

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, 2 PM



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 at 2 PM. First Lutheran will NOT be having a service at the church on Sunday, June 30.

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.



**OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY
WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.**

On Sunday, June 16, First Lutheran welcomed six new members! We also welcomed back several members who had been away and have come back! We are thankful for our new and returning friends! A reception was held in the Fireside Room following worship where fellowship was bountiful!



These six were officially welcomed as new members to First Lutheran – all by transfer: Pastor Sally Wilke, David Jurgens, Julie Goetsch, Connie & Dave Holland, and Shelby Johnson.



Those welcomed back after being away were: Rae & Scott Luehring, Bob Prather, Bernie & Jo Aulwes, Shirley & Bob Schmitt, and Karen Orwig.



These campers experienced God in the midst of an outdoor setting filled with trees, cabins, water, sunshine, rain, and great people. There were 58 campers, June 9-14, with 6 counselors, 8 Pastors, 2 youth ministers, and 1 lay leader (Gayle). The boys stayed in the Phillipi cabin and the girls stayed in the Nazareth cabin. There were worship times, craft times, cabin Bible study times, swim times, game times, congregation times, friendship times, and great food. We had a moving Christ Walk and the kids experienced the Holden Evening Prayer with lighted candles. I saw the love of God enter each of our kids throughout the week. So proud to have been on this journey with them. Ask them about their adventures! I pray they will share their experiences. Thank you FLC for supporting our youth!

Gayle Bortz



Our campers and Gayle ready to attend the Wedding Feast at Cana! Our campers L-R: Olivia Greving, Ava Krutsinger, Morgan Peters, Andrew Greving, and Trayton Brown.



Lutheran Lakeside Camp, our camp, was blessed with 5 men who dedicated hours to improving the property on June 7-12. Duane Bedford went early to discuss with Ranger Z the placement of trees and the kinds of trees for the camp. Within 10 years most of the original trees (1958) will be dying so new ones need to be planted each year to keep our camp thriving. Denny Bisgard, Rod Bortz, Dave Kuball, and Don Brown, planted, watered and mulched about 175 bare root trees and 25 large trees. "They look absolutely beautiful and the men worked really hard" said Ranger Z. Thank you men for your time and talent.

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Although I was grateful for the time off, I was also disappointed that I was not able to preach on June 23. Earlier this spring, I had been looking forward to proclaiming the good news of Jesus, according to the Galatians and Luke readings. Among so many others, they are a couple of my favorites. So, I offer these repeats, sharing words someone might be needing today.



“As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:27-28).

Clothed in Christ Jesus, we are all one. Our background doesn't matter, our economic status doesn't matter; our gender doesn't matter (all things that matter a great deal to society at large). None of the things that could set us apart from one another make a difference in our lives when we know that Jesus has set us free to be who we were created to be. Glory be to God.

Second, the story from Luke tells of the man with demons who was unable to help himself. Still related to how we're clothed and how God's love makes a difference. According to Sundays & Seasons, “We feel powerless when life's storms rage about us. Despite our best efforts, we cannot navigate those dangers without the hand of God to guide and free us.”

The people in the land of the Geresenes reacted to the man by chaining and shackling him, thinking that would prevent him from hurting himself or others. Yet even that could not control his rage and frequent outbursts. He remained helpless and ostracized on his own until he was freed by the power of God in Christ.

Jesus was an outsider in the community, but that did not stop him from helping. He recognized the evil within the man and the evil recognized him. He did perform a “miracle,” although not necessarily what the people wanted. Who knows what that even was? Whoever owned that herd of pigs was probably quite unhappy at his loss of revenue, as the demonized pigs flung themselves off the bank. Though the event caused fear and confusion, the man was freed from possession and then sent by Jesus to tell all of his stunning liberation.

“The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with [Jesus]; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him” (Luke 8:38-39).

Here's hoping these clips from the two stories encourage all of us to join with the newly freed man in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in our world.

With love,
Pastor Sally

Discipleship Ministry

GROWING IN FAITH CLASS

No ball games for GiF youth on July 15!?!?!?

In a remarkable turn of events, all of the students in this year's Growing in Faith (GiF) class are able to attend a retreat on Monday, July 15, at Jericho Hills in Lucas. After a year of intensive study and hard work (and yes, a little shenanigans too), we are going to have some fun. This relaxing time away from the church library and stiff chairs will allow for outdoor activities in a setting designed for both fun and learning. Please pray that God would provide just what each participant needs. Thanks for your ongoing support of these delightful young people.

