. We are so thankful to Mr. Johnson for this service. He worked from 9 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, May 7. Gayle Bortz

The new sound system arrived at First Lutheran on Monday, May 6! The 2 gentlemen worked from 8 AM till 6 PM until Thursday afternoon. This was quite the endeavor to watch as they quietly installed all the wiring and equipment. They were also very professional and organized. We thank them for upgrading our sound system! Good job done DB Acoustics from Marion, Iowa! Gayle Bortz



Dear Partners in the Gospel,

*One Bread... One Body* was the theme for this for this year's Synod Assembly, held at Hope Lutheran Church in Des Moines, May 10 and 11. Although church meetings can often bring on the yawns and a dire need for a nap, this one did not. Supported by Hope's Music Ministry, we began singing some of our favorite hymns and songs as we arrived and continued to do that throughout the assembly. I am deeply moved by the way our assemblies (this was my third in our synod) are always couched in prayer and worship, for which there were so many opportunities. A different person, from around the synod, stepped to the microphone several times each day to pray for and about the session's activities. It was invigorating and inspiring.

Bishop Burke's report was informative, entertaining, interesting and fun. He initially talked about how he brings greetings to congregations and communities and global meetings on our behalf. He brings greetings and says thank you for all the ministry we are all doing in your congregations. He said, "Bringing those greetings is just one more reminder of how we are all connected – part of this one body, share in this one partnership, toward one goal. That is so easy to lose sight of when we are so involved in our local ministries that matter so much to us."

We're partners, not just in our conference, in our synod, in our region to the ELCA; we are also partners with the other congregations in our local community, no matter their denomination. Just one of many reasons, I am glad we are connected to the Inter-Church Council in Lucas county and the Wayne County Ministerial Association. Do take a moment to thank Marleen Oxenreider and Joann Narber for being our representatives to ICC; also, say thanks to Anne Kruse, Patti Mason and Cindy Thiel for covering WCMA when I am not able to get there. Again, I admire the efforts of both congregations to be involved in our communities in so many ways.

Back to the Assembly – you already heard about the forums Doug Thiel and Jean Heston attended, but not the ones I participated in. I went to two of them. The first was presented by Rachel Alley, from Youth Ministry, Domestic Mission Unit, who served as the churchwide representative, provided updates and stories of the work we do together as the ELCA. Her topic was, "Reaching Younger People with God's Good News." As I told you after I returned from Assembly, I have lots of GREAT ideas based on the session with her. Beware – it could mean change! Yikes! No, no praise bands, or worship that feels like entertainment. Our worship needs to be what it is! But we might need to do a better job of really loving and supporting, not just the kids and young people who already participate in our faith communities, but to find ways to reach out and serve younger people in our area. More about this in the future.

I also participated in a session on creating ways to spend time with God as we care for ourselves. Jennifer Prinz, from Portico, shared ideas and invited us to talk about the ways God shows up in our lives, especially when we're struggling. Came away with plenty of new thoughts. Don't worry – this one changed me. I don't have plans to institute ten different spiritual development programs.

So much I could tell you, but this is long enough. Just one last note: The 2020 Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, will take place May 1-3, 2020 in Coralville, Iowa, at which time the election of a new Bishop will be held.

Serving our Lord Jesus with you,  
Pastor Sally

# Discipleship Ministry

## GROWING IN FAITH CLASS

The last formal session of GiF was held on May 22. It was a shortened class due to some students' previous commitments, but everyone enjoyed all the food – seems like several people decided the youth needed special treats for this last session. Also, Gayle Bortz, congregation president, sat in on the class and contributed to the discussion.

This class is a terrific group of young people. Please continue to pray for Madison Buckalew, Sydney Cain, Carson Oxenreider, Addie Peterson, Logan Shore, and Kendall Watson. They love their church family and are eager to learn. Their parents and grandparents were outstanding at providing a substantial snack for each session this year and sharing responsibility for getting the students to class on Wednesday afternoons.

The students will gather once during the summer for an informal retreat. Date not yet determined.



**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** class takes up an offering each Sunday. This year our offering totaled \$70. We decided to donate this to the **ELCA Disaster Fund**. This will go to people affected by the floods, tornados or other natural disasters.

## CTS GARDENING FOR PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

Several members of the faith community at Christ the Servant have already set aside garden plots and even planted specifically for a monthly free produce stand. Please consider a special planting and/or donation of produce to either the stand at Christ the Servant or the local food bank. A few feet of space and a couple of extra pickings will make a big difference to those who are hungry.



# Stewardship Ministry

## TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FLC:

Thank you so much for completing and returning your *Gifts for Mission* forms. There are still about forty outstanding, and I've followed up hoping they still come in. If you've been engaged in a ministry for some time and find yourself not being called upon, please check with Wendy to ensure your name is on the list. In some cases, the "new" volunteers are being invited first to give them an opportunity to share their gifts with all of us. As I've said numerous times, God has provided all the gifts we need to do what we are called to do. As we use those gifts, God is glorified, and our work gets done. Some of you volunteered for ministries not yet in existence or for ministries we haven't engaged in for several years. It will take a little longer to get back to you with an invitation to share that gift. Please, be patient. YOU matter to our ministry.

Thank you from Pastor Sally and other congregation leaders looking for volunteers.

## ⋮⋮⋮ On the Vine

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group** will gather on **Wednesday, June 5**, at First Lutheran, beginning at 1:30 PM. All are invited to participate.

**“Coffee, Conversation, Camaraderie” CCC@CTS on Friday, June 7.** Christ the Servant Lutheran Ministry will have their Thrivent Action Team Coffee shop open from 9-11 AM and will serve fair trade coffees and teas, and anyone is invited to attend. Community residents are invited to come with friends or come alone and make friends.