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

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.

JULY 21 - CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

The youth attending the next Youth Gathering will be serving cinnamon rolls on Sunday, July 21, in



exchange for a free-will donation. All donations will be put toward the next Youth Gathering!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

⋮⋮⋮ On the Vine

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will not meet in the months of July & August.

Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, September 4**, at First Lutheran, beginning at 1:30 PM.

The CTS (Christ the Servant) Women's Bible Study opportunities:

** On Tuesday, **July 2**, from 1:30-3 PM, at Christ the Servant. We will be using the book, *Twelve Women of the Bible*.

** On Tuesday, **July 16**, we will meet at Noon for our *Gather* study. Watch the bulletins for the place to be announced.

“Sharing the Weight” Blanket Making Parties at CTS are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9 AM-3 PM. **Our next gathering will be on July 9.** 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.



The Women of the ELCA will meet on Thursday, **July 11**, at the home of Geralda Wiig, beginning at 1 PM. All women are invited!

“Coffee, Conversation, Camaraderie” CCC@CTS will be on the third Friday of each month beginning on August 16. We will not gather in the month of July. 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.

LAF :: Lutheran Adult Fellowship

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

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETINS FOR THE JULY LAF DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Marleen Oxenreider will be your host.

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Baptismal Anniversaries

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

7/	Carol Brown	7/19	Hannah Fuhs
7/	Diane Lukavsky	7/19	Alena Umbenhower
7/	Jamie Aulwes	7/20	Makayla Hill
7/1	Anne Kruse	7/22	Linda Schilling
7/3	Eric Johnson	7/24	John Harman
7/13	Barb Vogel	7/27	Brad W. Krutsinger
		7/31	Miriam Hibbs

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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July

**** CHARITON COMMUNITY WORSHIP**

- June 30 at 2 PM

**** GIF RETREAT AT JERICHO HILLS**

- July 15

**** CAMP PICTURES**

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

**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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July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AA – Alcoholics Anonymous	1	2 1:30 pm – CTS Women's Bible Study at CTS	3 8 pm – AA @ CTS	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5 Office Closed	6 8 pm – AA @ CTS
7 Holy Communion 9 am – First, Chariton 11:10 am – Christ the Servant, Corydon 10:15 am – Executive Committee at FLC 1 pm – Slavic Worship	8 2 pm – Laplanders Quilt Guild at CTS 6:30 pm – Council at FLC	9 8 am – Breakfast Gals 9 am – 3 pm – Blanket Making Party at CTS	10 Wendy Vacation July 9-11		11 9 am – FLC Quilting 1 pm – Women of the ELCA	12 Office Closed
July 7-16: Pastor Sally will be in the office and/or available daily through July 16						
			8 pm – AA @ CTS	7 pm – Slavic Worship		8 pm – AA @ CTS
14 Holy Communion 9 am – First, Chariton 11:10 am – Christ the Servant, Corydon 1 pm – Slavic Worship	15 10 am – 3 pm: GiF Retreat at Jericho Hills 7 pm – Quilt Guild in Fireside Room	16 Noon – CTS Women's Bible Study (place TBA) 4:30 pm – CTS Task Force	17 8 pm – AA @ CTS	18 9 am – FLC Quilting 7 pm – Slavic Worship	19 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline!	20 8 pm – AA @ CTS
21 Cinnamon Roll Sunday Holy Communion 9 am – First, Chariton 11:10 am – Christ the Servant, Corydon 1 pm – Slavic Worship	22	23 8 am – Noon: Pie Cutting & Prep at FLC	24 7 am – 4 pm: RAGBRAI in Town- Pie Selling on the Chariton Square		25 9 am – FLC Quilting	26 Office Closed
July 22 – 28: Pastor Sally on Vacation Out of State						
			8 pm – AA @ CTS	7 pm – Slavic Worship		8 pm – AA @ CTS
28 Holy Communion 9 am – First, Chariton 11:10 am – Christ the Servant, Corydon 1 pm – Slavic Worship	29	30	31 July 30 – August 3: Pastor Sally at Continuing Education Event			
			8 pm – AA @ CTS			