### **The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women’s Bible Study opportunities:**

\*\* On Tuesday, **June 4**, from 1:30-3 PM, at Christ the Servant. We will be using the book, *Twelve Women of the Bible*.

\*\* On Tuesday, **June 18**, we will meet at Noon for our *Gather* study. Watch the bulletins for the place to be announced.



**The Women of the ELCA** will meet on Thursday, **June 13**, at the home of Miriam Hibbs, beginning at 1 PM. All women are invited!

**“Sharing the Weight” Blanket Making Parties at CTS** are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9 AM-3 PM. **Our next gathering will be on June 11.** We invite everyone to come and join us. We have sewing and non-sewing jobs so all skills are welcome. Come as early as you can and stay as long as you like.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE** that **WWW** and the **Sunday afternoon book study** will not meet during the summer. Both will resume in the fall.

### **LAF :: Lutheran Adult Fellowship**

A small group ministry of First Lutheran Church that gathers monthly to share food and fun. Newcomers are always welcome.

We will gather in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran beginning at **6 PM** on **Sunday, June 9**. John & Sharon Neel will be your hosts.

## Re:Newed

### **Baptismal Anniversaries**

During June, we remember and give thanks for the baptisms of:

|     |                 |      |                |
|-----|-----------------|------|----------------|
|     | Delores Ranshaw | 6/14 | Harlan Ranshaw |
| 6/1 | Earl Comstock   | 6/14 | Natalie McGee  |
| 6/2 | Joann Narber    | 6/16 | Taylor Duey    |
| 6/3 | Kary Blunk      | 6/20 | Logan Newsum   |
| 6/5 | Bethany Lahart  | 6/21 | David Rich     |
| 6/5 | Ben Wantland    | 6/21 | Evan Wood      |
| 6/5 | Cynthia Thiel   | 6/22 | Kendall Watson |
| 6/7 | Sandi Partlow   | 6/23 | Jennifer Goben |
| 6/7 | Sheri Mason     | 6/24 | Sharon Neel    |
|     |                 | 6/26 | Sharon Anstey  |

Thanks be to Jesus for the saving waters of baptism!

*(In baptism, we all are made one in Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither male nor female, neither Chariton nor Corydon! Are we missing your baptismal anniversary? Let us know! Tell us the story of your baptism!)*



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June

**\*\* DAY OF PENTECOST**

- June 9

**\*\* HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

- June 16

**\*\* HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE  
GRADUATES**

**\*\* CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS FOR  
RAGBRAI FUNDRAISER!!!**

**\*\* NEW SOUND SYSTEM INSTALLED  
AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

**Be Bold in our Faith as Children of God  
and Share the Good News of Salvation with All People**

(First Lutheran Mission Statement)



**Share the Joy of Christ, and Serve Others**

(Christ the Servant Mission Statement)

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**June 2019**

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY               | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--|--|------------------------|--|--|
| AA – Alcoholics Anonymous   |   |  |  |                        |  | 1 8 am–11 am – Breakfast Gals<br>Garage Sale in FLC Basement<br><br>8 pm – AA @ CTS      |
| 2 Holy Communion<br>9 am–First, Chariton<br>11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon<br><br>1 pm – Slavic Worship  | 3   | 4 10 am–FLC Worship Committee<br>11:30 am–Lucas Co. ICC at House of Prayer<br>1:30 pm–CTS Women’s Bible Study at CTS | 5 1:30 pm –Prayer Shawl Ministry at FLC<br><br>8 pm – AA @ CTS | 6 7 pm–Slavic Worship  | 7 9-11 am–CCC at CTS<br><br>Office Closed                          | 8 Sheri Mason & Kyle Rogier Wedding at Lake Thunderhead, Missouri<br><br>8 pm – AA @ CTS |
| 9 Day of Pentecost<br>Holy Communion<br>9 am–First, Chariton<br>11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon<br><br>1 pm – Slavic Worship<br><br>6 pm – Lutheran Adult Fellowship                  | 10 2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS<br><br>6:30 pm–Council at FLC | 11 8 am–Breakfast Gals<br>9 am-3 pm – Blanket Making Party at CTS  | June 9-14: Group to Lutheran Lakeside Camp – Campers & Workers |                        | 13 11 am – Corydon Care Center Service<br>1 pm – Women of the ELCA | 14 Office Closed<br><br>15 8 pm – AA @ CTS   |
| 16 Holy Trinity Sunday<br>Father’s Day<br>Cinnamon Roll Sunday<br>Holy Communion<br>9 am–First, Chariton<br>11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon<br><br>1 pm – Slavic Worship              | 17 7 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room                                | 18 Noon – CTS Women’s Bible Study (place TBA)<br>3:30 pm–CTS Worship Committee<br>4:30 pm–CTS Task Force             | 19 8 pm – AA @ CTS   | 20 7 pm–Slavic Worship | 21 Office Closed<br>Newsletter Deadline!                           | 22 8 pm – AA @ CTS   |
| 23 Holy Communion<br>9 am–First, Chariton<br>11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon<br><br>1 pm – Slavic Worship   | 24  | 25   | June 23 – July 2: Pastor Sally Out of Town                     |                        | 26 8 pm – AA @ CTS   | 27 7 pm–Slavic Worship<br><br>28 Office Closed<br><br>29 8 pm – AA @ CTS                 |
| 30 Service of the Word<br>Chariton Community Worship Service (time to be announced)<br>No service at FLC on this day.<br>11 am–Christ the Servant, Corydon<br><br>1 pm – Slavic Worship |   |  |  |                        |  |  |